

# Winter Newsletter 2025/2026



We have some very exciting news! We have moved offices from the Pavillion/ Bowls room and are now using the end meeting room and squash courts, within the main Dowty Sports and Social Building, for all on-site activities. We still have full use of the summer house and the bowls green and have created a TV room and sports room. This has been an exciting change for everyone as we now have a lot more space for our on-site activities. Thank you for all your support during this change.

We have made some changes to the timetable from the feedback of our people committee meetings and annual easy read feedback questionnaire. This included a keen interest in adding a few 'out and about' groups. This group have visited Orchard Trust in the Forest of Dean, Bourton on the water, Catch a smile and many walks in the Forest of Dean, Rodborough Common, Worcester Woods and Stratford Park. If you own a blue disabled badge, can we please ask that they be brought in

to be used when going out, thank you. We have added a table tennis session on Tuesdays, after a few successful taster sessions over the summer with our coach Tim. Outside of PACE, he offers free sessions on a Thursday evening. If you would like more information on this, please let us know.

Our Wiggly cookery sessions have been a huge success; they have cooked some delicious food, which some have enjoyed eating for their lunch. Everyone had the opportunity to go on our popular trips to the Willow Boat and Cotswold Wildlife Park, which were full of fun. We loved hosting our annual Halloween party and Christmas celebrations with a trip to the Pantomime, followed by a special Christmas meal.

We held our open evening in September, where all people dressed up in formal wear during the day for an afternoon disco and free raffle. Parents/ carers then joined us in the evening for a chippy supper, where it was an opportunity to show off the goals / outcomes folders. We were also able to say a huge thank you to all staff / volunteers that help run our activities; Mary-Clare from Bikes, Pete and his band of Pirates from Boats, Dave who runs our Wednesday Art session and Bert our Tennis Coach. We ended the evening with the Wicked show which was the creation of Aimee, Ruth and the PACE drama group who had been practicing hard all year. What a wonderful performance! Thank you to everyone that donated to our raffle and supported the event. If you were unable to attend and would like to view your persons folder, please do message us and we can send it home for you to look through.

We have Building Circles coming back in March offering the opportunity to complete some training, the first session being Internet Safety. Requests for activities this spring / summer are in and include a beach trip, fairground, and zoo.

Please ensure appropriate coats / footwear are worn or brought in to wear for chosen activities (please let us know if you need a new copy of your chosen timetable). Can we also please ask that all lunches be kept in suitable containers ie. ice packs where necessary, to keep the food cool during the day and there is no access to heat any food.

We are so grateful to all those that nominated us for the 2025 GCPA Provider and Team of The Year award. PACE won Highly Commended Team of The Year (Silver) and Provider of The Year award (Gold) for the second year in a row, as well as, the Southwest Employer of the Year, Highly Commended (Silver). A big well done and thank you to all staff, people and families that make PACE the fantastic service it is today.



Jenny and her father, Richard, cycled from the UK to Paris to raise money for a new PACE car. They have raised a massive £2031.60! Thank you to all the people that have donated online and through our raffle on the open evening. A huge thank you Jenny and Richard!



### **Parents / Carers Support Group**

The next parents / carers support group date is 9<sup>th</sup> March 9.30 to 12.30 in the end meeting room within the main Dowty Sports and Social building. All are welcome to join us for a cuppa and a chat.



### **Staff update**

Kerry has started working with us part time. Charlie and Katrina have joined us as new bank staff. Sam is now back from university and working with us a few days a week. A huge 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**

PACE closed for training: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March,

Bank Holidays: Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Easter Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April, May 4<sup>th</sup>, May 25<sup>th</sup>, August 31<sup>st</sup>.



### **Uniform**

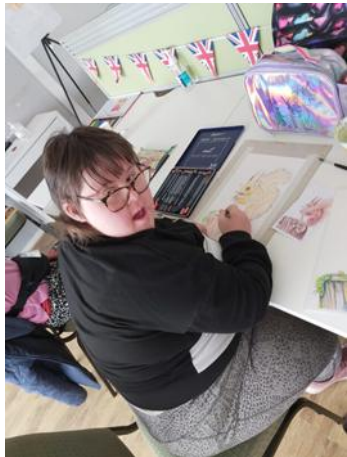
If anybody would like to order PACE uniform, please let us know we will be placing a new order in Spring and can send home an order form.

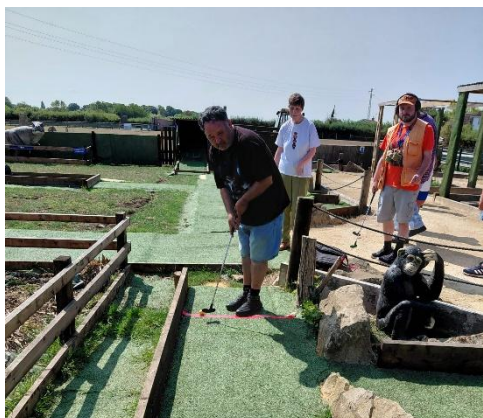
## Photo Gallery











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 😊