

As well as the events below, don't forget to check out further activities and things to do on www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo

North Solihull (and surrounding areas)				
Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
Solihull College Woodlands Campus, Auckland Drive, Smiths Wood B36 0NF Website: www.solihull.ac.uk				
Sat 10 June	<p>Family Open Day at Woodlands Campus The whole family is invited along to our Woodlands Campus in Smith's Wood on Saturday 10th June between 10am-3pm. We are offering a whole host of activities for all ages:</p> <p>See our former Royal Navy aircraft Experience our 737 flight simulator Race in an F1 simulator and take part in the wheel change pit-crew challenge Have a go at child-friendly 'hands on' construction, engineering and motor vehicle tasters Tour our top-class Hair & Beauty salons Bouncy Castle, Gyroscope, Ice Cream Van and treasure hunt for the kids BBQ Plus more to be announced!</p> <p>Whether you'd like to have a chat about any of our courses or just enjoy the day with your friends or family we'll see you there!</p>	FREE	10am - 3pm	All ages
Melbicks Wyevale Garden Centre, Chester Road, Coleshill B46 3HX Tel: 0844 288 5095 Website: www.wyevalegardencentres.co.uk/garden-centres/Melbicks/KA3				
Up to 4th June	<p>Let's Get Growing - Kids' events this half-term Unearth wonderful activities from growing your own mini allotment and giant strawberries, to making amazing seed bursters.</p> <p><i>Mr Mole's Muffins (31 May, 1 June & 3 June)</i> Make and bake a tasty savoury muffin and a sweet muffin. Includes a kid's meal and unlimited squash.</p> <p><i>Grow your own Pizza Toppings (2 June)</i> Plant a variety of pizza toppings then decorate a fun gnome sun-catcher to use as a marker.</p> <p><i>Grow your own Mini Allotment (4 June)</i> Create and plant your own mini allotment complete with bean poles and even a greenhouse, then sit back and watch your veggies grow.</p> <p>N.B. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Please see website for booking details.</p>	<p>£7.50 (60mins) Mr Mole's Muffins</p> <p>£2.50 (30mins) Grow your own Pizza Toppings</p> <p>£2.50 (30mins) Grow your own Mini Allotment</p> <p>See website for booking details</p>	See website	3 years+

Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens Chester Road, Castle Bromwich, Solihull, B36 9BT

Tel: 0121 749 4100

Website: www.castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk

<p>Mon 29 May - Fri 2 June</p>	<p>Invasion of the Giant Flowers - half term activities Did you shrink or did the flowers just grow?</p> <p>Wander amongst our beautiful towering plants over 4 metres tall - they're crocheted! This May half term join in the festival atmosphere with our Alice in Wonderland sized installation, we'll also be running family friendly activities around our flower theme.</p> <p>Add a pompom flower to our woolly field and make some pom pom bees to fly amongst them.</p> <p>Help us build a giant bug hotel and learn how to make your own mini-beastie hotel at home. And why not construct a giant birds nest for the little ones to snuggle up in.</p> <p>Little green fingers can also help us plant up our Jack and the Giant Beanstalk runner bean tunnel... plant now and come back to play in the tunnel over summer.</p>	<p>Family friendly sessions + entry to the Gardens £2 (for anyone over 5 years old)</p>	<p>12.30pm - 4.30pm</p> <p>Family activities: 12pm - 3pm</p>	<p>All ages</p>
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North Solihull Sports Centre Conway Road, Chelmsley Wood, Solihull B37 5LA

Tel: 0121 770 3822

<p>Sat 10 June</p>	<p>Family Fun Day Come and join the fun!</p> <p>Free swimming for all the family! Free gym! Family classes / sports activities!</p> <p>Please contact for further information.</p>	<p>FREE</p>	<p>10am - 4pm</p>	<p>All ages</p>
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Libraries...

Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
Castle Bromwich Library Hurst Lane North, Castle Bromwich, Solihull B36 0EY Tel: 0121 747 3708				
	<p>Storytime. Term time only on Fridays.</p>	<p>FREE</p>	<p>2:15pm - 2:45pm</p>	<p>Under 5s</p>
	<p>Rhyme time on Mondays. Alternating between either a morning or afternoon session. A short interactive session for babies and very young children, which includes finger and action rhymes and songs.</p>	<p>FREE</p>	<p>10:45am - 11:05am or 2:30pm - 2:50pm</p>	<p>0 - 2 years</p>

Chelmsley Wood Library 10 West Mall, Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre, Solihull B37 5TN
Tel: 0121 788 4380

	Wise Owls Story and rhymetime drop-in session, term time only on Fridays. Followed by play and stay.	FREE	10am	Under 5s
	Code Club Do you have a favourite computer game? Would you like to learn how to make your own computer games? At Code Club you will learn how to make cool games, animations and websites too! Drop-in session, term time only on Mondays. Contact library staff to find out more details.	FREE	4pm - 5pm	8 - 12 years
	Owlets! We are launching a new children's drop-in session. This will include a monthly rota of two play and stays, a rhymetime and a guest speaker. Monthly on Tuesdays. Contact library staff to find out more details.	FREE	10.30am	Under 3s

Kingshurst Library Marston Drive, Kingshurst, Solihull B37 6BD
Tel: 0121 770 3451

	Story Time on Fridays, term time only	FREE	10:15am - 10:45am	Under 5s
	Rhyme time – A short interactive session for babies and very young children that includes finger & action rhymes and songs. Also a chance to meet other mums and carers. Once a fortnight on Tuesdays.	FREE	10:15am - 10:45am	0 - 2 years

Marston Green Library Land Lane, Solihull B37 7DQ
Call: 0121 779 2131

	Story Time - No need to book. Just pop along with your little ones for half an hour of stories, rhymes, songs and colouring on Mondays.	FREE	2:30pm - 3pm	Under 5s
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South Solihull (and surrounding areas)				
Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
Touchwood Shopping Centre Homer Rd, Solihull B91 3GJ Website: www.touchwoodsolihull.co.uk				
Mon 29 May - Fri 2 June	<p>Gravity Car Racing event Touchwood challenges Solihull kids to take to the track!</p> <p>This half term, Touchwood is inviting the region's younger residents to unleash their inner inventor, with its free, exciting gravity car racing challenge, using LEGO® Bricks.</p> <p>Guests who visit the centre will be able to design their own customised car using LEGO® Bricks, and then put it to the test by releasing it down a specially-designed ramp against the cars of other guests.</p> <p>The best-built cars which travel the furthest distance, will secure a place at the top of the Touchwood Track leader board, with the top three per day being awarded a £15 Touchwood gift card to spend on LEGO® of their choice to refine their engineering skills at home.</p> <p>Lucy Burnett, marketing manager at Touchwood, comments: "We know that it can sometimes prove difficult to keep the kids entertained over the school holidays, so we thought what better way to have some fun this half term than by giving children the chance to build their very own car using LEGO® Bricks and test its performance.</p> <p>It's set to be a lot of fun so we encourage everyone to come along and unleash their inner racer!"</p>	FREE	11am - 4pm	All ages
Akamba Tythe Barn Lane, Shirley, Solihull B90 1PH Call: 0121 733 3111 Website: www.akamba.co.uk				
Sat 3 June	<p>Family Fun Day - Big Jam Music Fest</p> <p>Outdoor festival - 10 bands, 5 styles of music (Motown, Soul, Reggae, Dance & Pop) for 1 day only.</p>	£20 per adult £7 per child (5 to 15 years) £50 for a family ticket (2 adults & 2 children)	1pm - 11pm	All ages

Solihull College Blossomfield Campus, Blossomfield Road, Solihull B91 1SB
Website: www.solihull.ac.uk

Sat 10 June	<p>Open House & Gardens at Blossomfield Campus The whole family is invited to come along and see our stunning period house and gardens. Meet the animals in our Animal & Land Management Centre, have a chat about courses or just enjoy the day with family and friends. Free entry and activities!</p> <p>Meet our animals BBQ & Refreshments Plant Sales & Demonstrations Children's Activities & Bouncy Castle Plus more!</p> <p>We'll see you there!</p>	FREE	11am - 3pm	All ages
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Baddesley Clinton Rising Lane, Knowle, Solihull B93 0DQ
Tel: 01564 783294
Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/baddesley-clinton

Up to 4 June	<p>Family Fun Days - Half-term 2017 With the freedom of the open countryside, fascinating stories in the house and a variety of exciting outdoor activities there's something for everyone to enjoy at Baddesley this half-term.</p> <p>Baddesley is the perfect place for families to have fun in the outdoors, breathe in the fresh air and explore.</p> <p>Grab your summer hat and pull on those trusty wellies and join us for a fun packed day on Baddesley's new natural play trail!</p>	This event is free, but normal admission charges apply (see website)	11am - 4pm	All ages
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The Core Theatre Solihull Theatre Square, Touchwood, Homer Road Solihull B91 3RG
Tel: 0121 704 6962 (Box Office)
Website: www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk

Thurs 1 June	<p>Alice in Wonderland by Ballet Theatre UK Wonderful ballet version of the classic children's tale.</p> <p>Come with Alice on a magical adventure as she tumbles into Wonderland!</p> <p>Guided by the White Rabbit, Alice meets some astonishing characters, including the Mad Hatter, the Queen of Hearts, a studious caterpillar and those mischievous twins, Tweedledum and Tweedledee.</p>	<p>£18 (adult)</p> <p>£12 (child) 18 months to 16 years</p>	<p>2.30pm</p> <p>7.30pm</p> <p>Running time: approx. 2 hrs</p>	All ages
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Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
Balsall Common Library 283 Kenilworth Road, Balsall Common CV7 3EL Tel: 01676 532590				
	Talented Teens - A chance to meet with friends, borrow books and play board games. No need to book, just turn up. For more information please call the library.	FREE	11am - 12.30pm	11 years+
Mon 5 June	Let's Explore Outdoors Storytime To celebrate National Bookstart Week (5 to 11 June) we are holding a special Storytime with a selection of 'let's explore outdoors' themed stories, crafts and giveaways.	FREE	2.15pm - 3pm	Under 5s
	Tales and Time to Play - on Mondays. Bring your little ones for a story followed by a chance to play, sing, chat and relax with other young families. All pre-school children are welcome. Toys and musical instruments are provided.	FREE	2:15pm - 3pm	Under 5s
	Rhyme Time - on Tuesdays. Enjoy an afternoon spending time with your babies and toddlers listening to happy songs and rhymes with actions and percussion instruments.	FREE	2:15pm - 2:45pm	0 - 2 years
	Family Needle Craft Workshops - on Fridays. An exciting new craft group aimed at children and young people from six years and up. The workshops are delivered by Pop Up Communities. For more information and to book a place please call the library. N.B. Children must be accompanied by an adult.	Small charge applies	4pm - 5pm	6 years+
Dickens Heath Library Old Dickens Heath Road, Dickens Heath, Solihull B90 1SD Tel: 0121 744 6078				
	Rhymetimes on Mondays, term time only. A fun session of action rhymes and songs.	FREE	2pm - 2.30pm	0 - 2 years
	Children's Board Games Club - Get your children away from their computer screens. Who doesn't love a game of Guess Who?	FREE	2pm - 3pm	5 - 9 years
	Lego Club - Last Saturday of the month. See you for lots of creative fun. Dads are welcome to join in!	FREE	2pm - 3pm	5 - 9 years
	Tea & Tots - Every other Thursday of the month A chance for mums, dads, grans and carers to meet for a cuppa and a chat whilst the toddlers play. Occasional guest speakers may also attend.	FREE	2pm - 3pm	Under 5s

Hampton in Arden Library 39 Fentham Road, Hampton in Arden, Solihull B92 0AY
Tel: 01675 442629

	<p>Storytimes - Fortnightly on Tuesdays. Stories and crafts for all pre-school children. Please call for dates.</p>	FREE	1:45pm - 2:15pm	Under 5s
	<p>Reading Zoo - Fortnightly on Fridays. A story for under 5s about an animal, followed by painting a picture of that animal for our Reading Zoo wall display. Please call for dates.</p> <p>N.B.Warm water is provided to wash hands, but wearing clothes that can get messy is recommended.</p>	FREE	1.45pm - 2.15pm	Under 5s

Hobs Moat Library Ulleries Road, Solihull B92 8EB
Tel: 0121 743 4592

	<p>Under 5s Story Session 'Little Hobbits - Thursdays, term time only. Join the 'Little Hobbits' and sing along with rhymes before listening to stories and enjoying colouring with your pre school children.</p>	FREE	10am - 10:45am	Under 5s
	<p>Daddy Rhyme Time - Monthly on Saturdays. This is a special time of enjoyment and bonding for you and your child. Come along and meet with other fathers and male carers for a chat. Refreshments are provided. Please contact for more details.</p>	FREE	10:30am - 11am	Under 5s
	<p>Teenage Activity Group Monthly on Thursdays. Are you interested in discussing books, quizzes, art and crafts? Then come along to our activity group. Please contact for more details.</p>	FREE	4pm - 5pm	10 years+
<p>NEW Mon 5 June</p>	<p>Animal Antics Join our new pre-school children's activity.</p> <p>Every month staff will read stories about a new animal.</p> <p>Children can then colour in a picture of the animal and collect them.</p> <p>Every time you come to the library you can collect a paw print for your Animal Collector Card.</p> <p>The animal for our first session will be a bear!</p>	FREE	2pm	Under 5s

Knowle Library Chester House, 1667-1669 High Street, Knowle, Solihull B93 0LL
Tel: 01564 775840

	Jellybeans - Story-time songs and fun rhymes for the under 5's. Come along and join in the fun. The session also includes a craft activity. Monthly on a Thursday.	FREE	10:45am - 11:30am	Under 5s
	Alphabet Club - Activity and story-time session, where children can make their own alphabet scrapbook. Alternate Mondays.	£1 per child	2pm - 3:00pm	Under 5s
	Rhyme Time - Every Friday afternoon, term time only. Bring your little ones along for a fun half hour of songs, action rhymes and musical instruments.	FREE	2pm - 2:30pm	Under 5s

Meriden Library Arden Cottage, The Green, Meriden CV7 7LN
Tel: 01676 522717

	Storytime on Mondays. Term time only. A different theme each week, with a special craft to follow.	FREE	2.45pm - 3.15pm	Under 5s
	Rhymetime on Thursdays. Term time only. A weekly session of songs for babies and toddlers.	FREE	2.45pm - 3.15pm	Under 5s

Olton Library 169A Warwick Road, Olton, Solihull B92 7AR
Tel: 0121 706 3038

	Storytime on Fridays. Term time only. Come along and enjoy listening to stories for your pre-school child in the company of other children and their families.	FREE	2:30pm - 3pm	Under 5s
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Shirley Library 22 Parkgate, Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull B90 3GG
Tel: 0121 704 6300

Fri 2 June	Storybox on first Monday and Friday of the month. Join us for a fun-filled story time with rhymes! No booking required.	FREE	2pm - 2:30pm	Under 5s
	Rhyme Time - For babies and toddlers on Tuesdays (term time only).	FREE	10am - 10.30am	Under 5s
	Rhyme Time - For babies and toddlers on Wednesdays (term time only).	FREE	2pm - 2:30pm	Under 5s
	Rhyme Time - For babies and toddlers on Saturdays (term time only).	FREE	11am - 11.30am	Under 5s

	<p>Children's Code Club on Mondays. Term time only. Code Club runs as a 6 week course. Booking is essential as there is a maximum of 8 children per course.</p> <p>In each session children will use various coding websites (depending on their level of coding) to make their own cool computer games, animations and websites. All children will receive a certificate at the end of each completed course! We currently run courses in Scratch 1 & 2 and HTML 1 & 2, so lots of room for progression!</p> <p>N.B. Limited places are available so please either speak to a member of staff at Shirley Library or call for more information or to get a spot on the waiting list!</p>	FREE	5.30pm - 6.30pm	9 - 11 years
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Half Term Happenings at Shirley Library!

Tues 30 May	<p>Knitting for All Taster Session Wool workshop - learn to felt with super colours and get a free starter pack!</p> <p>Tickets are free but booking is essential!</p>	FREE	10.30am - 11.30am	5 to 11 years
Wed 31 May	<p>DinoTime Help us decorate our dinosaurs using all kinds of craft materials for our special 'Dino-display'!</p> <p>Tickets are free but booking is essential!</p>	FREE	10.30am - 11.30am	5 years+
Wed 31 May	<p>Scratch Animation Workshop Learn how to turn Scratch sprites into comic strip animations!</p> <p>Limited places, booking is essential!</p>	FREE	3.30pm - 4.30pm	9 to 11 years
Thur 1 June	<p>Yoga for Kids - Taster Sessions</p> <p>Tickets are free but booking is essential.</p>	FREE	10.20am - 10.50am 11am - 11.20am	5 years+
Fri 2 June	<p>Explore Learning Workshops</p> <p>Fun with Phonics for children 5 to 6 years old.</p> <p>Groovy Grammar for children 8 to 11 years old.</p> <p>Booking essential</p>	FREE	Fun with Phonic 10.30am - 11.30am Groovy Grammar 12pm - 1pm	5 to 6 years 8 to 11 years
Sat 3 June	<p>RNLI - Water Safety Interactive Presentation For children and teenagers. Going away this year? Learn how to enjoy the water and stay safe with this interactive presentation by someone from the RNLI!</p> <p>Book a free place with the library staff!</p>	FREE	10am - 11.30am	Children & teenagers

The Core Library Theatre Square, Touchwood, Homer Road, Solihull B91 3RG
Tel: 0121 704 6965

	Homework Club - Tuesdays (term time only) with designated staff to support children.	FREE	3:45pm - 5:15pm	8 years and over
	Story Times - Mondays (term time only).	FREE	2pm - 2:30pm	Under 5s
	Rhyme Time - Wednesdays (term time only). A short interactive session that includes finger & action rhymes and songs. Come along and meet up with other parents/carers and discover what the library can offer your child.	FREE	10:15am - 10:30am	0 -2 years
	Meet and Play - Fridays (term time only). A session for families to meet up, relax, chat, play, sing or make music together. Instruments and toys are provided.	FREE	10:15am - 11:15am	0 -2 years
	Core Code Club - Saturdays (fortnightly). To register email... kjewsbury@solihull.gov.uk or call for more details.	FREE	10:30am - 11:30am	Not specified
	Lego Club - Monthly. Meet in The Core Creative space. Call for more details.	FREE	4pm - 5pm	Not specified
	Twins Plus Storytime - Thursdays (monthly, term time only). Storytime for twins and multiples. Enjoy stories and rhymes followed by time to chat and share experiences with others. No booking required, just turn up on the day.	FREE	2pm - 2:30pm	Under 5s

Parks...

Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
Tudor Grange Park Monkspath Hall Road, Solihull B91 3LU				
Thurs 8 - Sat 10 June	<p>Bob Wilson's Funfair Experience all the fun of the fair with the return of Bob Wilson's Funfair to Tudor Grange Park. Featuring rides suitable for all ages, candy floss, hot dogs and much more, this event is fun for all the family!</p> <p>Vouchers for 50p off discounts are available on the funfair's Facebook site and from participating local retailers.</p>	Admission FREE (small charges for rides)	5pm - 10pm (Thurs & Fri) 12pm - 10pm (Sat)	All ages

Sat 10 June	<p>Solihull Carnival Celebrate the Carnival with the Solihull Lions! Entertainment includes Bob Wilson's Funfair (on site from Thursday 8 June) and a stunt cycling team. There will be plenty of other attractions and stalls to enjoy.</p> <p>For more info contact www.solihullionsclub.org.uk</p>	FREE entry (charity donations welcome)	12pm - 5pm	All ages
<p>Knowle Park (Meet by the car park off Longdon Road) Knowle, Solihull B93 9HY</p>				
Sun 11 June	<p>Music in the Park: Top Brass! The second of this year's 'Music in the Park' series features the Leicestershire Co-operative Band, performing a diverse range of brass arrangements, from classic marches to current pop tunes.</p> <p>Refreshments and toilets will be available on site, or visitors are welcome to bring a picnic, relax and enjoy the perfect bank holiday Sunday in the park.</p>	FREE entry	2pm - 4.15pm	All ages
<p>Shirley Park Shirley, Solihull B90 3AL</p>				
Sat 17 June	<p>Donkey Derby Help Shirley Round Table to raise money for charity by supporting the ever-popular Donkey Derby event, now in its 46th year.</p> <p>This event has it all – donkey races, entertainment for all ages, children's rides, sideshows and stalls. Come along and join in the fun!</p>	£2 per person	12pm - 4.30pm	All ages
<p>Malvern & Brueton Parks B91 3DL and B91 3HA / Mell Square B91 3BG</p>				
Sun 18 June	<p>Race for Life This fundraising event for women of all ages has returned to Solihull for an eighth consecutive year following amazing successes in this area. Support Cancer Research UK in their bid to beat breast cancer, either by taking part or by cheering on the participants as they run, walk or jog to the finish line. The race starts in Malvern Park before finishing in the town centre.</p> <p>For more details or to register, contact the Cancer Research UK hotline on 0300 123 0770.</p>	<p>Adult entry £14.99</p> <p>Child entry £10</p> <p>Under 6 entry FREE & no registration</p>	11am - 1pm (approx.)	<p>Adult entry (16+ women only)</p> <p>Child entry: Girls (6 to 15 years) Boys (under 13s)</p> <p>Boys & Girls (under 6s)</p>

The Parkridge Centre Brueton Park, Solihull B91 3HW

Tel: 0121 704 0768

Website: www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/whats-on**Join us for some half term fun!**

Please note: Pre-booking is recommended. If you have any problems booking online please call 0121 704 0768.
For other enquiries about the below events email: enquiries@wkwkwt.org.uk

Thurs 1 June	Arty in the Wild Get arty in the wild with the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust! Make massive stick pictures and get muddy using a special mud paint recipe.	£3.50 per child	10.30am - 11.30am	2 years+
Thurs 1 June	Nature's Fairies Wildlife has some monstrous mini beasts, but there are some beautiful ones too - see if you can spot them as we go hunting for nature fairies!	£3.50 per child	12pm - 1pm	2 years+
Fri 2 June	Nature's Tots - Spring Colours We'll be heading outside on the hunt for Spring colours, playing games, wildlife spotting and making a special spring craft to take home.	£3.50 per child	10.30am - 12pm 1.30pm - 3pm	2 to 4 years

Birmingham City Centre & other areas...

Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
Cannon Hill Park 2 Russell Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 8RD				
Sun 11 June	<p>The 2017 Lord Mayors Show A free family day out for all the family. The Lord Mayor's Show returns to Cannon Hill Park to welcome the new Lord Mayor, Councillor Anne Underwood to office with a fun packed day with lots for all the family to do.</p> <p>There will be craft workshops for creative types, street food for gourmet types, and craft and charity stalls for those who like to have a mooch. Bring a picnic blanket and enjoy the live music with performances by The Birmingham Irish Pipes and Drums.</p> <p>ABC Leisure return with their inflatable rides, plus their will be entertainment throughout the day. Polly's Playbus will have two buses which provide free activities for under 5s and for older children.</p> <p>The Land Train will also be running throughout the day, plus their is the crazy golf, and children's rides to enjoy. Come along and enjoy the Summer in Cannon Hill Park and meet the new Lord Mayor of Birmingham.</p>	FREE entry	11am - 4pm	All ages

Vintage Trains 670 Warwick Road, Tyseley, Birmingham B11 2HL

Tel: 0121 708 4960

Website: www.vintagetrains.co.uk/events/

<p>Sat 24 & Sun 25 June</p>	<p>Tyseley Steam Open Weekend As part of our 50th Anniversary Celebrations, Vintage Trains are holding our annual Summer Open Weekend at Tyseley Locomotive Works.</p> <p>We will have many of the Tyseley collection of locomotives on display and in steam, including 'Earl of Mount Edgcumbe' and 'Rood Ashton Hall'. Ex-BR No: 7029 'Clun Castle', the locomotive that began the Tyseley Collection 50 years ago is nearing completion of its heavy overhaul; we will have exciting news on its progress!</p> <p>In addition to the Tyseley collection, we will have several guest locomotives including Sir William Stanier's LMS masterpiece, 'Duchess of Sutherland' and new-build No: 6880 'Betton Grange'.</p> <p>On offer throughout the weekend will be shuttle train rides, turntable & shunting demonstrations and the locomotive cavalcade.</p> <p>Please see website for more details.</p>	<p>Adults £15</p> <p>Children FREE</p>	<p>Gates open 10am</p>	<p>All ages</p>
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Birmingham Hippodrome Hurst Street, Southside, Birmingham, B5 4TB

Call: 0844 338 5000 (Tickets & Information)

Website: www.birminghamhippodrome.com

<p>Fri 16 Jun</p>	<p>Birmingham Royal Ballet - First Steps, a child's first Coppelia This hour-long, interactive show, specially adapted for children aged from three to seven, features ballet excerpts from Coppélia, performed by Birmingham Royal Ballet's amazing dancers and orchestra, interspersed with scenes in which a storyteller introduces the children to the music and the leading characters, and shares some technical magic. A feast of dance, music, costumes and lots of fun, this is a perfect introduction to ballet.</p> <p>See website for booking details.</p>	<p>£10 per ticket</p>	<p>1pm</p>	<p>3 to 7 years</p>
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<p>Sat 17 & Sun 18 June</p>	<p>Summer in Southside 2017 A free family outdoor arts festival presented by Birmingham Hippodrome.</p> <p>Escape to the Countryside, on the streets of Southside this Summer! This year, our annual festival celebrates the great outdoors where wildlife roams, folk dance and live music fills the air.</p> <p>Over the weekend, enjoy the familiar to the peculiar and unearth the hidden delights of our city. You can find alternative sports days on the Village Green, tranquillity in The Arcadian, see a giant tree grow and listen to magical stories and enchanting music.</p> <p>Watch maypole garlands weave in the air to the sights and sounds of street-dance and beatboxing, or become part of the scenery and create your own cardboard country-scape. You might even bump into a farmer, a friendly fox and a brass band!</p> <p>Come and explore all that this country fayre has to offer and delight in the transformation of Southside to a place of escapism and adventure.</p> <p>Be sure to bring your wellies – we're off to the Countryside!</p>	<p>FREE</p>	<p>From 12pm onwards (see events guide - via website)</p>	<p>All ages</p>
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Brindleyplace Birmingham B1 2JF
Website: www.brindleyplace.com

<p>Sat 24 June</p>	<p>Brindleyplace Dragonboat Race 2017 Sponsored by Deutsche Bank and now in its 18th year, the Dragon Boat Race is one of Birmingham's longest running and most entertaining events.</p> <p>Come down to the Brindleyplace canalside to watch the ultimate battle of Brummie businesses as they compete to become the best Dragonboat paddlers in the city – all whilst being in fancy dress!</p> <p>In addition to the action along the canal, there'll also be plenty of entertainment for all the family. There's no entry fee, no tickets and the whole event is being held in aid of Cure Leukaemia's £1m centre appeal – for more information click here.</p> <p>Who will be the fastest from Gas Street Basin to the Barclaycard Arena? Join us on Saturday 24 June 2017 to find out!</p>	<p>FREE</p>	<p>10am - 6pm</p>	<p>All ages</p>
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Botanical Gardens Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 3TR

Tel: 0121 454 1860

Website: www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk

Up to 4 June	<p>Jurassic Kingdom: Where Dinosaurs Come to Life Ever wanted to meet a Triceratops? Or a Diplodocus? Or even a T-Rex?</p> <p>Then come along to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens this Summer, for a Dinosaur extravaganza!</p> <p>We will have more than 30 life-size, animatronic dinosaurs visiting our Gardens – bring the kids along for a truly unique experience!</p>	<p>See website for ticket prices</p> <p>(Children aged 2 and under enter free and do not need a ticket)</p>	10am - 6pm	All ages
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CBSO Centre Berkley Street , Birmingham B1 2LF

Tel: 0121 345 0600 (Box Office)

Website: www.thsh.co.uk

Sat 10 June	<p>BCMG - Families@4 BCMG presents a relaxed, hour-long, late-afternoon concert for the whole family exploring Secret Theatre by composer Harrison Birtwistle.</p> <p>In Secret Theatre, the composer imagines the ensemble as a group of noisy voices on a stage, each instrument with its own voice and character trying to be heard above the general hubbub. What do you imagine the instruments are saying and what mood do you think they are in? Come and join us as we playfully take apart this classic of contemporary music.</p> <p>A wonderful informal opportunity for all the family to experience the best classical music of our time.</p> <p>Come and take part in linked pre-concert activities in the foyer of CBSO Centre, starting at 3pm.</p> <p>See website for booking details.</p>	<p>£5 per person (No charge for under 3s)</p> <p>Buy 3 tickets & the fourth family member gets in FREE!</p>	4pm - 5pm	7 years+
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Fri 30 Jun (other days / times sold out)	<p>Notelets: Beasts and Bugs Waggly tails, furry manes, and everything that buzzes, flies or crawls about: it's all about beasts and bugs, as a mini-version of the CBSO takes the youngest members of the family on a magical musical safari – from the King of the Beasts to the squiggliest creepie-crawlie!</p> <p>The CBSO's popular Notelets concerts at CBSO Centre are specially devised for toddlers, so there'll be plenty of chances for audience members to march around, dance along ...and roar!</p> <p>Free craft activities take place from an hour before each concert. At the end there is also a chance to meet the musicians and see their instruments close up.</p>	<p>£8 per ticket</p> <p>(Babies under 9 months FREE)</p>	1.30pm	Toddlers
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Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
Waterstones, Birmingham 3rd Floor, 24-26 High Street, Birmingham B4 7SL Tel: 0121 633 4353 Website: www.waterstones.com/events/search/shop/birmingham-high-stre (see website for T&Cs)				
Wed 31 May	Pokémon and Lego Swap shop On our kids floor we are having a trading day! Have multiples of Pokémon cards, Lego cards or Lego Minifigures? Come along to our swap shop and see if you can trade with someone!	FREE	1pm - 3pm	Not specified
Thurs 1 June	Walliams World's Worst Children To celebrate the release of World's Worst Children Two, join us on the kids floor and meet a whole new gang of terrible children! Come and join the fun!	FREE	12.30pm - 3pm	Not specified
Fri 2 June	Captain Underpants! Come and celebrate Captain Underpants with us! We will be hosting a day of fun on our kids floor including create your own hero, comic and even underpants!!	FREE	12.30pm - 3pm	Not specified
Martineau Gardens 27 Priory Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B5 7UG Call: 0121 440 7430 Website: www.martineau-gardens.org.uk				
Sat 17 June	Storytelling Festival The Martineau Gardens' Storytelling Festival returns for 2017. Look forward to a family-friendly day of storytelling, in the grounds of a beautiful community garden, presented by the Traditional Arts Team. There will be arts, crafts for children and music plus delicious food. N.B. Children aged under 13 will not be admitted without an accompanying adult.	Advance: Adult £7 accompanied children £2* (in advance) – <i>advance sales end 4pm Friday 16 June.</i> On the gate: Adult £9, children £2* (subject to availability) <i>*children up to 16 years</i>	11am - 7pm	All ages
Cadbury World Linden Road, Bournville, Birmingham B30 1JR Call: 0844 880 7667 Website: www.cadburyworld.co.uk				
Up to Sun 4 June	Half Term Family Fun Join in the fun over the holidays with family entertainment every day! Enjoy live shows from our resident magicians, ventriloquists and more, with giggles and games for the whole family. The Cadbury characters will also be appearing to star in your photos!	See website	See website	All ages

Hatton Adventure World Dark Lane, Hatton, Warwick, CV35 8XA

Tel: 01926 843 411

Website: www.hattonworld.com/adventure-world/

Up to Sun 4 June	<p>Pirate Festival Experience the golden age of piracy this spring half term holiday.</p> <p>Whether you're a budding buccaneer, Long John Silver, or Captain Jack Sparrow you won't want to miss out on all the fun and adventure at our new Pirate Festival. Enter a world of hidden treasure, skulduggery and pesky pirate antics!</p> <p>Plus funfair rides, bouncing castles, scales and tales, there's lots to entertain the whole family. Suitable for younger and older children alike!</p> <p>SO don't delay SHIPMATES & book your place today. Special discounts for early booking.</p>	See website for ticket prices (Under 2s FREE)	See website	All ages
Weekends: 10 & 11, 17 & 18, 24 & 25 June + 1 & 2 July	<p>Strawberry Picking Weekends Come to Hatton on one of our Strawberry Picking Weekends and pick your very own strawberries from our Strawberry Field.</p> <p>Our strawberry Field is open on Strawberry Weekends, subject to crop availability. 1 punnet of strawberries per child.</p>	See website for ticket prices and booking details	12pm - 5pm	All ages
Weekends: 10 & 11, 17 & 18, 24 & 25 June + 1 & 2 July	<p>Sheep Shearing Weekends Haircut time! Back by popular demand... See our sheep receive their annual haircuts in our sheep shearing demonstrations.</p>	See website for ticket prices and booking details	Not specified	All ages

Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan Garden Castle Green, Off Castle Rd, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 1NE

Tel: 0370 333 1181 (English Heritage)

Website: www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/kenilworth-castle/

Tue 30 May - Fri 2 June	<p>Knights & Princesses Budding courtiers can transform themselves into a courtly Lord or Lady with tips on everything from curtsies to combat.</p>	See website	11am - 5pm	All ages
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Sat 17 & Sun 18 June	<p>Grand Medieval Joust Feel the heat of the contest as magnificent knights on horseback clash at the greatest event of medieval England. Cheer on your favourite in this thundering battle of bravery and honour.</p> <p>Soak up the medieval way of life in the colourful encampments and be entertained by the naughty court jester while your budding young knights test their strength in the field.</p>	See website	11am - 5pm	All ages
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mac birmingham Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham B12 9QH (Foyle Studio)
Tel: 0121 446 3232
Website: www.macbirmingham.co.uk

Summer Half Term 2017

Below is a small taster of what mac birmingham have to offer this summer half term. For lots more courses/workshops taking place at the mac for all age groups (and their families) please see the mac birmingham website.

Thurs 1 June	<p>Introduction to Sewing Juniors Learn how to sew and create your own personal sewing project such as a soft toy, bag or fashion accessory</p> <p>See website for further information and booking details.</p>	£17 per child	10am - 3pm	8 - 11 years
Thurs 1 June	<p>Theatre Design Develop your 3D model making skills as you design and build a miniature theatre complete with set and characters.</p> <p>See website for further information and booking details.</p>	£22 per young person	11am - 4pm	11 - 17 years
Fri 2 June	<p>Family Sculpture By the end of the course you should have a finished ceramic sculpture made to your own design.</p> <p>See website for further information and booking details.</p>	£22 per adult & child (+ £12 per additional person)	10am - 3pm	6 - 11 years (+PG)

Dudley Zoological Gardens Castle Hill, Dudley DY1 4QF
Tel: 01384 215313
Website: www.dudleyzoo.org.uk

Wed 28 & Thur 29 June	<p>Under 5's Day - 80th Anniversary Picnic Party Join us for one of our annual Under 5's days and this year, as we are celebrating our 80th Anniversary we're having a huge birthday party!</p> <p>Meet Jambi & Friends Fancy Dress Parade – why not come in a 1930's style costume? Goody Bags Balloon Modelling Tombola Animal Encounters Flip & Dippy's Puppet Show Bouncy Castle & Face Painting</p>	See website	Not specified	Under 5s
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<p>Up to 3 June</p>	<p>Half Term - Family Activities Enjoy a fun-filled day out with special activities or simply by exploring our spectacular Art & Park.</p> <p>Jigsaw Jigsaws... Sat 27 May – Fri 2 June, 11am – 4pm Take inspiration from the spring exhibition Creating the Countryside and create your ideal countryside image using jigsaw pieces.</p> <p>Forest School... Thur 1 June, 11am – 4pm Discover a secret world of bugs and mini-beast and the seasonal changes that take place to Compton Verney's plants and trees as we head into Summer.</p> <p>Meet the RSPB... Sat 3 June, 11am – 4pm Head to the Ice House Coppice where the RSPB will teach you all about the fascinating world of dragonflies. Spot insects by the lake and learn how to make seed bombs for the birds in your garden.</p>	<p>All activities are drop-in and included in the Collections & Park admission</p> <p>See website</p>	<p>11am - 5pm</p>	<p>All ages</p>
<p>Sun 25 June</p>	<p>Park Life! - Celebrate the Great British Countryside The third annual Park Life! will be bigger and better than ever with music, activities and fun for all.</p> <p>Celebrate the great British countryside with folk music, local artisan food and drink, heritage skill displays, games and local crafts.</p>	<p>See website</p>	<p>11am - 5pm</p>	<p>All ages</p>