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For summer 2026, we have introduced a new central booking system, which will make it easier for families to find and book HAF activities, and we are adding new schemes all the time as we head towards the live bookings date. The new system includes built-in eligibility checking, so parents / carers no longer need to use the previously issued HAF codes when making bookings.

Families in Test Valley can browse the [Test Valley HAF bookings webpage](#) to find local schemes and register their interest. Once registered, parents/carers will be sent an automatic email reminder to complete their booking when summer bookings open at **9am on Monday 22 June 2026**.

HAF FAQs are available on the connect4communities website: [Hampshire Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) frequently asked questions | Hampshire County Council](#)

The HAF team can be contacted with any queries by emailing connect4communities@hants.gov.uk, with the subject line FAO HAF.

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Free holiday activities and meals for eligible children this summer!

Children in Reception to Year 11 receiving benefits-related free school meals can enjoy a variety of fun activities and healthy meals for free during the summer break through the Hampshire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme!

Scan the QR code on the left to browse HAF schemes in your local area via our new booking system, or scan the code on the right to find out more about the HAF programme through the connect4communities website.



Book Schemes



HAF FAQs

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/holidayactivities>



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