

# THE HIVE'S CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY CLUB

SUMMER 2026

## FAMILY FUN

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### May Half Term 2026: Family Fun in Southampton

During the May half-term in Southampton, families can enjoy a variety of free and low-cost activities.

Here are some highlights:

- **IKEA Southampton:** Offers **free** activities like the Eco Explorers crossword challenge and eco pledges.  
<https://www.ikea.com/gb/en/stores/events/ikea-southampton/>
- **SeaCity Museum, City Art Gallery & Tudor House:** Hosts creative workshops and family experiences for all ages.
- **Southampton City Art Gallery:** Features one of the finest collections of art in the South of England, free and open to all.
- 1. **John Hansard Gallery:** Another leading contemporary art gallery in Southampton, free and open to all. Every Saturday, **John Hansard Gallery** hosts their **free Space to Create workshops**, giving families a chance to make and build their own art inspired by the latest exhibitions on display. Drop-in times are between 11am – 1pm and suitable for ages four and up. Learn more [here](#).
- **Southampton's Town Walls:** Offers a series of panels around the walls providing information and guidance around the Old Town's encircling walls.
- <https://www.visit-hampshire.co.uk/dbimsgs/Southampton%20Old%20Town%20Walk.pdf>

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- **[Where kids eat free in Southampton this May half-term](#)**
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### Little Bears in Care 11 - 31 May | Citywide

- Enjoy a free walking trail around Southampton and discover cute teddy bears hidden at locations across the city as part of Foster Care Fortnight. Created by Fostering Southampton, the trail shares the stories of children who have experienced care through a series of displays and installations. [Download the location list to start exploring the trail.](#)

- **The Mayflower Studios Family Fun Day featuring WNO: Play Opera Live!**

They are partnering with **Welsh National Opera** to offer a variety of activities suitable for all ages, including behind the scenes workshops, face painting and crafts. We will also have our very own 'Book Swap', so bring along a book you have finished and pick up another! We hope to see you there for a day of creativity and fun for all the family. Our Family Fun Day is free to attend however, we also offer the option to 'Pay What You Decide'. This means you can either choose a free ticket, a £3 ticket or a £5 ticket – it's up to you. This initiative supports us to be able to continue to deliver this activity and also ensures that it is accessible for everyone.

<https://www.mayflower.org.uk/whats-on/family-fun-day-2026/>

### Lepe Country Park

#### Gardening for Kids

Discover the joy of gardening with your kids.

27 May 2026 11am to midday

This FREE ranger lead session will help your children (6-12 yrs) learn the basics of gardening and help create wild areas to encourage wildlife. A kid friendly session perfect for a free May half term activity! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-booking essential due to limited spaces.

[Book Here](#)