



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 414,000 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, Performing Arts Experiences 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

**Residential
Trips**

Days Out

**Respite
Breaks**

Holidays...



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

Some recent day trips

5 children - Weekly Riding for the Disabled

32 children - Paultons Park

48 children - Flip Out, London

47 children - Porthcawl Beach

39 children - Trampoline Park

15 children - Five Sisters Zoo

20 children - Banham Zoo

82 children - Mead Open Farm

54 children - Blackpool Beach

15 children - West Midlands Safari Park

50 children - Flamingoland

15 children - Sailing

67 children - Conifox Adventure Park

85 children - Woburn Safari Park

Day trips

The children go to all sorts of wonderful venues such as theatres, wildlife parks, theme parks, zoo's and places of interest in town's cities and the countryside.

Due to their circumstances the children rarely, if ever get to go out for day trips and these are such wonderful opportunities for them.

Holidays & Trips

Some recent holidays

Sam - Longleat, Center Parcs
Prince - Woburn, Center Parcs
Pheonix - Haven, Hafan Y Mor
Asher - Butlins, Bognor Regis
Jessica - Butlins, Minehead
Alex - Whinfell, Center Parcs
Floyd - Parkdean, Norfolk
Ashton - Haven, Blackpool
Dylan - Elevation Forest, Center Parcs
Ruby - Paultons Park, Hampshire
Amar - Haven, Tenby
Mohammed - Haven, Yorkshire
Shaan - Haven, Blackpool
Harry - Legoland
Boyce - Haven, Dorset
Ovie - Alton Towers
Aiden - Haven, Near Edinburgh
Dylan - Haven, Northumberland
Rameesha - Haven, Yorkshire
Jenson - Haven, Cumbria
Brookly - Haven, Tenby
Lillie - Haven, Norfolk

Some recent residential trips

12 - Ghyll Head Outdoor Activity Centre, Lake District
40 - Bradley Wood Activity Centre, West Yorkshire
74 - Barnstondale Adventure Centre, Wirral
24 - Howtown Outward Bound, Lake District
10 - Essex Outdoor, Danbury
40 - Calvert Trust, Exmoor
16 - Wymondley Woods, Hertfordshire
20 - Wilderness Centre, Gloucestershire
20 - Northern Heights Activity Centre, Elstree
12 - Venture Centre, Isle of Man



Residential Group Activity Holidays

The residential group activity holidays enable children with disabilities to achieve their true potential through the challenge of outdoor adventurous activities in the countryside.

The residential courses are individually designed to promote education, inclusion, independence and self-motivation for those with even the most severe and complex disabilities.

Every young person should experience the world beyond home and classroom as an essential part of learning and self-development, whatever their ability or circumstances.

According to research, people with complex learning needs are more susceptible to emotional and mental health conditions than the rest of the population. The growing body of evidence indicates that greater exposure to, or contact with natural environments and time spent on holiday is associated with better physical, social and emotional well-being.

The Arts

Some of the children who benefitted

20 from Loughborough, Leicestershire
120 from Sunderland, Tyne & Wear
54 from Longridge, Lancashire
250 from St Helen's, Merseyside
50 from Wrexham, Wales
20 from Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire
205 from Woodchurch, Merseyside
50 from Belfast, Northern Ireland
24 from Worthing, West Sussex
110 from Stevenage, Hertfordshire
31 from High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire
24 from Luton, Bedfordshire
100 from Halesowen, West Midlands
100 from Coventry, West Midlands
112 from Dudley, West Midlands
113 from Maidenhead, Berkshire
100 from Merthyr Tydfil, Wales
93 from Hereford, Herefordshire
120 from Ackworth, West Midlands
134 from Edgware, London
125 from Bromsgrove, Worcestershire
210 from Bath, Somerset
117 from Plymouth, Devon



Visiting Theatre Performances & Trips to the Theatre

The performances teach the children about the world, about history, about geography, about people and emotions. They promote empathy and help the children to understand themselves and others.

By experiencing live theatre children can enhance their creativity, imagination and understanding of different perspectives and emotions. The experience of music, drama and live theatre is not one that the children usually experience. It is a very positive experience that supports positive mental health and attitudes. The children join in and engage in a very immersive opportunity. The children, rarely, if ever get to see live performing arts and so these performances are a wonderful opportunity to introduce that magic into the children's lives.

Feedback from a visiting Theatre Performance

The children really enjoyed the show. Many of them had never experienced a live theatre production due to the sensory issues, so having the performance in school made it more accessible. The cast were engaging and inclusive, helping pupils feel comfortable and involved throughout. It was a fantastic opportunity for our learners to experience live performance in a familiar and supportive environment and it sparked lots of conversation and creativity afterwards. We are so grateful to the performers for making it such a positive and memorable experience.



Who are we...

Staff, associates, advisors & patrons

Staff



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Holiday & Trust
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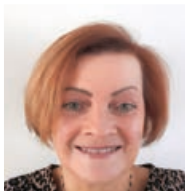
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Some recent benefactors

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**Dame Lesley
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**it's easy
to take for
granted the
simple things
in life...**

**Helping
children
experience
what life has
to offer...**

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

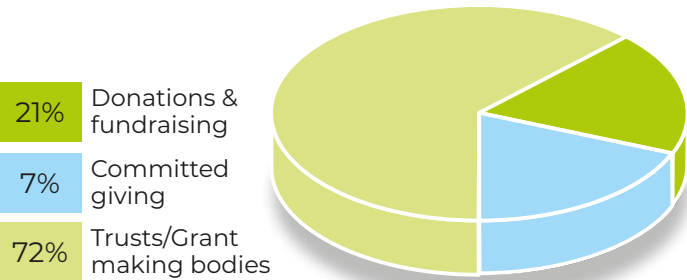
At Happy Days we believe that every child has a right to experience what life has to offer. Most of us are able to find the time we need to have a family holiday or enjoy a day out, to help us to re-group, bond, sort out problems and, of course, have some fun! However, families and groups caring for 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.



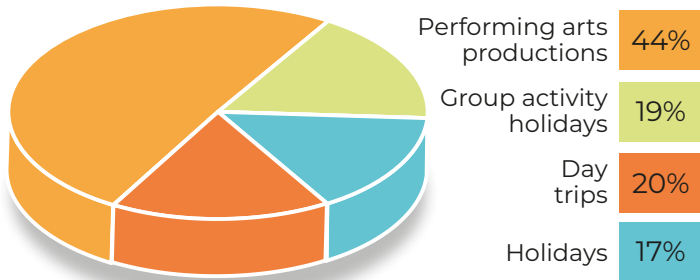
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Money matters...

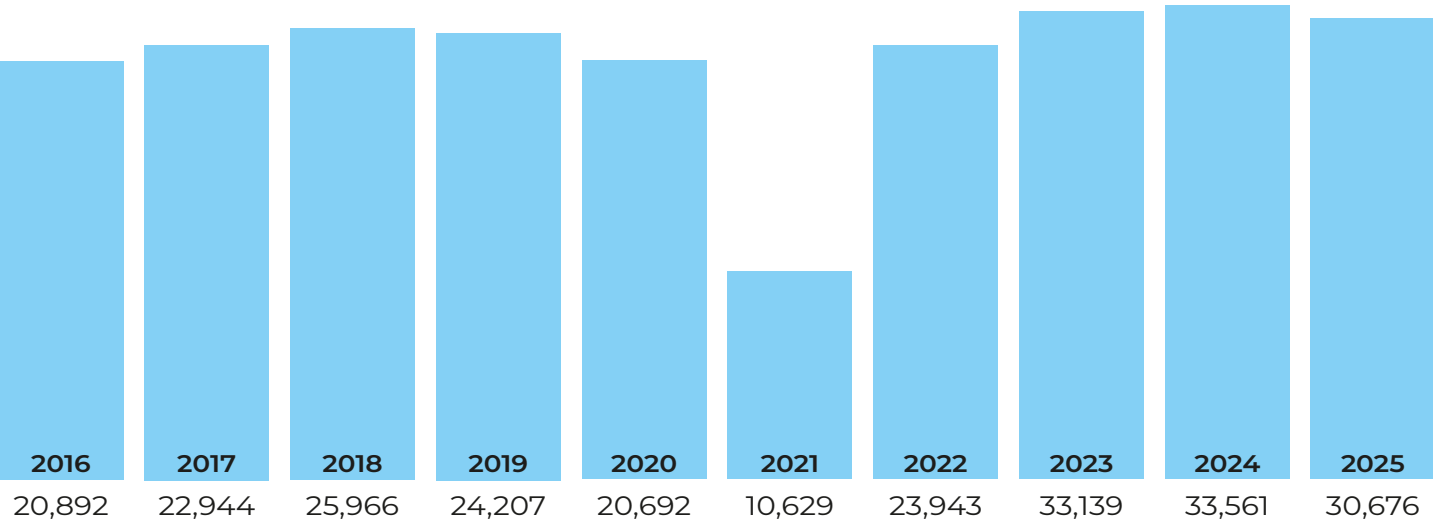
income%
where it comes from...



activity expenditure%



The last ten years...





espond 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:



Alice - quadriplegic cerebral palsy

Kian - has Down's syndrome & hirschsprung disease

Isaac - has tetralogy of fallot

Rohaam - has hydrocephalus & mobility issues

Oscar - has cerebral palsy & hydrocephalus

Lily-May - has autistic spectrum disorder

Isabelle - has selective mutism

Ayaan - has Crohn's disease

McKenley - has septo optic dysplasia

A - witness to domestic abuse

Theo - has pelizaeus-merzbacher disease

S - sexual abuse

Dante-Jayde - young carer

Bobbie - has tourettes syndrome

C - has mental health issues

Mia - has cushing syndrome

Miller - has severe lung growth abnormality

Albie - has supraventricular tachycardia

William - has loeys-dietz syndrome



...together we
can make a
difference...

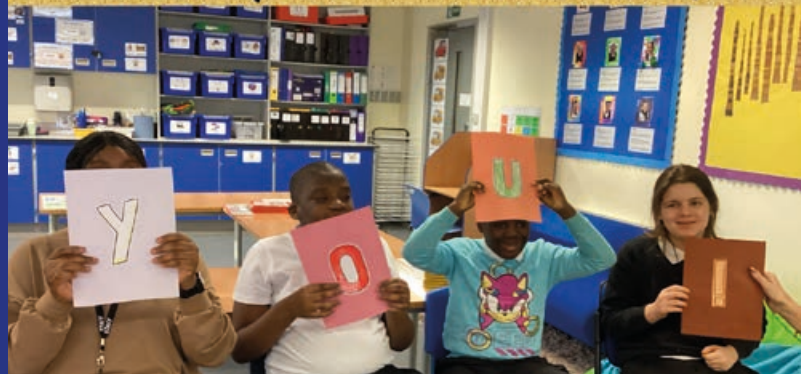


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**The National Charity Providing Holidays, Day Trips &
The Arts For Children With Special Needs**

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