

Southampton Parent Carer Forum

Summer Events 2024

With support from Southampton City Council we were able to run a number of events over the summer.

We began with a social media post to consult with families for ideas on Facebook and combined with information from previous family events, we used this feedback to plan a programme of activities which can be found on the next page.

There were 18 events planned. We tried to cover the age range from 0 to 25 years old, as well as range of days and times in the hope that there would be at least one which would be suitable for each family.

Some activities had capped numbers to prevent over crowding and give those young people the best opportunity to enjoy themselves. Families could book spaces on up to 3 activities to give everyone a chance of booking some.

	Totals
Number of unique families	49
Total number of Adults attending	194
Total number of Young people attending	257

One parent said 'Great chance to network with other Send parents, for resources and services. It's nice to see my son interact without judgement, especially in a quieter setting where he's more comfortable.'

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Week beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
22nd July				6.45 to 7.45 OR 7.45 to 8.45 High Score			3.30 to 4.30 Oaklands - Swimming
29th July	3.30 to 5.10 Prison Putt (Miilbrook)		Morning (TBC) Ninja Warriors				Evening (TBC) Board in the City
5th August	Late Afternoon (TBC) Tenpin Bowling		11.00 to 13.00 Goals (Football Party)			9.45 to 11.15 Battle Island (Woodmill)	
12th August		9.00 to 10.00 Jumpin Tax (Sholing)					Late Afternoon (TBC) Laser Tag
19th August	6.45 to 7.45 OR 7.45 to 8.45 High Score					9.00 to 12.00 City Farm	9.30 to 10.30 Oaklands - Swimming
26th August	Bank Holiday	Morning (TBC) Showcase Cinema - Despiciabl eMe 4			6.15 - 8.00 Monkey Bizness		4.15 - 5.45 Boulder Shack

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Feedback from Families

At the end of the programme of summer events we shared a survey on social media and by email asking for feedback. 33 families completed the survey at the end of the summer including one family who did not attend any events. 31 of those families were very happy with the events.

Each family was asked a few questions on a 1-5 scale. 5 being the highest. With regard to the variety of events the average score was 4.84 and for the suitability of the timings of the events the average was 4.55.

We asked families what benefits they got from attending the events. The themes from the feedback included

- Safe space without judgement
- More relaxed activity
- Opportunity to socialise with other SEND families
- Sense of belonging
- Supportive atmosphere
- Fun and laughter

Knowing that others were in the same position and my son had so much fun.

Opportunity to chat to other parents, to see our children thrive in a supportive environment

Its nice to be around parents and children with the same complex needs as mine so I am not being stared at or singled out by the way my child is acting.