

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL PRESENTS
HELLO SUMMER 2026



FREE activities for families, children and young people

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Find out what else is on this summer:
cambridge.gov.uk/summer-events

Ready to lead? Join the Youth Leadership programme

If you're aged 13 to 16 and interested in making your voice heard and having a positive impact, then join us for this introductory Youth Leadership session.

This session is designed for young people interested in building confidence and developing new skills.

Through a range of interactive activities, you will explore what it means to be a leader, learn how to work effectively with others, and discover how to use your voice to influence change.

Where and when?

Meadows Community Centre

Wednesday 24 August from 11am to 3pm



**FREE
PIZZA!**

At this session you will have the opportunity to develop:

- Communication and public speaking skills
- Teamwork and collaboration
- An understanding of different leadership styles
- Confidence in sharing ideas and opinions
- Social action and debating skills

What to expect:

- A friendly and supportive environment
- Interactive group activities and discussions
- Opportunities to meet new people and make connections
- Engaging games and quizzes to support learning

For further information, please contact:
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This event is organised in partnership with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust. We look forward to welcoming you to an inspiring and enjoyable session.

**SECURE
YOUR
PLACE**





Your local community centres



Our community centres provide a variety of spaces to meet, learn, work, exercise and play. Each centre hosts its own programme of activities. There will be many events and activities taking place at our community centres over the summer – please come and join us!



 **Meadows Community Centre**
Arbury Road, CB4 2JL
 [meadowscambridge](https://www.facebook.com/meadowscambridge)

 **Akeman Community Centre**
Akeman Street, CB4 3HG
 [akemanstreetcc](https://www.facebook.com/akemanstreetcc)

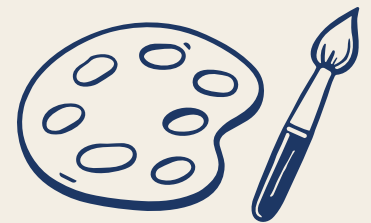
 **Brown's Field Community Centre**
Green End Road, CB4 1RU
 [brownsfieldcc](https://www.facebook.com/brownsfieldcc)

 **Clay Farm Centre**
Hobson Square, CB2 9FN
 [clayfarmcentre](https://www.facebook.com/clayfarmcentre)

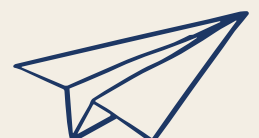
 **Darwin Green Community Rooms**
Galton Road, CB3 0UL
 [darwingreencc](https://www.facebook.com/darwingreencc)

 **Campkin Road Community Centre**
Morello Place, CB4 2ZH
 [campkinroadcc](https://www.facebook.com/campkinroadcc)

 **Trumpington Pavilion**
Paget Road, CB2 9JF
 [trumpingtonpavilioncc](https://www.facebook.com/trumpingtonpavilioncc)



**MEET, LEARN,
WORK,
EXERCISE
AND PLAY**



Your local community centres



Find out more about your local community centres:

[cambridge.gov.uk/
community-centres](https://cambridge.gov.uk/community-centres)



Kick off the summer holidays with family fun!

Start the summer holidays with a burst of energy and excitement at two fantastic Hello Summer launch events!

These fun-filled sessions are the perfect way to explore the activities on offer this season - whether your family loves getting active, trying something new, or simply spending quality time together.

From lively sports sessions to uplifting family dance, there's something for everyone to enjoy. It's all about getting moving, sparking creativity, and making great memories as a family.

Join us on:

- Wednesday 22 July (11am to 2pm) at Nightingale Pavilion
- Friday 24 July (2pm to 5pm) at Brown's Field Community Centre

Come along, try something new, and let the summer fun begin!



Explore your local parks this summer



Make the most of the sunshine by discovering the green spaces right on your doorstep.

Cambridge is full of beautiful parks and green spaces, and many families already have their favourite places to play, relax and explore. But beyond the well-known spots, there are also plenty of hidden gem parks waiting to be discovered.

Tucked away in quieter corners of the city are lesser-known parks, play areas and local nature reserves that offer something special – peaceful surroundings, great play opportunities, and a chance to enjoy nature in a new way. From play areas and splashpads to peaceful walking routes and picnic spots, our parks offer something for everyone. Pack a picnic, bring a ball, and create your own summer adventures in your local park.

Find out more about our parks, playgrounds and nature reserves:
cambridge.gov.uk/parks-and-playgrounds

Make a splash this summer



Remember to wear suncream, stay hydrated and dress appropriately for the weather!

Cool off in one of our splashpads this summer and enjoy the water features on offer. This is the perfect way to spend a summers day.

We have splashpads in Abbey, Coleridge and King's Hedges.

Find out more: cambridge.gov.uk/splashpads



READY TO MAKE A SPLASH?



Get moving: Active families events

Looking for something fun, active, and completely free this summer? Our Active families events are the perfect way to enjoy time together, try something new, and get moving!

Packed with energy, laughter, and adventure, these sessions are open to everyone - whether you're a future sports star, a curious explorer, or just want a great day out with family and friends.

What's on offer

Head over to the family play zone, where you can jump straight into the fun with:

- Skipping ropes
- Hula hoops
- Space hoppers
- Ball games

Plus, try out a wide range of exciting activities led by local clubs, including:

- Football
- Short tennis
- Orienteering
- Skating and scooting
- Archery
- Table tennis
- Family fitness
- Dance sessions
- A thrilling bouldering wall



Find out more about low-cost opportunities to get active in your area: [cambridge.gov.uk/sport-physical-activity-and-wellbeing](https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/sport-physical-activity-and-wellbeing)

Take on the challenge



Complete the on-the-day activity challenge for your chance to win a medal - and discover fun ways to stay active all year round!

Where and when to find us

All sessions take place from 10am to 2pm.

- **Tuesday 28 July** – Coldham's Common. This session includes a special street art taster session (8yrs+)
- **Tuesday 4 August** – Trumpington recreation ground
- **Tuesday 11 August** – St Albans Road recreation ground
- **Tuesday 18 August** – Coleridge recreation ground

Come along and make some amazing summer memories together!

Free family film screenings



The Cambridge Film Festival is a great opportunity to enjoy a day out with family-friendly films, creative activities, and a welcoming community atmosphere - all for free!

Bring your family, get creative, and enjoy the magic of film together this summer!

The Wild Robot (U) with arts and crafts session

Spend the afternoon getting creative with arts and crafts, followed by a screening of the exciting *The Wild Robot*.

- Tuesday 28 July
- 1.30pm to 4.30pm
(film starts 2.30pm)
- Clay Farm Centre



**BOOK
THE WILD
ROBOT**



Paddington in Peru (PG) with arts and crafts session

Join us for a special outdoor screening of *Paddington in Peru*! Start the evening with fun arts and crafts, then settle in for this heartwarming adventure under the open sky.

- Thursday 27 August
- 7pm to 10pm (film starts 8pm)
- Brown's Field Community Centre



**BOOK
PADDINGTON
IN PERU**



**Open to all (recommended age 6 and over).
Both events are free, but booking is required.**



Join the summer reading challenge



Cambridgeshire Libraries' summer reading challenge is back and this year they are challenging you to 'read to the beat' in your local library.

Children (aged 4 to 11 years old) are invited to read six library books over the summer holidays. For every book completed, they'll collect a special sticker to track their progress.

Everyone who completes the challenge will be awarded their very own 'Read to the Beat' medal and certificate.

Families can sign up in their local library for free from Saturday 4 July and start collecting special 'Read to the Beat' stickers from Saturday 18 July.

Join the challenge, discover new stories, and make reading your soundtrack this summer!

Find out more: [cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries)



H.A.Y.'s guide to activities and support

How Are You Cambridge is a website that brings together local activities and services that boost wellbeing.

Find local things to do and a wide range of support alongside helpful information about what to expect. Take a look: [haycambridge.co.uk](https://www.haycambridge.co.uk)



Your diary of free events

All events listed are free. Some events – noted below – require you to book a place in advance. All booking links can be found on our website: cambridge.gov.uk/summer-events

Key for list of events

* Booking required ** This session is disability inclusive

¹ Children must be accompanied by an adult ² More sessions available online

 This session is neurodivergent-friendly

Week 1: 21 July to 26 July


Date	Event	Time	Location
Tuesday 21 July	Family play session: for under 4's and older siblings*	9.30am to 12.30pm	Meadows Community Centre
	Family Dance (5 to 13 yrs)* ²	11.30am to 12.15pm	St Matthew's Church
	Family Dance (5 to 13 yrs)* ²	1pm to 1.45pm	Arbury Community Centre
Wednesday 22 July	Hello Summer launch event ★	11am to 2pm	Nightingale Pavilion
	No. 40 summer drop-in (11 to 18yrs)	1pm to 5pm	St Andrew's Street
Thursday 23 July	Family Fun Gymnastics* ²	12pm to 1pm	North Cambridge Academy
Friday 24 July	Football Fun Day (3 to 5 yrs)*	9am to 10am	Cambridge Regional College
	Football Fun Day (6 to 16yrs)*	10am to 12pm	Cambridge Regional College
	Summer dance with a 'Musical Madness' theme (7yrs+ and families)* ²	10am to 11am	Meadows Community Centre
	Family inclusive multi-sports session* ²	1pm to 2pm	North Cambridge Academy Sports Hall
	Family inclusive multi-sports session** ²	2pm to 3pm	North Cambridge Academy Sports Hall
	Hello Summer launch event ★	2pm to 5pm	Brown's Field Community Centre
	Open cricket practice (6 to 16yrs)* ²	6pm to 8pm	Anglian Leisure Netherhall School
Saturday 25 July	POUND family fitness session* ²	10.30am to 11.30am	The Family Centre, Fishers Lane
	Playful mapping with public map	11am to 3pm	The Cambridge Room, Grafton Centre
	Summer Jam: family friendly hip-hop and creative session ¹	12pm to 4pm	Definitely Real Build, Turpyn Court
Sunday 26 July	Music in the Parks	3pm to 5pm	Romsey recreation ground

Week 2: 27 July to 1 August

Date	Event	Time	Location
Monday 27 July	Learn to Skate Social (14 to 17 yrs)*	11am to 12pm 12pm to 1pm	Cambridge Ice Arena
	Active Family Event Includes a street art taster session between 11am and 1pm (8yrs+)	10am to 2pm	Coldham's Common
Tuesday 28 July	Summer Skills Splash* ²	10am to 11am	Abbey Leisure Complex
	Family Dance (5 to 13 yrs)* ²	11.30am to 12.15pm	St Matthew's Church
	Family Dance (5 to 13 yrs)* ²	1pm to 1.45pm	Arbury Community Centre
	Community Film Screening: The Wild Robot with arts and crafts*	1.30pm to 4.30pm	Clay Farm Community Centre
Wednesday 29 July	Summer family drop-in	10am to 11.30am	Christ the Redeemer Church
	Queen Edith's multi-sport session*	10am to 12pm	Nightingale Pavilion
	Magic in the Wild: family foraging activity*	10am to 12pm	Milton Country Park
	No. 40 summer drop-in (11 to 18yrs)	1pm to 5pm	No.40, St Andrews Street
Thursday 30 July	Family Fun Gymnastics*	12pm to 1pm	North Cambridge Academy
	POUND family fitness session*	5pm to 6pm	The Family Centre, Fishers Lane
Friday 31 July	Nature mindfulness taster session 	12pm to 2pm	Milton Country Park
	Family inclusive multi-sports session* ²	1pm to 2pm	North Cambridge Academy Sports Hall
	Family inclusive multi-sports session** ²	2pm to 3pm	North Cambridge Academy Sports Hall
	Open cricket practice (6-16yrs)*	6pm to 8pm	Anglian Leisure Netherhall School
Saturday 1 August	POUND family fitness session*	10.30am to 11.30am	The Family Centre, Fishers Lane



Week 2: 3 August to 9 August

Date	Event	Time	Location
Monday 3 August	Everybody Can Fish*	10am to 11am 11.15am to 12.15pm 1pm to 2pm	Milton Country Park, Halls Pool
	Summer Skills Splash* ²	10am to 11am	Abbey Leisure Complex
	Summer dance with a 'Musical Madness' theme (7yrs+ and families)*	10am to 11.30am	Meadows Community Centre
Tuesday 4 August	Active Family Event	10am to 2pm	Trumpington Recreation Ground
	POUND family fitness session*	1pm to 2pm	The Family Centre, Fishers Lane
	4D Family Dance (5 to 13yrs)*	1pm to 1.45pm	Arbury Community Centre
Wednesday 5 August	Summer family drop-in	10am to 11.30am	Christ the Redeemer Church
	Magic in the Wild: family foraging activity*	10am to 12pm	Milton Country Park
	Kids messy play (1 to 6yrs)	10am to 12pm	C3 Church
	POP performers workshop (8 to 11yrs)*	10am to 12.30pm	Clay Farm Centre
	National Play Day: Find your wild	12pm to 2pm	Darwin Green Community Rooms
	POP stagecraft workshop (11 to 18yrs)*	1pm to 3.30pm	Clay Farm Centre
	No. 40 summer drop-in (11 to 18yrs)	1pm to 5pm	No.40, St Andrews Street
Thursday 6 August	Family Fun Gymnastics*	12pm to 1pm	North Cambridge Academy
Friday 7 August	Summer dance with a 'Musical Madness' theme (7yrs+ and families)* ²	10am to 11.30am	Meadows Community Centre
	Family inclusive multi-sports session* ²	1pm to 2pm	North Cambridge Academy Sports Hall
	Family inclusive multi-sports session** ²	2pm to 3pm	North Cambridge Academy Sports Hall
	Open cricket practice (6-16yrs)*	6pm to 8pm	Anglian Leisure Netherhall School
Saturday 8 August	Nature mindfulness taster session	 12pm to 2pm	Cherry Hinton Hall
	Pizza making workshop*	3.30pm to 5.30pm	Mayfield Primary School
Sunday 9 August	Music in the Parks	3pm to 5pm	Jesus Green

Week 4: 10 August to 16 August

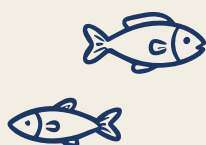
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Monday 10 August	Everybody Can Fish*	10am to 11am 11.15am to 12.15pm 1pm to 2pm	Milton Country Park, Halls Pool
	Summer Skills Splash*	10am to 11am	Abbey Leisure Complex
Tuesday 11 August	Active Family Event	10am to 2pm	St Albans Recreation Ground
	4D Family Dance (5 to 13yrs)*	1pm to 1.45pm	Arbury Community Centre
	Introduction to Korfball for families* ² (13yrs+)	6.15pm to 8.15pm	Cambridge Regional College
Wednesday 12 August	Code Zone (8 to 14yrs)*	10am to 12.30pm	Brown's Field Community Centre
	Summer family drop-in	10am to 11.30am	Christ the Redeemer Church
	No. 40 summer drop in (11 to 18yrs)	1pm to 5pm	St Andrew's Street
Thursday 13 August	Woodcraft Folk: Young explorers (5 to 10yrs)*	9.30am to 12pm	Histon Road Recreation Ground
	Family Fun Gymnastics*	12pm to 1pm	North Cambridge Academy
Friday 14 August	Woodcraft Folk: Family fun and games (6 to 10yrs)*	9.30am to 12pm	Meadows Community Centre
	Family inclusive multi-sports session* ²	1pm to 2pm	North Cambridge Academy Sports Hall
	Family inclusive multi-sports session** ²	2pm to 3pm	North Cambridge Academy Sports Hall
	Open cricket practice (6-16yrs)*	6pm to 8pm	Anglian Leisure Netherhall School
Saturday 15 August	Family Canoe Trails*	1pm to 2.30pm 3.30pm to 5pm	Cambridge Canoe Club, Sheep's Green
Sunday 16 August	Family Canoe Trails*	1pm to 2.30pm 3.30pm to 5pm	Cambridge Canoe Club, Sheep's Green

**DON'T FORGET ALL
EVENTS LISTED HERE
ARE FREE!**



Week 5: 17 August to 21 August

Date	Event	Time	Location
Monday 17 August	Everybody Can Fish*	10am to 11am 11.15am to 12.15pm 1pm to 2pm	Milton Country Park, Halls Pool
	Capoeira Day*	11.30am to 4pm	Darwin Green Community Rooms
Tuesday 18 August	Summer Skills Splash* ²	10am to 11am	Abbey Leisure Complex
	Summer dance with a 'Musical Madness' theme (7yrs+ and families)* ²	10am to 11.30am	Meadows Community Centre
	Active Family Event	10am to 2pm	Coleridge Recreation Ground
	4D Family Dance*	11.30am to 12.15pm	St Matthews Church
	4D Family Dance (5 to 13yrs)*	1pm to 1.45pm	Arbury Community Centre
Wednesday 19 August	Sing a Rainbow (under 5's)*	1.30pm to 3pm	Chesterton Child and Family Centre
	Summer family drop-in	10am to 11.30am	Christ the Redeemer Church
	Code Zone (8 to 14yrs)*	10am to 12.30pm	Meadows Community Centre
Thursday 20 August	No. 40 summer drop-in (11 to 18yrs)	1pm to 5pm	No.40, St Andrews Street
	Family Fun Gymnastics*	12pm to 1pm	North Cambridge Academy
Friday 21 August	Create your own musical instrument	2.30pm to 3.30pm	Arbury Court Library
	Summer dance with a 'Musical Madness' theme (7yrs+ and families)* ²	10am to 11.30am	Meadows Community Centre
	Family inclusive multi-sports session* ²	1pm to 2pm	North Cambridge Academy Sports Hall
	Family inclusive multi-sports session** ²	2pm to 3pm	North Cambridge Academy Sports Hall
	Open cricket practice (6-16yrs)*	6pm to 8pm	Anglian Leisure Netherhall School



Week 6: 24 August to 30 August

Date	Event	Time	Location
Monday 24 August	3D map making of Cambridge drop-in ²	9am to 12pm	The Cambridge Room
	Everybody Can Fish*	10am to 11am 11.15am to 12.15pm 1pm to 2pm	Milton Country Park, Halls Pool
	Capoeira Day*	11.30am to 4pm	Darwin Green Community Rooms
Tuesday 25 August	Summer Skills Splash* ²	10am to 11am	Abbey Leisure Complex
	4D Family Dance*	11.30am to 12.15pm	St Matthews Church
	Nature mindfulness taster session 	12pm to 2pm	Milton Country Park
	4D Family Dance (5 to 13yrs)	1pm to 1.45pm	Arbury Community Centre
Wednesday 26 August	Summer family drop-in	10am to 11.30am	Christ the Redeemer Church
	Woodcraft Folk: Crafty creations and big imaginations (7 to 12yrs)*	9.30am to 12pm	Meadows Community Centre
	Magic in the Wild: family foraging activity	10am to 12pm	Milton Country Park
	Leadership Skills Workshop (13-16yrs)*	11am to 3pm	Meadows Community Centre
	Woodcraft Folk: Discover and connect workshops (11-16yrs)*	2pm to 4pm	Meadows Community Centre
Thursday 27 August	Woodcraft Folk: Crafty creations and big imaginations (7 to 12yrs)*	9.30am to 12pm	Ross Street Community Centre
	Outdoor Film Festival: Paddington in Peru with arts and crafts*	7pm to 10pm	Brown's Field Community Centre
Friday 28 August	Woodcraft Folk: Young explores (5 to 10 yrs)*	9.30am to 12pm	Romsey recreation ground
	Family inclusive multi-sports session* ²	1pm to 2pm	North Cambridge Academy Sports Hall
	Family inclusive multi-sports session** ²	2pm to 3pm	North Cambridge Academy Sports Hall
	Woodcraft Folk: Discover and connect workshop (11 to 16yrs)*	2pm to 4pm	St Matthew's Church Hall
Saturday 29 August	Woodcraft Folk: Family fun and games (0 to 6yrs)*	9.30am to 12pm	St Matthew's Church
Sunday 30 August	Double Disco Night: dancing, music and bouncy castle (11 to 16yrs)	7pm to 9pm	St Andrew's Church

Please note: some sessions are delivered by third party organisers.



National Play Day

Don't miss out on our annual National Play Day celebration!

Join us at Darwin Green Community Rooms on Wednesday 5 August (12pm to 2pm) where we will help you to find your wild.

CAMBRIDGE
75TH
CELEBRATION EVENT



SUN 12 JULY, 1PM - 8PM. JESUS GREEN
PAUL CHUCKLE DJ SET
DOCTOR AND THE MEDICS • LEGEND
BIG 10 • CHRIS BROWN DJ • THE BRASS FUNKEYS





Holiday Activities and Food Programme

The Cambridgeshire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme, run by Cambridgeshire County Council, offers fully funded holiday places for eligible school-age children during Easter, summer and Christmas (subject to availability).

For summer 2026 (21 July to 28 August), children can book up to 64 hours of fun activities, with a healthy meal and snacks included.

Find out more and check eligibility:

[cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/support-with-the-cost-of-living/holiday-activities-and-food-programme](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/support-with-the-cost-of-living/holiday-activities-and-food-programme)



**CHECK
ELIGIBILITY**



Free holiday lunches



During the school holidays, the average food bill can increase by 40%, which can place pressure on families.

The holiday lunch network in Cambridge aims to provide free lunches and activities for children and their families during school holidays. You can find us at community venues all across Cambridge this summer. Everyone is welcome, no booking required, drop in at any time.

The holiday lunch network is supported by Cambridge City Council and Cambridge Sustainable Food.

Find out more at: cambridgesustainablefood.org/fun-and-food-holiday-lunch



**FIND OUT
MORE**

Support for Families

We know the school holidays can be a difficult time financially. If you're worried about money, help is available across Cambridge.

You may be able to access benefits, housing support, or emergency payments if you're struggling with rent or household costs.

Free advice is also available to help you manage your budget, reduce bills and deal with debt, including support from organisations like Citizens Advice.

You might also qualify for Council Tax discounts, energy grants, or home improvement funding to help reduce expenses.

Local community centres offer free resources, internet access, and welcoming spaces for families.

Find out more at:
cambridge.gov.uk/financial-advice-and-cost-of-living-support



**GET
SUPPORT**