

Award Winning
COMMUNITIES
FUN DAY
Event Guide 2026



What's on!

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Info Zone

We have a lots of Information stalls from Council services, local organisations, service providers, sponsors, external agencies and local charities. Be sure to check out all the stalls within our Information Zone!

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Find your way!

Find your way about & get to your favourite activities!
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Welcome to the Award Winning COMMUNITIES FUN DAY

Saturday 16th May 2026

Ayr Academy / Riverside Sports Arena

Welcome to our 7th Communities Fun Day!

The event takes place across Ayr Academy and Riverside Sports Arena, with plenty to see and do at both venues. At Riverside Sports Arena, be sure to visit the Information Zone, where you'll find a wide range of information stalls from South Ayrshire Council, external agencies, partners, charities and community groups.

Explore the event, use your map, and find the Treasure Hunt signs hidden at stalls and attractions around the site. Once you've collected all the numbers, please fill in our online form with the QR code to be entered into our prize draw, more info on page 10

This event has been made possible thanks to the generous support of our Event Sponsors. It is organised and delivered by a dedicated event team made up of officers from Housing Services, Tenant Participation, Thriving Communities, Sports & Leisure and Destination South Ayrshire. Our organising team has truly gone the extra mile to help make this the best Communities Fun Day yet.

You're welcome to bring your own picnic, chairs or blankets to our event. **We kindly encourage anyone attending to consider bringing a donation for the local food bank. We hope you have a fun-filled day out on us and our event sponsors!**

What's on...

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*All events and exhibitor information correct at time of printing.

Live on The Main Stage

Ayr Academy Car
Park (See map
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Enjoy music, dance and performances throughout the day.
You're welcome to drop in at any time.

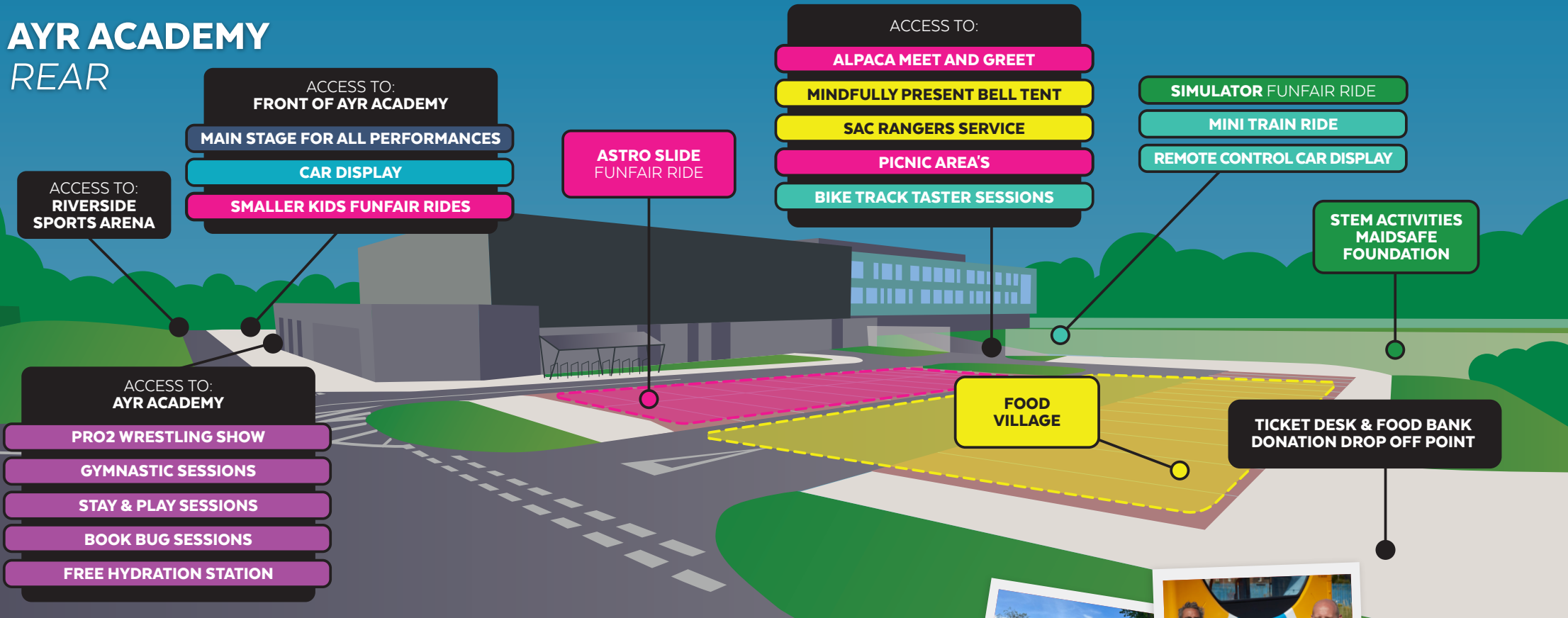
11am-11.45am	The Barn Jammers
12noon-12.45pm	Paul Scully
1pm-1.45pm	Katie O'Neill
2.30pm-3pm	Scott Watson (Now Ayrshire Radio singing/entertainment)
3.30pm-4pm	Danielle McLaughlin (Now Ayrshire Radio line dancing/entertainment)

Limited outdoor seating is available near the stage. This area can be busy and loud at peak times. All performances are free. Thank you for supporting local performers and community groups.

Stage hosted and sponsored by

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Shuttle Bus Timetable

Saturday 16th May, 2026

	Morning			Afternoon		
Ayr Bus Station	10:15	10:45	11:15	11:45	12:15	12:45
Burns Statue Square	10:20	10:50	11:20	11:50	12:20	12:50
Communities Fun Day	10:25	10:55	11:25	11:55	12:25	12:55
Communities Fun Day	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	13:00
Burns Statue Square	10:35	11:05	11:35	12:05	12:35	13:05
Ayr Bus Station	10:37	11:07	11:37	12:07	12:37	13:07

Afternoon (con.)

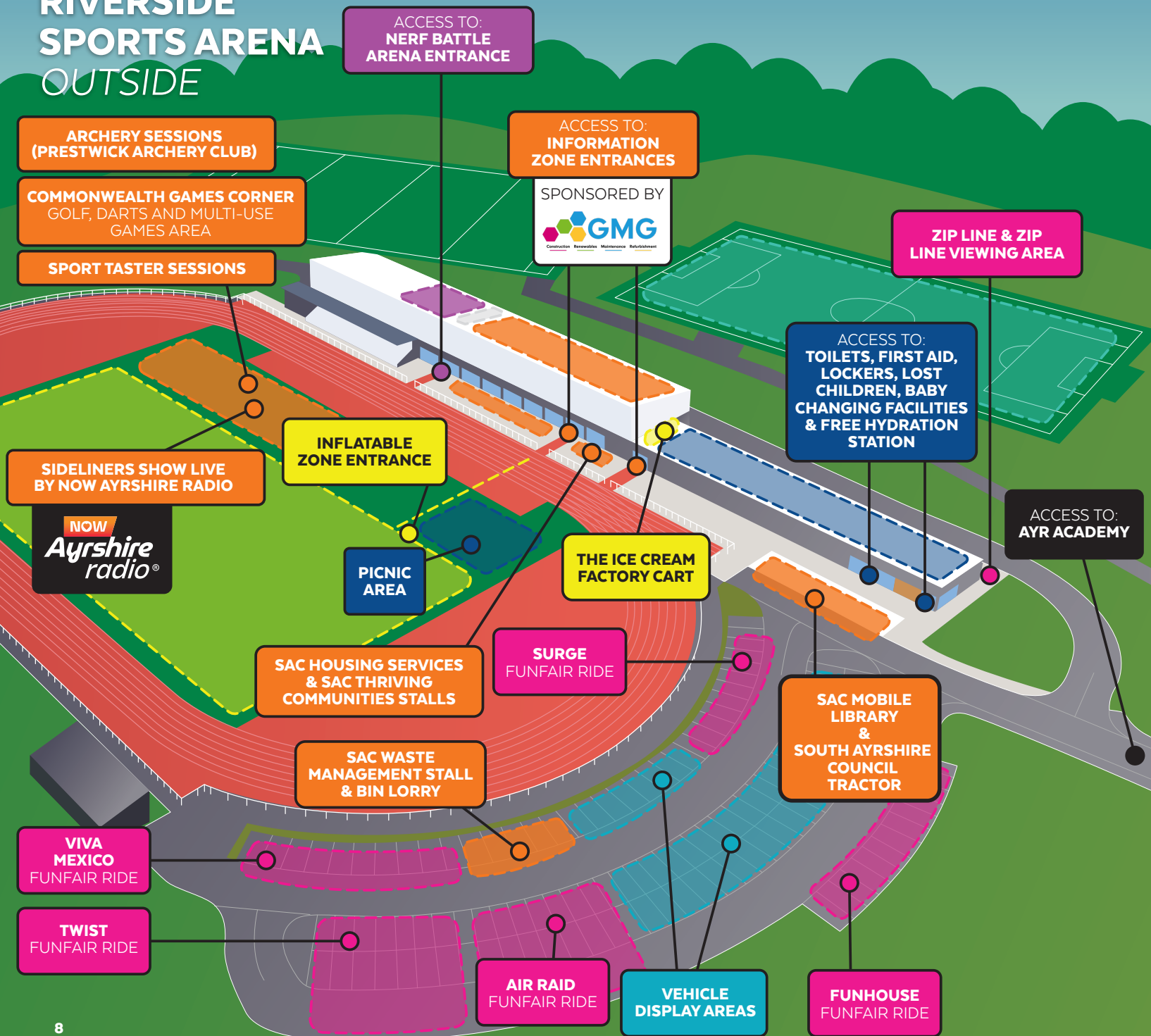
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13:25	13:55	-	15:25	15:55	16:25
13:30	14:00	15:00	15:30	16:00	16:30
13:35	-	15:05	15:35	16:05	16:35
13:37	-	15:07	15:37	16:07	16:40



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RIVERSIDE SPORTS ARENA OUTSIDE



RIVERSIDE SPORTS ARENA INSIDE

- Tenant Participation Team
- South Ayrshire Council Housing Services
- South Ayrshire Council Thriving Communities
- South Ayrshire Council Destination South Ayrshire
- South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership - Care at Home
- South Ayrshire Council Library Service
- Ayr Housing Aid Centre
- South Ayrshire Befriending Project
- Burns Statue Square Consultation Team
- Baby to Teen
- We Are With You
- Girvan & District Attractions
- South Ayrshire Council Health & Social Care Partnership
- Champions Board South Ayrshire Council
- PDSA
- Ayrshire Housing
- Ayrshire Cancer Support
- Ayrshire Independent Living Network
- South Ayrshire Council Sports and Leisure Service
- South Ayrshire Carers Centres
- Vics in the Community
- Recovery Ayr
- SeAscape
- Victim Support
- South Ayrshire Council self-directed support / telecare
- Harbour Ayrshire
- SAC Youth Forum
- Quit your Way
- Barnados
- South Ayrshire Council Youth Forum
- Troon RNLI Water Safety Team
- Community Planning Partnership
- ANDYSMANCLUB
- RecoveryAyr / ADP
- Champions For Change
- We Are With You
- Carers Gateway South Ayrshire
- Whiteleys Retreat

Fun Day Treasure Hunt!

Explore the event, use your map, and find the Treasure Hunt signs hidden at stalls and attractions around the site. When you find a sign, write down the number shown at the bottom in the correct box on your sheet.

1 Clip on tight and look down low, Zoom through the air – ready, steady, go!
Where brave adventurers take their ride – Your treasure is waiting close by!

2 Need help, advice, or somewhere to ask? Council teams are here for that task.
Between two friendly gazebos you'll see, go inside and another treasure awaits patiently.

3 Step inside where fun begins, Shows and stories, jumps and spins! Wrestling,
BookBug, games and more, Find the treasure near the door!

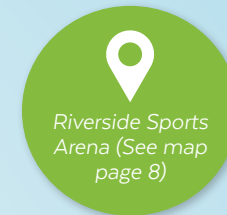
4 Music, performances, voices so loud, This is where people gather in a crowd.
Near the stage where the fun is alive, Your next treasure waits for you to find.

5 Tiny wheels racing, fast and remote, Cars that zoom without a driver afloat.
Beside the Food Village, lively and bright, Your final treasure is almost in sight!

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What's on!



Riverside Sports Arena

Info Zone

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Now Ayrshire Radio
Sideliners Show Live from
Riverside Sports Arena

Large Funfair Rides

Thomas the Tank
Interactive Model Railway
NERF Battle Arena by EPIC
FUHOUSE & Scalextric Track

Vehicle Display

Inflatable Zone

Maybole Pipe Band

Zip Line

Archery

Commonwealth Corner
with visits from Finnie the
Mascot

What's on! Ayr Academy

Small Funfair Rides

Located within Ayr Academy Car Parks

PRO2 Wrestling

Doors open 11:30am

Show starts 12:00 noon

12:20pm First match

12:40pm Second match

1:05pm Singles match

Break at 1.25pm - Photo Opportunity

2:20pm tag match

2:40pm singles match

3:00pm main event

DJ Taster Sessions with Now Ayrshire Radio

DJ workshops beginning from 11.30am

Gymnastic Taster Sessions

11:30am - 12.00noon

12.00noon - 12.30pm

12.30pm - 1.00pm

1.00pm - 1.30pm

1.30pm - 2.00pm

2.00pm - 2.30pm

2.30pm - 3.00pm

3.30pm - 4.00pm

**20 kids per session
Suitable for 4-16 years*

Bookbug Sessions

11.30am & 2.30pm

Stay & play

(for ages 0-5)

11am-12pm - Carnival Fun

12pm-1pm - Dino Discovery

1pm-2pm - Wee Illustrators & Junk Art
(primary ages welcome)

2pm-3pm - Calm Sensory Room

3pm-4pm - Sing Along with Ms Rachel

Nature Walks

1pm Join South Ayrshire Council
Rangers Service for a Nature Walk
around the grounds nearby.

Mindfully Present Bell Tent

Mindfulness Sessions

12-12:20pm, 1-1:20pm, 2-2:20pm

Qi Gong ancient Chinese practice

12:20-12:40pm, 2:20-2:40pm

Tai Chi martial arts

1:20-1:40pm

Caroline's Holistic Therapy

Drumming Sessions

11:40am, 12:40pm, 1:40pm, 2:40pm,
3.20pm

Canoeing Taster Sessions

What's on! Ayr Academy

Bike Track Taster Sessions

Vehicle Display

Ayrshire Radio Controlled Car
Club

MaidSAFE Foundation

Alpaca Meet & Greet

Astro Slide

Mini Steam Train Rides

Face painting

Owl Magic

Stem Activities

Fun Day Stage

Food Village

The Food Village will be based within the rear car park of Ayr Academy. Take a stroll through our Food Village, packed with a fantastic mix of local vendors bringing something tasty for everyone!

Come along, explore the flavours, and treat yourself while enjoying the day! There's also plenty of space if you'd prefer to bring your own picnic!

From sweet treats to savory bites, you'll find:

Snackasurus
Cheddar Cottage
Fat Pizza
Outcast Coffee Club
The Bullish Coffee
Ice Cream Factory
The Boxed Baker
Donut & Crepe
Donut Man

Free Family Swim for use at Prestwick or Maybole Leisure Centre

Our timetable can be viewed on our website.

Terms and conditions apply. Child Admission Policy applies at all times. No advance booking required, spaces are allocated on a first come first served basis. Offer valid until 31st December 2026.

Communities Fun Day Catering

School Catering

We're delighted to offer a special Communities Fun Day Meal Deal for just £2 per person!

£2

This fantastic offer is only available within Ayr Academy School Canteen (While stocks last).

Choose from:

A morning roll with your choice of ham, turkey, chopped pork, or roast beef

All meal deals include:

A bottle of water or flavored water, Crisps, Yogurt, Biscuits

Gluten-free options available.

Cash and card payments accepted.

Come along, grab a bite, and enjoy a great day out with family and friends!

Free Hydration Station

Stay refreshed at our Hydration Stations located at: **Riverside Sports Arena Reception & Ayr Academy**

Free bottled water available (cups provided once bottles run out, while stocks last).

The Community Shop (Premier Beech Grove) situated at our ticket entry point on Beech Grove will also be selling cold filled rolls, hot filled rolls, and the usual shop items such as cold drinks and sweets. (Cash and Card Payments).



Sponsors

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors for supporting this event. Their fantastic support allows us to deliver this event and all activities for free.



Feedback

Your chance to win £50!

Your opinion is very important to us and our event organising team read every response. We'd love to know what you thought of our Communities Fun Day 2026.

You can complete the survey online at <https://forms.office.com/e/pzV5t95vyj> or scan the QR Code.

The changes we made to the event this year were a direct result of feedback received from last year's event. The survey will close on 17th June 2026 and a winner will be chosen at random and contacted.



All completed feedback forms will be entered into a prize draw for the chance to win a £50 Love to shop local voucher.

Thanks!

A massive thank you to all our exhibitors, partners and friends who have kindly donated their time, services, vehicles, attractions and much more. Without their support this event would not be possible. We are continuously grateful for all the support our communities show us for this event.

THANK YOU FOR COMING AND WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR DAY!

Health & Safety Information



FIRE ALARM: There is no fire alarm test planned for the day, so if an alarm sounds, please leave the venue in a reasonable and calm manner. Staff will be on hand to direct you to the nearest exits within the Riverside Sports Arena and Ayr Academy.



FIRST AID: If you require First Aid, please speak to one of our members of staff, easily identifiable by their blue t-shirts. The First Aid points are at both Ayr Academy & Riverside Sports Arena, detailed on the maps on pages 6 & 8.



ASSISTANCE: If at any point during the day you require general assistance or information, speak to one of our members of Staff or Volunteers, easily identifiable by their blue t-shirts who will be happy to help you.



CHILDREN: All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times. To report a lost child please go to the Lost Child detailed on both maps or find a member of staff with the blue t-shirts.



PHOTOGRAPHS/FILMING: Please note an official photographer and film crew will be on hand throughout the day to capture some memories and to allow us to use this material for future advertising. If you have any concerns please speak to a member of staff at the ticketing desk.



NO SMOKING ZONE: This is a gentle reminder that this event operates under a no smoking zone, this includes vaping.



TOILETS: We have toilets located within both the Riverside Sports Arena and Ayr Academy buildings. Details are on the maps on pages 6 & 8.



BABY CHANGING FACILITIES: Dedicated Baby change facilities are available at Riverside Sports Arena.

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL CAN TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY THEFT, LOSS OR DAMAGE OF BELONGINGS AT THE EVENT.

Next
Years
Event

Look out for details of our 8th annual Communities Fun Day planned to take place in May 2027.



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