

# Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



Part of The Gem Federation

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## Dates for your Diary

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
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School Holidays	INSET Days	Tutorial Day	Bank Holidays
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- 13.07.24 – Summer Fair, 12-3pm
- 16.07.24 – Year 6 performance 6pm
- 17.07.24 – Nursery trip to Ruskin Park
- 19.07.24 – Carnival 2.00pm
- 22.07.24 – Year 6 trip to Oxygen
- 23.07.24 – Year 6 graduation 2.15pm
- 24.07.24 – Class parties
- 24.07.24 – Year 6 disco
- 25.07.24 – Last day of term, 2pm finish

### Summer Term Library Visit Dates

	10:20- 11
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June	4VG
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> July	5OF
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Moonbeam
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Sunshine
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	4BC
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	6LM
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	6AC and 6SB

## News and Reminders

### Ofsted Report

We are very proud to be able to share the report from our recent Ofsted inspection. As it was a section 8 inspection the school's grade could not change, so we remain a good school, but we hope you agree that this is an excellent report and a great reflection of our wonderful school and its community. You can view the report in the attachment with the newsletter or by following this link to the website:

<https://www.thegemfederation.co.uk/bessemer-primary/key-information/ofsted/>

### School Data

While we assess children's progress and attainment continuously throughout their time at school, there are various points at which data is collected and shared beyond the school. These include the GLD (Good Level of Development) at the end of Reception, the phonics check in Year 1, the times table check in Year 4 and the Year 6 SATs. We are pleased to be able to share all of Bessemer's data for this year, with the national levels for comparison. As this year's national data is not all available yet we are using some 2023 data for comparison, however this tends not to vary by more than around 1% each year.

	% of children achieving the expected standard	
	Bessemer Data 2024	National Data 2023
<b>GLD (end of Reception)</b>	77%	67%
<b>Phonics Check (Year 1)</b>	89%	79%

Times Table Check (Year 4)	Average Score out of 25	
	Bessemer Data 2024	National Data 2024
	21.7	20.2

KS2 SATs	% of children achieving the expected standard		% of children achieving the higher standard	
	Bessemer 2024	National 2024	Bessemer 2024	National 2023
<b>Reading</b>	82%	74%	54%	29%
<b>Writing</b>	77%	72%	25%	13%
<b>Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar</b>	86%	72%	56%	30%
<b>Maths</b>	86%	73%	48%	24%
<b>Reading, Writing and Maths</b>	75%	61%		

### School Reports

You will receive your child's end of year report next week. If you have any questions about your child's report please make an appointment to speak to their class teacher.

SATs results and the outcome of the phonics screening and the times table check will be included in your child's report. All children's reports contain information about whether or not a child is working at expected levels. A Reception child who is working at expected levels has achieved the GLD.

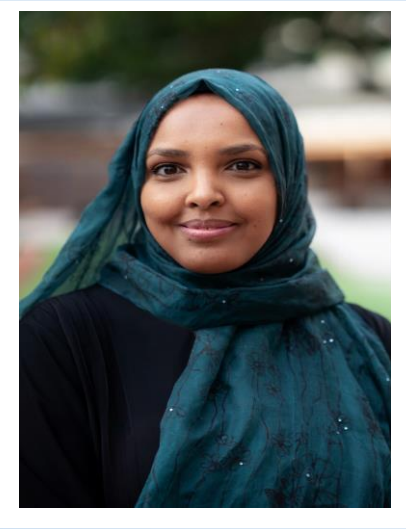
### Meet the Teacher

On Wednesday children will be spending a short session with their new class teacher for September (unfortunately one newly appointed teacher is unable to come, but we are hoping that she will send a video of herself for the children to watch). Children's new teachers will be named in their school reports.

## News and Reminders

### **Inclusion News**

We are very pleased to announce that we are welcoming a new, part time member of our Gem Federation Inclusion team in September!



Please welcome Khadra Hussein who will be our Federation SENDCo from September 2024. She will be available at the end of the school day in the playground on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July if you would like to meet her. Khadra's main role will be to oversee the provision of our students with EHCPs though Lori will still be on hand to ensure a smooth transition. Please note that as we have secured a SENDCo, the way in which IEP meetings for students with EHCPs have previously been delivered will continue next academic year. Khadra will be in touch in the Autumn term regarding the initial meeting with parents/carers and the teaching team.

### **Upcoming Events**

There are a number of end of term events for parents and carers to attend over the next two weeks:

Summer Fair – Please see the F@B update for details and then please come along and join in the fun on Saturday! Please also take a look at the poster towards the end of the newsletter advertising a fundraising stall which two of our Year 6 pupils are running at the fair!

Year 6 Performance - Year 6 children have been working very hard practising for their end of year performance, *The School-O-Vision Song Contest*. Two adults per child are invited to come and watch on Tuesday evening at 6pm (Please ensure Year 6 children are back at school by 5.30 to get ready). Unfortunately we cannot accommodate additional guests due to the hall space available. Please try to avoid bringing young siblings along if possible so that the children's performance is not disrupted.

Carnival - Please come and join us for our annual carnival next Friday! All the children in the school, from Little Stars to Year 6 will form a carnival parade around the local streets, finishing on the field where they will perform their carnival songs. The children will start assembling in the street outside school at 2pm and the parade will set off as soon after that as possible.

Year 6 Graduation – Parents and Carers of Year 6 children are invited to watch their graduation ceremony at 2.15pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Again, we ask that a maximum of two adults per child attend the graduation due to a lack of space. You are welcome to take your children home after the graduation.

### **New Reception Starters' Picnic**

It was lovely to welcome lots of new and current Bessemer families to our Reception welcome picnic today! This is always a great opportunity for the children to get to know each other before they start Reception in September, and to welcome new families to our Bessemer community. Thank you so much to F@B for organizing the event.

We look forward to welcoming all new Reception parents and carers again on Monday and Tuesday for enrolment meetings, please contact the school office if you are unsure of your appointment.



## Sharing Children's Learning

Demonstrating our core values of being *Connected to the Community* and *Creative and Practical*

This week children in Year 6 were invited to take part in art workshops at Alley'n's:





## Sharing Children's Learning

### Demonstrating our core values of being *Academically Ambitious, Creative and Practical* and *Connected to the Community*

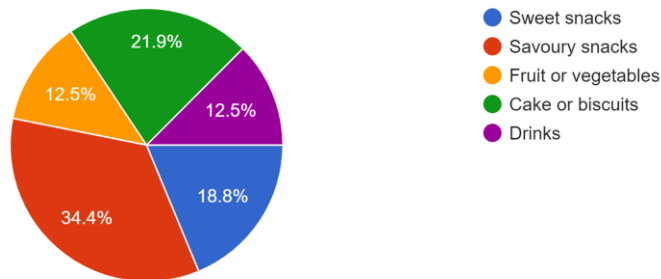
#### Year 6 Enterprise Project

This term in maths the Year 6 pupils have been working in groups on an Enterprise project. Each group needed to prepare a pitch to request £5 to buy the ingredients to make a product of their own design. They initially designed a survey for their target market to get some insight into what their customer base would like, used their computing skills to present their findings, then using this information they designed a snack to be sold after school.

Last week, the pupils went to Sainsbury's to buy their ingredients, then made their products. During the project children have had to apply their number and calculation skills and understanding of measures, when deciding the affordability of their ingredients, and used scaling to increase the quantities in their recipes. They have had to show excellent teamwork skills in order to successfully complete the tasks and they also have had a lot of fun!

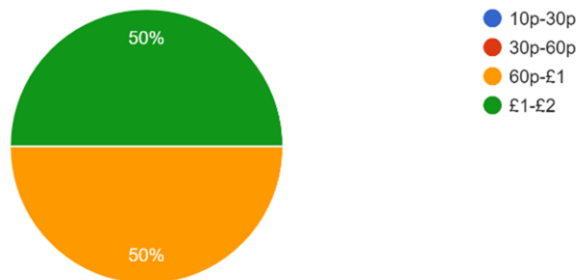
What type of snacks do you like after school?

32 responses



How much would you be prepared to spend on the perfect snack?

32 responses





### Sharing Children's Learning

#### **Demonstrating our core value of being *Creative and Practical***

The other half of the Reception children had their visit to Crystal Palace Park and Farm this week:



### Sports Day

#### **Demonstrating our core values of being *Creative and Practical***

Children in nursery enjoyed their first mini sports day this week. All of the children had a great time taking part in activities with their family members, and the parents and carers showed that the competitive spirit we see in every parents/carer sports day race is already well developed!





## Sports Day

### Demonstrating our core values of being *Creative and Practical*

Children from Reception to Year 6 took part in Sports Days on the field this week. Everyone took part in a range of fun events, brilliantly organized by Jess White and Christian Booth and we all had a great time. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers and to see everyone enjoying their picnics on the field at lunch time. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did.



### Word of the Week

Read the riddle and try to work out the Word of the Week from the clues. Tell your teacher what you think the word is on Monday, if you're right you'll get a gem! We'll announce the answer in assembly on Tuesday next week. Remember to use the Word of the Week as much as you can in your speech and writing to earn more gems and to make the word a permanent part of your vocabulary!

*Find me under A, I'm an adjective*

*I have 5 letters and I end in e*

*Synonyms for me include enough and plentiful*

*You could use me in the sentence: You have had \_\_\_\_\_ time to complete your work*

The answer to last week's riddle was **admire** - did you guess the word and use it to earn gems? Keep using it to make sure it remains part of your vocabulary!

### F@B Update

#### **Join us on Saturday: Bessemer summer fair**

Our summer fair is 12-3pm this Saturday - come early, come hungry and bring your cash and coins. We can't wait to see you there!

#### **Summer raffle**

This week we had the prize draw for our summer raffle - which has raised an amazing £1900 for the school! Congratulations to all the winners! Your prizes are ready to collect in the school office



#### **Thank you for the cakes and treats**

Lots of parents made delicious cakes for this week's sports day bake sales - and for the fair. Thank you all!

There's lots more cooking underway for the fair on Saturday with frittatas, curries, chillis and jollof rice, tucumanas.

### Online Safety Tip of the Week

#### **Poki Online Games website:**

We have become aware that some children use a games website called 'Poki' in order to access games to play online. It is important to be aware that the games on Poki are not PEGI rated, and the website advises that it is **unsuitable for children under the age of 16.**

If your child enjoys playing games online, then Poki do have a site created specifically for younger users, called 'Poki Kids'.

<https://kids.poki.com/>



As always, it is important to have conversations with your child about what they are doing online, and explore websites together. Always check sites are appropriate and if there are any extra parental controls you can set to keep your child safe.

[FREE GAMES FOR KIDS ONLINE - Play Now at Kids.Poki.com!](https://kids.poki.com/)

Play Free Games for Kids Online at Poki.com, the Ultimate Playground. New Kids Games Added Daily. Pick your Favorite Game, and Have Fun!

[kids.poki.com](https://kids.poki.com/)







Lekha and Iona of 6LM present...

# Fundraiser Stall 4 ZSL

We are raising money for ZSL because we believe  
that all animals deserve justice!

July 13 • 12pm-3pm • Bessemer Summer Fair

- ☆ Bracelets for sale
- ☆ Personalised animal bracelets while you wait
- ☆ Find the Koalas and Red Pandas Competition

**ALL PROCEEDS GO  
TO ZSL and FAB!**





# Celebrations!

## Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
<b>Rainbow</b>	Avisha	Janaya	Abigail		
<b>Sunshine</b>	Cormac	Maya	Youssef		
<b>Moonbeam</b>	Louie	Alaia	Violet		
<b>1AM</b>	Sam	Lariah	Rosa	Leon	Sara
<b>1NS</b>	Florence	Troy	Ella	Georgios	
<b>2JW</b>	Ramsay	Callum	Georgie	Kenza	Gwen
<b>2LS</b>	Temu	Louie	Rimas	Zak	
<b>2LT</b>	Rebecca	Adam	Tasnim	Henry	
<b>3KL</b>	Elham	Agnes R	Leo	Wolfie	Agibu
<b>3NI</b>	Martha	Richard	Juno	Finn	
<b>3/4CB</b>	Amelia	Hari	Sharon	Millie-Rose	
<b>4BC</b>	Amelia	Noah	Stella-Lucia	Billy	
<b>4VG</b>	Aishah	Cruise	Freddie	Matthew	Arthur
<b>5RS</b>	Myriam	Virtue	Rehana	Gloria	
<b>5OF</b>	Sophie	Mahnaz	Lucy	Hannah	
<b>5FM</b>	Lucia	Lori	Aimenya	Ruby	

## Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Larry	Aymar	Juno	Daniel	Einas	Christabel

## Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
2JW	3/4CB	6AC

House  
Winners

**Sapphires!**



Have a great weekend!

*Elizabeth*





**AUGUST**

**Tues 27th - Fri 30th  
9:30am - 12:30pm**



**£95 for  
4 days**

**4 days of athletics activities,  
technique training & games!**

**7 - 9 Years**



**BOOK  
HERE**

**Dulwich College Sports Club, Athletics Track,  
London, SE21 7LE**



**SMCDERMOTT@MINIATHLETICS.COM**






**07811787153**

The full 4 days are preferred (but not necessarily essential) as children will be working on different techniques each day with certificates on the Friday. Bessemer families get a 15% discount using the code 'BESS24'.

# Soccer Stars Football Academy (SSFA)

- Birthday parties
- Half-term/Inset day camps
- Football sessions

If you are interested, please enquire by messaging the following number: 07522425931

   The following is information regarding our upcoming camp:

The camp will be based at Peckham Rye Park  
(Colyton/Homestall Road entrance).

The camp is for 5 - 11year olds and the time and dates are:

9am-3pm

Monday 29th July  
Tuesday 30th July  
Wednesday 31st July  
Thursday 1st August  
Friday 2nd August

&

Monday 5th August  
Tuesday 6th August  
Wednesday 7th August  
Thursday 8th August  
Friday 9th August

The price is £30 per child, per day.

If you are interested, please can you reply with your child's name, age and dates you wish for them to attend to:



07522425931.







# Summer CAMP



**FREE PLACES & LUNCH\***

available for eligible families



**4 weeks of fun!**

29 July - 2 August

5 August - 9 August

12 August - 15 August

Mon 19 - Thur 22 August

**10:00am - 2:00pm**

 Dulwich Hamlet Football Club, Champion Hill, Edger Kell Way, London, SE22 8BJ

**Ages 4-16 years**

Suitable for children and young people from Reception to School Year 11

**REGISTER NOW**

Book FREE\* places via  
[www.southwark.gov.uk/summer2022](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/summer2022)  
or scan QR code



Book paid places via our  
website

**Activities Include:**

**Multi-Sports | Fun Games |  
Football Tournaments | Arts & Crafts**

The London Borough of Southwark's Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) programme offers healthy meals and enriching activities for children and young people.

\*Free places are only available for those eligible for benefit-related free school meals.

For more information, contact us:



[dynamiccoachinguk.com](http://dynamiccoachinguk.com)



**07756 826105**



[admin@dynamicmail.co.uk](mailto:admin@dynamicmail.co.uk)



## **COST**

**FREE** places and lunches are available during the summer holidays for children and young people eligible for Free School Meals, subject to availability.

**Paid** places are also offered for those not eligible. If paying for a place, please provide a packed lunch (no nuts) and a drink.

- ★ **£15 per day**
- ★ **£55 for all 4 days**



Scan QR code to book paid places

We are proud to work in partnership with the London Borough of Southwark to improve the lives of children and young people.



# STREETS FOR PEOPLE

LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

Southwark  
Council  
southwark.gov.uk



## SUMMER HOLIDAY CYCLING COURSES

Southwark Council with Cycle Confident are providing FREE cycle skills courses for children over the summer holidays.



“ The training instructors were amazing. Amazing service and advice. Thank you! ”

Southwark parent

Complete beginner courses, intermediate off-road courses and on-road courses are available and booking up fast! Training is in small groups with two fully qualified instructors.

Locations: Dulwich Park & Burgess Park.

Please bring your own bikes to Dulwich Park. Bikes are available on request at Burgess Park.

## BOOK NOW

Places are limited so for more info or to book please visit

[www.cycleconfident.com/southwark](http://www.cycleconfident.com/southwark) or call **020 303 16730**



# SPORTS FOCUS COACHING

## Summer Camp



Nerf Guns, Football, Floor is Lava, Easter Arts & Crafts., Tennis

Where: Bessemer Grange Primary School, Dylways

Ages: Reception - Year 6

Week 1: Monday, 29th July - Friday, 2nd August

Week 2: Monday, 5th August - Friday, 9th August

Week 3: Monday, 12th August - Friday, 16th August

Times & Prices:

9:00 - 12:00 £25

12:00 - 15:00 £25

9:00 - 15:00 £33

Early drop off 8:30 additional £3.50

Late Collection 17:00 additional £5

Dodge Ball, Cricket, Athletics, Cooking & More!

Spaces are limited

To book

[www.sportsfocusuk.co.uk](http://www.sportsfocusuk.co.uk)

For further info

Email: [bookings@sportsfocusuk.co.uk](mailto:bookings@sportsfocusuk.co.uk)

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# SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMPS



**IMPROVE** YOUR SKILLS ON AND OFF THE PITCH IN A **FUN** AND **SUPPORTIVE** ENVIRONMENT.



**GRIFFIN SPORTS GROUND**

**31ST JULY, 1ST, 2ND, 7TH, 8TH, 9TH & 30TH AUGUST**  
0900 -1500

**SCAN ME**



# GIRLS UNITED

## SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMPS



**INDIVIDUAL TECHNIQUE FOOTBALL CLINICS WORKSHOPS GAME-RELATED PRACTICE**

**AGES 5 TO 14**  
**ALL LEVELS OF FOOTBALL EXPERIENCE WELCOME**

**SCAN ME**



[girlsunitedfa.org/englandcamps](http://girlsunitedfa.org/englandcamps)



## SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024

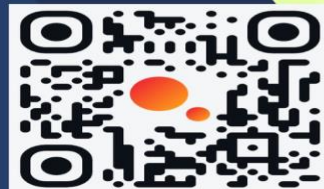
### FREE FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CAMP

### ST PAUL'S SPORTS GROUND

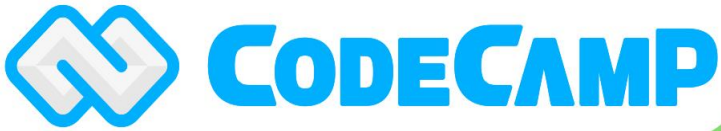
**10AM - 2PM EVERYDAY**

**LIMITED PLACES**

**BOOK NOW**







# Get creative with tech this summer!



**Minecraft  
Engineers**



**Spark  
Coding**



**Design  
Camp**

Find a holiday camp near you at  
[www.codecamp.co.uk](http://www.codecamp.co.uk)



Monday  
29th July–  
Friday  
23rd August



Day Camp with pool time,  
Swimming, Diving, Climbing,  
Mermaids, Trampoline,  
Early drop off and Late pick up

Scan here to book

# HOLIDAY KIDS CLUB

020 8613 6500

SPORTS CLUB  
jags

[jagssportsclub.co.uk](http://jagssportsclub.co.uk)

Grab a family membership  
at JAGS Sports Club  
this summer

## Summer Family Membership

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Valid from 8th July  
7 weeks: £180  
4 weeks: £120

Includes two adults  
and all children living  
in one household



[jagssportsclub.co.uk](http://jagssportsclub.co.uk)

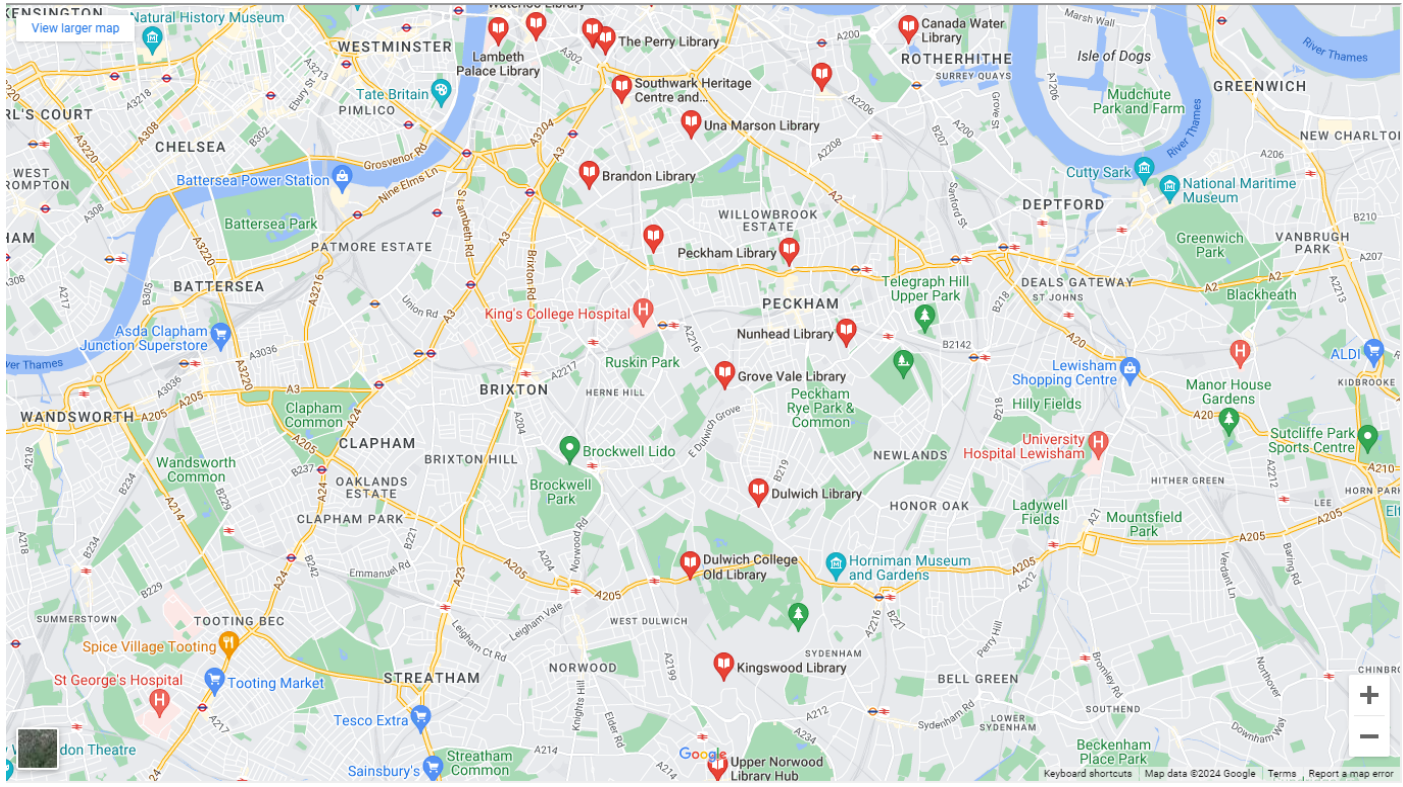


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The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children ages 4 to 11 years to keep reading during the school summer holidays. They can choose any book they enjoy to read, from chapter books, comics or even information books. On their reading journey they will find lots of fun characters and join them in a creative story. There are stickers to collect for their special folder and after reading 6 books they earn a certificate. Each week children will be entered into a prize draw and get the chance to win fun prizes. It's free to take part and children can sign up at any Southwark Library.

**Date: 13 July 2024 to 7 September 2024**  
**Time: 9am to 5pm**

[www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries)







## Summer Holiday Family Activity Days

at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening, 28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE

### Family Wildlife Discovery Day

**Sunday 28th July 10am till 3pm**

Have fun finding minibeasts in the garden with pond dipping, bush beating, sweep netting, crafts and games.

The following can be booked as a single day or as both days:

### Summer Nature Savers

**Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th July 10am till 3pm**

On Monday you will find out about bees and hoverflies and how you can help them with nesting sites, watering pools and hoverfly lagoons. Play the pollinator game, crafts and seed sowing.

On Tuesday you will hunt for caterpillars in the garden and learn how to help butterflies by making a butterfly bar and puddle.

Crafts, games, story.

*Southwark residents only. One adult may bring up to 3 children.  
£3 To book see qr code or visit [www.wildlondon.org.uk/events](http://www.wildlondon.org.uk/events)*



Protecting  
London's  
wildlife for  
the future

To find out more about the London Wildlife Trust and for other events visit  
[www.wildlondon.org.uk/events](http://www.wildlondon.org.uk/events)  
Or email [dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk](mailto:dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk)