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Dear South East Adventurer

With most tourism businesses now beginning to reopen and welcome back visitors for the first time this year, this May half term is looking very exciting. There is a whole host of family friendly events for you to enjoy over this school holiday, whether you decide to head into one of the indoor attractions or make the most of the glorious spring surroundings.

Why not take advantage of this time with the family to book your first overnight break or weekend away. You do not have to travel miles for a new experience or to escape from the four walls. Dip your toe in the water and come for a staycation this half term in South East England.

Pre-booking is required at most tourist attractions, hotels, and campsites, so remember to plan ahead and check individual websites to avoid disappointment. Come along and enjoy different experiences, new tastes and spend time together, it's amazing what a daycation/staycation can do.



**Elmer and Friends:
The Colourful World of David McKee**

River & Rowing Museum, Henley on Thames

Reopening 20 May - 21 June 2021

Don't miss this exciting exhibition from Seven Stories, The National Centre for Children's Books, a journey into the colourful imagination of David McKee.

This sensory exhibition for all the family will take you on a trip down memory lane via Elmer's jungle into Mr Benn's costume shop.



**Get steamed up and make tracks to
Didcot Railway Centre**

Travel back to the golden age of the Great Western Railway.

Savour the sights, sounds and smells of steam as you explore this 21-acre living museum with trains dating from Victorian times to the 1960s.

Take unlimited rides, explore the 1932 engine shed, see magnificent, preserved locomotives and climb onto the footplates of some!

Discover surviving track from Brunel's broad

- o Saturday 29 May – Elmer Day - with colourful special guest
- o Saturday 5 June - Mr Benn Dress Up Day

gauge and learn more about the development of railways and how they changed everyday lives.

Book Now



Enjoy a South Coast Staycation in Southampton

How does a waterfront city location, filled with family-friendly attractions, rich history, diverse culture, shopping galore, alfresco dining, and plenty of outdoor space sound for your half-term break? Southampton ticks all the boxes for a safe and enjoyable staycation with the family. Thanks to the Southampton Region Hoteliers Association you can find the perfect place to rest your head, with hotels to suit all budgets and the best locations throughout the city to base yourself.

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Chichester Roman Week 2021

Returning this May half term, from Monday 31 May – Saturday 5 June, Chichester Roman Week celebrates Chichester's rich Roman heritage with a series of district-wide events designed to engage visitors of all ages.

Led by The Novium Museum, this year offers an exciting variety of virtual and 'in person' events including theatre, talks, trails, guided tours and family activities taking place in and around Chichester. Visit the museum's website for a full programme of events.

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Make it a year to remember At Blenheim Palace

New for 2021, Blenheim Palace welcomes two major new exhibitions 'Churchill' and 'The Stables', both using interactive displays, never-seen-before artefacts and fascinating stories into the life of our most famous wartime leader and the history into the vital role hoses have played across the estate.

In addition to these new attractions, a new 'Stables Café' featuring a touchless ordering app will be available, plus a new accessible route to the Formal Gardens, all thanks to the government's Culture Recovery Fund.

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Summer Boat Hire At Hobbs of Henley

Soak up some sunshine and enjoy the freedom of the river this summer with Hobbs of Henley.

Hobbs have a variety of rental boats to choose from accommodating between 1 and 12 people and can even provide a chauffeur if you would prefer to sit back and let someone else do the driving.

Pre-order one of their sumptuous hampers or afternoon teas to make your day even more relaxing and enjoyable!

Book Now



Make Our Garden your Garden this School Holiday

Set over 180 acres of rolling Hampshire countryside, Sir Harold Hillier Gardens are a perfect day out for all the family. Stroll down the 250m long 'Centenary Border' or wandering around one of the largest Winter Gardens in Europe.

Kids love the Gardens too! Especially spotting fish in the pond, playing in the tree house, swinging on the 'super snake swing' and climbing on the 'Hilltop Adventures'.

Fun At The Beach At Harbour Park!

Harbour Park, excitement for all age's right on Littlehampton's award-winning sandy beach. Whatever the weather Harbour Park has something to offer. Outdoor attractions such as our Friendly Fish Coaster and Whirlpool Waltzer or come and play in the Family Arcade.

Grab a coffee and let the children burn of steam in our fantastic underwater themed indoor soft play area. Book your tickets for all our attractions online in advance. We cannot wait to see you!

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