

SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER



PACE NEWS

What a fantastic year 2024 was for PACE, we won the Gloucestershire Provider of the Year Award. We wanted to start by sending a huge thank you to all staff and people of PACE, parents and carers who nominated us.

In September we completed a sponsored walk for Sailing for Disabled at the Boats activity. We managed to raise £1750, well done everyone that took part and an enormous thank you to all that donated. Pete, Eric and his crew have bought a second boat and are in the process of restoring it, we presented a giant cheque to them at our Christmas Party and they all send huge thanks for this.

We have enjoyed many day trips in 2024; Western Super Mare, West Midlands Safari Park, swimming at the Chamwell centre and watched the Pantomime, Aladdin at the Everyman Theatre after Christmas. Also, our events committee, as part of their own goal, have been busy organising our Halloween and Christmas parties where we enjoyed a chippy lunch and lots of fun party games and dancing and used the summer house for spooky story time and Santa's Grotto giving out presents to all, again huge thanks to all for the staff Christmas gifts.

The timetable from January to March has been a huge success and we have added some great new sessions all suggestions from the people of PACE from our 2024 feedback and regular committee meetings. We now attend the gym at St Oswald Village and spent one term at the treasure seekers performing arts. The Wiggly cookery sessions have been a huge success run by Ryan the Chef. We celebrated Children in need by wearing pyjamas and doing some Pudsey themed activities. Our Art sessions on a Wednesday are being run by Dave the artist and Cheltenham Town Football have secured funding for our sessions on a Monday, as of January 2025 they are free 😊.

We have been trialling a new timetable ready for the Spring / Summer and this has been a huge success, we will be starting this now and this will run from April to September. We have asked all people their choices and their new personalised timetable is attached but as always, we happily receive feedback regarding these choices from parents and carers.

There are lots of fun things to look forward to over the coming months, including trips on the Willow boat, Easter celebrations, our summer party and many more fun day trips with more info to follow. During our new Drama sessions we have been practicing for a performance of Wicked with a special appearance from Joels Wizard puppet. We are always looking for extra activities to add to our timetable, therefore, from time to time the timetable may change during the week if we have something new to try. After the easter holidays our events planning committee will be planning the PACE biannual summer party which will be held on Thursday 18th September 2025. More detail to follow.

Connie has been busy populating the individualised goals folders. If anyone would like to see them please do ask and we can send them home.

We have been informed by the owner of the site, Ashville's that they have applied for planning permission which includes a brand new building for PACE and we will update you with more information as we hear.

Please ensure you always bring in hats / coats / suncream / water bottle and appropriate footwear and clothing labelled, for all sports and outdoor activities.



Parents/Carers Support Group:

The next meeting will be 14TH May. Everyone as always is welcome to attend for a cuppa and a chat.



STAFF UPDATE:

Paul has now started with us full time and we have welcomed Kerry and Jenni as new members of the Bank staff team! Jenni has been volunteering at bikes with Marie Clare and in October rode across India on a bike raising money and awareness of the Epilepsy Society. Connie has also joined the admin team, helping us with the goals process. A big welcome to you all!

If anyone knows of anybody that would be interested in coming to volunteer or as bank staff at P.A.C.E. please pass on their information to us and we can get in touch, we are always on the look out for new staff to join our friendly team.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

SUMMER PARTY: 18th September 2025

PACE CLOSURE DATES: 18th April, 21st April, 5th May, 23RD May, 26th May, 25th August



Photo Gallery









As always, we are extremely grateful for your ongoing support and please do get in touch if you have any questions / queries.

Tim, Jamie, Denise and the PACE Team 😊