

Early Help Community News

Bringing you the best community highlights happening across Southend

Issue 12

Easter Edition



Hello

Easter is here—as always there are lots of Eggciting events going on in Southend!

To help you start planning your Easter Break check out www.visitsouthend.co.uk/whatson where you are bound to find lots of free events and low cost activities happening across the city.

To find out what is happening day to day in and around South Essex, check out mums guide to mumsguideto.co.uk/southend

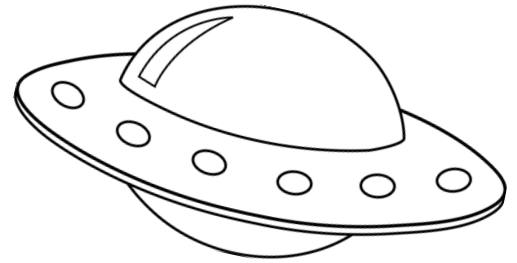
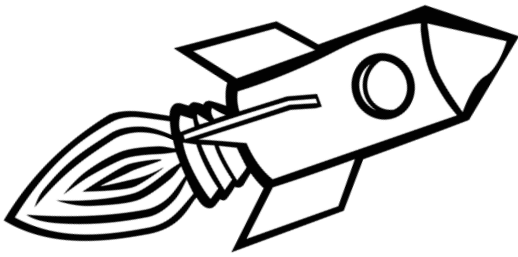
Have you got your HAF code? There are 4 days of activities for you to book onto this Easter, with the list of providers growing every year, there is everything from Football to Farms, click the link to find out all the details and book your sessions.

www.livewellsouthend.com/activities/holiday-activities-food-programme-haf

What is Livewell Southend?

This is Southend's health and wellbeing website. You can find information and advice on how to stay well, as well as links and contact details for people who can help you and your family. You can also find: community groups, details of organisations who can support children or adults with various health and wellbeing issues, services that can provide support for children and adults, advice and guidance on local services and support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

To sign up for the monthly Livewell newsletter, which summarises key news and events, please visit [Email Updates](#) from Southend-on-Sea City Council, add your email address and select "Livewell: What's New?". You can also select other council-affiliated newsletters you are interested in from here too.



SOUTHEND MUSEUMS' SPRING SPACE DAY

16th April - 11am - 5pm

Southend Museum and Planetarium are bringing back their space day again this Easter.

Celebrate the wonders of space with Southend Museums intergalactic team. Experience a day of planetarium shows, meteorite handling sessions and a brand new astrophysics talk as part of Spring Space Day! Pre-booking is essential. There are several events as part of this collection so you are sure to find something to suit your family needs.

Details of sessions and booking here— www.eventbrite.com/cc/spring-space-day





Join Southend Museums at Prittlewell Priory during the Easter holidays for 'Wildlife Weekend', a fun family event with animal handling, crafting, face painting, an activity trail and more!

This Easter, pop down to the priory for a spring celebration of all creatures great and small, and learn how to support our local wildlife. The team from Exotic Explorers will be bringing some furry and feathery (and even scaly!) friends along for hands on animal experiences and handling. Then, have a close encounter of the cheesy kind with a an amazingly oozy toastie from Melt, who will be serving up food including grilled toasties, baps and fresh pastries as well as a range of hot and cold drinks.

Have your face painted like your favourite animal, get creative with a critter craft to take home with you, visit stalls from local wildlife organisations to find out how we can care for the animals around us and try your hand at some silly, seasonal games and kids activities.

We hear some cheeky creatures from the park have been causing all sorts of mischief at the priory, make sure you help us complete the scavenger hunt during your visit to solve their puzzle and win a prize!

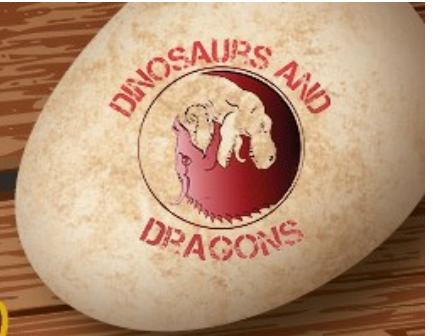
Under 3's go free! Prebooking for this event is essential.

www.eventbrite.com/e/wildlife-weekend-tickets

There are ROARsome activities going on at the Pier this Easter!



SOUTHEND PIER
PRESENTS



JURASSIC PIER

18-20 APRIL 2025
12PM-5PM



**COME FACE TO FACE
WITH DINOSAURS!**

PLUS INTERACTIVE SHOWS, CRAFT
ACTIVITIES* AND FOSSIL HUNTING!
USUAL PIER ADMISSION PRICES APPLY / *£3 PER CHILD



FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT
SOUTHENDPIER.CO.UK

A vibrant poster for a 'Dino Egg Hunt' event. At the top, a string of colorful triangular bunting hangs against a blue sky with white clouds. A large, light-yellow egg is the central focus, with a cartoon Triceratops emerging from a crack in its shell. The text 'DINO EGG HUNT' is prominently displayed in large, green, 3D letters with yellow dots, and 'HUNT' is in blue. A pink banner across the middle of the egg reads '5-21 APRIL 2025'. Below this, it says 'JUST £3 PER CHILD*' with a small note '*Usual pier admission prices still apply'. The background shows a wooden pier railing and the sea. At the bottom, there are illustrations of two small yellow chicks, a white rabbit, and several colorful Easter eggs.

SOUTHEND PIER
PRESENTS THE

DINO EGG HUNT

5-21 APRIL 2025

JUST £3 PER CHILD*
*Usual pier admission prices still apply

Join us for an egg-cellent twist on an Easter Trail
where you're on the hunt for dinosaur eggs!

For more information visit our website
southendpier.co.uk



THE BIG EGG HUNT

Belchamps 5th—21st April 2025

Belchamps Camp
Holyoak Lane
HOCKLEY



If you fancy something a bit different, why not check out the Big Egg Hunt at Belchamps.

Follow the clues around the site to find the missing word. You might even find the Easter Bunny. Price includes a chocolate egg, children with dietary requirements may receive an alternative to an egg.

Our annual Easter event. Follow a map around our grounds to find all the clues. Cross bridges, discover our woodland and claim your Chocolate Egg at the end.

Refreshments and Food Available.

Please book in advance to avoid disappointment.

Open to all including members of the public, £5 Per Child, Adults/Carers FREE

Booking fees may apply— www.belchamps.org.uk/the-big-egg-hunt/

Self Led Easter Trail At Belfairs Nature Discovery Centre—Eastwood Road North.

Thursday 17th April 10am—3pm

This Easter weekend follow the self-led trail through the green wood, answer the egg-cellent clues and claim an egg-citing prize!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Maps will be provided on entry and a small prize can be claimed at the end.

No Booking Required £3 per child





ATF

Easter

EVENT





Join us for a day of family fun at the Hive Southend

- Meet a real life fairy
- Easter Bunnies
- Fairy trail
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Meet a real life Gnome
- Stay & Play/Crafts
- Face Painting
- Animals meet & greet

14th & 15th April
09:30 – 11:30 & 12:30 – 14:30
£10 for 1st Child then £5 per child there after £2 per Adult
 The Hive Nature School, Garon Park, Eastern Ave,
 Southend on Sea, SS2 4FA.
 Contact: Vicky 07803 331 345
 Jade: 07949 270 592






THE BRIDGE ATF SOUTHBEND VINEYARD

ATF FUTURE WARRIORS

YOUTH CLUB

17:00 - 19:00
THURSDAY'S





Ages: 10 - 17

OUR ACTIVITIES

- Boxing
- Just Dance
- Pool
- Table Tennis
- Air Hockey
- Football

🕒 17:00 - 19:00 📞 Alex: 07565509224 📍 The Vineyard Centre, 6 Warrior Square, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 2JE.

Meet the Farm Animals with Gemma's Farm is back!

Meet The Farm Animals! 10th -12th April

Get up close and learn fun facts about your favourite farm animals!

Please book a time slot, you will have 2 hours to enjoy the experience.

Everyone in your party will need a ticket apart from babies in arms.

<https://scottsofsouthend.digitickets.co.uk/event-tickets>



Meet The
Farm Animals!

Thursday 10th, Friday 11th & Saturday 12th
April

From only £5
per person

Meet your favourite
farm pets!

Learn about your favourite
farmyard friends with animal
experts from Gemma's Farm!

Get up-close, learn
facts & take photos!

Book your session on
our website now!

PRE BOOKING
ONLY

Gemma's
Farm

Scott's
of
Southend



Join in for a great time at the Easter Community Fair!

Eastwood Community Centre— Saturday April 12th 10am—4pm

This amazing all day event is just 50p entry—Kids go free!

- A visit from the Easter Bunny, 11am – 1pm
- Performance by L.O.D.S – 11am
- Free Easter Treasure Hunt
- Raffle in aid of MIND
- Refreshments

Over 20 Craft stalls including cakes, painting, pottery, crochet, face painting and Black Box Brewery.



Easter Holidays

Week 1 - Monday 7th April - Friday 11th April 2025

Monday

Stay & Play
0 - 5 years
Prince Avenue
Family Centre
10am - 11am

Baby Play
0 - 1 years
Blenheim
Family Centre
1pm - 2pm

Stay and Play
0 - 5 years
Summercourt
Family Centre
1pm - 2pm

Tuesday

Stay & Play
0 - 5 years
Hamstel
Family Centre
10am - 11am

Stay & Play
0 - 5 years
Cambridge Road
Family Centre
1pm - 2pm

Sensory Play
0 - 2 years
Friars
Family Centre
1pm - 2pm

Wednesday

Active Play
0 - 5 years
Blenheim
Family Centre
10am - 11am

Stay & Play
0 - 5 years
Friars
Family Centre
10am - 11am

Active Play
0 - 5 years
Friars
Family Centre
1pm - 2pm

Sensory Play
0 - 2 years
Eastwood
Family Centre
1pm - 2pm

Stay and Play
0 - 5 years
Centre Place
Family Centre
1pm - 2pm

Thursday

Sensory Play
0 - 2 years
Cambridge Road
Family Centre
9.45am - 10.45am

Stay and Play
0 - 5 years
Eastwood
Family Centre
10am - 11am

Story, Rhythm & Sign
0 - 2 years
Cambridge Road
Family Centre
12.45pm - 1.15pm

Story, Rhythm & Sign
2 - 5 years
Cambridge Road
Family Centre
1.30pm - 2pm

Baby Play
0 - 1 years
Summercourt
Family Centre
1pm - 2pm

Friday

Stay and Play
0 - 5 years
Blenheim
Family Centre
10am - 11am

Baby Play
0 - 1 years
Prince Avenue
Family Centre
1pm - 2pm

Free Easter and Spring themed drop-in sessions for your 0 - 5 year olds. Older siblings are able to join Stay & Plays.

These sessions are first come, first serve. Entry will be stopped when the room reaches capacity due to health and safety.

Easter Holidays

Week 2 - Monday 14th April - Friday 18th April 2025

Monday

Stay and Play
0 - 5 years
Prince Avenue
Family Centre
10am - 11am

Stay and Play
0 - 5 years
Summercourt
Family Centre
1pm - 2pm

Tuesday

Stay & Play
0 - 5 years
Hamstel
Family Centre
10am - 11am

Stay & Play
0 - 5 years
Cambridge Road
Family Centre
1pm - 2pm

Sensory Play
0 - 2 years
Friars
Family Centre
1pm - 2pm

Wednesday

Stay & Play
0 - 5 years
Friars
Family Centre
10am - 11am

Stay & Play
0 - 5 years
Eastwood
Family Centre
1pm - 2pm

Active Play
0 - 5 years
Friars
Family Centre
1pm - 2pm

Thursday

Sensory Play
0 - 2 years
Cambridge Road
Family Centre
9.45am - 10.45am

Story, Rhythm & Sign
0 - 2 years
Cambridge Road
Family Centre
12.45pm - 1.15pm

Story, Rhythm & Sign
2 - 5 years
Cambridge Road
Family Centre
1.30pm - 2pm

Baby Play
0 - 1 years
Summercourt
Family Centre
1pm - 2pm

Friday

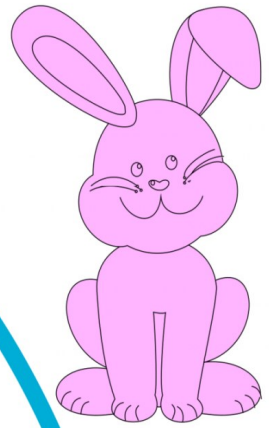
Good Friday - CLOSED

Free Easter and Spring themed drop-in sessions for your 0 - 5 year olds. Older siblings are able to join Stay & Plays and Messy Plays.

These sessions are first come, first serve. Entry will be stopped when the room reaches capacity due to health and safety.

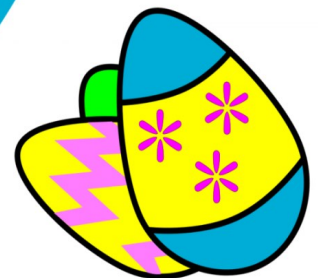
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Word list:

BASKET
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CHOCOLATE
COTTONTAIL

DYE
EGGS
FIND
FLOWERS

HIDE
HOP
PEEP
RABBIT

Dates for your diary

Free Water Activities for your Family are Back as Active Southend-on-Thames returns for 2025!

Following a fun-filled year of activities in 2024, we are pleased to announce that Active Southend-on-Thames will continue throughout 2025. This year's delivery will bring a range of free activities to our beaches, suitable for the whole family including kayaking, yoga and water dips, beach safaris, cold water dips, and family beach days.

For all the dates and booking please see

www.savs-southend.org/free-water-activities-for-your-family-are-back-as-active-southend-on-thames-returns-for-2025

The next **SEND Surgery** will take place on Friday 25th April at Hamstel Family Centre, Hamstel Road, Southend-On-Sea SS2 4PQ. Everyone is welcome. Surgeries run from 9.00am to 11.00am unless otherwise stated. There is no need to book, just come along.

Future dates can be found here www.livewellsouthend.com/events-activities/send-surgeries

Transitions Workshop for parents/carers.

Booking is essential for this work shop.

Transition workshop to cover – school transitions, the ready steady go program, ways to support with transitions. Suitable for all ages but a focus on the changes that happen around teenager years.

Delivered by staff from the Lighthouse Development Centre ASD/ADHD team

To be held at Little Heroes ASD Support Hub, Garon Community Centre, Garon Park, Southend-On-Sea SS2 4FA

Thursday 24th April 10-12pm

To register your interest and book a place please email the address below

epunft.lighthouse.reception@nhs.net

Or

bookingslittleheroes.asd@gmail.com



WHAT'S ON APRIL

Open Top Bus

Starting 5 April
Leigh - Shoebury

Dino Egg Hunt

5 - 21 April
Southend Pier

Inflatable Fun Days

8 - 17 April
Parks across Southend

Spring Community Day

Wednesday 9 April
Garon Park

Wildlife Weekend

12 - 13 April
Prittlewell Priory

Bluey & Bingo Come to Visit

Saturday 12 April
Adventure Island

Spring Space Day

Wednesday 16 April
Southend Planetarium

The Hatter's Tea Party!

Wednesday 16 April
Grumpy's Diner

Easter Fun

Thursday 17 April
The Victoria Centre

Jurassic Pier

18 - 20 April
Southend Pier

Easter Egg Hunt

18 - 20 April
Indirock

Easter Fun Day

Saturday 19 April
Leigh Community Centre

Music in the Park

Starting 20 April
Priory Park

Southend Shakedown

Monday 21 April
Southend Seafront

Concert Series

Friday 25 April
Civic Centre

Blank Slate - Miniatures

Friday 25 April
Focal Point Gallery

visitsouthend.co.uk

All event information correct at time of publication.

**SOUTHEND
TOURISM
PARTNERSHIP**



TrustLinks

May Fayre

11AM
-2PM

SATURDAY
10TH MAY
2025

- LIVE MUSIC
- STALLS & ACTIVITIES
- DANCE AROUND THE MAYPOLE
- FOOD AND DRINK
- FUN FOR ALL AGES!

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