

Fun & Food Parent Christmas Guide 2025



Looking for ways to keep your children active, inspired, and smiling this Christmas?

Our Fun & Food programme is back with an amazing line-up of **FREE** holiday activities for eligible families across County Durham! **The Fun & Food programme** is managed by Durham County Council and is a brilliant initiative from the Department for Education.

The programme offers **FULLY FUNDED** places for children and young people (reception to year 11) including children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, who are in receipt of benefit-related free school meals.

Get ready for an unforgettable Christmas with over 70 locations packed with fun, food and learning. Choose from theatre thrills, arts & crafts, outdoor adventures, sports galore, youth day trips for teens, fun on the farm, xmas parties, panto magic and even a visit from Santa himself!

This is a great opportunity for children and young people to be active, make friends and enjoy a healthy meal over the Christmas holidays – for free!

Our online portal for Christmas activity bookings opens at 12 noon on Monday 24 November 2025.

Use the QR code or weblink found on your Fun & Food ticket to access the online portal. Speak to your school before the end of term if you have not received your ticket and think you are eligible. Not sure how to book...

Watch our step by step video guide here or email **funandfoodtickets@durham.gov.uk**



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**Please keep our amazing programme
available to as many families as possible**

We're thrilled to see so many children and young people excited about our Fun and Food programmes!

**But here's the challenge: some parents are booking
spaces and children aren't showing up.**

These places are fully funded for families, so when a child misses their session, a funded space is wasted and another eligible child misses out on fun activities and a nutritious meal. To keep this amazing programme available to as many families as possible, providers have been asked not to accept future bookings from families who repeatedly miss sessions without explanation.

Please only book sessions your child can attend

If plans change, cancel early so another child can enjoy the opportunity. Together, let's make this holiday active, creative, and unforgettable for every child who needs it!

