

*Welcome to the
**Southwark Hearing
Support Service
(SHSS) 2025
Summer One
Newsletter.***



WELCOME

Welcome to the Southwark Hearing Support Service (SHSS) 2025 Summer Newsletter. In this issue, we will be giving you advice around attending school open days and our usual guide to keeping your little and big ones busy over the summer holidays.

For some of you, the summer will be the time that you start thinking about looking at schooling for your child/children. Applications for secondary schools have already opened and close on 31st October 2025. For Primary, the deadline for applications is the 15th January 2026.

You may have already been to some open days, we highly recommend doing this as visiting a school's open day offers a valuable opportunity to gain a first hand understanding of the school's environment, culture, and academic offerings. It also helps parents and students make informed decisions about their educational path. It allows for direct interaction with teachers, students, and the school's leadership, providing insights beyond what's available on the school's website or marketing materials. You can also speak to the school's Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo) to see what support they can offer your child in school.

On Southwark's Local Offer there is more information on dates, how to apply, etc. Here is a link to the page you will need. [School admissions - Southwark Council](#)

Your ToD is always available to help support you and your child/young person too. Your child/young person will continue to be supported in their school of choice.

But, before these big decisions need to be made, there is a summer holiday to fill with fun things to do. **Here are some links to give you ideas in the local area.**

May-August: 'Feel the Sound' exhibition at The Barbican: [\(LINK\)](#)

Currently at Wellcome Collection: [\(LINK\)](#)

Find sporting events and activities through Deaf Sports UK: [\(LINK\)](#)

Immersive light/sound/art exhibitions through: [\(LINK\)](#)

Big Cat Sanctuary Sensory Day in July: [\(LINK\)](#)

Friday 25th July – BSL interpreted Performance of The Boys with Wings at Wimbledon theatre for 7-12 year olds: [\(LINK\)](#)

Tuesday 29th July – Hearing dogs tour (in High Wycombe): [\(LINK\)](#)

Thursday 31st July – Captioned performance of The Boys with Wings at Wimbledon theatre for 7-12 year olds: [\(LINK\)](#)

Monday 18th August-Friday 22nd August – Deaf Youth Theatre summer programme (Amersham) at [\(LINK\)](#)

End of August-September 'Deaf Republic' at the Royal Court: [\(LINK\)](#)

Playscheme for all ages – summer event info coming soon!
Keep an eye on [\(LINK\)](#)

26th-28th September 2025 – Liberty Arts festival [\(LINK\)](#)

November 2025: Deaflympics in Tokyo 2025 [\(LINK\)](#)

Southwark's Local offer includes information about where Southwark run events are: [\(LINK\)](#)

Monday 11th - Friday 15th – August London Bubble are offering a free fun week of games, theatre, creativity and performance all about what matters most to our young people. You can find out more information and how to book [HERE](#)

Also check out **Families Magazine** and **Time Out** as they often list ideas.

A reminder that museums are free to enter and are great spaces to hang out and explore.

Also, The **Tower of London** have an offer for Southwark Residents where you can visit for £1. Well worth taking advantage of. [Community ticket | Tower Bridge](#)

To help navigate activities with deaf children our friends at SoundWaves have put together some kits. Their kits are jam-packed full of helpful and practical tips written by deaf children to educate others on how to be more inclusive and deaf aware during activities. The Tip Kits are designed to promote inclusion, and help create safer, more enjoyable experiences for deaf children. Each kit is easy to read, visually engaging and easily shareable at the touch of a button.

They are completely free to download!

Visit their website (or click the link below) to get the **Deaf Kids Tip Kits**:

Deaf Kids Tip Kits | SoundWaves Foundation



On a final note, we want to share some sad news. We are saying goodbye to **Heather** at the end of this term. She is ready to hang up her ToD shoes and retire. We think that those of you who have met her and worked with her will agree that she will be sorely missed. She has been a great member of the team, and we wish her well in her retirement and hope she keeps in touch.

Best wishes

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