

The Hive CU Club Summer 2026 Activity Pack



30 Days Wild!



THE HIVE'S CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY CLUB

SUMMER 2026

NATURE & THE ENVIRONMENT



30 Days Wild 2026

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The UK's biggest nature challenge!

**CU Learning Provider:
The Wildlife Trusts**

We challenge you to do one wild thing a day throughout the month of June! That's 30 simple, fun and exciting Random Acts of Wildness.

When you [sign up](#), you'll get a free pack of goodies to help you plan your wild month, plus lots of ideas to inspire you to stay wild all throughout June (and beyond!).

Categories:

Outdoor learning, Family learning & Nature and the environment

Skills:

Problem solving & Planning

All Age

0.5 credits per activity

OR

you can choose the Paw Print Challenge Pack for 30 Days Wild:

In order to complete this challenge, download the [challenge pack](#). Select and complete the relevant number of activities for your age group, as shown on the cover of the download.

Categories:

Outdoor learning, Family learning & Nature and the environment

2 credits

Butterfly Count 2026

<https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/about>

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The Big Butterfly Count is a nationwide citizen science survey aimed at helping us assess the health of our environment. It was launched in 2010 and has rapidly become the world's biggest survey of butterflies. Did you know in the New Forest and Southampton area over 3400 people took part!

How it works

The Big Butterfly Count 2026 reopens on the 1st of July ready for the main event between the 17th of July and 9th of August.

Simply count butterflies for 15 minutes during bright (preferably sunny) weather during the Big Butterfly Count. We have chosen this time of year because most butterflies are at the adult stage of their lifecycle, so more likely to be seen. Records are welcome from anywhere: from parks, school grounds and gardens, to fields and forests.

If you are counting from a fixed position in your garden, count the maximum number of each species that you can see at a single time. For example, if you see three Red Admirals together on a buddleia bush then record it as 3, but if you only see one at a time then record it as 1 (even if you saw one on several occasions) - this is so that you don't count the same butterfly more than once.

iRecord Butterflies is a free app that will guide you through the identification of any butterfly that you see in the UK and allow you to add your sighting to millions of other valuable records that inform the work of Butterfly Conservation.

Categories:

Outdoor learning, Family learning & Nature and the environment

Skills:

Planning & Teamwork

6 Credits



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ARTS

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CU Learning Provider:

Ootiboo

<https://play.ootiboo.com/projects/summercraft>

Summer Craft

SummerCraft is Ootiboo's brand new competition for any age, anywhere, celebrating all things summertime! Create something in response to one of the themes using any medium and share it with us to have your work added to the gallery and a chance to win a prize!

Think about what summer means to you.

For this competition you can choose any subject matter you like, so long as it relates to summertime.

Some potential ideas could be:

The colours of summer: Everything looks and feels more vibrant in the summer sun! You could create a piece that showcases the bold colours that are often associated with the season.

Summer holidays: Schools out! Could you create an artwork that showcases where you go (or would like to go!) during your summer break?

The beach: If you're lucky enough to be visiting a beach this summer, could you build something from sand, or draw something into it?

Summer in winter: In the Southern Hemisphere, the seasons are reversed. So while it is summer in the UK (where Ootiboo is based) it is winter in places like Brazil and Australia! Could your artwork depict this in some way?

Eco: Perhaps you could base your idea on something to do with ecology, such as the importance of insect habitats?

These are just ideas to get you started. If you'd prefer to base your summer creation on something completely different, that's absolutely fine.

Categories: **Art, Culture, Music**

Skill: **Creativity**

1 Credit

The Children's University May Half Term Challenge Sheet

CU Learning Provider: **CU Trust**

Gain up to 5 new stamps this Half Term by completing Children's University's Half Term Challenge. With activities that will get you learning all sorts of new things, this challenge will be a great way to keep busy!

Access the challenge sheet here

<https://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/media/1633/may-half-term-challenge-sheet-2026.pdf>

Categories: **Arts, culture and music, Science, technology, engineering and maths, Nature and the environment**

Skills: **Speaking, Creativity, Planning**

PET THEMED ONLINE FAMILY COURSES

CU Learning Provider: **Woodgreen's online family learning courses**

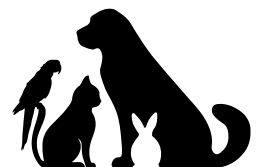
Woodgreen's online family learning courses are designed for families to learn together in the comfort of their own home, about a range of pets. Topics include mice, hamsters, cats, chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs and dogs. All courses are completely self led and include interactive quizzes and videos to help families understand everything a pet needs to be healthy and happy.

<https://woodgreen.org.uk/courses/>

Categories: **Family learning, Nature and the environment, Online**

Skills: **Listening, Creativity, Teamwork**

Credits **1.5**



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SKILLS CHALLENGES

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CU Learning Provider:
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All validated CU activities are based around eight key skills. Every time you log into your CU Online Portal and add a code you track your hours of achievement alongside tracking all the skills you are acquiring too!

For Summer 2026 we will produce 4 quick skills challenges for you to try. Each challenge will earn a 0.5 Credit plus an additional 0.5 credit for completing the extension challenges. If you haven't tried one yet you can find them here: <https://newforestcu.co.uk/cu-club-resources/>

Skills Various Credits Various

Additional Challenge - design your own skills challenge to share with others. Email them to newforestcu@gmail.com

Check regularly for new updates
<https://newforestcu.co.uk/cu-club-resources/>



JUST FOR FUN

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CU Learning Provider: The Hive
2026 World Cup Mini Challenge

The world's premier international football competition returns in 2026, with a number of firsts as it is co-hosted across three countries and features 48 teams.

We have created a series of fun puzzles and quizzes to do during the World Cup Season

Head over to our website and find our resources page to have some fun with family and friends

<https://newforestcu.co.uk/cu-club-resources/>



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Pawprint World Explorer Challenge

<https://pawprintfamily.com/free-printable/world-explorer-challenge-pack.pdf>

Dive into creative art projects, global games, culinary delights, and iconic landmarks as this pack invites young explorers to journey through continents with imagination and curiosity. With 50+ activities across Craft, Food, Games, and Other, it offers an engaging introduction to the fascinating diversity of our world.

Categories Family Learning/ online

Skills: Teamwork, Planning

Credits 2



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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](#)

