



# Brindishe Federation Newsletter Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025



## Lewisham Holiday Vouchers and Activities

If you are entitled to Free School Meal vouchers they will be automatically sent to you on 11<sup>th</sup> June. These vouchers allow you to participate in free activities during the summer break. No action is required on your part.

The holiday activities will be published here nearer the summer holidays on the Lewisham website - please click here - <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/young-people/holiday-programme-food-and-fun>

## Dulwich Youth Orchestra

Dulwich Youth Orchestra are celebrating 50 years of holiday courses in Dulwich this summer and they are hoping to share this exciting achievement with as many local young musicians as possible.

All the children on the courses play in at least two orchestras, over five mornings and take part in a public performance at the end of the week. They provide a fantastic opportunity to support the work done in specialist instrumental and class music lessons, especially for pupils who do not have the opportunity to play in a regular ensemble elsewhere.

Please visit [www.dyodulwich.com](http://www.dyodulwich.com) for further information or scan the QR code.



**Summer Course**

Alley's School  
SE22 8SU

Mon 28th July -  
Fri 1st August  
9am - 1pm

Concert 2pm  
Friday 1st August

String Ensemble  
Wind Band  
Senior Orchestra  
Great Orchestra

Ages 7 - 18  
Grades 2 - 8+

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## Online Safety Bulletin

### *How to best use location tracking apps within your family*

*Location tracking gives us the ability to see where somebody is via their smart device and is often one of the reasons children receive their first device. Internet Matters have published an article discussing location tracking, including the benefits and risks and provide links to other supporting resources.*

You can read the article here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/expert-opinion/how-to-use-location-tracking-apps-in-your-family/>



# Lewisham Summer Reading Challenge 2025

**Story Garden challenge will keep children reading over the holidays - in libraries and in the Great Outdoors.**

All Lewisham public libraries are offering the Challenge throughout the summer holidays, and it's free for children to take part. Children joining 'Story Garden' can discover new books, participate in free activities, and explore the link between reading and the great outdoors, where nature and imagination come together.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge features artwork from award-winning illustrator Dapo Adeola, whose stunning illustrations will bring the Story Garden theme to life; creating an enchanting world where children can find magical creatures, plants and flowers to inspire their next reading adventure.



For further information click link here - <https://readingagency.org.uk/the-summer-reading-challenge-2025-story-garden-takes-reading-to-the-great-outdoors/>

## Measles Cases Rising: Call For Action

Number of measles cases are rising in the UK with London having highest number of cases in England. Lewisham has the highest number of measles cases in Southeast London.

- Two doses of the MMR vaccine are required to be fully protected against measles.
- More information about the MMR vaccine can be found on the [NHS website](#).
  - The MMR vaccine is a combination vaccine which protects against three diseases – measles, mumps and rubella.
  - In England, children should receive their first dose of the MMR vaccine when they turn 12 months old, the second dose is given when children turn 18 months.
  - It is never too late to get vaccinated. People of any age who have missed MMR vaccinations can have them at their GP practice.
- The MMR vaccine is safe, free, effective and the best protection for our children and young adults.



- measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated
- measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill
- your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection
- if your child is due to have had 2 doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible\*
- if you can't remember if your child has had any, 1 or 2 doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP
- if you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have 2 doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected

\*In response to a local outbreak then the 2 doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.

## Brindishe Schools Governing Body

Governing Body meetings are regular and meet every half term. Parents/carers are more than welcome to attend our meetings as 'observers'. If you would like to know more about the governing body or you would like to attend one of our meetings, please email Rachel Waite - [rawaite@brindisheschools.org](mailto:rawaite@brindisheschools.org). **Our last meeting for 2024/2025 will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at Brindishe Lee School - 6pm.**

## Key Federation Dates

- Phonics Screening Check for Year 1 starts Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June
- Brindishe Schools INSET DAY - School closed to all children - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June
- Reports to parents/carers - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July
- End of 2024/2025 - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025



**The simple way to  
book your holiday activities**

**Your step-by-step guide**

 **HolidayActivities.com**

# Booking your children's holiday activities just got easier!

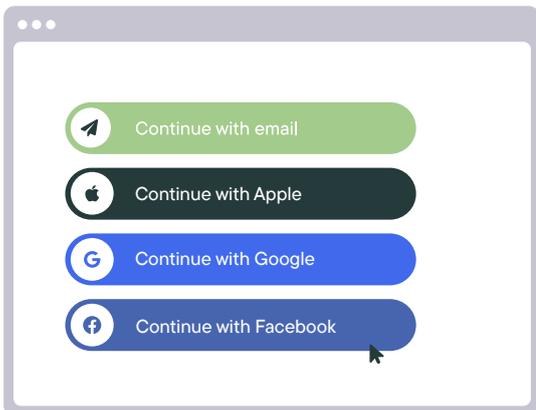
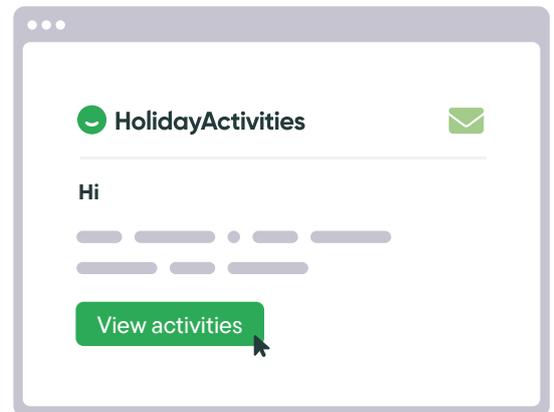
HolidayActivities (from  **Evouchers**) is a new booking system designed and built to take the hassle out of using your holiday activities and food programme vouchers to find and book local activities in your area.

## Follow our step by step guide on how to get started.

### Step 1

You will receive an email or text message from HolidayActivities.com.

Please click on the link to view your voucher.

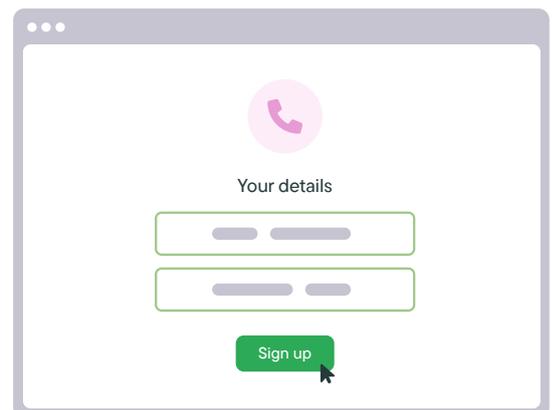


### Step 2

If you've not used Holiday Activities before, you'll need to **create an account**. This can be done easily by logging in using your email address, Apple, Google or Facebook.

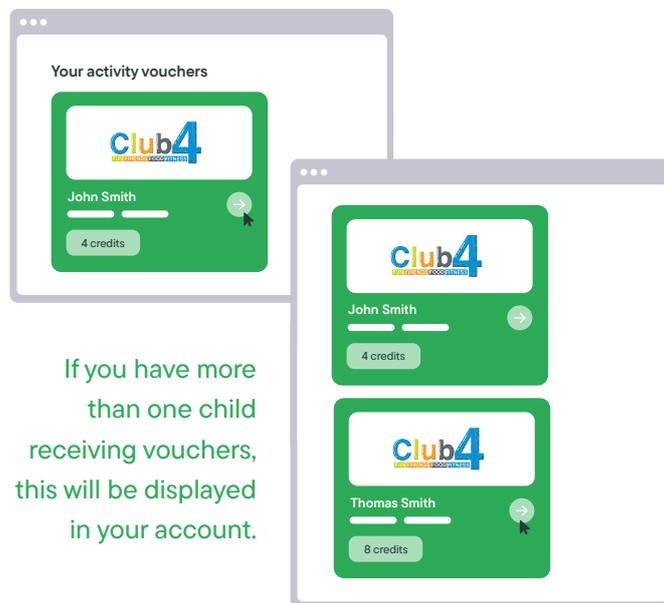
### Step 3

You will be asked to add your details. Once added, click "Sign up".

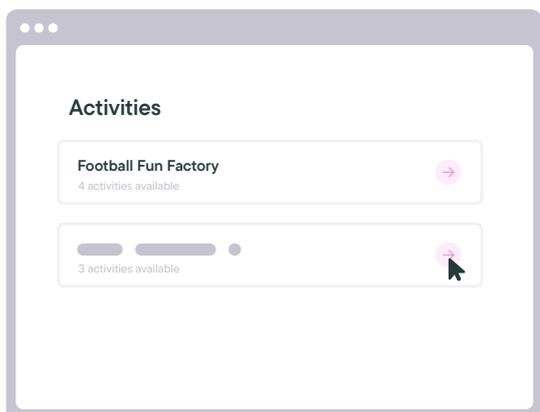


## Step 4

Your Holiday Activities voucher will now link to your account and show the available credits you have to use. If you are new to Holiday Activities you will receive a secure email link to login. Once you log in you will be asked to enter your child's age to show the age appropriate activities. Click on the arrow to see the available activities.



If you have more than one child receiving vouchers, this will be displayed in your account.

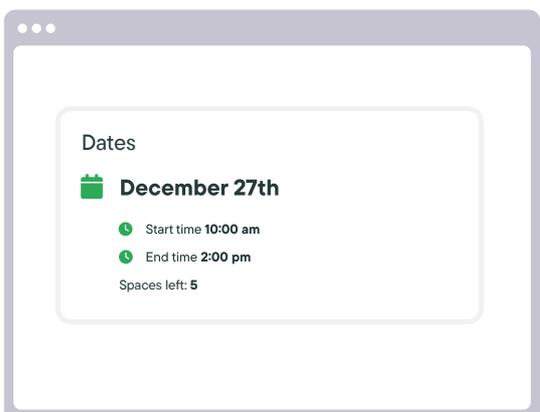
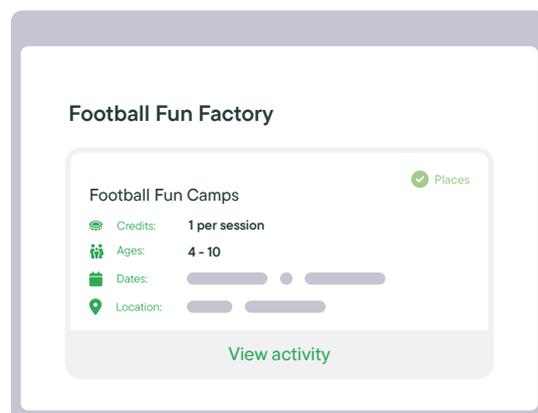


## Step 5

Please share your location to see activities in your local area. Click 'search activities' to search by date, provider or SEND suitable activities.

## Step 6

You can now browse all **available activities**. Please click 'View activity' to see photos, available dates and read a short description.

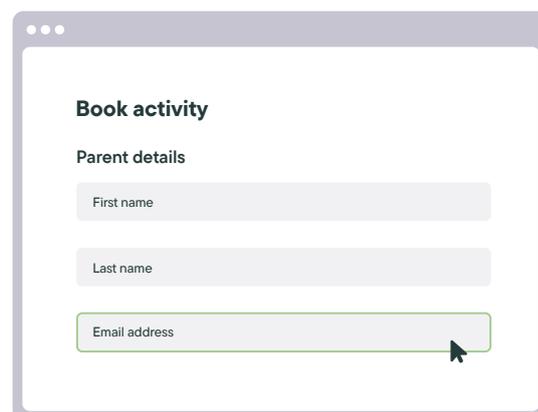


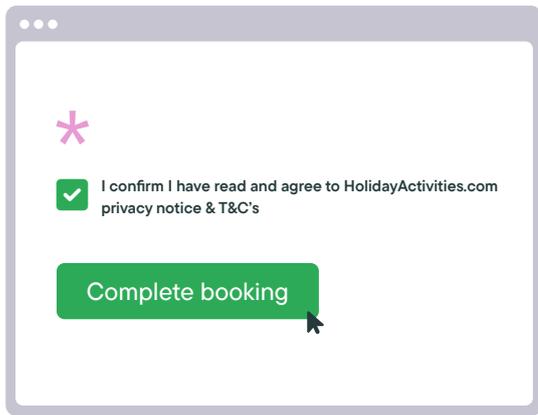
## Step 7

When you're **ready to book**, click on the 'Select date' button.

## Step 8

**Complete the parent details**, child details and a second emergency contact. These details will be remembered to make future bookings easier.



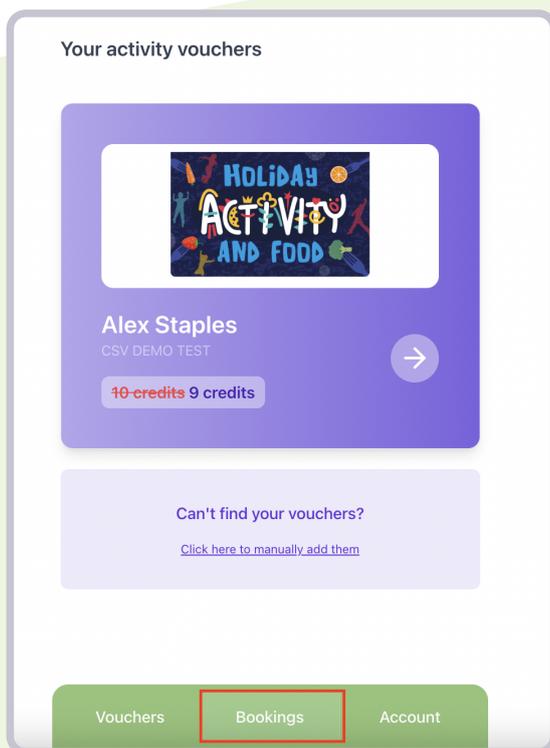
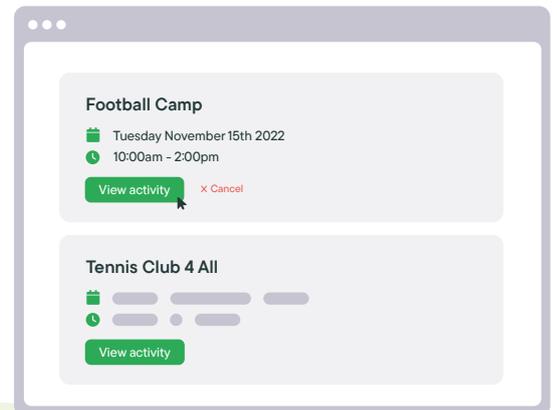


## Step 9

Confirm you have read and understood the **terms and conditions**. Click 'Complete booking' and you'll receive a confirmation email notifying you that your booking is either confirmed or awaiting approval.

## Step 10

You can now return to the activity and book more dates for your child, return to your vouchers or **manage your bookings**.



## How to cancel an activity your child is booked on to

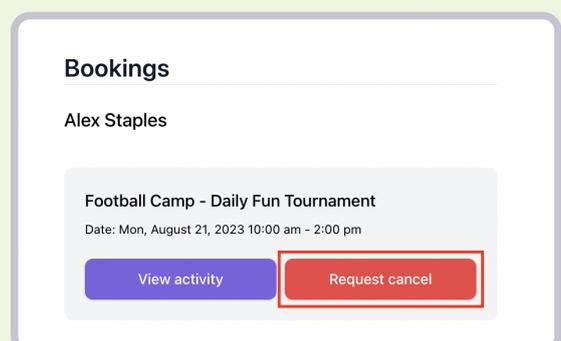
To cancel an activity booking for your child, please follow the steps below.

### Step 1

To cancel an activity booking, log into your account and select bookings.

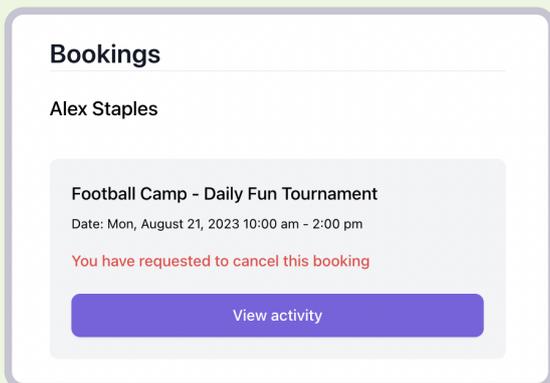
## Step 2

Find the activity booking you wish to cancel and select Request cancel.



### Step 3

Enter the reason you wish to cancel the activity booking and select cancel booking. This request will then be sent to the provider for them to approve.



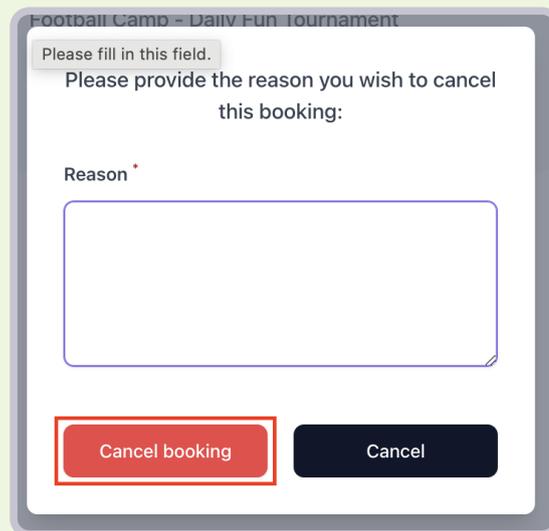
**Bookings**

Alex Staples

**Football Camp - Daily Fun Tournament**  
Date: Mon, August 21, 2023 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

You have requested to cancel this booking

[View activity](#)



Football Camp - Daily Fun Tournament

Please fill in this field.

Please provide the reason you wish to cancel this booking:

Reason \*

[Cancel booking](#) [Cancel](#)

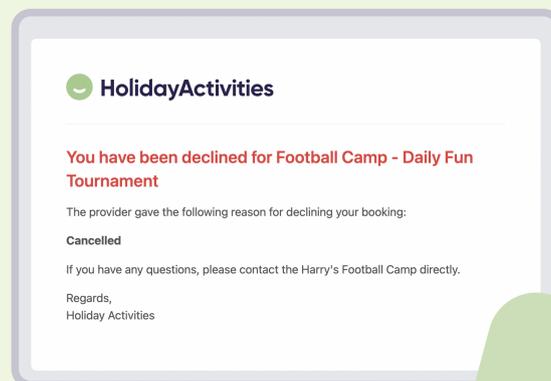
### Step 4

You will then be taken back to the booking page. You will see the message below until the provider approves your cancellation request.

**Please note:** When you request for an activity to be cancelled, the request is sent to the provider and not HolidayActivities. The cancellation approval belongs to the provider and not HolidayActivities, therefore we have no ability to speed up the process or approve the cancellation request.

### Step 5

Once your activity booking request cancellation has been approved, you will receive an email to confirm this. The credit(s) used for the activity booking will be added back to your voucher automatically when the request is approved.



 **HolidayActivities**

**You have been declined for Football Camp - Daily Fun Tournament**

The provider gave the following reason for declining your booking:

**Cancelled**

If you have any questions, please contact the Harry's Football Camp directly.

Regards,  
Holiday Activities

If you have any questions, please contact the  
HolidayActivities team on: [support@evouchers.com](mailto:support@evouchers.com)