

SWINDON SEND SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2025

JULY 2025

Moredon Sporting Hub - Cycling

The Moredon Sporting Hub boasts excellent cycling facilities catering for all ages and abilities, whether you're taking your first turn of the pedals or are an experienced cyclist.

Limitless Family cycling, is our session exclusively for SEND families. Enjoy cycling together on our enclosed, traffic-free track. Adapted cycles & helmets included.

When

Saturdays, from 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Price & Booking

Cost: £4.50 per child (One adult goes free with every child) £5.50 Extra adult*

Book online

<https://centralswindonnorthpc.xnlcloud.com/LhWeb/en/public/Home>

Welcome to the 2025 edition of the Swindon Summer SEND News Splash. This is the fifth edition of this newsletter and is full of activities and clubs available to children and young people in Swindon.

Not all the activities in the programme are SEND specific. Contact the activity organisers direct if you wish to discuss your child's needs.



Other cycling activities are also available, for more information, see:

<https://centralswindonnorth-pc.gov.uk/moredon-sporting-hub/cycling/>



Additional Needs and Neurodiversity Youth Club

Meets each Wednesday

@ Meadowcroft Community Centre

6.00pm - 7.00pm

For ages 10 - 25 years



SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP



**MONDAY TO FRIDAY
8:45AM TO 3PM
THROUGHOUT THE
SUMMER HOLIDAYS
FOR AGES 5 TO 16 @
OUR ATHENA AVENUE
CENTRE**



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LOVE MAKING NEW FRIENDS?
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LOVE HAVING FUN?**

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10AM - 2PM EVERY TUESDAY AND
THURSDAY
@ CROWDYS HILL SCHOOL**

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Story Garden



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Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is a FREE holiday activity for children. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence. The Challenge runs every year throughout the summer holidays, and all children aged 4-11 are welcome to take part.

This year's Challenge theme, Story Garden, is an enchanting take on nature and the great outdoors. Through reading, children will uncover magical creatures, vibrant plants, and enchanting landscapes brought to life by award-winning illustrator Dapo Adeola. Libraries will be transformed into immersive gardens of adventure where children's imaginations can flourish, supported by free activities and resources.

Children can take part for FREE at your local library, details found here:

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20026/libraries/888/library_locations_and_opening_hours

You can sign up at your local library and take part in person. A librarian will give you a special collector folder and help you find books to read. You'll collect special stickers and rewards for your reading, or:

You can take part online by signing up [here](https://api.readingagency.org.uk/users/sign_up), https://api.readingagency.org.uk/users/sign_up on the official Challenge website. You'll set up a profile with a reading goal and log your books. When you reach your goal, you will unlock a virtual badge and certificate.

Please note, the in-person and online Challenges are separate. Physical incentives like medals are only available via the library, for those taking part in the in-person Challenge.

What's on in the school holidays:



Swindon Town FC
Community Foundation

Swindon Town Football Club will again be running their school holiday 'football and fun' sessions.

For further details please see there website:

<https://www.stfcfoundation.com/programmes/courses-packages/holiday-courses>

Wharf Green in Swindon town centre will be transformed into a pop-up park hosting a number of free family events this summer throughout August 2025.



Activities such as an outdoor cinema and planetarium, will occupy the square. Each weekend you will see a different theme with a marquee activity taking place. There will also be activities taking place every Wednesday, including art and circus workshops.

The pop-up park, featuring a large artificial grass area, picnic benches, and play elements like hopscotch, a numbered snake and a running track, will remain in place throughout the month. It can be enjoyed at any time, even when no events are taking place.

The schedule for the month is:

- Creative Arts Weekend with Signal Festival and the South Asian Performing Arts Centre – Saturday, 2 and Sunday, 3 August
- Circus School with the Swindon Circus and Outdoor Arts Project – Wednesday, 6 August
- Sports Weekend with ATB Skateshop – Saturday, 9 and Sunday, 10 August
- Wheelie Wednesday with British Cycling – Wednesday, 13 August
- Outdoor Cinema with Create Studios – Saturday, 16 and Sunday, 17 August
- Art Workshop and Garden Party with Artsite – Wednesday, 20 August
- Planetarium with Immersive Experiences – Saturday, 23 and Sunday, 24 August
- Live music finale with Swindon 105.5– Monday, 25 August

All events and activities are open to everyone and family-friendly.

No booking is required – just turn up and join in.

Activities are subject to availability and the weather on the day.

What's on in the school holidays:

25 July - 31 August 2025

Kids for a Quid

Children visit for just £1 when accompanied by a full-paying adult



At Lydiard House Museum

For more information about all activities happening at **Lydiard Park** over the summer, please see their website:

<https://www.lydiardpark.org.uk/events/>



The Great British Food Festival

Saturday 2nd - Sunday 3rd August



The Wind in the Willows: Outdoor Theatre

Sunday 3rd August



Mayhem of Mad4Animals

21 August 2025

What's on in the school holidays:

TOWN GARDENS TAKEOVER!

SUN 27TH JULY

FREE CREATIVE FESTIVAL FOR 11-25 YEAR OLDS



Calling all 11-25 year olds, come on down to Town Gardens on **Sunday 27th July** for The Town Gardens Takeover!

Between 10am and 3pm, you can enjoy free pop-up performances and creative arts workshops! Discover your talent... watch, listen, take part or just relax. We'll be there with art activities, alongside loads of other creative organisations from across Swindon.

This free, creative event is part of SIGNAL Festival, an exciting week of creative events and workshops for young people taking place across Swindon from 25th July to 2nd August. Find out more about the Town Gardens Takeover and other events on the SIGNAL Festival website: <https://www.signalfestival.co.uk/events/town-gardens-takeover/>

Swindon Museum and Art have a number of events and exhibitions running over the summer including Family Activities sessions.

The Museum Explorer Challenge is running from 25 July 2025 until 31 August 2025.

For further details, please see their website:

<https://www.museumartswindon.com/whats-on/>



MUSEUM & ART
SWINDON

STEAM

STEAM are running family activities events over the summer, many of which are free within the admission charge. For more information, please see their website: https://www.steam-museum.org.uk/events/?action=get_event_count&category%5B%5D=family-activities&time=all

What's on in the school holidays:



Better, at **The Link Centre in West Swindon** are running holiday activities this summer including:

- Ice Skating
- Trampolining
- Junior Gym
- Swimming for Families
- Soft Play

For dates, times, prices and age guidelines, please see their website: <https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/swindon/the-link-centre/holiday-activities-link-centre>



Coate Water has a range of activities on offer for families this summer, including the splash park. The splash park is free of charge to use and open daily between 11.00am and 6.00pm daily until end Sept 2025. Please note the splash park is an unstaffed facility, and children must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.

Other activities available at Coate Water include angling, golf, bird watching, cafe, play area. Coate Water is wheelchair accessible including 'all access' disabled toilet facility.

Stanton Park, at Stanton Fitzwarren, SN6 7SF is owned by Swindon Borough Council and is open throughout the summer. There is a circular surfaced walking route, suitable for wheelchairs, and a range of wildlife habitats can be seen including: remnants of ancient woodland, wildflower meadows, wetland, a lake, streams and a series of recently restored ponds.

Why not pack a picnic and have a free family day out at one of Swindon's beautiful parks? These include: Lydiard Park, Coate Water, Stanton Park, Mouldon Hill, Shaw Forest Park, GWR Park at Faringdon Road, The Town Gardens, Queens Park, Lawns Park, Barbury Castle

Further details found here: https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20077/parks_and_open_spaces



Signal Festival is a radical showcase of talent and opportunity for Swindon's young people 11-25 years. Signal cultivates art, supports artists and enriches audiences. Lets celebrate together!

From 25 July 2025 to 2 August 2025



Whats on - over 40 events spanning music, dance, visual arts and more, including:

- This is Signal! Showcase
- Look Here - Open Exhibition
- Spoken word workshop
- How to turn an idea into a performance

**For more information please visit website:
<https://www.signalfestival.co.uk/events/>**

SEND SOCIAL CLUB!

**For young people aged 13-25 years with SEND
FREE to attend!**

Email: sendsocialclub.ssfv@outlook.com to book a place

When: Thursday 14th August 6.30pm - 8:30pm

Where: The Meadow, Leigh Road, Swindon, SN2 5DE

Parents and carers are responsible for their young people and are expected to stay for the session



**With Amina
and
Hannah!**

SEND STAY & PLAY SUPPORT GROUP

For children aged 0-5 years with SEND

FREE to attend!

Email: sendstayandplay.ssfv@outlook.com to book a place

When: Every Thursday; 10:00 - 12:00

Where: The Meadow, Leigh Road, Swindon, SN2 5DE

Please note parents and carers are responsible for their children whilst attending



18 - 22 August 2025

GRANGE LEISURE
SWINDON

2 hours of fun every day!
Qualified tuition to learn to roller skate
Earn Skills Badges, play games & take part
in our end of week exhibition!

Find out more & book:

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Summer SKATE CAMP

WHAT IS IT?

A week of fun on wheels this summer holiday with our Skate Camp! Learn new skills, keep active and have an absolute blast!

Enjoy 2 hours of skating every day with sessions combining learning skills and tricks, playing games and creating fun routines to show off at our end of week exhibition! Run by nationally qualified coaches from Unity Artistic with structured tuition working towards Skills Badges.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Best suited for children aged 6-12 years. No previous skating experience is required - it's open to all abilities. Contact us if you'd like to discuss suitability.

Spaces limited to 16 to ensure lots of quality tuition for every participant.

WHERE & WHEN?

Venue: Grange Leisure Centre, Stratton St Margaret, Swindon

Mon 18th, Tues 19th, Weds 20th August from 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Thurs 21st from 1.30pm - 3.30pm, Friday 22nd from 2.00pm - 4.00pm plus end of week showcase 4.00pm - 4.30pm

Spectators, families & friends welcome to come watch the exhibition!

HOW MUCH?

£75 per participant

Skate hire is included, if required - or you're welcome to bring your own. Also includes certificate & badge for each skills level passed as well as games prizes.

HOW TO BOOK

Book online via our book when page at:

www.unityartistic.co.uk

Spaces limited so book now!





Participation Summer Event 2025

On Wednesday, 27 August 2025

From 12.00noon to 3.00pm

At the BBQ Field, Lydiard Park, Swindon, SN5 3PA

BBQ, SPORTS & GAMES,
CRAFTS

For all care experienced young
people and carers!

To find out more, or to let us know you're coming, please contact
challengeandparticipation@swindon.gov.uk