25TH SEPTEMBER 2026

BASSETT GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another purposeful and exciting week at Bassett Green, with children engaging in rich learning experiences across the school.

Year 4 Public Art Workshop – University of Southampton
Our Year 4 children took part in a fantastic workshop in partnership with the University of Southampton, contributing to a live public art commission that will be displayed on campus for many years to come.

Visiting artists Vanessa Rolf and Rhona Byrne worked with pupils on two strands of creative exploration:

- 'Campus Lines' – informing the selection and positioning of future paving designs
- 'Welcome Voyage' – inspiring the creation of a future fossil collage

During these sessions, children developed their hands-on learning, creative thinking and critical skills. Their ideas and artwork will directly influence the final public installation. A wonderful opportunity for our pupils to see how their creativity shapes real-world spaces.

Attendance Golden Tickets
This week's Attendance Golden Ticket winners are:

- Dolphins
- Otters
- Ladybirds
- Hedgehogs
- Rabbits
- Kingfishers
- Kestrels

Thank you to all families who continue to support strong routines.

Birthdays and School Attendance
A polite but important reminder: children must not have time off school for their birthdays.

This is for several reasons:

- It creates upset for children whose families follow expectations
- It places pressure on other parents and undermines consistent routines
- It sets a precedent that is not sustainable or fair
- It makes it more difficult for the teacher to teach the curriculum to the whole class

If every child took one day off for their birthday, this would result in our attendance dropping below national expectations, without illness even being accounted for. This is why we must be consistent. Birthdays are special, but they should be celebrated outside school hours.

Year 6 Trip
Year 6 visited the National Justice Museum, taking part in an important workshop focused on knife crime awareness, decision-making and consequences. Through interactive exhibits, real-life stories and courtroom-based activities, pupils explored:

- How the justice system works
- The impact of choices
- How communities can stay safe
- The role of law, policing and prevention

The children were engaged, thoughtful and respectful throughout and thoroughly enjoyed their time there.

Year 2
Year 2 enjoyed their Question of Faith Day this week, exploring big questions, listening to different viewpoints and developing their understanding of belief, respect and curiosity. A thoughtful and reflective day for all involved.

Harvest Assembly
We held our City Mission Harvest Assembly on Thursday. Thank you for your generous donations, which were collected today by the Basics Bank team. Your kindness will support families across our city.

Year 6 Height and Weight Checks
Year 6 completed their routine height and weight checks this week as part of the NHS programme. If you have any questions, you can explore more here: child measurement.

New English Curriculum
Our new English curriculum is already having a significant positive impact across the school. The focus on high-quality texts, explicit modelling, structured editing and ambitious vocabulary is strengthening children's writing rapidly.

I have seen lots of children for Headteacher stickers this week. The quality of writing has been exceptional. I wanted to share a short piece of fantastic writing by one of our Year 4 pupils:
"Fresh sea air drifts around the village as a refreshing cool breeze blows around. Near the winding cobbled streets the sapphire blue sea laps against the shore. The sky is so blue it looks painted. Every day the baker makes delicious bread for the hardworking community and the fishermen go out every day to catch fish.'

A brilliant example of atmosphere, vocabulary choice and sentence control. Well done!

Kind reminder
We are seeing an increasing number of playing toys and fiddle toys being brought into school from home. Please do not allow your child to bring these in. Items from home can lead to arguments, upset and jealousy, especially when some children are following expectations and others are not. It also places staff in a difficult position when children become distressed about sharing or losing personal items.

The school already provides fiddle toys in classrooms for children who need them, and these are safe, appropriate and used as part of our Ready, Respectful, Safe routines. If you have concerns about your child's sensory or regulation needs, please speak to Mrs Mitchell - our Inclusion Lead.

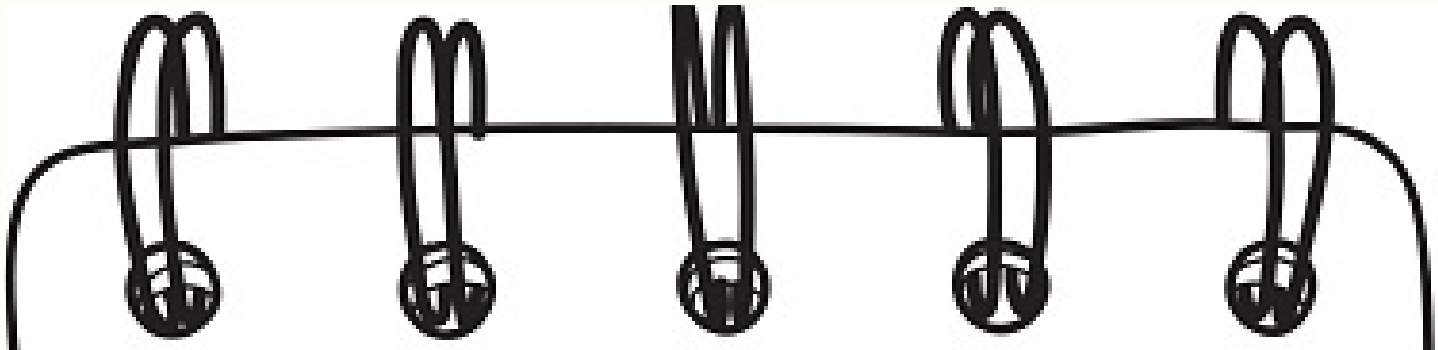
Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe, calm and focused on learning

Wishing You a Great Weekend
Thank you for another brilliant week at Bassett Green. We hope all families enjoy a lovely weekend together.

Warm wishes,

Lucy Bannister
Headteacher

2026/27 Dates for your diary



Wednesday 30th September	Year 3 Local area walk
Monday 5th October	Year 6 BMX experience (In school)
Friday 9th October	Hello Yellow Day- Young Minds (details on p8)
Tuesday 13th October	Parent & carer workshop on Anxiety- 8.45am
Friday 23rd October	Flu Immunisation Day
Monday 26th October- Friday 30th October	**October Half Term- School closed**
Monday 2nd November	Second half of Autumn term begins
	MHST Coffee morning 8.45am- all welcome
Tuesday 10th November & Thursday 12th November	Autumn Parents Evenings
Friday 13th November	BBC Children in Need
Monday 23rd November	Year 4 swimming starts
Thursday 26th November	Pantomime in school
Monday 14th November	Year 5 Bikeability (booked children only)

School news



Dolphins
Kodie

Otters
Tegveer &
Mia

Seahorses
Ethan

Frogs
Aisha

Caterpillars
Reniel

Ladybirds
Arabella

Hedgehogs
Jan

Kingfishers
Harry

Badgers
Archie

Rabbits
Lola

Robins
Maya

Falcons
Esther

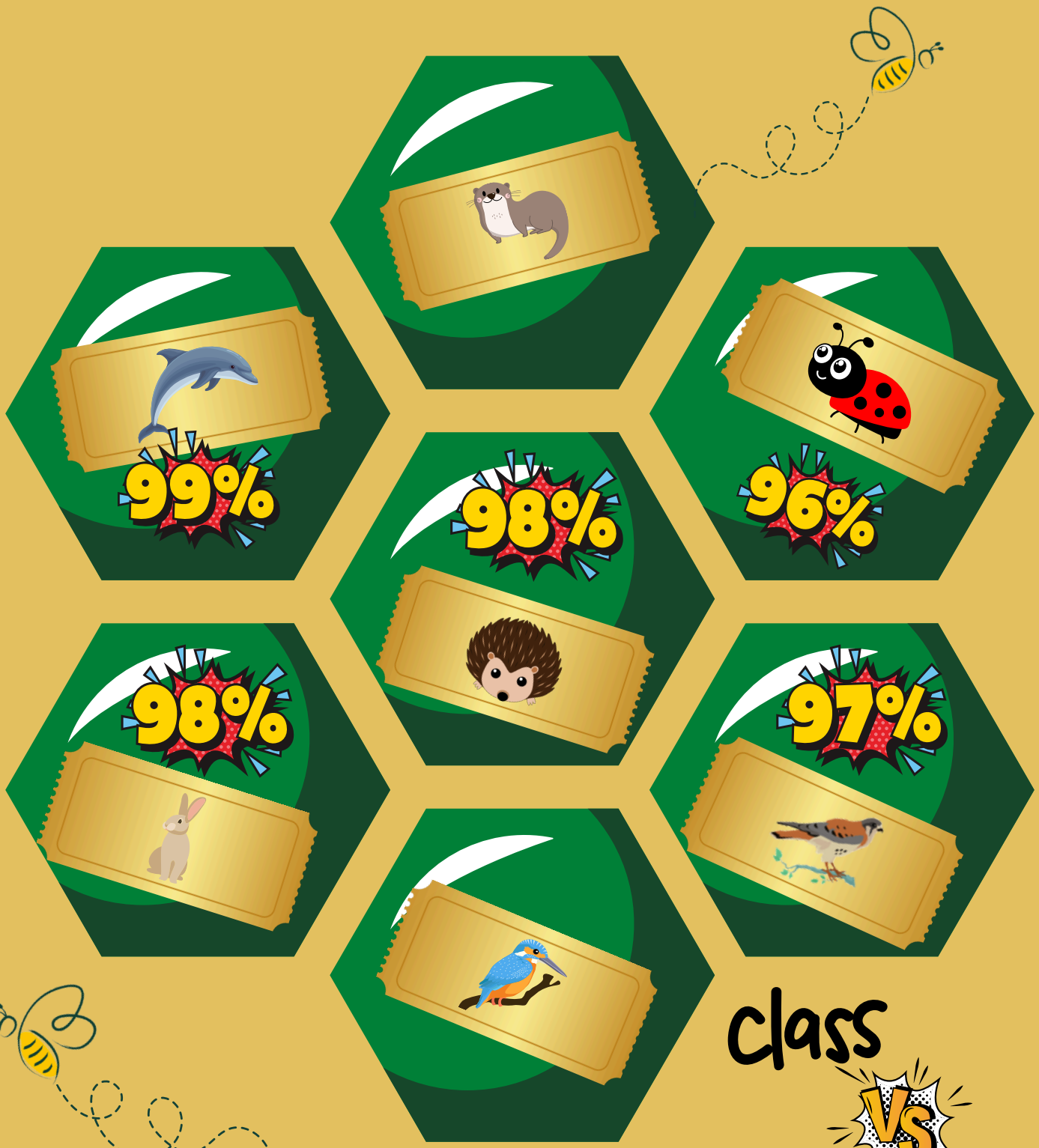
Kestrels
Lisa

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Weekly Attendance

Golden ticket winners for this week

Well done to all of these classes! Let us see who wins the battle next week. Our whole-school attendance target remains 96%, and every day in school makes a difference.



class Vs class

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

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This weeks overall attendance: 95.9%

SCHOOL TARGET 96%

The school day starts at **8.30am**! Anyone arriving after this time will be marked late.

The school day finishes at **3.15pm**. Please ensure children are collected promptly.

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.	% this week	Difference from last week
Year R	98.2%	+2.3
Year 1	94.5%	-0.6
Year 2	96.4%	+1.7
Year 3	97.9%	+1.2
Year 4	96.1%	+0.2
Year 5	93.7%	-3
Year 6	94.7%	0

Please report absences by **9am** each day by phone, email or via Arbor

A note on appointments

Medical, dental and other appointments should be made outside of school hours to avoid lost learning and disruption to the school day.
If this is not possible please do the following:

Notify the front office <u>24 hours</u> prior to the appointment
Provide evidence of the appointment <u>if possible</u>
Inform class teacher <u>after</u> informing the Front office

A note on collections

Please notify the school office if you need to collect your child during school hours.
You can do this by email at info@bassettgreen.net
or call 023 80676262

Early collections cannot be accommodated past 3pm.

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Menu change next week

Next Thursday our catering team are putting on a special themed menu.
This will replace the usual Thursday menu so please do prepare your child for this change if they normally have a hot lunch.

FOOD FESTIVAL
By Aspens

JOIN US FOR A COLOURFUL LUNCH

Census Day
Thursday 1st October

Chicken Hotdog,
with wedges, sweetcorn/ peas



Veggie Sausage Hotdog,
with wedges, sweetcorn/ peas

Jacket Potato ***or*** ***Hot Pasta***





and

a selection of
cakes & cookies







This will replace the normal Thursday menu

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Hello Yellow
FRIDAY 9 OCT
M&S | YOUNGMINDS

Friday 9th October is Hello Yellow Day!

On Hello Yellow Day, we will be joining thousands of schools across the country in supporting YoungMinds, a charity that promotes positive mental health for children and young people. We would love our whole school community to take part.

To help raise funds, **we are inviting pupils to wear a yellow accessory on the day.** This could be something simple like a yellow hairband, socks, ribbon, wristband, or even a homemade paper accessory.

Children will still wear their usual school uniform.

We are kindly asking for a donation of any amount in exchange for taking part.

All money raised will go directly to YoungMinds.

We will also be holding a special assembly on the day to help pupils understand the importance of looking after their mental health and how we can support one another.

If you would like to donate online, you can use our fundraising page here:
https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/s/7335/7717

A QR code is also available for easy access.



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Thank you for your support in helping us champion children's wellbeing.

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SOUTHAMPTON
Neurodiversity Team

Parent/ Carer workshop

Claire Bryant from the Southampton Neurodiversity Multidisciplinary Team will be joining Mrs Mitchell here at Bassett Green Primary School on Tuesday 13th October to run a workshop for parents and carers about anxiety.

The Southampton Neurodiversity Multidisciplinary Team aim to increase everyone's knowledge and understanding of neurodivergence and work to upskill families and professionals.



Claire
Neurodiversity Family Engagement Practitioner

Anxiety workshop for parents & carers

Tuesday 13th October 2026

8.45am

Meet in the front office

Find out more on their website here!

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

We look forward to seeing you

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MHST

NHS
Hampshire and
Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Coffee Morning!

With Bassett Green Primary School



Join Jo, our school's link Education Mental Health Practitioner from the Mental Health in Schools Team, for a coffee and a chat



This is a great opportunity to find out more about the Mental Health in Schools Team and what we have on offer to support you, your child and school with mental health and wellbeing

Monday 2nd November 2026
From 8:45-9:45

Mental Health School Team

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Is your child due to start school in September 2027?





Join us on one of our small, family tours to find out what Bassett Green Primary School can offer your child.

Tuesday 6th October 2026 at 9.30am

Tuesday 20th October 2026 at 9.30am

Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at 3.30pm

Thursday 5th November 2026 at 9.30am

Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 9.30am

Scan the QR code to book your place on a tour

SCAN ME

We look forward to meeting with you!
Mrs Sam Nortcliff - Early Years Phase Leader
023 80 676 262
www.bassettgreen.net
Honeysuckle Road, Bassett Green, Southampton, SO16 3BZ

School Games Platinum 2024/25 - 2025/26

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OPEN

LIBRARY

Every

Tuesday & Thursday

after school

Come on in !

3.15pm to 3.45pm



Welcome to the Hive!

Polite reminder

Parents must stay with their children and be responsible for them at all times.

Mrs White and Miss Elgram will let families in/ out via the side door (on KS1 playground), be on hand to help with enquiries and scan AR books out of the library.

Just a reminder that no food or drinks are allowed in the library.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help Us Improve Our School

We're looking for volunteers to lend a hand at weekends and during school holidays.





GROUNDS WORK
Help keep our school grounds clean, safe and welcoming.

DECORATING & PAINTING
Refresh classrooms and communal areas.

GENERAL OUTDOOR IMPROVEMENTS
Tidy up, build, plant and improve our outdoor spaces.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE
Your time and effort will help create a better environment for our children to learn and thrive.

No special experience needed – just your time and enthusiasm!

Could you spare a few hours?
WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

CALL US
02380 676 262

EMAIL US
sbm@bassettgreen.net

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Governor Vacancies

We are looking for new governors to join our school governing board.

The governing board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the schools educational and financial performance. The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils .

Why become a Governor?

As part of a dynamic and committed senior leadership team, becoming a governor is an excellent opportunity to develop strategic leadership skills and gain experience in different areas of school leadership and governance.

Parents, carers and anyone that is passionate about our community is welcome to apply!



If you are interested in applying for the role, please complete the candidate form and return to the school reception or email it to: info@bassettgreen.net



Volunteer your skills as a Governor and see the difference your skills can make to our school!

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Useful School Information

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Healthy Snacks

We encourage children to bring a nutritious snack for their mid-morning break. Fresh fruit, vegetables, or plain crackers are excellent choices that provide a steady energy boost.



To help us promote healthy habits, we kindly ask that the following items stay at home for after-school treats. Sweets and chocolate of any kind, crisps, biscuits, cakes and fizzy or high sugar drinks.



We have several children in our school community with severe allergies, particularly to nuts.

To help us keep everyone safe, please follow the guidance below:

- Our school is strictly nut free. This includes items such as peanut butter, Nutella, and any bars or snacks containing nuts.
- Playtime snacks should **not include fish or dairy**, as these are eaten in shared spaces. These items are absolutely fine in lunchboxes, as lunch is eaten in the hall.
- No sharing of food. Children should only eat the snacks and lunches provided from home to prevent accidental exposure to allergens.

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OUR SCHOOL IS NUT FREE

Please do not bring in any nut-based products into school or in packed lunches



Please be aware that some chocolate spreads, cereal bars & cakes may contain nuts or traces of nuts- always check the ingredients label

Thank you for helping our school to be a safe environment for children with allergies

BASSETT GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Bassett Bees Breakfast Club

Now booking for September 2026 on Arbor

Who:	All Year groups	All Year groups
When:	Monday- Friday	Monday- Friday
Time:	7.30-8am	8-8.30am
Where:	Dining Hall	Dining Hall
Cost:	£3* per session	**FREE!**

As part of the Government's new free breakfast club scheme

Start your day in a calm & relaxed way with friends and a filling breakfast to get you ready and energised for the day ahead!



Pre-booking is essential!

* Breakfast club costs £3 per child and is free to those eligible for free school meals.

If you are eligible for Tax-Free Childcare, you can set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider.

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BOOK NOW

WRAPAROUND & SPORTS CLUBS

Sports Clubs

Monday - Gymnastics (Year 1-6)
Tuesday - KS1 Football (Year 1 & 2)
Wednesday - KS2 Football (Year 3-6)
Thursday - Basketball (Year 1-6)
Friday - Dance & Theatre (Year 1-6)

Children starting school in September 2026 can start Sports Clubs in January 2027

Session	Time	Price
Sports Club Only	15.15-16.15	£4.75
Wraparound	15.15-16.15	£6.50 (Snack Included)
Wraparound (After Sports Club)	16.15-18.00	£8.25 (Snack Included)
Wraparound Year R - Year 6	15.15-18.00	£13 (Snack Included)



BOOKINGS OPEN 1ST JUNE 2026

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27TH SEPTEMBER AT

BASSETT GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

10.15AM – FOR CHURCH SERVICE & KIDS GROUP

12PM – 1.15 PM FOR FUN EVENT

ALL WELCOME – ALL FREE – JUST TURN UP!
(KIDS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULTS)

You're welcome to come for the service AND/OR our fun event at 12!

10.15 - Snacks + drinks

10.30 - service + worship + kids group, in hall

12 - 1.15 - Bouncey castle, games, snacks, cakes & drinks

Where to find us!

www.solentvineyard.org.uk

@solentvineyard

making music

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UNDER 3s FREE

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Community Funday

Games- Speakers- Cake & Coffee- Community

Hosted by Guide Dogs Southampton Fundraising Group

Sunday 25th of October from 10:30 am till 4:00 pm,
Peartree Church Hall, 80 Peartree Rd, Bitterne, Southampton, SO19 7GZ

Entry: £1 per child, £2 per adult - Token Cards for activities: £5 for 6 tokens, £10 for 12. Entry tickets and tokens on the door.

Additional costs: facepainting, raffle, and food and drink. Guide dog stock only no pet dogs please.

Contact: Katie Murton, katemurton@yahoo.co.uk



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Discount Activities September

15th Sep | Bowling & Laser Tag Southampton | 6pm £4

17th Sep | Monkey Bizness Gosport | 6:15pm £2.50

19th Sep | Ice Skating Gosport | 3pm £4

19th Sep | High Score Arcade Southampton | 1pm £4.50

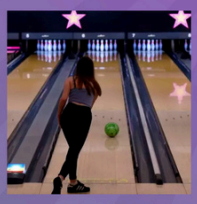
19th Sep | Ninja Warrior Southamtpton | 3pm £5

21st Sep | Flipout Portsmouth | 4pm-6pm - £4.50

24th Sep | Bowling Farham | 6pm - £3.50

26th Sep | Family Swim Romsey | 1pm - £3.50

28th Sep | Monkey Bizness Southampton | 6:15pm - £2.50





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English (ESOL) class

for adult learners in Swaythling



Learn English (ESOL)
with Southampton College
in Swaythling
Mondays
12:30 -2:30pm



Most suitable for beginner (pre-entry / New to ESOL) and elementary (Entry 1 - Entry 2) level learners

Learners must be eligible for government funding and must not be attending another funded ESOL course in 2026-27.

Booking is essential. Please message 07825 854359.

South Hampshire College Group

Information correct as of 14/09/26

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Useful information

Southampton Family Trust
building relationships

















Visit their website here

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Helpful links for buying uniform



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