Walsall Holiday Activities & Food Programme

HAF Winter 2026



FREE Healthy Meal

What's on offer this Winter?

This winter, enjoy free activities for children and young people aged 5-16 on income-based free school meals. Parents/Carers can pre-register to HAF or check eligibility from **9/11/26.** Activities go live **16/11/26.**

Free activities:

Festive games, parties & films, pantomimes, performing arts, music & DJing, gaming & coding, football & much more!

Sign up now!

ELIGIBILITY FOR HAF HAS CHANGED!

See the back of this leaflet for more information.

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Changes to free school meals and HAF eligibility

What has changed?

From **1 September 2026,** more children can receive free school meals during term time through changes to Universal Credit eligibility.

Children will now fall into two groups:

- **Targeted Free School Meals -** eligible for both Free School Meals and HAF.
- **Expanded Free School Meals -** eligible for Free School Meals during term time only.

Some children who attended HAF previously may no longer be eligible under the new rules.

Not Eligible for HAF?

Even if your child is **not eligible for Targeted Free School Meals,** there may be other ways to access HAF-funded activities & support.

How to check your eligibility, register and book for Winter HAF 2026

- **Scan the QR code below** and this will take you to the website
- You will need to register on the new portal – you will need your national insurance number, date of birth alongside other key information
- If you need any help please call on 01922 653899 or email on wr4c@walsall.gov.uk

You will receive confirmation to say you are eligible and then you can book onto activities.

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