

# CONNECT!

SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE THEIR WAY

Connect! is for neurodivergent young people aged 9-18 across Kent who struggle to access groups and activities without support. Activities are autism friendly so you can try new things and make friends in a safe, comfortable environment.

Connect is now Kent wide (excluding Medway)



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Malling & Tunbridge Wells



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All activities are suggested by CYP so if you don't see something here you would enjoy, contact us, we'd love to get to know you and find out about your favourite ways to have fun!

## Online groups

**Wednesday 8th January : 4.30-6pm**

Among Us - Online Gaming via Microsoft Teams

**Wednesday 15th January : 4.30-6pm**

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**Thursday 16th January : 4.30-6pm**

Minecraft - Online Gaming via Microsoft Teams

**Wednesday 22nd January : 4.30-6pm**

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**Thursday 23rd January : 4.30-6pm**

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**Wednesday 29th January : 4.30-6pm**

Among Us - Online Gaming via Microsoft Teams

**Thursday 30th January : 4.30-6pm**

Minecraft - Online Gaming via Microsoft Teams

**Wednesday 5th February : 4.30-6pm**

Among Us - Online Gaming via Microsoft Teams

## Ashford, Folkestone & Dover

**Monday 6th January: 5-7pm**

Board games at Hougham Village Hall in Dover

**Wednesday 8th January: 5-7pm**

Board games at Folkstone Family Hub

**Friday 10th January: 4-5pm (arrival from 3.30pm)**

Bushcraft session at Betteshanger Park in Deal

**Saturday 11th January: 10-3pm**

Day of Forest School activities with Step Out Forest School in Ashford

**Wednesday 15th January: 4.45-7pm**

Private screening of Paddington in Peru at Cineworld, Ashford

**Thursday 16th January: 5-7pm**

Board games at Hougham Village Hall in Dover

**Friday 17th January: 7-9.30pm**

Jack and the beanstalk pantomime at Ashford Theatre

**Sunday 19th January: 12.45pm-3.30pm - TBC**

“Wipe Out” inflatable assault course and swimming at Balance Spa & Health Club, Parkdean Resorts at St Margaret's near Dover. We have exclusive use for Connect. Children must be able to swim, pool is 1.3m at it's deepest.

**Wednesday 22nd January: 5-7pm**

Slime making session at Folkstone Family Hub

**Thursday 23rd January: 5-7pm**

Slime making session at the Repton Community Centre in Ashford

**Friday 24th January: 5.45-8.15pm**

Lazer Tag session at Battlezone Ashford with Dominos Pizza afterwards

**Saturday 25th January: 10-4pm**

Full day session at Port Lymme Wildlife park with a safari experience - please bring a packed lunch

**Sunday 26th January: 10.30am-12.30pm OR 1.30-3.30pm**

Gaming at Gamebase in Dover

**Wednesday 29th January: 4.45-7.45pm**

Cineworld Dover private screening of Mufasa: The Lion King

**Thursday 30th January: 5-7pm**

Board game session at the Repton Community Centre in Ashford

**Thursday 6th February: 5-6.30pm**

Lazer tag at Hyperspace Lazer Tag in Folkstone

# Maidstone, Tonbridge & Malling and Tunbridge Wells

## **Monday 13th January: 9.45am-2pm**

Home Ed visit to Time Quest Escape Room at the Hop Farm. Meet in Maidstone and get the bus together to the Hop Farm to do the escape room and have lunch on site. We will then get the bus back to Maidstone together for pick up.

## **Tuesday 14th January: 4.30-6.45pm**

Cinema trip to Cineworld Rochester to watch Moana 2. Film to start at 5pm.

## **Wednesday 15th January: 4.30-6.30pm**

Yoga and mindfulness session at St Luke's Church in Maidstone

## **Tuesday 21st January: 4.30-6.30pm**

Friendship bracelet making session at Tunbridge Wells Family Hub

## **Wednesday 22nd January: 4.30-6.30pm**

A bouldering session at The Climbing Experience in Maidstone. **Please note, bouldering is climbing without the ropes.**

## **Monday 27th January: 10am-1.00pm**

Home Ed session at St Luke's Church in Maidstone making Rocky Road.

## **Tuesday 28th January: 4.30-6.30pm**

Yoga and mindfulness session at Snodland Community Centre

## **Wednesday 29th January: 4.30-6.30pm**

Pop Up Arcade are joining us with all of there gaming consoles and games for an evening of gaming at St Luke's Church in Maidstone

## **Tuesday 4th February: 5-6.30pm**

Climbing at Clip N Climb in Tonbridge

## **Wednesday 5th February: 5-7pm**

Laser Tag at Adventure Kidz soft play area. First 45 mins will be soft play only

## **Thursday 6th February: 4.30-6pm**

Meet the Alpacas at Lower Bush Alpacas in Snodland

# Canterbury & Thanet

## **Saturday 11th January: 10am-4pm**

Visit to Howletts Wildlife Park - please bring a packed lunch!

## **Sunday 12th January: 1.30-4.30pm**

Climbing and skating at Revolution Skatepark in Broadstairs

## **Tuesday 14th January: 3.30-6.30pm**

After School Club at Thanington Resource Centre, Canterbury - Board games, crafts and an optional yoga session

## **Thursday 16th January: 3.30-6.30pm**

After School Club at Trinity Resource Centre in Margate - Board games, crafts and an optional Brazilian Jujitsu session

## **Tuesday 21st January: 3.30-6.30pm**

After School Club at Thanington Resource Centre, Canterbury - Board games, crafts and an optional yoga session

## **Wednesday 22nd January: 4.30-7.30pm**

Visit to Jump at Westwood Cross in Broadstairs. 1 hour jumping session followed by pizza and chill out time.

## **Thursday 23rd January: 3.30-6.30pm**

After School Club at Trinity Resource Centre in Margate - Board games, crafts and an optional Brazilian Jujitsu session

## **Saturday 25th January: 2-5pm - timings TBC**

Cinema trip to the Vue at Westwood Cross to see Mufasa followed by food.

## **Tuesday 28th January: 3.30-6.30pm**

After School Club at Thanington Resource Centre, Canterbury - Board games, crafts and an optional yoga session

## **Saturday 8th February: 10am-4pm**

Visit to Howletts Wildlife Park - please bring a packed lunch!

# Sevenoaks, Dartford & Gravesend

## **Tuesday 7th January: 5-8pm**

Mug and Meeple - Pokémon Club (trading card game) & Nintendo Switch Tournament

## **Thursday 9th January: 5.30-8pm**

Marvellous Magic School Escape Room (Harry Potter style) & Pizza at The Panic Room in Gravesend

## **Saturday 11th January: 11am-3pm (timings TBC)**

Visit to Showcase Cinema at Bluewater to see Mufasa

## **Saturday 11th January: 3.30-6pm**

Winterland (Christmas Fun Fair) at Bluewater

## **Thursday 16th January: 4.45-7.30pm**

Gravity Rocks (Climbing) & Food at Bluewater

## **Monday 20th January: 4:45-8pm**

Gravity (Trampolining) & McDonald's at Bluewater

## **Thursday 23rd January: 4.30-7pm**

Wizard of Oz Escape Room & Pizza at The Panic Room in Gravesend

## **Saturday 25th January: 10:30am-1:30pm**

Willow's Bird of Prey Centre & Wildlife Trail at Knockholt in Sevenoaks

## **Tuesday 28th January: 5-8pm**

Sevenoaks Youth Group - Creative Crafts & Games including Slime Making Workshop at Otford Village Memorial Hall in Sevenoaks

## **Wednesday 29th January: 5pm**

The Stag Theatre Cinema (Film & Timings tbc) in Sevenoaks

## **Thursday 30th January: 5.30-8pm**

7 Sins Horror Escape Room (recommended 12+) at The Panic Room in Gravesend

**Monday 3rd February: 4.45-7pm**

Mad Hitter's Tee Party (Alice in Wonderland style Mini Golf) & Food at The Panic Room in Gravesend

**Thursday 6th February: 4.45-8pm**

Gravity (Trampolining) & KFC at Bluewater

**Swale**

**Saturday 4th January: 11am-2pm**

Glass Painting and Ceramic Art & Food at Newington Cricket Club near Sittingbourne

**Wednesday 8th January: 5-8pm**

Bowling at The Light in Sittingbourne followed by arcade games and food

**Monday 13th January: 6-7.30pm**

Art & Creative Craft at Newington Cricket Club near Sittingbourne

**Wednesday 15th January: 5.15-7pm**

Clip n Climb at Swallows Leisure Centre in Sittingbourne

**Saturday 18th January: 11am-1.30pm**

Clay Sculpture Art & Food at Newington Cricket Club near Sittingbourne

**Tuesday 21st January: 4.45-6pm**

Kicks 4 Kids (Football Training) at Faversham Town F.C Ground

**Wednesday 22nd January: 5.30-7.45pm**

Pop-up Arcade (Play Xbox, Playstation, Switch and VR) at Newington Cricket Club near Sittingbourne

**Monday 27th January: 6-7.15pm**

Art & Creative Craft at Newington Cricket Club near Sittingbourne

**Thursday 20th February: 10am (timings tbc)**

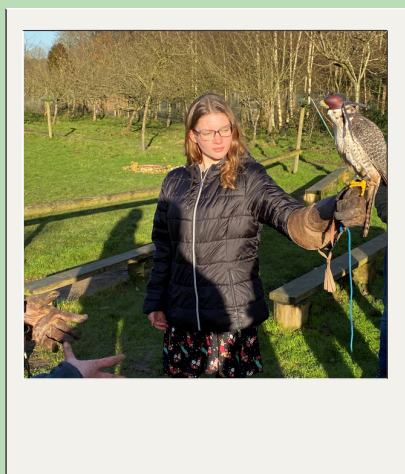
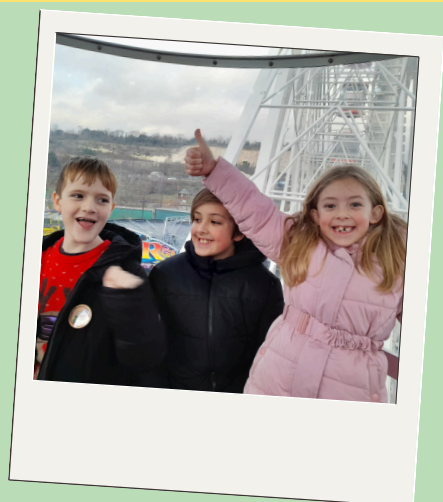
Creed Outdoor Learning (Outdoor Activities) in Teynham near Sittingbourne



To request a space on an activity listed above, please follow the link to complete the booking and permission form:

[Request your space](#)

Sign up to [Kent County Council SEND Parent Newsletter](#) for helpful SEND advice, guidance and support and partner information.



If you would like to support activities with a monetary donation, you can do so below. Please add: 'Connect!' in the notes section so that your donation can be allocated accordingly.

[Donate](#)

## [Volunteers Needed!](#)

Are you or is someone you know, looking for a rewarding volunteer role working with young people?

We're looking for Volunteer Youth Support Assistants from across the whole of Kent to help us provide our Connect! service.

As a volunteer, you would provide invaluable support to the young people at groups and activities, helping them to feel comfortable and encouraging them to participate in new experiences.



If you would like to find out more about this volunteer role, visit:

<https://www.involvekent.org.uk/jobs/volunteer-youth-support-assistant/>

*Applicants must be 18+. Please note that this role is subject to an Enhanced DBS Check. Involve is fully committed to upholding the rights of all children, young people and adults to be protected from harm and abuse and to achieve the best outcomes.*



## Get in touch!

Want to find out more about our Connect! service, or want to refer a young person? Get in touch!



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