



# SLS Parent Newsletter

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Here are some of the exciting local events for young people coming up over half term.

## Portsmouth BookFest 2024



Portsmouth BookFest 2024 runs from 11th February to 17th February. This includes an exciting line up of online and in person talks, workshops and activities for all ages.

At in-person author events you'll have the chance to buy a book and get it signed by the author with book sales supported by the authors themselves or partner bookseller, independent bookshop The Hayling Island Bookshop.

[BookFest 2024: Children's Programme – Public Library Service \(portsmouth.gov.uk\)](https://portsmouth.gov.uk)

### Reimagining Kipling at the BASE

3 March, 3pm-7pm

#### **Portsmouth Guildhall**

**FREE** – Please [book your ticket](#) in advance.

Suitable for ages 13-18

Explore spoken word, rap, and poetry in dynamic workshops. Immerse yourself in the artistry inspired by the works of Portsmouth resident Rudyard Kipling. Craft your unique pieces, refine your performance prowess, and connect with fellow young creatives in this transformative experience.

## **Writing for laughs with Lynne Stretch**

£3 per child (free for Leisure card holders) -accompanying adults don't need a ticket.

This is a creative writing workshop for children aged 7 to 11 years old with the theme of laughter in mind. All materials will be provided so bring your creative ideas to make this a workshop you will always remember.

10:30am-12 noon: Cosham Library. [Book a place](#). 2pm-3.30pm:  
Southsea Library. [Book a place](#).

## **Portsmouth Museum**



10th Feb 2024 – 18th Feb 2024 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Portsmouth Museum and Art Gallery hosts ocean-themed fun for all the family this half term.

### **Ocean-themed craft activities**

Cost: £2.50 per person (£1 for Portsmouth Leisure Card holders)  
Drop in from 10.30am to 12pm, or 1.30pm to 3pm.

### **Ocean at the End of the Lane trail**

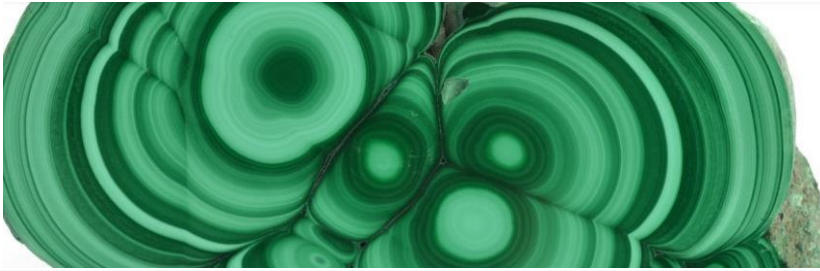
Cost: £2 per person (50p for Portsmouth Leisure Card holders)

### **Solent Seas Art Competition**

Bring in a drawing or painting of your favourite sea creature found around the Portsmouth coastline. The competition will be judged by the museum's Curator of Art and the top three winners will have their art displayed online. This competition is open to children aged 16 and under.

Plus there will be a chance to guess the number of sweets in a jar to win the lot, and guess the name of our giant sea creature – and win it!

## **Portsmouth Natural History Museum**



Meet mineralogists from Southampton Mineral and Fossil Society at Cumberland House from 10.30am to 3pm on Wednesday 14 February.

They will be on hand to identify your minerals and to show some of the minerals that they have been working on in the museum store.

Then, try out using streak plates to see if you can identify minerals and get hands-on with some mineral activities.

**Free** entry, no booking required.

## **D-Day Museum**

There's a full week of family friendly activities taking place at The D-Day Story this February half-term, from 'Spies and Lies' to 'The Big Drop- Make your own Parachute', all included in the price of a ticket.

Details about all the events are below:

[Events – The D-Day Story, Portsmouth \(theddaystory.com\)](http://theddaystory.com)

