

**BRITISH
SCIENCE
FESTIVAL**

Southampton
16-20 September
2026

2026 Digital toolkit

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About the British Science Festival

Celebrating the people, stories and ideas at the heart of science.

The British Science Festival is Europe's longest-standing science festival, travelling to a different place in the United Kingdom each year.

Our Festival aims to connect people with scientists, engineers, technologists and social scientists, as they discuss what their work means to society and its impact on people's everyday lives.

Every year we bring an inspiring programme of free events to the public for up to five days, with exciting opportunities to get involved.

Talks, workshops, performances, installations and drop-in events span a diverse range of subjects that encompass science in the broadest sense, promising something for everyone.



British Science Festival details

When: Wednesday 16 to Sunday 20 September 2026.

Where: Hosted by the University of Southampton, events will be held in venues around Southampton and the university campus.

What: Around 80 FREE events, activities and experiences. Recommended for 16+ but open to all ages.

It's here, at last... the British Science Festival 2026 line-up has been revealed, and ticket booking is now open.

We'd be grateful for your help in building a buzz around the Festival programme and getting as many people booking as we can...

This toolkit contains sample social media posts, downloadable assets and more.

Don't forget to sign up to the British Science Association newsletter and follow the British Science Festival on [Bluesky](#), [Instagram](#) and [TikTok](#) to stay up to date with all things leading up to the big event.

Official hashtag: #BSF26

Programme highlights

Highlights

Experience CastAway, a breathtaking outdoor aerial performance exploring plastic pollution and climate change; and watch a 'living autopsy' to discover what really happens during a post-mortem examination. Audiences can also enjoy an energetic musical inspired by the true story of the First Cambridge All-Ladies Fire Brigade, celebrating friendship, rebellion and the power of speaking out.

Celebrating research excellence

We'll welcome the winners of the British Science Festival Award Lectures 2026. These seven early career researchers, selected for their groundbreaking work and commitment to public engagement, will present on wide-ranging topics such as deep-sea sharks, the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in spinal surgery, church-going robots and electromagnet art, highlighting the interdisciplinarity of science, research and innovation.

Exciting talks and hands-on experiences

Explore a series of ambitious new commissions developed with regional cultural partners including MAST Mayflower Studios, Turner Sims and John Hansard Gallery. Visitors can interact with skateable sculptures inspired by the maths behind skating tricks, experience a musical composition shaped by marine research, and watch scratch theatre performances exploring the implications of AI.

Downloadable assets

'Book now' assets



Please note that the link to assets and imagery expires every 30 days - and the link will be regularly updated over the summer.

If you have any problems, please contact
Press@britishscienceassociation.org

Event imagery



[Download assets and imagery here](#)

General Festival photography



Sample social media posts

Bluesky

British Science Festival
Bluesky: [@britsciassoc.bsky.social](https://bsky.social/@britsciassoc)
Official hashtag: #BSF26

🔔 Ticket booking is open for this year's British Science Festival!

With 80 FREE events on topics including animals, nature, sports and forensics, #BSF26 @britsciassoc.bsky.social promises something for everyone.

Spaces are limited, book now 🎫 www.britishsciencefestival.org

From 16-20 September, @britsciassoc.bsky.social's British Science Festival will take place across #Southampton & @unisouthampton.bsky.social's campus, with around 80 performances, talks, activities & more! 🙌

Events are free and open to all. Visit: www.britishsciencefestival.org #BSF26

The logo for the British Science Festival, featuring the words "BRITISH", "SCIENCE", and "FESTIVAL" stacked vertically. "BRITISH" and "FESTIVAL" are in a bold, pink, sans-serif font, while "SCIENCE" is in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is set against a dark teal background.

Downloadable British
Science Festival
assets can be found
[here](#)

Sample social media post

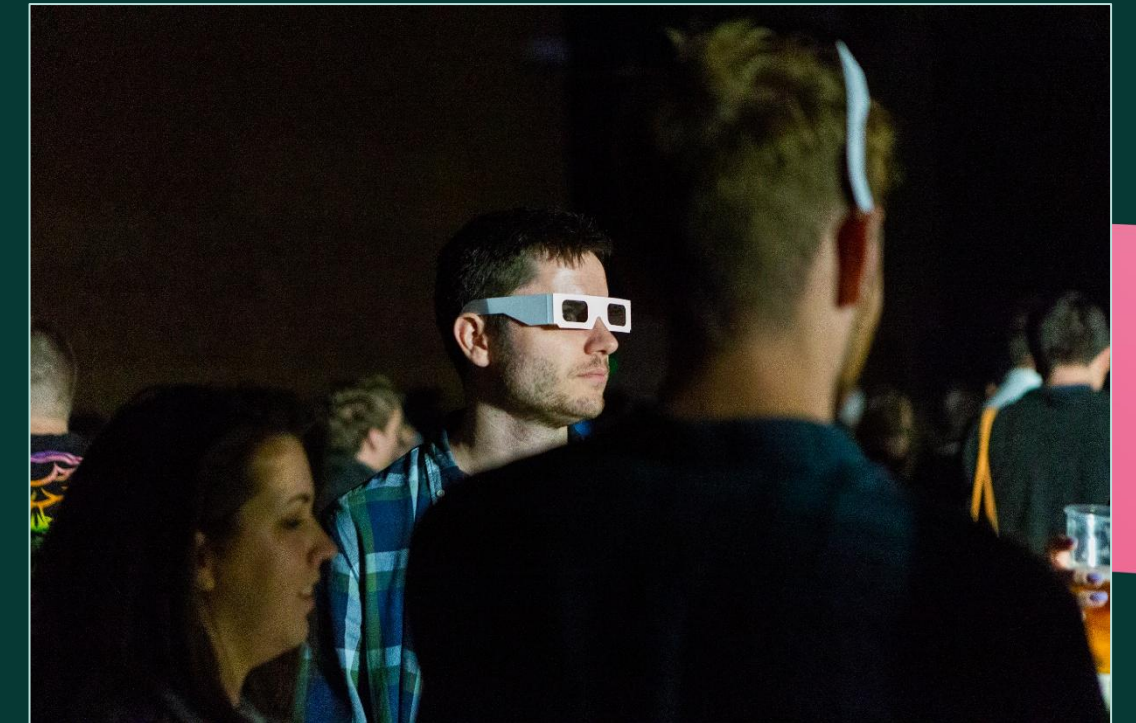
Facebook

British Science Festival
Facebook: [@British Science Festival](#)
Official hashtag: [#BSF26](#)

Book your free tickets for the British Science Festival 2026, which is coming to #Southampton this September! 🎟️

Get ready for around 80 events, installations and activities taking place at venues across the city and @University of Southampton campuses between 16-20 September.

For the full line-up and ticket reservations, visit:
www.britishsciencefestival.org [#BSF26](#)



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Sample social media post

Instagram

📣 Big news! You can now book your FREE tickets for the British Science Festival 2026...

Get yourself down to the @uni_southampton campuses and city centre venues and unleash your curiosity between 16-20 September as #BSF26 brings around 80 completely free events to #Southampton.

The programme fuses science and research with performances, art, and technology. For more information and to book your free tickets, visit the link in @britishscienceassociation's bio.

And don't forget to follow @britishscienceassociation to get into the Festival spirit!

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Sample promo copy

Newsletter

Immerse yourself in the weird and wonderful world of science this September as the British Science Festival arrives in Southampton!

This year's Festival, run by the British Science Association and hosted by the University of Southampton, will take place in venues around the city and the university campus.

From comedy shows to art installations; dynamic performances to hands-on workshops; insightful talks to interactive experiences, the Festival programme of around 80 FREE events has something for everyone.

So, what are you waiting for? See which events tickle your fancy and book your free tickets today at www.britishsciencefestival.org

Keep up with the latest Festival news on the website and via the British Science Association's Bluesky, Instagram and TikTok #BSF26

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Thank you

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