

SWINDON SEND SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2024

JULY 2024

6-7PM EVERY WEDNESDAY

ADDITIONAL NEEDS & NEURODIVERSITY YOUTH GROUP!

AT MEADOWCROFT COMMUNITY CENTRE
SN2 7JX

This group is free to attend
for those aged 10-25!

You can enjoy games and exciting
activities within a safe space,
where you can chat to someone you can trust!



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
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Welcome to the 2024 edition of the Swindon Summer SEND News Splash. This is the fourth edition of this newsletter and is full of activities and clubs available to children and young people in Swindon.

Not all the activities in this programme are SEND specific. Contact the activity organisers direct if you wish to discuss your child's individual needs.



SKATE BOARD WITH ATB!

FREE
EVENT

ATBShop

THROUGHOUT AUGUST!
9TH, 16TH, 23RD & 30TH
FROM 2-4PM

LEARN TIPS AND
TRICKS FROM
ATB, PLUS FREE
HIRE OF THEIR
SCOOTERS &
SKATEBOARDS
ON THE DAY!

TIME TO SHOW OFF
YOUR BEST TRICKS
BY GETTING INVOLVED
IN SOME COMPETITIONS!



FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT US AT: INFO@STRATTONSTMARGARET.GOV.UK

BEST Holiday Camp

BEST
BE A BETTER YOU

£20 per day or valid HAF voucher - includes a hot meal

Holiday sessions at our fully equipped multi-sports Centre @ Athena Avenue, for ages 5-16 years old.
🔥 Themed activities every week 🔥

From 10:00am - 2:00pm
July 29th, 31st
August 2nd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 12th, 14th, 16th, 19th, 21st, 23rd, 29th, 30th



To book a HAF space go to HolidayActivities.com | The dedicated HAF platform

To book a fully costed space or for further information please email info@besttrust.co.uk



BEST
BE A BETTER YOU

Introducing The BEST Holiday Camp!

Dance

Crafting

Marial Arts

Boxing

Football

Table tennis

From 10:00am - 2:00pm
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£20 per day includes a hot meal

Book your place or for further information please email info@besttrust.co.uk

There are a number of cycling sessions for SEND children and their families available during these summer holidays.

Bi-Weekly Cycling Sessions for SEND Children

Where: Moredon Sporting Hub (MSH)

When: From Thursday 25th July. These sessions will run every Monday & Thursday until Monday 2nd September.

Time: Between 12:00 - 13:00.

Cost: £3.00 per child per session (there is no charge for accompanying parents/carers).

How to sign up: Booking is required for these sessions, for the first week please book your child's place by emailing Rebeccacox@britishcycling.org.uk or call: 07515606704

Parents/carers need to complete a [Participant Registration form](#) & [Disclaimer](#) before joining, this can be completed online or on arrival at reception.

There will be a number of adapted cycles as well as standard bicycles & helmets to borrow as part of this session. Families are welcome to bring their own cycles to the session if they have them.

Family Disability Cycling sessions

Where: A traffic-free track yet to be confirmed.

When: Weekly sessions from Friday 16th August, also to be confirmed.

What: Sessions for disabled adults/children to come and borrow a bike and cycle around a cycle track with their family/friends. The aim is to switch these sessions to a weekend day once the school term begins again.

Kid's Learn to Cycle & Cycle Confidence Sessions

Some learn to cycle and cycle confidence sessions are being organised for children in these summer holidays. The organiser is keen to ensure that these sessions are as inclusive as possible to neurodiverse children and those with additional needs. Separate dedicated sessions can be provided if this is required as well. If you know a child who is interested in joining the sessions, please encourage their parents/carers to get in touch to let the organiser know if there are any adaptations that can be made to break down the barriers to joining such sessions.

For further information on any of the sessions above please contact Rebeccacox@britishcycling.org.uk or call: 07515606704





WEDNESDAY 28TH AUGUST
12:00PM TO 3.00PM

FREE
ENTRY

JOIN US FOR OUR 2024

PARTICIPATION SUMMER EVENT

BBQ FIELD,
LYDIARD PARK, SWINDON,
SN5 3PA



BBQ • SPORTS & GAMES • CRAFTS

FOR ALL CARE EXPERIENCED YOUNG
PEOPLE & CARERS!

To find out more, or let us know you're coming, please contact
challengeandparticipation@swindon.gov.uk

Swindon Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

Since 2018, the government's holiday activities and food program has given support to children getting free school meals during school holidays. After successful trials between 2018 and 2020, the program was available in all upper tier local authorities in 2021.

Research has shown that school holidays can be a hard time for some families. For some children this can lead to a holiday experience gap. Children from low-income families are:

- Less likely to join organised activities outside of school
- More likely to have 'unhealthy holidays' in terms of nutrition and physical health
- More likely to feel socially isolated



HAF aims to

As a result of Swindon's Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) we want children who attend to:

- Eat healthy food over the school holidays.
- Be active during the school holidays.
- Take part in fun and enriching activities. These activities help the development of resilience, character and well-being. As well as their wider educational success.
- Be safe and not socially isolated.
- Have more knowledge of health and nutrition.
- Be more engaged with school and other local services.
- We also want to make sure that the families who take part in this programme:
 - Develop their understanding of nutrition and food budgeting. Food budgeting means planning meals and shopping to spend an affordable amount on food.
 - Get information and support pointed towards them, for example, health, employment, and education.

For more information about HAF programme please visit the Swindon Borough Council site:
https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20032/schools_and_education/1178/holiday_activities_and_food_programme

Or the Gov.UK site:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-2024>



Inclusive Activities from Better

Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) helps build active and sustainable communities through their partners. They work to a social agenda and are committed to providing accessible community facilities for all. They believe in offering value for money.

Their Inclusive activities are suitable for those with learning and/or physical disabilities. Also appropriate for those with stable health conditions, including poor mental health.

To view a list of inclusive activities click the link:
<https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/swindon/the-link-centre/inclusive-the-link-centre>

For more summer activities visit the holiday activities page on the Better website:
<https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/swindon/the-link-centre/holiday-activities-link-centre>



LEVEL WATER **GLL**

PART FUNDED 1:1 OR ADAPTED SWIMMING LESSONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

If you or anyone that you know would benefit from subsidised specialist 1:1 or adapted swimming lessons in Swindon please follow these 3 simple steps;

- 1**
VISIT
WWW.LEVELWATER.ORG/LESSONS
- 2**
CLICK 'APPLY FOR LESSONS' AND FILL OUT OUR ONLINE APPLICATION FORM
- 3**
WE WILL CONTACT YOU WHEN WE HAVE A SLOT TO OFFER YOUR CHILD

We support children;
- Aged 4-11
- With any impairment
- Who cannot swim ten metres unaided on front & back

How does it work?
We work in partnership with GLL to employ an "inclusion specialist". This specialist works with your child to find the best possible swimming lesson for the child, and supports them to learn to swim & develop a lifelong love of the water. The lessons cost the same as a group lesson with GLL.



SIGNAL FESTIVAL SWINDON

A SPACE FOR CREATIVITY

22nd JULY - 3rd AUGUST

Signal Festival is a radical showcase of youth talent and opportunity. It cultivates art, supports artists and enriches audiences.

CREATE, INSPIRE & CELEBRATE

[WWW.SIGNALFESTIVAL.CO.UK](https://www.signalfestival.co.uk)



    

Signal Festival

The Signal Festival will run from the 22nd July 2024 - 3rd August 2024. It will host a dynamic mix of performance, participation and professional development for 11-25 year olds. It will include theatre, dance, visual arts, digital arts, music and creative writing.

All of these events are FREE or a maximum of £2 per space. So, take a look & book onto your favourite events fast!

Website: <https://www.signalfestival.co.uk/>

Please share this video of Erin & Arlo introducing the festival:
Video: <https://youtu.be/77uG0PFkKV0>

The organisers are looking for musicians, singers, actors & writers to perform at one of the open mic opportunities. If you are interested please fill out the following form:
<https://forms.office.com/e/sBRYLrze93>

They are also looking for young artists 11-29 to submit their artwork to the "Look Here" exhibition. If you are interested please sign up via the form:
<https://forms.office.com/e/mPP1kaKKAz>

There is a specific SEND drama workshop for 16+ run by REACH Inclusive Arts
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/signalfestival/131444>

Summer Reading Challenge 2024

Delivered in partnership with libraries

Marvellous Makers



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Marvellous Makers

The Summer Reading Challenge, which encourages children to read for pleasure over the summer holidays, is back! The challenge started on Saturday 6th July and runs until Sunday 8th September. During this time, children can sign-up for free at any Swindon Library

Libraries are running 50 plus free family events over the holidays. Events are being added to the Swindon Libraries and Information Service website this week:

<https://swindon.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRNGEN/WPAC/SRC2023>



Teen Book Bingo

For older readers aged 12-19 (although anyone is welcome to participate), Swindon Libraries are running a competition setting various reading challenges.

The prize for completion is a £30 Love2shop voucher!

For more information, visit the Swindon Libraries and Information Services website:

<https://swindon.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRNGEN/WPAC/SRCTEENS>

Interactive Storytelling Performances for Children with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND)

with Merry-Go-Round Storytelling



Tuesday 6th August

14.30 - 16.30

Park Library

Cavendish Square

Thursday 22nd August

10.30 - 12.30

North Swindon Library

Orbital Shopping Centre

**Relaxed performances suitable for all ages
The libraries will be closed to the public**

Doors open at 14.30 and 10.30 for families to enjoy optional
free welcome drinks & snacks and library browsing time

Performances will start at 15.00 and 11.00 and run for around 50 minutes

Followed by optional 40 minutes of library browsing and social time

Booking is required. Scan the QR code or go to bit.ly/Children_Family_Events

**Swindon
Library &
Information Service**

**National
Literacy
Trust**
Change your story



Other activities available over Summer 2024 (please check costs)

To see what's on at Museum & Art Swindon visit:
<https://www.museumartswindon.com/whats-on/>



MUSEUM & ART
SWINDON



To see what's on at STEAM:
<https://www.steam-museum.org.uk/whats-on/>



To view Swindon Town Football Club's Football and Fun in the school holiday's offer, visit:
<https://www.stfcfoundation.com/programmes/courses-packages/holiday-courses#:~:text=In%20addition%20to%20our%20Core,time%20and%20making%20new%20friends.>



To see what's on at Lydiard Park visit their website:
<https://www.lydiardpark.org.uk/events/>



To see what events are taking place at Rockstar Climbing visit their website:
<https://www.rockstarclimbing.co.uk/events-competitions>



To see what's on at Roves Farm visit their website:
<https://rovesfarm.co.uk/whats-on/>



For craft project and ideas please visit:
<https://www.hobbycraft.co.uk/ideas/>

SEND SOCIAL CLUB!

**For young people aged 13-25 years with SEND
FREE to attend!**

Email: sendsocialclub.ssfv@outlook.com to book a place

When: Thursday 8th August 6.30pm - 8:30pm

Where: The Meadow, Leigh Road, Swindon, SN2 5DE

Parents and carers are responsible for their young people and are expected to stay for the session



Swindon SEND
Families Voice



The Local Offer wishes you all a happy and safe summer 2024