

Fun in Southampton



FREE ACTIVITIES

Enjoy exciting, **free activities** for children all summer long!

Free Activities for Kids in Southampton

1. Story Garden will launch in all our libraries on Saturday 5 July 2025 and run until Saturday 30 August 2025. It is open to all children, **completely free of charge**.
2. 13 July 2025 – St Jame's Park Summer Festival at 11.00am-13.00pm
Venue - St James' Park, St James' Road, Southampton SO15 5SD
Open for all.
3. Holyrood Hub week for Holyrood residents 15-20 July
A week of free creative activities for residents of the Holyrood estate, including a video premier on 17 July at 6.30pm. 'Culture is Life' is an exciting new music video showcasing the voices, talents, and experiences of local young people from Holyrood. It is part of the [We Are Holyrood](#) programme run by [Zoie Logic dance theatre](#).
4. Tapestry Festival 19-20 July
New for 2025, [Tapestry](#) will bring West Quay Esplanade alive in a vibrant celebration of Southampton's rich cultural landscape highlighting the city's unique connection to Jane Austen.
Open for all.
5. 24 July 2025 - Deep Sea Watercolours at 10.30am and 12.30pm - Accompanying Adult (Free, depends on availability),
Venue - Southampton City Art Gallery, Commercial Road, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 7LP
Book your ticket - [Art for All: Deep Sea Watercolours \(7yrs+\) - Ticketing](#)
6. 29 July 2025 - Unicorns and Dragons at 10.30am and 12.30pm - Accompanying Adult (Free, depends on availability)
Venue - Southampton City Art Gallery, Commercial Road, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 7LP
Book your ticket - [Clay Unicorns and Dragons \(5yrs+\) - Ticketing](#)
7. 30 July 2025 - Pokémon Pictures at 12.30pm and 2.30pm - Accompanying Adult (Free, depends on availability)
Venue - Southampton City Art Gallery, Commercial Road, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 7LP
Book your ticket - [Art for All: Pokémon Pictures \(5yrs+\) - Ticketing](#)
8. 31 July 2025 - Panda Printing at 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm - Accompanying Adult (Free, depends on availability)
Venue - Southampton City Art Gallery, Commercial Road, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 7LP
Book your ticket - [Art for All: Panda Press Printing \(5yrs+\) - Ticketing](#)
9. 31 July 2025 - Under the Sea Summer Lanterns at 10am, 11.30am, 1.30pm and 3.00pm - Accompanying Adult (Free, depends on availability)
Venue - SeaCity Museum, Havelock Road, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 7FY

Book your ticket - [Art for All: Under the Sea Summer Lanterns \(4yrs+\) - Ticketing](#)

10. 31 Jul 2025 - Big Bugs Craft Activity at 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Venue - Shirley Library, Shirley Precinct, Shirley High Street, Southampton SO15 5LL

No booking needed.

11. 4 August 2025 - Garden Headband Craft Activity at 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Venue - Shirley Library, Shirley Precinct, Shirley High Street, Southampton SO15 5LL

No booking needed.

12. 5 August 2025 - Jane Austen Paper Dolls at 10.15am, 11.30am and 1.15pm -

Accompanying Adult (Free, depends on availability)

Venue - Tudor House & Garden, Bugle Street, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 2AD

Book your ticket - [Art for All: Jane Austen Inspired Paper Dolls \(6yrs+\) - Ticketing](#)

13. 5 August 2025 - Beach Bag Printing at 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm - Accompanying Adult (Free, depends on availability)

Venue - Southampton City Art Gallery, Commercial Road, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 7LP

Book your ticket - [Art for All: Brilliant Beach Bags: Paint, Print and More! \(5yrs+\) - Ticketing](#)

14. 6 August 2025 - Summer Lanterns at 10am, 11.30am, 1.30pm and 3pm - Accompanying Adult (Free, depends on availability)

Venue - Southampton City Art Gallery, Commercial Road, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 7LP

Book your ticket - [Art for All: Sunset Summer Lanterns \(4yrs+\) - Ticketing](#)

15. Family Hub summer community events throughout August to advice and support for parents plus play opportunities for young children at a series of summer events:

- Wednesday 6 August at Albion Towers play area from 1pm-2.30pm
- Wednesday 13 August at Hinkler Green in Thornhill from 1pm-2.30pm
- Wednesday 20 August at Mansel Park in Millbrook from 1pm-2.30pm

Need to register to your nearest Family Hubs

16. 7 August 2025 - Panda Printing at 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm - Accompanying Adult (Free, depends on availability)

Venue - Southampton City Art Gallery, Commercial Road, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 7LP

Book your ticket - [Art for All: Panda Press Printing \(5yrs+\) - Ticketing](#)

17. 07 Aug 2025 - Fox Craft Activity at 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Venue - Shirley Library, Shirley Precinct, Shirley High Street, Southampton SO15 5LL

No booking needed.

18. 12 August 2025 - Sunset Summer Suncatchers at 10am, 11.30am, 1.30pm and 3pm - Accompanying Adult (Free, depends on availability)

Venue - Southampton City Art Gallery, Commercial Road, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 7LP

Book your ticket - [Art for All: Sunset Summer Suncatchers \(4yrs+\) - Ticketing](#)

19. 12 August 2025 - Watercolour Pirate Ships at 10.30am and 1pm - Accompanying Adult (Free, depends on availability)
Venue - Tudor House & Garden, Bugle Street, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 2AD
Book your ticket - [Art for All: Abandon Ship! Watercolour Pirate Ships \(5yrs+\) - Ticketing](#)
20. 13 August 2025 - Bargate Lions at 10.15am, 11.30am and 1.15pm - Accompanying Adult (Free, depends on availability)
Venue - Tudor House & Garden, Bugle Street, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 2AD
Book your ticket - [Art for All: Pop-up Bargate Lions \(5yrs+\) - Ticketing](#)
21. 13 August 2025 - Matchbox Sketchbooks at 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm - Accompanying Adult (Free, depends on availability)
Venue - Southampton City Art Gallery, Commercial Road, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 7LP
Book your ticket - [Art for All: Miniature Matchbox Sketchbooks \(6yrs+\) - Ticketing](#)
22. 14 August 2025 - Beach Bag Printing at 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm - Accompanying Adult (Free, depends on availability)
Venue - Southampton City Art Gallery, Commercial Road, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 7LP
Book your ticket - [Art for All: Brilliant Beach Bags: Paint, Print and More! \(5yrs+\) - Ticketing](#)
23. 19 August 2025 - Watercolour Dinosaurs at 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm - Accompanying Adult (Free, depends on availability)
Venue - Southampton City Art Gallery, Commercial Road, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 7LP
Book your ticket - [Art for All: Watercolour Dinosaurs \(6yrs+\) - Ticketing](#)
24. 20 August 2025 - Bear Printing at 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm - Accompanying Adult (Free, depends on availability)
Venue - Southampton City Art Gallery, Commercial Road, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 7LP
Book your ticket - [Art for All: Bear Hunt Printing \(4yrs+\) - Ticketing](#)
25. 21 August 2025 - Unicorns and Dragons at 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm - Accompanying Adult (Free, depends on availability)
Venue - Southampton City Art Gallery, Commercial Road, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 7LP
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26. 26 August 2025 - Pet Portrait Prints at 10.30am and 1pm - Accompanying Adult (Free, depends on availability)
Venue - Tudor House & Garden, Bugle Street, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 2AD
Book your ticket - [Art for All: Pet Portrait Prints \(6yrs+\) - Ticketing](#)
27. 26 August 2025 - Seaside Scenes in Clay at 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm - Accompanying Adult (Free, depends on availability)

Venue - Southampton City Art Gallery, Commercial Road, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 7LP

Book your ticket - [Art for All: Seaside Scenes in Clay \(5yrs+\) - Ticketing](#)

28. 27 August 2025 - Terrific Tie Dye at 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm - Accompanying Adult (Free, depends on availability)

Venue - Southampton City Art Gallery, Commercial Road, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 7LP

Book your ticket - [Art for All: Terrific Tie Dye \(4yrs+\) - Ticketing](#)