




## Beacon's CYP Newsletter

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Fun, friendly news and updates for children, young people and their families living with sight loss.

### Welcome to our CYP Newsletter

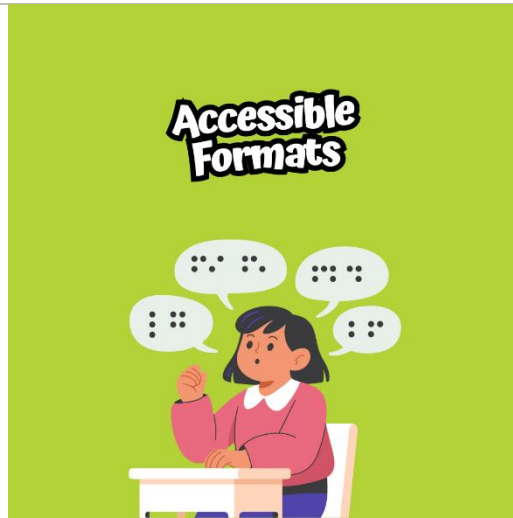
	<p>Welcome to the first quarterly Beacon Children &amp; Young People (CYP) newsletter.</p> <p>This is your place for news, ideas, activities, helpful information, and a few giggles too. Whether you are a child, young person, parent, carer, teacher or professional, we hope this newsletter helps you feel connected, confident, and part of the Beacon community.</p>
<p>Beacon Centre for the Blind supports children and young people living with sight loss through activities, support, friendships, and opportunities from nursery age through to young adulthood. Our aim is to help young people build confidence, try new things, make friends, and feel included in their community</p>	

## Accessible formats

Would you like this newsletter in a different format?

We want everyone to be able to read, listen to and enjoy our updates in a way that works for them, whether its large print, braille, audio, or other formats, please don't hesitate to ask.

Please contact Beacon on 01902 880 111 or email [enquiries@beaconvision.org](mailto:enquiries@beaconvision.org).



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# Meet The CYP Team!

## Meet the CYP Team

Get to know the CYP team who will be supporting our Children & Young People service.

### Kim

#### Lifestyle Day Service and Children & Young People Coordinator



Kim has been part of the Beacon team for the past year and will be leading many of our Children and Young People activities.

She has spent over 20 years supporting young adults with learning disabilities, including those living with sight loss, and loves helping people grow in confidence and try new experiences. Whether it's a sports session, a day trip or a creative activity, there's a good chance you'll see Kim there helping everyone feel welcome and get involved.

### Mo

#### Communications & Engagement Officer

Mo works across both the Communications team and our Children and Young People service.

Having lived with sight loss himself for almost ten years, he understands first hand some of the challenges young people can face. You'll often see Mo at our activities, taking photos, chatting with families, and helping to spread the word about everything happening across the service. He also visits schools and organisations to share his own



journey and show what can be achieved while living with sight loss.

## **Jody**

### **Children & Young People Development Coordinator**



Jody works behind the scenes helping to develop and grow Beacon's Children and Young People service.

She has worked with children, young people and adults living with sight loss for over 14 years and works as a Habilitation Specialist within a Local Authority. Jody helps develop new activities, supports families with advice and signposting, and works closely with schools and professionals to make sure children and young people have the opportunities and support they need to thrive.

A graphic with a white central box containing the text 'Upcoming Events & Activities' in a bold, yellow, bubbly font with a black outline. The background is divided into four colored quadrants: orange (top-left), pink (top-right), light green (bottom-left), and light blue (bottom-right).

## Upcoming Events & Activities

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With the six weeks summer holidays right around the corner, get involved with our exciting line up of activities designed specifically for children and young people living with sight loss, parents, carers, and siblings.

Beacon events are designed to be as accessible and enjoyable as possible for children & young people living with sight loss.

To help make this happen, we always ensure members of the Beacon team are on hand to support participants throughout each activity—whether that means guiding, offering help with practical arrangements, or making sure everyone feels confident and included.

A graphic with a light green background. The text 'Summer Holiday' is written in a large, white, bubbly font with a black outline. Below it, the word 'PROGRAMME' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font inside a black rectangular box.

**Summer  
Holiday**  
PROGRAMME

### Summer Holiday Programme:

Join us for these free activities over the summer for children and young people living with sight loss and inclusive of all disabilities

## JULY

### Free Halesowen Carnival & Music Festival

Come along and enjoy the carnival atmosphere at the Halesowen carnival, Beacon will be there and we hope to see our CYP family there too.

highlights include:

- Food & Drink
- Fun Fair
- Live Entertainment
- Family Day
- Dog Show
- Free Entry

Date: 4 July

Time: 11:30 am - 8:00pm

Where:

Highfields Park,  
B63 4SQ



### Free inclusive SEND cricket and sports session hosted by Worcestershire Cricket Foundation

Worcestershire Cricket Foundation is hosting a free, inclusive cricket and sports session for children and young people with disabilities, along with their families.

The session will offer a welcoming and supportive environment where young people can enjoy accessible activities, build confidence and have fun together.

Places are free, but booking is required.

Date: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July

Time: 11am - 12pm

Where:

Beacon Centre for the Blind  
Wolverhampton Road East  
WV4 6AZ

Book your place by calling 01902 880 111  
or email [enquiries@beaconvision.org](mailto:enquiries@beaconvision.org)



The poster features a purple-to-yellow gradient background. At the top left are three red cricket stumps. To their right is the Worcester Cricket Foundation logo, which includes a shield with a green and white design and the text 'WORCESTERSHIRE CRICKET FOUNDATION'. The main title 'SEND cricket & sports session' is written in large, bold, red letters. Below this, in smaller green text, it says 'FREE INCLUSIVE CRICKET SESSION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE. INCLUSIVE OF ALL DISABILITIES ALONG WITH THEIR PARENTS SIBLINGS AND CARERS'. The date and time 'Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 11am - 12pm' are in blue. The location 'Beacon Centre, Wolverhampton Road East WV4 6AZ' is in black. At the bottom, there is a yellow section containing a red cricket ball, the Beacon logo (a stylized multi-colored figure), and a cricket bat.

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## **August:**

### **Holiday Hub**

Join us at our relaxed Holiday Club for children and young people with disabilities, including parents, siblings, and carers, with family fun, craft activities, and enjoyment!

**Dates:**

Wednesday 5th August

Wednesday 19th August

**Time:** 10am - 12pm

**Where:**

Cherry Street Sensory Hub,  
Cherry Street  
WV3 0QW

Delivered in partnership with: City of  
Wolverhampton Council

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**BEACON PRESENT'S**  
RELAXED HOLIDAY CLUB  
FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG  
PEOPLE. INCLUSIVE OF ALL  
DISABILITIES ALONG WITH  
THEIR PARENTS SIBLINGS  
AND CARERS

CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
COUNCIL

**FUN!**

**CHERRY STREET SEND  
AND SENSORY HUB  
WV3 0QW**

FUN FOR THE FAMILY  
CRAFT ACTIVITIES • ENJOYMENT



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## Free inclusive sports and games session for children and young people with Wolves Foundation

Children and young people are invited to get active and enjoy a fun, welcoming sports and games session delivered in partnership with Wolves Foundation.

Wednesday 26 August from 10:30am to 12:00pm

Who can attend: Children and young people. The session is inclusive of all disabilities.

What to expect: Fun sports and games in an inclusive, supportive environment. Activities will be adapted so everyone can take part, build confidence, and enjoy being active.

Delivered in partnership with: Wolves Foundation

Book your place by calling 01902 880 111  
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**WED 26<sup>TH</sup>  
AUGUST**

**MIXED  
SPORTS  
SESSION**

**10:30AM - 12PM**

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG  
PEOPLE INCLUSIVE OF ALL  
DISABILITIES  
SPORTS AND GAMES

BEACON CENTRE,  
WOLVERHAMPTON,  
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD  
EAST, WV4 6AZ

TO BOOK ON TO THIS FREE SESSION  
PLEASE CONTACT  
ENQUIRIES@BEACONVISION.ORG OR  
CALL BEACON RECEPTION ON 01902  
880 111



**Wolves  
Foundation**

For further information or to book onto these event's please email  
[enquiries@beaconvision.org](mailto:enquiries@beaconvision.org) or call 01902 880111

## Useful tips & Tricks

1. Keep important things in the same place so they are easier to find.
2. Use bright or high-contrast colours for items such as water bottles, pencil cases, folders, and phone cases.
3. Ask for information in a format that works for you, such as large print, audio, braille, electronic text, or text-only documents.



## Joke Corner



1. Why did the computer go to the doctor?  
Because it had a virus.
2. What do you call a dinosaur with an amazing vocabulary?  
A thesaurus.
3. Why did the banana go to school?  
Because it wanted to be a smartie.

## Beacon Quarterly Challenge

Try the five senses challenge. Choose an everyday object and describe it using touch, sound, smell, sight if useful, and how it makes you feel. You could use a football, a favourite snack, a

musical instrument, a toy, a book, or something from nature. You can write your answer, record it as audio, or tell someone about it.

## **Information and signposting**

If you are looking for support, advice or the next step, Beacon can help point you in the right direction. The Children and Young People service offers activities, family support, sports and social opportunities, technology and equipment information, and support for professionals working with children and young people living with sight loss.

Families can contact Beacon to ask about upcoming sessions, local support, accessible activities, and practical advice. Schools and professionals can also get in touch to learn more about sight loss and inclusive practice.

To find out more, contact Beacon on 01902 880 111 or email [enquiries@beaconvision.org](mailto:enquiries@beaconvision.org).



## Get involved

Would you like to suggest an activity, share your story, ask a question, or tell us what you want to see next? We would love to hear from you. This newsletter belongs to the children, young people and families who make Beacon special.

You could send in a joke, a review of an activity, a top tip, a question for the team, or an idea for a future session. Your idea might help another young person feel brave enough to try something new.

## Young Voices

	<p>This section is all about children and young people. We want to hear your thoughts, ideas, and experiences. You could share a short story, a favourite hobby, a top tip, a joke, a poem, a proud moment, or something you would like other young people with sight loss to know.</p>
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**Quarterly Question?**

What is one thing that helps you feel more confident when trying something new?

Your answer could be featured in a future newsletter. Big or small, every voice matters.

## Further notes:

### Activities We Could Offer?

We could look at various trips through the summer and beyond including activities such as:

#### Suggestions for activities

Please let us know if any of these are of interest to you so we can gauge interest and get the ball rolling. If you have any other suggestions, please let us know by call 01902 880 111 or email [enquiries@beaconvision.org](mailto:enquiries@beaconvision.org)

## Vision Zone 2026 Solutions for Low Vision

### Event organised by Optelec

**Vision Zone 2026**  
Solutions for Low Vision



0800 145 6115 / [www.lowvisionshop.co.uk](http://www.lowvisionshop.co.uk)

Would you like to find out more about assistive technology, Support, Services, Groups, and much more?  
Our Vision Zone events bring together a variety of excellent services and charities covering your local area.  
No matter what your sight loss condition we are here for you. Whether it's just to gain knowledge or hands on experience of new technologies, entry is free to our events, and our friendly staff will greet you with a warm welcome.



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – 11am to 2pm  
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Call: 0800 145 6155

Website: [www.lowvisionshop.co.uk](http://www.lowvisionshop.co.uk)

## Beacon Fundraising Events

Below is your month-by-month guide to our fundraising events for 2026. Every activity helps us support people living with sight loss.

**July: Re-Fashioned Show – 09/07/2026.**

**August: Legacy Giving. Consider making Beacon your legacy.**

**September: Corporate Blind Football Tournament – 10/09/2026.**

**October: Bright for Sight – 08/10/2026. Wear your brightest outfit to raise awareness.**

**Thank you for reading our CYP newsletter!**

# Contact Beacon

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<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.beaconvision.org">www.beaconvision.org</a>
<b>Social media</b>	<b>@BeaconCentree</b>

## CYP Facebook Group

Coming soon is our brand-new Facebook group dedicated to news, updates, polls and more all about our Children & Young People service.