



**Application Pack**

# **Bore Place Family Adventure 2026**

Apply now to take part in a year-long programme for families with at least one child with SEN and at least one sibling without additional needs

**FREE**

Drop-off fun days for children

Family sessions

2-night getaway for your family!

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**[www.boreplace.org/education](http://www.boreplace.org/education)**



The Family Adventure is at  
Bore Place, Chiddingstone, Edenbridge,  
Kent TN8 7AR

Commonwork Trust (reg. charity 1160725 & company 09254227)

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A child wearing a bright yellow raincoat and red rubber boots is crouching on a ground covered with weathered driftwood and logs. The child is reaching out with their right hand towards a large, flat piece of driftwood. The background shows more logs and a hint of green grass at the top.

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# Introduction

Apply now to go on a year-long adventure in the great outdoors at Bore Place.

You'll spend time on our farm, growing, cooking and eating together and learning about nature and wildlife, alongside meeting other local families and making friends.

The adventure includes:

- An introduction evening to meet the team and the other families
- Five drop-off sessions for the children in your family
- Two family sessions
- A two-night getaway stay at Bore Place

All of this takes place during the school holidays, with a few weekends and evenings throughout the year.

Your family will be looked after by our team of experienced tutors who regularly work with children and young people, including those with special educational needs. They will take care of you and your family, supporting additional needs and ensuring you all have a great time!

## Is it really free?

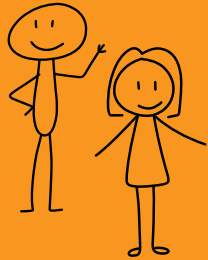
This amazing year-long adventure is completely free-of-charge thanks to generous funding from BBC Children in Need. You won't have to pay a penny!



**FREE**

# who can apply?

The adventure is open to families with children aged 8-13 years, and who have:



At least one child with mild to moderate SEN

**as well as**

At least one sibling without additional needs

If you have more children (younger than 8, or older than 13) in your family, they are welcome to come along to the family evenings and the two-night getaway, but won't be able to join the drop-off sessions.

## Your child/ren with mild to moderate SEN

The Family Adventure is suitable for young people with mild to moderate SEN, who are able to take part in a group session, and can attend the drop-off days without 1:1 supervision. For example, they may have ASD, ADHD, communication difficulties (we can use Communicate In Print resources), and they may lack in confidence. The Adventure is only suitable for young people who can manage their own personal care.

## Their siblings

We recognise that children with siblings with SEN often take on caregiving roles, and have to be particularly understanding of their sibling's needs. The Family Adventure will provide opportunities to meet other siblings with similar roles for respite time together, and will provide fun and engaging activities to build confidence, resilience and independence.



# The family adventure 2026

## The adventure begins...

During the first session, your family will be invited to see Bore Place. You will explore the estate on a guided tour, and have the chance to chat with the other families on this year's Family Adventure over dinner. Your children will meet the other children taking part this year, and will do a fun activity together looked after by our team.

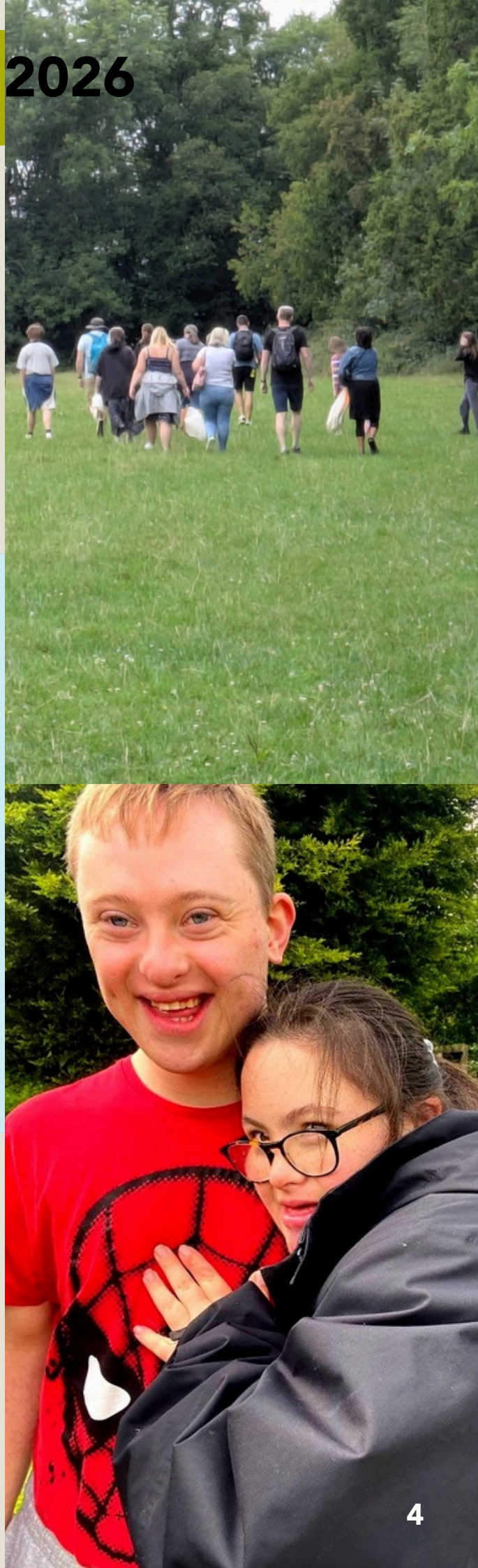
## Throughout the year...

The Family Adventure includes five drop-offs for the children in your family. These are in the school holidays or on Saturdays, so are scheduled to fit in with your family's life.

Your children will enjoy activities like nature walks, campfires, crafts, seed planting and cooking, with activities designed to help increase self-confidence and life skills. This adventure means sometimes your children will spend time apart, which we understand is a valuable part of the experience - providing respite for siblings and opportunities for young people with SEN to socialise together.

## Family time...

There are also two very special family sessions planned! At these sessions you can enjoy a fully-planned itinerary of educational and hands-on activities for everyone, as well as the opportunity for the adults in your family to spend time together with other parents/carers.





## A few days away...

An extra special part of the Adventure is coming to stay on the farm! During the summer holiday (see dates on next page), your family will stay in our lovely Jacobean manor house, for a relaxing two-night getaway. We know it's often difficult to go away as a family, so relax and leave the planning to us!

Your stay will be fully-catered, and we'll have lots of fun activities to join in with, or you can take some time out to do your own thing. Spend time together as a family, and hang out with your new friends!



## We love food!

Food is important to us at Bore Place and we will make sure your family is well fed! All sessions will include lunch or dinner, and we will do our best to meet any special dietary needs.



The Adventure takes place throughout the year. Below are the session dates - please only apply if you are able to attend most of the dates.

<b>Sat 24 Jan</b>	<b>Family session</b> 3pm-6pm	<b>Intro session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bore Place tour</li> <li>• Meet the other families over dinner</li> <li>• Children's activity</li> <li>• Q&amp;A for parents/carers</li> </ul> 
Feb half term: <b>Thurs 19 Feb</b>	<b>Family session</b> 10am-2pm	<b>Family nature day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a habitat detective</li> <li>• Bird survey</li> <li>• Make a bird feeder</li> </ul> 
Easter break: <b>Mon 13 April</b>	<b>Drop-off</b> 10am-2pm	<b>Bugs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minibeast hunt</li> <li>• Make a bug hotel</li> <li>• Hunt for worms</li> </ul> 
May half term: <b>Thurs 28 May</b>	<b>Drop-off</b> 10am-2pm	<b>Growing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a gardener for the day</li> <li>• Sow seeds</li> <li>• Make seed bombs</li> </ul> 
Summer hol: <b>Mon 27-Wed 29 July -- or --</b> <b>Wed 29 July-Fri 31 July</b>		<b>2-night Family Getaway at Bore Place</b> 
<b>Sat 19 Sept</b>	<b>Drop-off</b> 10am-2pm	<b>Harvest and cooking</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harvest pumpkins from the field</li> <li>• Cook soup and bake bread</li> </ul> 
Oct half term: <b>Mon 26 Oct</b>	<b>Drop off</b> 10am-2pm	<b>Halloween pumpkins</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carve a spooky Halloween pumpkin</li> <li>• Pumpkin cooking</li> </ul> 
<b>Sat 14 Nov</b>	<b>Drop-off</b> 10am-2pm	<b>Woodland fun day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play games and have fun exploring the woods</li> <li>• Light a campfire</li> <li>• Den building</li> </ul> 
<b>Fri 11 Dec</b>	<b>Family session</b> 5pm-9pm	<b>Feeling festive!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make a winter wreath to take home</li> <li>• Bake festive treats</li> <li>• Make cards</li> </ul> 



# Photos & testimonials



“ [For] my neurodivergent child, his confidence to mix with others is growing since he started. And also spending more time with children with SEN helps him understand more about his diagnosis. For V it was a great opportunity to join in, make new friends and enjoy more outdoors. - Parent/carers 2025

“ Being in the company of other families with similar caring responsibilities and additional needs as a family has benefitted us knowing we are not alone and others have daily struggles too. - Parent/carers 2023



“ The getaway was a chance for me as a parent to lift the mental load. I had someone else sorting out meals, keeping the boys entertained, and bringing me a nice cup of tea!!! - Parent/carers 2025



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Evie isn't in a specialist school and so coming to clubs and being around like minded individuals with SEN is really good for her to feel like she isn't alone or strange or weird. I also think that it has been good for her this year in terms of encouraging time away from screens and inside play time, to get her focusing more on walking and exercising in a fun way which has helped her BMI.

I also find that for the next week after a visit she is calmer and able to focus more on work at school. Overall we have loved being a part of this wonderful programme.  
- Parent/carers 2024



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Has been nice meeting other families with children with different needs and exchanging tips/recommendations etc.  
- Parent/carers 2025



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My child seemed particularly calm when she was at the events. It was a great opportunity for her to be with children that are good communicators. Something she does not get at her school as they are mostly non verbal in her class. Both children absolutely love coming to Bore place. Always so excited to go and unhappy to leave!!! A massive thank you!  
- Parent/carers 2023



# how to apply

To apply for the 2025 Family Adventure, please visit [www.boreplace.org/education](http://www.boreplace.org/education) to submit an application form. We just need to know a bit about your family, and why you'd like to take part.

Up to 10 families will be selected to join the programme, and applications will be considered on an individual basis. All applicants will be contacted by Friday 20 December 2024 to confirm whether they have been offered a place.



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## Deadline for applications

Sunday 01 December 2024, 11:59pm

# more info

If you'd like to discuss your family's needs or transport options before applying, or you have questions about the 2025 Bore Place Family Adventure, you can get in touch a number of ways:



### Email

[education@boreplace.org](mailto:education@boreplace.org)



### Phone

01732 755287



### WhatsApp (text only)

07387 971232







# **BBC CHILDREN IN NEED**

BBC Children in Need believes that every child should have the chance to thrive and be the best they can be. The Family Adventure is completely free to take part in thanks to generous funding from BBC Children in Need.

As part of the programme, you will be asked to complete mid- and post-programme surveys on behalf of your family. BBC Children in Need may request to join a session to film some families for their TV broadcasts. Taking part in the filming is optional, and you will be given full information about this ahead of time.