



Shirley Schools



Weekly Communication

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 11th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

- Infants Year R Reading Letter
- Infants Year 1 Reading Letter
- Infants Year 2 Reading Letter & reading questions
- Infants Year R Teddy Bear Hospital parent information
- Infants Choir Letter - selected children to sing at John Lewis

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 Letters Link](#)

[Junior School Letters Link](#)

Dates for your Diary

Shirley Infant School

NOV

Friday 25th	Year 2 Titanic Dress up Day
Friday 25th	Year 1 Home Learning due
Friday 25th	Choir singing at St James Methodist Church Arrive at 3.45pm - Letter has been sent out
Friday 25th	No Karate After School Club
Monday 28th	Family Photo Session 4.30 - 6pm Junior Hall
Wednesday 30th	Year R Teddy Bear Hospital - on site and no parents
Wednesday 30th	Year 1 Celebration Event 2.45pm parents invited

DEC

Friday 2nd	FOSIS Wreath Making
Monday 5th	Dress rehearsal Christmas Play
Tuesday 6th	Christmas Play 1.45pm St James Church Parents invited - Ticketed event
Wednesday 7th	Christmas Play 9.45am St James Church Parents invited - Ticketed event
Wednesday 7th	Year R Teddy Bear Hospital - on site and no parents
Friday 9th	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day, no parents
Friday 9th	Year 2 Wizard of Oz - off site
Friday 9th	FOSIS Cake Sale Year 2
Saturday 10th	FOSIS / PTA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 13th	Year 1 Christmas Party - no parents
Wednesday 14th	Year R Teddy Bear Hospital - on site and no parents
Wednesday 14th	Year 2 Christmas Party - no parents
Thursday 15th	Year R Christmas Party - no parents
Friday 16th	School closes at 3.10pm for the Christmas Holidays

Shirley Junior School

NOV

Tuesday 22nd	Year 6 Lush Visit - on site, no parents
Thursday 24th	Year 5 Swimming Malamutes
Friday 25th	PTA Disco
Monday 28th	Family Photo Session 4.30 - 6pm Junior Hall

DEC

Thursday 1st	Year 5 Swimming Malamutes
Thursday 1st	Share my Learning 8.45am & 3.20pm - parents invited
Friday 2nd	PTA Wreath Making
Monday 5th	Year 6 Bikeability Training on site, no parents—only children signed up
Thursday 8th	Year 5 Swimming Malamutes
Friday 9th	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day, no parents
Saturday 10th	FOSIS / PTA Christmas Fayre
Monday 12th	Year 4 Outcome Ticket to Ride 2pm, parents invited
Monday 12th	Year 3 outcome Southampton through Time 3.20pm, parents invited
Tuesday 13th	PTA Elfridges
Wednesday 14th	Year 3 Christmas Play 2pm & 5pm parents invited, ticketed event
Wednesday 14th	PTA Elfridges
Friday 16th	Christingle 1.30pm St James, Parents invited
Friday 16th	School closes at 3.20pm for the Christmas Holidays

In light of the announcement of His Majesty's coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced on Monday 8 May. Settings that are normally closed on a bank holiday should close on this day. This will include schools and colleges.

Coming soon

Update on costumes for Infants Christmas Nativity

Juniors Arctic Fox Swimming starts 5th January 2023

Juniors Husky Swimming starts 23rd February 2023



Infant & Junior School - NO DOGS ALLOWED

NO Dogs are permitted on the playground for any reason, this includes carrying them unless they are a guide dog. If you have a guide dog please inform the office and provide the relevant paperwork.

No dogs allowed
in the school
grounds

Shirley Infants Christmas Cards

We have had our first delivery of your ordered Christmas Cards.

Please collect from the school office.



Shirley Infants 2022 School Nativity: Children of the World

There will be two performances which are as follows;

TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER at 1:45pm

WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER at 9:45am



We are allocating 2 tickets per family which you can choose to use **either** at the Tuesday **or** Wednesday performance.

The tickets will be available to collect from the school office after Monday 28th November.

WALKTOBER CHALLENGE

Congratulations to **Torin** from Squirrel Class who has won one of the prizes from our Walktober Challenge! His goody bag will be delivered to school next week. Don't forget to keep up with walking to school as much as possible... The Travel Tracker badges will be given to the children shortly for those who were able to walk, scoot or bike to school at least once a week in October. Thank you for all of your support so far.



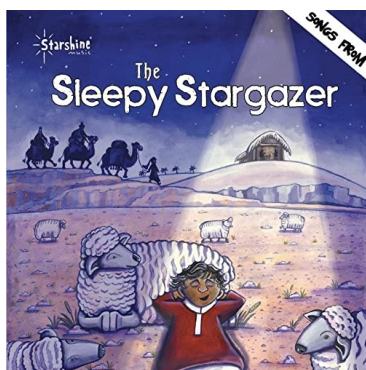
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Shirley Juniors YEAR 3 2022 School Nativity: The Sleepy Stargazer

There will be two performances which are as follows;

WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER at 2pm

WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER at 5pm



We have allocated 2 tickets per family which you have chosen to use **either** at 2pm or 5pm on Wednesday 14th December performance.

Your pre ordered tickets will be available to collect from the school office after Thursday 1st December, any uncollected tickets will be sent to your child's class for them to bring home.

Junior School 'After School Collection'

Please leave the playground promptly after you have collected your child at 3.20pm so that our after school clubs can start safely at 3:30pm. The gate will be locked at 3:40pm.

Safeguarding

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one app of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of the download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

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CENSORED

EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

W&H*!

TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become 'TikTok famous'. While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.



HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next mean it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 16s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 16s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N O'Clock: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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SOURCES: TikTok.com



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FOSIS/PTFA

UPCOMING EVENTS...

JUNIOR DISCO FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER – TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!



Dress to impress, treat yourself to a hotdog and something from the tuck shop and show off your moves on the dance floor!

Year 3 & 4 disco – 4.45pm until 6pm
Year 5 & 6 discos – 6.30pm until 7.45pm
Any sweet donations – please take to the office.

Purchase your tickets in advance here (**£2.50 per child**): [SJS PTFA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://sjs.pta-events.co.uk)

FOSIS/PTFA WREATH MAKING EVENT – FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER



"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...." And what better way to start the festive season off right with a bit of wreath making courtesy of FOSIS/PTFA: Why not start the festive season with a crafty evening making a Christmas wreath. All equipment will be provided and an experienced instructor will be on hand to help show you what to do. Basic greenery and embellishments are included but if you have any specific design ideas or preferred foliage or decorations then please do bring them with you.

- Green foliage: Check ✓
- Christmas spirit: Check ✓
- Adults only: double check ✓✓

Tickets on sale here (from **18th November**) - [Shirley Infants School \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://shirleyinfantschool.pta-events.co.uk)

SAVE THE DATE - FOSIS/PTFA CHRISTMAS FAIR – SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER

Come and join us at our Shirley Schools Christmas Fair on **Sat 10th December 11-2pm** at Shirley Junior School.

Come and meet Father Christmas at our Grotto and buy some Christmassy gifts at our festive stalls. There'll be Christmas crafts for the kids to do, lots of activities and our café to grab a drink and lunch.



If you or someone you know would like to have a stall on the playground, please complete this booking form - <https://forms.gle/ehWYmmUgazywpFNbA>

Any sealed bottle donations for our tombola gratefully received – please take to the school office.

ELFRIDGES – DONATIONS NEEDED



On 13 and 14 December your junior school child will have the chance to go 'shopping' in our present room (aka the Community Room) and buy and wrap a gift for you. This will be done during the school day and 'tickets' to buy a gift, if you wish, will be on sale in advance - details to follow.
If you have any unwanted gifts, wrapping paper, bows etc that would be suitable for Elfridges, we'd be very grateful - **please bring to the school office.**

BUY YOUR SCHOOL A PRESENT THIS CHRISTMAS!



At this seasonal time of year it's always nice to give something back. As we all know schools are chronically underfunded so aren't able to spend on some of the resources that would really add value to our children's education. If you feel able to help then please have a look at the school's Amazon wish lists and see if you could gift them something useful this year. Remember if you shop through AmazonSmile, the school will receive a percentage from your purchase! Thank you!

[Juniors Wish List](#) – remember to choose Shirley Junior School PTA through AmazonSmile
[Infants Wish List](#) – remember to choose Friends of Shirley Infant School through AmazonSmile

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 December....

We're thrilled to be able to announce our big prize for the December draw – a MASSIVE PS5 bundle! This incredible prize includes a PS5 (disc edition), extra controller, 3 amazing games, an official PlayStation Pulse headset, and loads more goodies – as well as a 43" 4k Ultra HD Smart TV to play it on!



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:

[Infants – Friends of Shirley Infants – Southampton](#)

[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/849370902208557>

Year 1 Facebook 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

RICHARD TAUNTON
Sixth Form College

Winter Fest

RICHARD TAUNTON
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Save the Date

SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER 2022
11AM - 3PM

CRAFT STALLS · GAMES · STUDENT PERFORMANCES
· STREET FOOD & REFRESHMENTS · COMPETITIONS ·
RAFFLES · CURRICULUM DEMOS · ENTERTAINMENT

RICHARD TAUNTON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
HILL LANE, SOUTHAMPTON, SO15 5RL



Get involved in our annual Winterfest art competition by designing a seasonal (winter) card for the chance to win some amazing art supplies, a batch of your cards printed to share with friends and family, and a £30 voucher!

GET CREATIVE

- Your greeting card can be made using any type of art supplies. Create your masterpiece in anyway you want: paints, crayons, pencils, glitter, collage, chalks, pastels, photography or using a device. It's your choice!
- Your card should be A5 in size (14.8cm x 21 cm)
- There are two age categories: Up to 10 years old and 11-16 years old

HOW TO ENTER

Send your design(s) to the college by Wednesday 30 November

Winterfest Art Competition, Richard Taunton Sixth Form College, Hill Lane, Southampton, SO15 5RL

or you can send a photo/digital file to us at winterfesterichardtaunton.ac.uk

Entries should include: Name, contact phone number, age, school

Make sure you come along to the event to see your work exhibited! Winners of the competition will be announced at the end of the event at 2.45pm.



Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle
with your child's
bedtime?

Will your child
not sleep in
their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

 **03303 530 541**

Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday 9am - 11am

Household Support Fund (Winter 2022)

What is the Household Support Fund?

The UK government recently announced a further £421 million for local authorities, for the Household Support Fund (HSF). The expectation is that it should mainly be used to support households in most need of help. In particular, those who would otherwise struggle with energy bills, food and water bills.

Am I eligible?

The Household Support Fund aims to support Southampton residents who are on a low income and facing financial hardship.

The current Southampton HSF (1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023) will offer the following support:

Help for low-income families with children: We will be using the Southampton HSF to provide schools with supermarket vouchers. These are for children eligible for Free School Meals during school holidays. There will be no need to apply for this support

Help for other low-income households: We have an online Southampton HSF scheme for low-income Southampton residents affected by rising living costs. Please use the form below to apply

How can I apply?

Applications can be made to Southampton City Council via the following form.

The main applicant will be required to give information about their household's circumstances and why they need support.

They will also be required to provide personal information:

- Name
- Address
- Date of birth
- National insurance number
- Contact email
- Contact phone number
- This is required to verify the application.

Preventing fraud

We must make sure that all applications are made legitimately. You may have committed an offence under the Fraud Act 2006 if you:

- Falsely declare your circumstances
- Provide a false statement
- Provide false evidence in support of your application

We have a zero-tolerance approach to fraud and financial irregularity. All suspicions of fraud relating to Southampton HSF will be referred to Hampshire Police.

What help is available?

Support will be in the form of a supermarket voucher, to be selected from the following:

- Aldi
- Asda
- Farm Foods
- Iceland
- Morrison's
- Sainsbury's
- Tesco

The amount will be £50 for the main applicant and an additional £10 for each additional, permanent household member listed in the application.

How will I receive support?

All applications will be reviewed by our team. They will look at the information in your application to see what support you need. If your application is successful, your award will be made by e-voucher. If you are not able to access this digitally, or have no access to printing, we may be able to post it directly to you.

Can I apply more than once?

Only one application per household may be submitted between 1 October 2022 and 31 December 2022.

A further application per household may be submitted between 1 January 2023 and 31 March 2023.

The Southampton HSF will operate subject to the availability of funding. It may be necessary to close it to new applications before the deadlines stated above.

Other help available

Find information and links to help you deal with the impacts of the [increasing cost of living](#).

More information about the UK Government's wider package of support can be found at [Help for Households](#).

Before you fill in this form

You won't be able to save this form to complete later, so please allow yourself five minutes to fill it in.

We aim to respond within 10 working days.

Please note: If your application is accepted, and you requested that your vouchers be posted to you, please allow additional time for your vouchers to be delivered by Royal Mail.

<https://sccrportal.southampton.gov.uk/services/household-support-fund>

Contact us

If you need help to complete this form, for example, you do not have online access or need language support, you can call us: **Hours:** 9am-2pm, Monday-Friday **Telephone:** 023 9401 6642

Love to Ride: Winter Wheelers

This December, Love to Ride is on a mission to get more people riding through the winter with their [Winter Wheelers challenge](#).

There are prize draws every day and additional prizes available if you encourage others to ride. So why not get more people conquering the cold and enjoying the benefits of riding year-round at your school? Taking part is simple:

Everyone can join in! From regular riders to people who haven't been on a bike in years (or ever).

Ride anywhere, anytime from 1st - 24th December for fun, fitness or transportation.

Enter a prize draw every day when you log your ride before midnight.

Share the love - encouragement is at the heart of the challenge and there is a special prize draw for those who get others to take part.

Win amazing prizes - there are daily prize draws from 1 - 25 December and every day you ride is an additional entry into the grand prize draw.

For some great tips to get you pedal ready for the winter months, check out the links below:

[Canny Commuting | My Journey Southampton](#) – all the knowledge and tips for cycling to work from the My Journey Workplaces team.

[Canny Commuting episode 10: Get ready for Winter - YouTube](#) – riding tips for getting around by bike in the winter.

Southampton Cycle Network (SCN) Update and Reporting Issues

The [Southampton Cycle Network \(SCN\)](#) makes it easy to explore cycle routes in and around Southampton. With new and improved routes on the SCN5 and SCN6, there's never been a better time to try cycling, start on a new route or plan your next bike journey. You can learn more about the scheme and upcoming improvements by going to [Connecting Southampton website](#).

If you have general enquiries or questions that you cannot find answers to, please email us at roadworks@southampton.gov.uk.

Any issues with cycle lanes or paths across the network, such as potholes or faded road markings can be reported on the council website: [Report a road issue \(southampton.gov.uk\)](#)

£1 Bus Travel after 6pm

Bus travel is a convenient and sustainable way to get around the city. Now there's never been an easier or more affordable time for you to start traveling more on the bus with £1 travel after 6pm on [Bluestar](#) and [City Red](#) buses.

The offer is available on all routes and all fare zones, so is perfect for getting around Southampton or visiting nearby towns and cities this festive season. The new 'tap on tap off' system works with this limited time

Ditch the Stabilisers Events in October

The My Journey team had a blast, teaching children cycling skills on the Common in Southampton over the half term break. 17 children attended over two days for Ditch the Stabilisers and 21 children came along to try out the challenging bike obstacle course as part of our Cycle Skills sessions.

Ditch the Stabilisers is designed for children who are struggling to get cycling by themselves, and often they can progress onto the Cycle Skills course quite rapidly to learn braking, cornering and bike handling skills!

Our sessions are very popular, so we will likely run these sessions again in April during the Easter holidays. We are always seeking new volunteers to help us teach the next generation how to cycle confidently and safely – please contact Ray Craig, schools officer for Sustrans in Southampton, to register your interest by emailing ray.craig@sustrans.org.uk

If you've missed these latest sessions, not to worry – there are lots of online resources which can be found on the [My Journey website](#) to aid you in teaching your child to cycle. Or follow [Bike It Ray on Twitter](#) for lots of tips and tricks!

Road Safety Week 2022

We're celebrating Road Safety Week 2022 from 14th - 20th November. This year, we're taking a close look at how we can improve road safety around schools in the city.

Did you know Southampton is seeking to become a recognised UNICEF ['Child Friendly City' by 2025](#)? To support our Child Friendly City work, we have been using evidence that shows that children's reaction times are slower than adults in perceiving gaps in fast moving traffic, to help inform our road safety plans. The UN's 'Streets for Life' campaign and the World Health Organisation call for 20mph in all areas where people and traffic mix to promote child friendly streets. Now, we are continuing to consult on plans to introduce 20mph speed limits in residential areas and district centres, please see our [20mph webpage](#) for more info.



Health Walks in Southampton

The weather may be wetter, but it hasn't put off the Health Walkers, who are still going strong. Health Walks are accessible, volunteer led walking sessions aimed at people who want to improve their physical and mental health, get out to meet other people, and explore the wonderful green spaces in the city. Here are the times for the health walks in Southampton:

- Mondays at 10.30am from in front of the Central Library entrance in the Civic Building.
- Mondays at 10am from the Hawthorns Urban Wildlife Centre on the Common.
- Tuesdays at 2.00pm from the Hawthorns Urban Wildlife Centre on Southampton Common.
- Thursdays at 10.30am from the Hawthorns Urban Wildlife Centre on Southampton Common.
- Thursdays at 11am from the cafe at Weston Parade.

All the details of the health walks, distances and what to bring can be found on the

School Crossing Patrol Recruitment

Southampton City Council is looking to recruit to our School Crossing Patrol Service to a few locations across the city. We are looking for an individual that is within the community that can help with this very important role. Parents, grandparents, other family members or friends would be well suited to this role! The successful applicant will be trained and equipped by Southampton City Council and will be a member of a very much loved and valued team.

If you are interested in this role or know anyone who would be suitable for this position and would like more information then please email schoolcrossing.patrolservice@southampton.gov.uk or apply by clicking [here](#).

Bike Doctors in Southampton

Come along to the regular Bike Doctor services in Bitterne Precinct and Guildhall Square, taking place on the first Wednesday and first Thursday of the month, respectively.

Minor alterations, adjustments are free - replacement work is free, and users just pay for parts e.g., replacement inner tube or brake pads. The Bike Doctor can also give advice on maintenance or more extensive work is needed.



Upcoming dates:

- Guildhall Bike Doctor: 1st December 2022 from 10am to 2pm
- Bitterne Precinct Bike Doctor: 7th December 2022 from 10am to 2pm

All dates are on our My Journey [events page](#) so keep an eye on the website and Facebook page for all updates, including upcoming Bike Doctor dates in other community settings!

World Child Day

Sunday 20 November 2022 is [World Children's Day](#) and we want you to take over our social media!

If you are under 18, Southampton City Council want to hear your views. Share a 30 second video clip letting us know what you think about Southampton.

We are working with [UNICEF UK to become a Child Friendly City](#) and your views can help us shape what we do in the future to make Southampton a great place for you.

Follow our social media [@childfriendlysouthampton](#) to see your views being shared and take part in voting on our Child Friendly topics in the coming weeks.

Cycle Confidence Events

Always wanted to take up cycling but don't have the confidence to hit the road? We are offering 5 hours' worth of free cycle training to Southampton residents with our partners Monty's Bike Hub.

Please go to the [My Journey website](#) for details of how to register. If you don't currently have a bike, no problem

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CHILDREN'S
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Children and young people of Southampton

We want to hear from you

Sunday 20th November is World Children's Day. We want you to take over our social media. Share your views on one of these topics in a 30 second video clip!

- Safety
- Health
- Young People's rights
- Child Friendly Services
- Having a say
- Things to do
- Your future



How to take part:

- Record your 30 second clip on your mobile phone
- Ensure it is in Portrait mode
- Complete the photo/ filming consent and upload form here (scan QR code)
- Follow our social media @childfriendlysouthampton

If you have any questions please get in touch with us here
Child.friendly@southampton.gov.uk



southampton.gov.uk/childfriendly

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SOUTHAMPTON HEALTHY SCHOOLS MASCOT COMPETITION!

GUIDANCE FOR ADULTS

Dear All,

In 2021, the Department for Education funded Southampton City Council to deliver the Holiday, Activity, and Food programme. Over a year later, the programme is thriving with over 50 HAF sites across the city all offering face-to-face provision during the school holidays. In conjunction with Southampton's Healthy Schools Coordinator, we are aiming to tackle the existing challenges young people face in making healthy choices in the city.

One of our goals is to encourage and educate young people to live healthier lifestyles by making positive choices. To help champion a healthier city, we want to create a mascot. This mascot will become a role model, who will actively engage within the schools through workshops and assemblies. It will also create links between all the healthy choices available in the city.

We feel for the perfect relatable mascot, the designs need to come from the young people who will benefit from a safer, healthier, and more active city. With higher engagement comes higher rewards.

The competition is open to all children aged 4 to 16 years in Southampton.

Entries can either be completed by hand or electronically and must be original, as long as it can be entered by post or received by email. Please ensure all relevant details are completed and clear. Any inappropriate entries will be discarded and withdrawn from the competition.

Entries can either be submitted by email or post to haf@southampton.gov.uk or Inclusion Services, North Block, Civic Centre, SO14 7LY respectively.

When will I hear back about my submission?

The closing date is **Friday 25th November 2022**, and you will be informed if you are the winner!

We look forward to your entry!

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Name:

Age:

School:

Southampton Primary pupils, we need your help...

Our city is being taken over by unhealthy choices! To free our city from these unwanted invaders we need you to create a mascot of healthy choices. With your help, the chosen mascot will represent all the good choices we make in Southampton and make us a better community. To achieve this mission, using the box below and your wild imagination, create the ultimate healthy role model to tackle these invaders. Your mascot could represent at least one of the following tools.

- Being physically active
- Positive nutrition choices
- Positive mental wellbeing
- Positive hygiene choices
- Being safe
- Positive lifestyle choices

The winner announced will receive a prize for themselves, and their school and host the first assembly at their school with the mascot.

Our Southampton pupils. Help Us! You are our only HOPE

Mascot Name:

Insert drawing here... (and reason for choice of mascot)

Submit your entry by email or post to haf@southampton.gov.uk or Inclusion Services, North Block, Civic Centre, SO14 7LY.
Please submit your entry by **Friday 25th November 2022**. Anything after this date will not be included in the competition.

Southampton Christmas Market

The Southampton Christmas Market on Above Bar opens Thursday 17 November until 24 December with a wide range of tasty treats and live entertainment. There will be bars stocked with tasty hot chocolate, hot glühwein and hot mulled cider, festive food from German sausages to crêpes and churros. Plus special gifts and goodies from a selection of vendors and magical Christmas carousel and children's rides.

The huts will be open 10am - 8pm and the bars will be open 10am - 10pm.

Find out more from the [Southampton Christmas Market Facebook page](#).

Westquay on Ice

Get your skates on as [Westquay's ice rink](#) is open now until 2 January. Enjoy a skate session against the stunning backdrop of Southampton's historic city walls, a perfect outing for all ages!

After your skate session, why not enjoy a festive cocktail or warming hot chocolate at [Southampton's Alpine Ski Lodge](#). Cosy up in one of their mini chalets for the night with family and friends. Space is available for groups of up to 10 people

Christmas at our Venues

Christmas wouldn't be the same without Santa, and he's making an appearance in December at [Tudor House & Gardens](#). You can [book your visit and find out more](#) about all that's going on at Tudor House this Christmas.

You can also get festive at [Southampton City Art Gallery](#) and [SeaCity Museum](#) with Christmas activities for all the family, from wreath making to fun history talks – book at [WeGotTickets](#).

And there is more..

25 Nov - 3 Jan: Explore Southampton this Christmas with a free family walking trail, with a brand-new story: [The Great Elf Investigation!](#)

26 - 27 Nov: [Bedford Place Christmas Market](#)

3 Dec: [Communicare's Tree of Light in Woolston Millennium Garden](#)

10- 11 / 17-18 Dec: [Christmas Makers Market at God's House Tower](#)

See the much-anticipated panto of the year, [Goldilocks and the Three Bears at Mayflower Theatre](#), fall down the rabbit hole and meet curious characters in MAST Mayflower Studios' [Alice: A Musical Adventure In Wonderland](#).

Keep up to date on all things Christmas by visiting [SO this is Christmas in Southampton](#)

For more information about events taking place in and around Southampton this week, this month and beyond, go to the [Events listings on the Visit Southampton website](#).

Family Christmas at Tudor House



Saturday 10 and Sunday 11, and Saturday 17, Sunday 18 and Monday 19 December.

Get in the Christmas spirit with a family visit to Tudor House and Garden covered in festive decorations. You can book a time to see **Father Christmas** then book a traditional **Christmas decoration workshop** or enjoy a **festive afternoon tea** together. [Find out more here](#) - **Book early to avoid disappointment!**

Christmas Afternoon Tea at SeaCity.



Tuck into a festive afternoon tea from **12noon to 1.30pm** at SeaCity Museum Café where the whole family can enjoy a range of tasty seasonal sweet and savoury treats.

Children's Afternoon Tea: Selection of sandwiches and a variety of mini cakes with milk or juice.

For the grown-ups: Classic selection of sandwiches, scones with jam and clotted cream & a selection of mini cakes with a festive drink.

Dates: 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 December and 2 January.

[Book here](#)