To contact any member of staff, please email office@shirleyschools.co.uk

marked for the attention of the member of staff and your email will be forwarded.

Friday 14th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

- Year R Mill Cottage Trip Parent Information
- Year 2 Sea City Museum Trip Parent Information
- Year 2 Marwell Zoo Trip Parent Information

MEDICINE REMINDER

If you send your child to school with any medicine for headaches, coughs, colds, indigestion etc, please make sure it is signed in by the school office.

Please find the links to the letter pages on our websites:

Infant School Letter link

Junior School Letter link

Dates for your Diary

	Shirley Infant School		Shirley Junior School
<u>OCT</u>		<u>OCT</u>	
Monday 17th	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils	Monday 17th	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
Tuesday 18th	Year R Health Checks	Friday 21st	Year 6 Health Checks
Thursday 20th	Year R Celebration Event 2.45pm	Friday 21st	PTA Crazy Hair Day
Friday 21st	FOSIS Crazy Hair Day	Friday 21st	PTA Cake Sale after school
Friday 21st	School closes at 3.10pm for the	Friday 21st	School closes at 3.20pm for the
	October Half Term		October Half Term
24th - 28th	HALF TERM 1 week	24th - 28th	HALF TERM 1 week
Monday 31st	School re-opens at 8.40am for Autumn 2	Monday 31st	School re-opens at 8.45am for Autumn 2
NOV		NOV	
Tuesday 1st Friday 4th	Year 2 Curriculum Evening 6pm School Hall FOSIS Fireworks 5-7pm	Thursday 3rd Friday 4th	Year 5 Swimming Malamutes PTA Fireworks 5-7pm
Tuesday 8th	Face to face Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm	Monday 7th	Virtual Parents Evening 3.30-7pm
Thursday 10th	Year 1 Zoolab - on site	Tuesday 8th	Year 3 Blue Funnell Trip - off site
Thursday 10th	Face to face Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm	Tuesday 8th	Arctic Fox Parents Evening 3.30-7pm
Friday 11th	Year 2 Seacity Trip - off site	Wednesday 9th	Virtual Parents Evening 3.30-5.50 pm
Monday 14th	Year 2 Celebration Event 2.45pm	Thursday 10th	Year 6 Lush Visit - on site
Thursday 17th	Flu Immunisations Yr,1 & 2	Thursday 10th	Year 5 Swimming Malamutes
Friday 18th	FOSIS Quiz	Wednesday 16th	Flu Immunisations Y3,4,5,& 6
Friday 25th	Year 1 Home Learning due	Thursday 17th	Year 5 Swimming Malamutes
Friday 25th	Choir singing at St James Methodist Church	Thursday 24th	Year 5 Swimming Malamutes
Manday 20th	3.30-3.45pm	Friday 25th	PTA Disco
Monday 28th Wednesday 30th	Family Photo Session 4.30 - 6.30pm Year R Teddy Bear Hospital - on site	Monday 28th	Family Photo Session 4.30 - 6.30pm
Wednesday 30th	Year 1 Celebration Event 2.45pm		
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<u>DEC</u>		<u>DEC</u>	
Friday 2nd	FOSIS Wreath Making	Thursday 1st	Year 5 Swimming Malamutes
Monday 5th	Dress rehearsal Christmas Play	Thursday 1st	Share my Learning 8.45am & 3.20pm
Tuesday 6th	Christmas Play 1pm St James Church	Friday 2nd	PTA Wreath Making
Wednesday 7th	Christmas Play 9.30am St James Church	Monday 5th Thursday 8th	Year 6 Bikeability Training on site Year 5 Swimming Malamutes
Wednesday 7th	Year R Teddy Bear Hospital - on site	Saturday 10th	FOSIS / PTA Christmas Fayre
Friday 9th	Year 2 Wizard of Oz - off site	Monday 12th	Year 4 Outcome Ticket to Ride 1.30pm
Friday 9th	FOSIS Cake Sale Year 2	Monday 12th	Year 3 outcome Southampton through
Saturday 10th	FOSIS / PTA Christmas Fayre	,	Time 3.20pm
Tuesday 13th	Year 1 Christmas Party	Tuesday 13th	PTA Elfridges
Wednesday 14th	Year R Teddy Bear Hospital - on site	Wednesday 14th	Year 3 Christmas Play 2pm & 5pm
Wednesday 14th	Year 2 Christmas Party	Wednesday 14th	PTA Elfridges
Thursday 15th	Year R Christmas Party	Friday 16th	Christingle 1.30pm
Friday 16th	School closes at 3.10pm for the	Friday 16th	School closes at 3.20pm for the
•	Christmas Holidays		Christmas Holidays

PLEASE NOTE

Arctic Fox Virtual Parents Evening will be on a different date - Tuesday 8th Nov 3.30-7pm

Coming soon

Year 2 Curriculum Evening - **NEW DATE - Tuesday 1st November 6pm**

Teddy Bear Hospital Information

Parents Evening Booking - Infants and Juniors

Infants - Face to Face Parents Evening Tuesday 8th November and Thursday 10th November

You will be <u>able to book from Tuesday 18th October after 10am</u> - <u>Please call the school</u> office 02380 775057.

Juniors - Virtual Parents Evening Monday 7th November and Wednesday 9th November

You will be able to book from Tuesday 18th October via School Cloud - You will receive an email

PLEASE NOTE

Arctic Fox Class Virtual Parents Evening will be on a different date Tuesday 8th Nov 3.30-7pm

Family Photo Session - Infants and Juniors

We are pleased to be able to offer the opportunity to have a family / group photograph taken.

These sessions will take place on Monday 28th November between 4.30pm and 6.30pm, you will be given a time slot of 10 mins.

We do request that the timings are adhered to in order to accommodate as many people as possible.

Whilst you can have a photograph of any group you wish, we do ask that you do not bring any pets with you as we are unable to accommodate pets in the school hall.

If you would like to sign up for a photo session please telephone the school office 02380 775057. These will be booked on a first come first served basis.



Travel Plan

Open to both schools

From Monday 17th October we will be selling reflective items in the school office.

This is to help with our travel plan to try and reduce car journeys to and from school, make journeys safer and encourage more active, sustainable modes of travel such as walking or cycling, with the darker mornings and evening.

Reflective items would be a benefit at these darker times.

Come along and have a look, cash payments only.

From Southampton City Council and Shirley Schools:

Shirley Infants and Shirley Juniors

We have been running a School Street road closure around both schools for over two years now. A School Street road closure is where the road outside of a school is closed to motor vehicles at drop off and pick up times to improve road safety for pupils, parents and the local community. Our fantastic volunteers have been operating a manned closure to ensure no unauthorised vehicles enter the road when the closure is in operation. They have braved all weathers to keep our school community safe!

In order to ensure the School Street carries on in the future, Southampton City Council would like to hear your views on using Automatic Numberplate Recognition (ANPR) cameras to enforce the School Street restrictions. This would mean that through traffic and unauthorised vehicles would still not be able to enter the road during closure times. If the restrictions are contravened, a fixed Penalty Notice would be issued. Use of ANPR cameras would continue to keep our children and families safe, so we hope you like the idea and have some positive feedback to submit!

Please provide any feedback you have by Monday 24th October at the following address:

https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/anpr/

If you have any questions or queries, please send them to the School Travel team at school.streets@southampton.gov.uk

My child says they are too ill to go to school. What should I do?

At Shirley Infant and Junior schools we expect children to attend school regularly. We know that children are ill and it is sometimes necessary for them to stay off school. It can be hard to know when to send your child to school and when they need to stay at home.

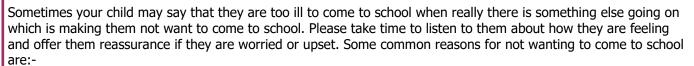
It is fine to send your child into school if they are a little under the weather, or had calpol in the morning. When deciding if your child is well enough to come into school you should ask yourself:-

- Would you take the day off work if you felt the same as your child?
- Is your child well enough to do the activities in school?
- Could your child manage to be in school for part of the day?

If your child comes to school and is then too unwell to stay we will phone you.

To help with this the NHS has published some advice on the website

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/.



- My friend is off today
- I don't want to walk to school
- Another child is being horrible to me
- I don't like what we are doing at school today
- I am worried that I am going to get told off
- The work is too hard or easy
- My normal teacher is not in my class today

If you have any concerns please talk to your child's teacher, the teacher who is on the gate in the morning, or a member of staff in the office. We also have a family support worker, Karen Allen, who can support families in lots of different ways.

<u>Information regarding some common illnesses</u>

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough, common cold or runny nose. But, if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.





Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school for 2 days after their symptoms have gone.

High temperature (above 38°C)

If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.





Coronavirus (COVID-19)



Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either:

have a high temperature (38°C or higher)

do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities.

If they have tested positive we ask that they stay at home for 3 days and return to school when they feel well enough.

If they have mild symptoms and they feel well enough, they can still go to school.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But, if they also have a high temperature above 38°C, they should stay at home until it goes away.

A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of tonsillitis.

Headlice

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.





Respiratory infections are already on the rise in children, meaning we're all in for a busy autumn/winter. We have been lucky that NHS doctor and TV personality, Dr Ranj Singh, has produced a range of informative videos for parents on common childhood illnesses, including fever, shortness of breath/ wheeze and bronchiolitis. These videos have also been produced in a number of different languages.

Links to these videos and information pages for parents can be accessed here.



https://what0-18.nhs.uk/parentscarers/worried-your-child-unwell

Shirley Juniors

For children who attend music lessons, please note that the Southampton Music Services have an INSET day on Friday 21st October so no music lessons will take place that day.

Shirley Juniors - Personal belongings

Please may we ask that children do not bring any personal items into school from home. All children are provided with a pencil case, pencil and pens etc therefore there is no need for them to bring in their own.

We would also ask that children do not bring in any trading cards such as Pokemon as this is causing issues and disruptions within the school.

The school does not hold any responsibility for any personal items brought into school.

Year 6 Bikeability reminder

Information regarding Year 6 Bikeability training was sent via email to all Year 6 parents on 11th October.

The closing date for applications is Sunday 6th November and spaces are limited.

Bikeability Training takes place at school during the week of 5th December.

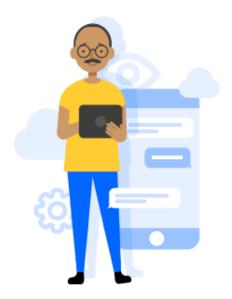
If for any reason you did not see / receive the email and would like to book please email the school office and we will send you the information.

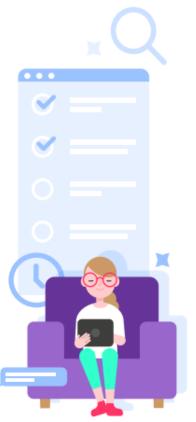


Safeguarding

Online safety tips for parents of primary school children 6-10 Year Olds

internet matters.org





Checklist:

Agree on boundaries

Be clear about what your child can and can't do online – where and when they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share.

Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

When you do give them their first device make sure that it is set up appropriately for them with the right parental controls in place. It's a good idea to **introduce tech-free meal times** and encourage them to **keep phones out of the bedroom at night** to help them build a healthy screen time balance.

Put yourself in control

Set parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. Set up a user account for your child on the main device they use and make sure other accounts in the household are password-protected so that younger children can't access them by accident.

Explore together

The best way to support your child online is to **talk to them about** what they do online and what sites and apps they like to use. Be inquisitive and ask them to show you their favourites to check they're suitable.

Search safely

If you let your child search independently, make sure safe search is activated on Google and other search engines, as well as restricted mode on YouTube. You can set your default search to one designed specifically for children, such as Swiggle, and can save time by adding these to your Favourites.

Check if it's suitable

The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. For example, the minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites, including Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and TikTok.

Make use of platforms and services designed with children in mind like CBBC, YouTube Kids, Sky Kids, BBC iPlayerKids. Although sites aimed at under-10s like Spotlite (Formerly Kudos) also have social networking elements. See other similar social networking sites built for kids in our 'Social networks made for kids' guide.

Stay involved

Encourage them to use their tech devices in a shared space like the lounge or kitchen so you can keep an eye on how they're using the internet and also share in their enjoyment.

Talk to siblings

It's a good idea to talk to any older children about what they're doing online and what they show to younger children. **Encourage them** to be responsible and help keep their younger siblings safe.



Know this stuff matters, but don't know where to turn?

Internet Matters is a free online resource for every parent in the UK. We'll show you the best ways to protect your children online – with information, advice and support on all the big online safety issues.

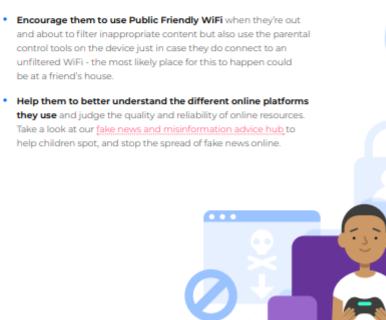
37% of 5-7 year olds have their own tablet*

63% use a tablet to go online*

"Source: Ofcom Children and parents: Media use and attitudes report 2019

Learn about it: Teach your child some simple rules

- Make sure your child knows not to share personal information like their phone number or email address online.
- Encourage them to only talk to real-life friends or family
 if they are on sites with a social media or chat element like Roblox.
- Use privacy settings wherever they exist to keep their information private - help your child to set these up. Remember that the default on many sites is public.
- Be a good online friend and don't say nasty things even if it's just a joke.
- Direct them to use secure and legal sites to download music and games to avoid experiencing the risks associated with streaming content from unauthorised sites. Visit our 'Dangers of digital piracy' advice hub more advice.
- Advise them to Check attachments and pop-ups for viruses before they click or download anything and ask if they aren't sure.
 You can set up their phone/tablet so you need to grant permission before they are able to download an app or game.



Talk about it: Tips for a meaningful conversation

- · Start conversations when your children won't be embarrassed, for example in the car going home from school. Try to de-personalise it by asking their opinion on a current news story that relates to an
- Be proactive don't wait until something has already gone wrong - discuss issues ahead of time - knowing what children of a similar age are doing will help you know more about the environment that your child is living in
- Ask them for advice on how to do something online and use this as a conversation starter.

- · Make sure they know they can come to you if they're upset by something they've seen online - listen to them when they do and try not to overreact - the important thing is that they have come and told you!
- Be sensitive and praise them when they share their online experiences with you.
- If your child comes to you with an issue, stay calm and listen without judging them.
- Talk about online grooming as you would stranger danger and explain that people they meet online might not be who they say they are.
- Ask them about things online which might make them (or others) uncomfortable.



Deal with it

You can find out where to get help and advice on the Report issue resource page of internetmatters.org, where we include information on how to report problems - and which relevant organisations and agencies to turn to.

On this page, we also provide information on how to deal with any specific issues you may encounter with your child; such as finding inappropriate content and cyberbullying.

Stay safe at secondary school

Exposure to some of these issues increases when children move up to secondary school so make sure your child is prepared - find out more with our pre-teens age guide at internetmatters.org/ageguide10-13

Visit internetmatters.org for more advice



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FOSIS/PTFA



THANKYOU...

Thank you to everyone that came to the FOSIS and PTFA AGMs – we couldn't do it without your support throughout the year to help organise all our fabulous events!

And a massive thank you to everyone that has stepped forward to be on the committee and those that are continuing from last year.

The AGM minutes and who's who on the committees will be updated on the school website pages soon:

PTFA - Shirley Junior School

Friends of Shirley Infant School - Shirley Infant School

UPCOMING EVENTS...

CRAZY HAIR DAY - FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER



This is your chance to give your kids the craziest, wackiest and most colourful hairstyle for school all in the aid of the PTFA/FOSIS, so dig out that hair chalk, dust off that coloured hairspray and go wild!

Suggested donation £1 - donate online via Donate (paypal.com)

We'll have buckets at the school entrances for cash donations on the day.

JUNIOR CAKE SALE – FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER



Cake cakes and more cakes! Bring your pennies to buy lots of fabulous cakes and raise money for our junior school – 50p a cake. We'll be selling in the junior playground after school on Friday 21 October.

Cake donations (bought or baked, no nuts please) very gratefully received and can be taken to the office on the Friday morning or brought straight to the stall after school. Please bring your own containers to take cakes home. Thank you!

SHIRLEY SCHOOLS HALLOWEEN TRAIL – TICKETS ON SALE NOW 🅯 😤





The Shirley Schools Halloween trail is back!!

Search and find all the letters in Upper Shirley to make a scary word. When you know the code you can visit a witch or a ghost to collect your goodie bag.

For just £3, you'll get a Google map with two different trails to choose from, a longer one marked out with pumpkins and a shorter one marked out with witches!

The trail will run from Friday 28th to Sunday 30th October 2022.

For each trail you complete you get an entry into the draw for a Spooktacular treats hamper! One goodie bag per trail map.

Tickets on sale here - Shirley Infants School (pta-events.co.uk)

FIREWORKS NIGHT - FRIDAY 4 NOV 5PM - 7PM

Tickets will go on general sale 9am Sunday 23 October



DON'T FORGET ...



Our school lottery raises money directly for the **Junior School**. Every week there is a guaranteed cash prize for someone from the school.

This prize money goes up the more tickets we sell.

You are also automatically entered into the national draw where you could win £25,000! The tickets cost just £1 each week.

Sign up here: https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/ school/shirley-junior-school

Extra special prize this October....



This October, one lucky family will win an amazing Harry Potter double prize – a family ticket for the Warner Brothers Studio Tour, AND a theatre voucher for Harry Potter and the Cursed Child!

This will be a dream trip for any fans of the Wizarding World, so is the perfect incentive for your new school families to sign up and support the school through the lottery!



If you are **shopping online**, please click on these links first. They then donate to the school at **NO EXTRA COST TO YOU**. Amazon = https://smile.amazon.co.uk/

Infants – choose Friends of Shirley Infant School Juniors - choose Shirley Junior School PTA

Online shopping from bread to bathrooms, use Easyfundrasing, sign up here:

<u>Infants – Friends of Shirley Infants – Southampton</u> Juniors – Shirley Junior School PTFA – Southampton

STAY CONNECTED AND GET INVOLVED...

Our website pages:

FOSIS - Friends of Shirley Infant School - Shirley Infant School

PTFA - PTFA - Shirley Junior School

On Facebook through the private year groups – please remember that these groups are managed by parents and not run by the school:

Infants

Year 2 Face book group - https://www.facebook.com/groups/774368666506974
Year R Facebook group - https://www.facebook.com/groups/1150736922357432

Juniors

Parents of Year 6 Face book group - https://www.facebook.com/groups/1716707195249069
Parents of Year 5 Face book group - https://www.facebook.com/groups/649407131910961
Parents of Year 4 Face book group - https://www.facebook.com/groups/137311320449399
Parents of Year 3 Face book group - https://www.facebook.com/groups/172919936937823

Community Information



Play Worker Required for Upper Shirley Kidz Club

Monday – Friday 7:30am – 9:00am 2:45pm – 6.00pm

Play Worker required at our Breakfast & After School Club located at The Ashby Centre, Shirley.

Preferred Qualification of NVQ Level 2 or 3 in Childcare but not essential.

To work closely with the Club Supervisor, providing play opportunities for children aged 4–11 years.

Term Time Only

Immediate Start

For more information please contact Leah Tel. 07468482518

The Romsey Sinfonietta

Following on from the success of 'Peter and the Wolf', The Carnival of the Animals' and 'The Snowman', the Romsey Sinfonietta are returning this half term holiday with a family-friendly concert. This promises to be an interactive event suitable for children of all ages.



Free events

More Maths Programme

Are you or do you know someone in year 5, 6, 7 or 8 who wants to improve their maths? Solent University in partnership with Upton Training are offering free small group tuition by experienced Maths tutors, covering topics drawn from the National Curriculum. Registration must be completed by a parent/carer and will close on 21st October 2022. Places are limited and if oversubscribed we will close registration earlier.

These sessions take place between 31/10/22 - 8/12/22 (16:30– 18:00) at Upton Training (SO14 0BY). Parents/Carers Should Register Their Child Online Here: https://gck.fm/bojqk

A Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic (BAME) Student's Perspective

As part of Black History Month we are hosting a free online event, which will focus on what it means to study at university from the viewpoint of students from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds. We encourage learners, parents/carers and professionals to join us for this event to hear about a BAME student's personal journey to higher education and have the opportunity to participate in a Q&A with our specialist panel. The event also includes information about how to apply for our BAME student's scholarship.

This online event takes place on **17**th **October between 16:30 – 18:00** and can be booked via this link: https://gck.fm/wciqr. Full details are available here.

Parents and Carers Higher Education Information Event

We invite parents and carers of learners in Years 10-13 to join us for our 'Parents and Carers Higher Education Information Event', which takes place at our East Park Terrace campus (Southampton). This event will cover the benefits of going to university, types of courses (including apprenticeships), how to apply and financial support available to students. There will be free refreshments, a facilities tour and a live Q&A panel session where parents and carers can put their questions to Solent University staff, students, parents of students currently studying at the university. We will also be joined by guest, Tiffany Baxendale - Group Vice Principal for Student Experience (Lighthouse Learning Trust) who will outline the support that colleges and sixth forms typically offer during the university application process.

This on campus (SO14OYN) event takes place on **14**th **November between 17:45 – 20:00** and can be booked via this link: https://gck.fm/rflca. Full details are available here.

Community & Family Fun Session

Come along and join our free fun interactive activities for all the family. Parents/carers and their children can enjoy age specific activities including; interactive campus tours, sport & games, an insight from a current undergraduate student and interactive workshops. Free tasty refreshments will be available.

This on campus (SO14OYN) event takes place on **28**th **January between 09:30 – 12:30** and can be booked via this link: https://gck.fm/lpwpb. Full details are available here.

THE WOODLAND **NURSERY ON THE EDGE OF THE CITY**

Hardmoor Early Years Centre is maintained by the Local Authority (Southampton City Council).

We provide an environment and activities where children are encouraged to make choices and learn through play and first hand experiences. We employ qualified and experienced Early Years Teachers and Practitioners to work directly with the children.

We offer the following contracts:

- 8am to 4pm or 6pm, minimum 2 days per week, 51 weeks per year (all ages)
- Term time only, 15 or 30 hours for 3-5 year olds
- . Term time only, 15 hours for eligible 2 year olds

We do not charge for planned closure days or bank holidays.







OWL is Hardmoor's own Outdoor Woodland Learning programme. Linked closely to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum, children develop skills and progress through the different OWL levels, starting from Egg through to True Owl.

Nurturing the Seeds of Learning

At Hardmoor it's important to us that your child feels happy and secure. That's why we do our very best to work with parents to build trust so that children grow in confidence and settle well at nursery.

All children receive a home visit and free settling in sessions to ensure you and your child are completely comfortable and happy prior to your start date. Good relationships make all the difference.

Find out more

Please feel free to come and take a look around our Centre. We offer tours and free settling In sessions. Call us to book your visit!

DOES YOUR CHILD LOVE THE OUTDOORS?

At Hardmoor children explore and learn as they play outside in our exciting gardens and woodland throughout the year, whatever the weather.





WHERE TO FIND US

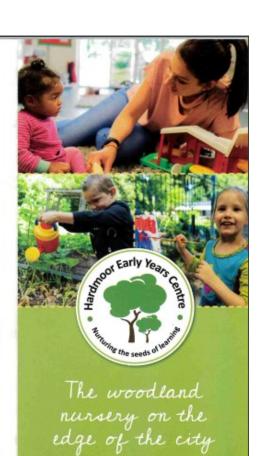
Hardmoor Early Years Centre

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Halloween Family Fun Day | Sat 29 Oct | Tudor House | FREE admission* | Ghost tours £3 each

Creep down to Tudor House...if you dare! Meet the friendly spirits in the Banqueting Hall and take part in loads of spooky, fun activities throughout the day!

There'll be creepy crafts, gruesome games, face painting and a haunting trail! Join one of our famous spooky ghost tours to discover the stories hidden in the house. *Charges apply for some drop-in activities on the day.

Pre-book ghost tours

Ditch your stabilisers and Cycling skills sessions BOOK UP QUICK!

DTS and skills courses.

Places are limited to 12 for DTS and 25 for the skills agility course.

https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/october-half-term-cycling-skills-1278579? just published=true

St James Park 26th Oct The Common 27th Oct