

EVENT PRESS RELEASE

FOODIES FESTIVAL Celebrates its 21st Birthday and you are all invited!

Preston Park, Brighton – 2/3/4 May



FOODIES FESTIVAL RETURNS TO BRIGHTON FOR A SPECTACULAR 21ST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Food lovers, music fans and families are in for a treat as Foodies Festival returns to Preston Park from 2nd – 4th May 2026, bringing three packed days of delicious food, live music, hands-on experiences and family fun.

Now celebrating its 21st birthday, the much-loved festival is marking the occasion with its biggest and most exciting year yet – featuring brand-new attractions, headline music acts, star chefs and bakers, and a strong showcase of local culinary and musical talent.

After welcoming record-breaking visitor numbers last year, Foodies Festival is back in Brighton with an expanded programme designed for all ages – from live cooking demonstrations, headline bands and tasting sessions to kids' activities, wellbeing experiences and dog-friendly fun.

STAR CHEFS, LOCAL TALENT AND LIVE COOKING DEMOS

Across the weekend, visitors can enjoy a huge array of live cooking demonstrations in the famous Chefs Theatre and Baking Theatre, with appearances from stars of *MasterChef*, *The Great British Bake Off* and *Great British Menu*, alongside acclaimed chefs from the local area.

Confirmed names appearing at Brighton

Sophie Surgue (2025 MasterChef Finalists)

Steven Edwards – ETCH

Duncan Ray – Little Fish Market

Peter Danatus – The Burnt Orange

Kanthi Thamma - The Spice Circuit Brighton

Dhruv Baker - Celebrity Chef, Author & MasterChef Champion

Tom Rhodes - MasterChef Champion

Will Dennard – Med

Radika Howarth - TV Chef

plus many more!

Local chefs, bakers and producers will also take centre stage, celebrating the very best of Brighton's food scene.

LIVE MUSIC EVERY EVENING

Each day, the festival comes alive with live music on the Music Stage, featuring headline touring acts, local bands and choirs.

Confirmed Headliners

Scouting For Girls

Boyzlife (Brian McFadden and Keith Duffy)

B*witched

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Foodies Festival in Brighton offers a full weekend of interactive fun, including:

- Kids Cookery School – hands-on cooking sessions for young foodies
- Drinks Theatre – tastings and masterclasses with industry experts
 - International Cook School
 - Fire Stage – flame-fired cooking from BBQ pros
- Legendary Chilli Challenge – brave the heat in front of a cheering crowd
 - Shopping Village & Artisan Market – featuring local producers
 - Feasting Tent – street food from around the world

BRAND NEW FOR 2026

To celebrate its anniversary year, Foodies Festival introduces exciting new features:

Ready Steady Cook Off – a fast-paced culinary showdown
Meet & Greet Experiences – meet your favourite chefs and music stars*
Upgraded VIP Area – premium views, refreshments and exclusive perks
Wellbeing Village & Calm Kitchen – food, fitness and mental wellbeing
Kitchen Disco – where cooking meets dancing

AND MUCH MORE!

FAMILY & DOG FRIENDLY

Families can enjoy an expanded programme of kids' entertainment, including scavenger hunts, games and interactive challenges, while four-legged friends are welcome at new Dog's Zone featuring dog-friendly treats, dog brands, activities and competitions.

COMMUNITY & CHARITY

Foodies Festival is proud to support national homelessness charity Crisis, alongside a range of local charities in Brighton, helping raise awareness and funds while engaging directly with the community.

Enhanced accessibility and wellbeing support will be in place throughout the weekend.

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