

Summer 2026 update

Your generous support in response to our Summer 2026 appeal has helped us create spaces where young people feel they belong, build confidence, try new things and know they have adults who care about them. Over the six-week summer holiday, we supported over 70 young people through various additional activities alongside the usual regular youth sessions in Duxford, Sawston and Shelford

We were able to create a summer filled with friendship, adventure, creativity and new experiences. From a residential trip and go-karting to cooking, community projects and our Celebration Evening, there were lots of opportunities for young people to get involved, try something different and spend positive time together.

Thank you for making these opportunities possible.

ADVENTURE & CONFIDENCE



The Residential based at the 1912 Centre in Harwich was focused on the young people shaping ideas for our Celebration Evening at the end of the holidays. They were also able to enjoy the beach, crabbing, exploring and spending time together.

We took 15 Go Karting in Letchworth. It was especially encouraging to see experienced racers helping those trying it for the first time.

CREATING & MAKING



Our Duxford sessions focused on a soap box project, constructing and preparing our entry for the Duxford Soapbox Derby in September. This gave the young people a chance to make something practical, creative and a

little chaotic together.

FUN, FOOD & FRIENDSHIP

The summer included two fully attended Aqua Park trips, a LaserTag trip, a Star Wars all-nighter and two cooking sessions. One cooking challenge saw Year 6s work in teams to create a three-course meal for 11 people with a £20 budget.



Left: Getting ready for the Aquapark. Right: A less than alert group towards the end of the Star Wars marathon session.



FAITH & COMMUNITY

Our Deeper day brought young people from SSYI and Romsey Mill together to explore faith and complete practical community work, including painting benches and helping fix the mud kitchens at a nursery.



CELEBRATING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Our Celebration Evening on 21st August was a chance to recognize young people's involvement throughout the year. Seeing Noah and Letti overcome their nerves and deliver stunning musical performances was a particular highlight. This was followed by some more relaxed enjoyment with a foam cannon.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Please join us at the: **SSYI Big Breakfast @ Little Shelford Village Hall. 8:30am onwards on Saturday October 17th**

Our **2026 fundraising campaign to DOUBLE** your donations continues thanks to a generous offer from a supporter who will match fund any new or increased donation to SSYI this year. Thank you to those who have responded to this so far. If you have not yet done so, please will you consider establishing **a regular donation to SSYI**. The best ways are to:

- Set up a regular bank transfer (we'll send bank details)
- Donate online via JustGiving through this QR code



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