About us!

Our aims, missions & dreams

What does Happy Days do?
What is Happy Days?

Happy Days Children’s Charity was established in 1992 as a national registered charity.

Happy Days has gone from strength to strength. To date over 276,000 children have experienced the gifts of happiness and hope these holidays and trips provide.

Our Aims, Mission & Dreams

To provide holidays, residential trips, day trips and visiting theatre performances for children & young people who have disabilities or life limiting conditions or who have been abused and young carers who are resident in the United Kingdom.

The holidays & trips help to develop the children physically, mentally and spiritually and bring them happiness, excitement and fun!

Days Out...

Our days out are legendary providing self-confidence, self esteem and an opportunity for social interaction.

Every year literally 1,000’s of children enjoy days out to Farms, Zoos, Theme Parks, Museums and the seaside.

Residential trips

Our residential trips are increasing year on year, giving 100’s of children wonderful opportunities to participate in innumerable activities such as archery, canoeing and abseiling, whilst providing families much needed respite.

The Arts

Respite Breaks

Days Out

Holidays...
...Whenever you doubt yourself remember you made a difference to me...

Some recent day trips

14 Chester Zoo
43 The Snow Centre
80 New Forest Wildlife Park
24 Flamingoland
30 Willows Activity Centre
19 Paradise Wildlife Park
18 Warner Bros. Studio Tour
34 Warwick Castle
20 Drayton Manor Park
60 Woburn Safari Park
Holidays

The holidays are a great morale booster, our travellers come home with a more positive attitude which invariably sparks an immediate improvement in their physical and mental attitude. 100’s of children enjoy holidays every year.

Some recent holidays

Benjamin - Center Parcs, Whinfell
Harrison - Alton Towers
Blaise - Legoland
Joshua - Butlins, Bognor Regis
Nasir - Haven, Wales
Sherin - Haven, Blackpool
Evelyn - Haven, Scotland
Adnam - Center Parcs, Sherwood
Lotty - Center Parcs, Woburn

Harry - Haven, Cornwall
Sasha - Center Parcs, Longleat
Emma - Butlins, Skegness
Tyler - Butlins, Minehead
Codie - Chessington
Olivia - Haven, Devon
Brodie - Chessington
Stephen - Center Parks, Elvedon
Kathleen - Haven, Blackburn

Some recent residential trips

12 Lake District
3 Hampshire
14 London
12 York
8 Devon
7 Italy
11 Cumbria
16 Derbyshire
17 Gloucestershire
14 Norfolk
16 Wales
10 Belfast
18 Skipton
Young Carers Festival
50 Aviemore, Scotland
22 Blackpool
10 Auschwitz
24 Hampshire
Our specialist department excels at providing wonderful outings to performing arts productions for children with special needs. Last year alone 1,000’s of children experienced the magic of live theatre.

Some recent theatre trips

38 children  Goldielocks & The Three Bears
130 children  Cinderella
60 children  Aladdin
18 children  Beauty & The Beast
81 children  Peter Pan
20 children  Sooty Show
38 children  Matilda
110 children  Joseph
110 children  Snow White
27 children  The Lion King

Some recent visiting theatre performances

150 children  Beauty & The Beast
68 children  Cinderella
141 children  Aladdin
86 children  Sleeping Beauty
120 children  Peter Pan
57 children  Sleeping Beauty
34 children  The Secret Garden
157 children  Little Princess
100 children  Oliver Twist
200 children  Singing Hands
65 children  Wizard of Oz
Who are we...
Staff, associates, advisors & patrons

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Thank you to everyone that helped us this year including...

Barcapel Foundation
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it’s easy to take for granted the simple things in life...

...but when you have special needs, life isn’t so simple...

At Happy Days we believe that every child has a right to experience what life has to offer. Most of us are able to find the time we need to have a family holiday or enjoy a day out, to help us to re-group, bond, sort out problems and, of course, have some fun! However, families and groups caring for children with special needs face many barriers. Transport and venue facilities are often poorly designed to accommodate children with special needs, and the fact that many venue staff are untrained in the relevant issues can turn a seemingly unambitious trip into a truly demoralising event. Happy Days Children’s Charity is here to help families and groups overcome the barriers to taking time out. Since 1992 we have been assisting families and groups by providing support and advice as well as organising day trips and holidays to enable families and groups to enjoy themselves together, rather than having to worry about how they are going to get to their destination and the support they will receive when they arrive. Our children and young people benefit from a range of activities, from day trips to the seaside and countryside to enjoying exciting theme parks. Arts trips to the theatre are also organised as are family holidays.
Money matters...

where it comes from...

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The last ten years...

- 2010: 13,335
- 2011: 16,680
- 2012: 19,532
- 2013: 11,430
- 2014: 17,688
- 2015: 18,656
- 2016: 20,892
- 2017: 22,944
- 2018: 25,966
- 2019: 24,207
Children with so many difficulties respond so positively and with joy...
Our work continues...

Our waiting list consists of 1,000’s of children with special needs including disabilities, life limiting conditions, or a history of abuse. Just some of the children on our waiting list are:

- Dylan - has autistic spectrum disorder
- Tanzeel - has epilepsy
- Ruby - has 1Q21.1 micro duplication
- Elle - has behavioural difficulties
- Hari - has chronic lung disease
- Esham - has tuberous sclerosis
- Ruben - has sickle cell disease
- Seth - has foetal alcohol syndrome
- Calcifer - has microcephaly
- Fayzu - has congenital ocular melanocytosis
- Aayan - has global developmental delay
- Shannon - has scoliosis
- Rihanna - has a cleft palette
- Joseph - has severe anxiety
- Harrison - has smith magenis syndrome
- Luca - has tourette’s syndrome
- Stephen - has spina bifida
- Angel - has developmental trauma disorder
- Hope - has say-barber-biesecker syndrome
- Sophie - is severely sight impaired
- Gracie-May - has dandy-walker syndrome
- Laiba - has neuromuscular disease
together we can make a difference...
If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves...

helping children experience what life has to offer...

The National Charity Providing Holidays & Day Trips For Children With Special Needs