

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
Marston Green Parish Hall Elmdon Road, Marston Green, Solihull B37 7BT Website: www.marstongreenparishhall.co.uk				
Sat 10 Feb	Family Valentine's Disco Join us for a fun packed Valentine's Family Disco! With special guests making an appearance! With games and prizes to be won the kids are sure to have a great time so why not let them burn some energy on the dance floor. Refreshments will be available for purchase. See website for further details.	£6 per child (babies free) £1.50 per adult Tickets must be purchased in advance (see website)	5.30pm - 8.30pm	All ages
WMG Academy Solihull Chelmsley Road, Solihull B37 5FD Website: www.wmgacademy.org.uk Email: solihullinfo@wmgacademy.org.uk				
Thur 15 Feb	Tour & Explore WMG Academy Solihull is holding a Tour & Explore event. The event will give prospective students and their families a chance to find out about the academy, meet senior staff and explore the state-of-the-art facilities. The event is of particular interest to students currently in Year 8 to Year 11. The academy takes students in year 10 and Year 12.	FREE	5pm - 6pm	12 to 16 years
Libraries...				
Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
Castle Bromwich Library Hurst Lane North, Castle Bromwich, Solihull B36 0EY Tel: 0121 747 3708				
	Storytime. Term time only on Fridays.	FREE	2.15pm - 2.45pm	Under 5s

	Rhyme time on Mondays. Alternating between either a morning and afternoon session. A short interactive session for babies and very young children, which includes finger and action rhymes and songs.	FREE	10.45am - 11.05am or 2.30pm - 2.50pm	0 - 2 years
Chelmsley Wood Library 10 West Mall, Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre, Solihull B37 5TN Tel: 0121 788 4380				
	Rhymetime Free stories, songs, rhymes and toys. Drop-in session, term time only on Fridays.	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 - Play & Stay A children's drop-in session. Monthly on Tuesdays. Contact library staff to find out more details.	FREE	10am	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

South Solihull (and surrounding areas)				
Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
Renewal Conference Centre Lode Lane, Solihull B91 2JR Tel: 0121 704 8098 Website: www.solihullforsuccess.com				
Thur 8 Feb	Solihull Apprenticeship Show 2018 Acoustics or Accounting? Mechatronics or Media? Whatever your interest, there's an apprenticeship for you. Keen to earn while you learn? From entry level to degree, there is an opportunity to develop transferable skills for life, available to all ages. Join us at our annual Apprenticeship Show to find out more. No need to book, just drop in.	FREE	3pm - 7.30pm	All ages
Baddesley Clinton Rising Lane, Knowle, Solihull B93 0DQ Tel: 01564 783294 Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/baddesley-clinton				
Sat 17 - Sun 25 Feb	February half-term 2018 There are plenty of things for families to get involved in this half-term at Baddesley Clinton. Come and explore the estate this February half-term and follow our animal sculptures over to our new woodland play area. Whilst you're there don't forget to see what birds you can spot from our bird screen. Don't forget your wellies!	This event is free, but normal admission charges apply for the venue. See website	11am - 3.30pm	All ages
Packwood House Packwood Lane, Lapworth B94 6AT Tel: 01564 782024 Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/packwood-house				
Sat 17 - Sun 25 Feb	February half-term 2018 Are you ready for an adventure on the Welly Walk? Pick up a map and a 'Doodle your dream day' sheet from Visitor Reception, and head off on a journey together through the woods. Build a den, play hoop-la, splash in the puddles and have your own family adventure. Don't forget to bring those wellies!	This event is free, but normal admission charges apply for the venue. See website	11am - 3.30pm	All ages

The Core Theatre Solihull Theatre Square, Touchwood, Homer Road Solihull B91 3RG

Tel: 0121 704 6962 (Box Office)

Website: www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk

<p>Fri 9 & Sat 10 Feb</p>	<p>Sleeping Beauty Goes Back to the Future! Pantomime show presented by local group Harlequinade in the Studio.</p> <p>A traditional pantomime with an unusual twist. This show takes audiences through a cornucopia of time in the Tardis... rock'n'roll, flower-power, the roaring twenties and even back to the elegant 18th Century.</p> <p>See website for further information and booking details.</p>	<p>£10 per child £12 per adult</p>	<p>7.30pm (Fri 9 Feb) 2.30pm & 7pm (Sat 10 Feb) (Running time: 2 hours inc. interval)</p>	<p>3 years+</p>
<p>Mon 19 & Tue 20 Feb</p>	<p>Dear Zoo The timeless children's classic book makes its stage premiere.</p> <p>Join Ben...and his friend Sally...as they wait to see what the Zoo will send when they get Ben's letter asking for a pet. All kinds of familiar animals big and small arrive...but will they make a good pet? Well.....wait and see!</p> <p>This production will delight all those who have read the book (both young and old) as it unfolds with child-engaging puppets, music and lots of audience interaction.</p> <p>See website for further information and booking details.</p>	<p>£14 per person or £50 family ticket (2 adults / 2 children)</p>	<p>11am & 2pm (Mon 19 Feb) 11am & 2pm (Tue 20 Feb) (Running time: 55 mins no interval)</p>	<p>2 years+</p>
<p>Fri 23 Feb</p>	<p>Sing-a-Long-a Beauty and the Beast Fantastic new fun screening of Disney's Beauty and The Beast with live host!</p> <p>Sing-a-Long-a Beauty and the Beast is a screening of the hit 2017 film with lyrics on screen, not a live stage show. There is a host who does a 20 minute pre-show prior to the film and returns after the interval but is not on stage during the movie. YOU, the audience are the stars in a fun-packed interactive celebration of this fabulous new Disney film!</p> <p>The show has all the elements of a sing-a-long-a spectacular audiences all over the world have come to love: the pre-show warm-up and fancy dress competition - free prop bags for the 'Magic Moments' and of course your favourite lyrics on the Big Screen.</p> <p>Fancy dress is encouraged, and those who make the effort will be recognised.</p>	<p>£10 per child £15 per adult</p>	<p>2pm & 7pm (Running time: approx. 2hrs & 50mins including a 30 min pre-show)</p>	<p>All ages</p>

Libraries...

Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
Balsall Common Library 283 Kenilworth Road, Balsall Common CV7 3EL Tel: 01676 532590				
	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
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 - Second Saturday of the month. Get your children away from their computer screens. Who doesn't love a game of Guess Who?	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
	Lego Club - Last Saturday of the month. Come along for some Lego fun.	FREE	2pm onwards	5 - 9 years
Hampton in Arden Library 39 Fentham Road, Hampton in Arden, Solihull B92 0AY Tel: 01675 442629				
	Storytimes - Fortnightly on Tuesdays. Stories and crafts for all pre-school children. Please call for dates.	FREE	1.45pm - 2.15pm	Under 5s
	The Great Storybook Journey - Fortnightly on Fridays. A story for under 5s about a new place or environment, followed by painting pictures for our Great Storybook Journey wall display. Contact the library for dates. N.B. Warm water is provided to wash hands, but wearing clothes that can get messy is recommended.	FREE	1.45pm - 2.15pm	Under 5s

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

SPECIAL EVENT from Mon 19 Feb	Book Sale Sale of library ex-stock Bumper sale of children's books during February half-term	All books 15p each	Library opening times	All ages
SPECIAL EVENT Tues 20 Feb	The Literary Litter Bugs! Please join us for a fun and interactive local picking event. Followed by light refreshments. Everyone welcome! Meet at Hobs Moat Library. N.B. Children must be accompanied by an adult	FREE	10.30am - 11.30am	All ages
SPECIAL EVENT Mon 19 Feb	Dinosaur - half term activity Join us for dinosaur stories and crafts. N.B. Booking is essential. Please see library staff or phone the library to book a place.	£1.50 per ticket	11am - 12pm	3 to 6 years
	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.	FREE	10am - 10.45am	Under 5s
	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.	FREE	10.30am - 11am	Under 5s
	Animal Antics First Monday of the month. Staff will read stories about a new animal. Children can then colour in a picture of the animal and collect them. Every time you come to the library you can collect a paw print for your Animal Collector Card.	FREE	10.15 - 11am	Under 5s

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

Thur 1 Feb	Harry Potter Night - Pop in and pick up some Harry Potter themed printables and colouring sheets.	FREE	Not specified	All ages
NEW	Monday Storytime - This new activity will run fortnightly. It is aimed at preschool children. Join us for stories and rhymes. Please contact library for dates.	FREE	10.30am - 11am	Under 5s

Thur 15 Feb	Jellybeans - Our monthly session of rhymes, songs, stories and a craft activity. Lots of fun for the under fives.	£1.50 charge applies	10.45am - 11.30am	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
Olton Library 169A Warwick Road, Olton, Solihull B92 7AR Tel: 0121 706 3038				
	Storytime on second Tuesday of the month. 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	2pm - 2.30pm	Under 5s
Shirley Library 22 Parkgate, Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull B90 3GG Tel: 0121 704 6300				
	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 Thursdays. Term time only.</p> <p>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	5pm - 6pm	9 - 11 years

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

SPECIAL EVENT Thur 15 Feb	Storytime Special - to celebrate 10 years of the book 'Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes' by Mem Fox. This will be a story followed by a simple craft activity. N.B. This is a free event but places will need to be booked in advance. Please contact the library.	FREE	10am - 11am	Under 5s
SPECIAL EVENT Wed 21 Feb	Hearts and Flowers Drop-in Craft - no booking necessary.	FREE	10am - 12pm	All ages
SPECIAL EVENT Wed 21 Feb	Booktivity Quiz and Craft Session N.B. This is a free event but places will need to be booked in advance. Please contact the library.	FREE	3.30pm - 5pm	10 years+
SPECIAL EVENT Thur 22 Feb	Explore Learning Community Workshop 'Superhero Shapes' N.B. This is a free event but places will need to be booked in advance. Please contact the library.	FREE	11am - 12pm	4 - 6 years
SPECIAL EVENT Thurs 1 Mar	World Book Day Storytime Special - This will be a story followed by a simple craft and will celebrate the World Book Day 'Share a Story' theme. N.B. This is a free event but places will need to be booked in advance. Please contact the library.	FREE	10.30am - 11am	Under 5s
	Homework Club - Tuesdays (term time only) with designated staff to support children.	FREE	3:45pm - 5.15pm	8 years+
	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	8 - 13 years

	Lego Club - Monthly. Meet in The Core Creative space. N.B. Places are limited. Please call the library and ask to speak to David Brayne for more information.	FREE	4pm - 5pm	8 - 12 years
	Twins Plus Storytime - Last Thursday of the month, 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...

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The Parkridge Centre Brueton Park, Solihull B91 3HW

Tel: 0121 704 0768

Website: www.wkwt.org.uk/whats-on

Join us for some February half term fun!

Please note: booking is essential. If you have any problems booking online please call 0121 704 0768.

For other enquiries about the below events email: enquiries@wkwt.org.uk

Tues 20 Feb	Winter Woodland Come on a winter adventure in the woods. It may be cold and wet but there are loads of amazing games to play and mysterious creatures to find!	£3.50 per child (one accompanying adult free)	10.30am - 11.30am	4 years+
Tues 20 Feb	Prickly Friends Find out about hedgehogs and their night time lives, what do they eat? Where are they in winter? Plus make a mud hedgehog too!	£3.50 per child (one accompanying adult free)	12pm - 1pm	2 years+
Wed 21 Feb	Hedgehogs and Creepy Creatures Get ready for lots of wildlife challenges and find out about these prickly subjects and other creepy night time creatures.	£3.50 per child (one accompanying adult free)	10.30am - 11.30am	6 years+
Wed 21 Feb	Den Building Would you be able to survive outside this winter? Come find out as you discover how to make a survival den in the woods, to keep warm and sheltered away from the cold.	£3.50 per child (one accompanying adult free)	12pm - 1pm	6 years+
Thur 22 Feb	Frosty Fairies and Wintry Wizards Come with us as we journey to help the frosty fairies in our magic woods, can you make a wintry wizard magic potion.	£3.50 per child (one accompanying adult free)	10.30am - 11.30am	2 years+

Thurs 22 Feb	Teeny Tiny Den Building Why should den building be just for the older kids?! Head out and help us make dens for teddies and maybe even a toddler or two!	£3.50 per child (one accompanying adult free)	12pm - 1pm	2 - 5 years
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Birmingham City Centre & other areas...

Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery Chamberlain Square, Birmingham B3 3DH Tel: 0121 348 8038 Web: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/bmag				
Fri 16 Feb	Baby Storytelling: Celebrating Chinese New Year Enjoy a morning of interactive Chinese storytelling to celebrate Chinese New Year. NB. This event is free but booking is advised	FREE (Pre-booking advised)	11am - 12pm	0 to 5 years
Mon 19 Feb	Light Drawing Rainbow Special Light Drawing is long exposure photography, where you draw in the air with light! How cool! Use the colours of the rainbow to make your own special digital art. You draw in the air; we'll capture it on camera on a picture and give you a print to take home. Try our touches or use our big rainbow maker to make your special light drawing. Very fun to do on your own, but looks even better if you work with family, friends and carers. How many rainbows can you make? Join us in our dark room to make art to remember, plenty of giggles included.	FREE	11am - 1pm 2pm - 4pm	5 years+
Mon 19 Feb - Fri 23 Feb	Rainbow Family Fun Rainbow interactive experiments – daily shows in the round room. Join our fantastic volunteers as they make rainbows in the Round Room! Take part in super fun object handling where we have kaleidoscopes and rainbow glasses. We are also making rainbows using prisms! Use our special crystals to reflect and change light, breaking it down into different colours to make rainbows on the table or in your hands. Fun, free and a great way to see the gallery through a rainbow. Our brilliant volunteers will be on hand to make rainbows with you, a great way to start your adventure in the museum – you will find lots more rainbow colours throughout our art and history galleries!	FREE	11am - 1pm 2pm - 4pm	All ages

<p>Mon 19 Feb</p>	<p>Chinese New Year: Get Crafty! Make your very own dragons and lanterns to celebrate Chinese New Year in this crafty art session.</p> <p>NB. This event is free but booking is advised</p>	<p>FREE (Pre-booking advised)</p>	<p>12pm - 1.30pm</p>	<p>5 years+</p>
<p>Tues 20 Feb - Thurs 22 Feb</p>	<p>Colour Crafts Help us make a giant rainbow sculpture that contains of a mini version of you! Help us build our rainbow world, full of people, animals and plants. We have one giant version to add to, and a little version for you to take home.</p> <p>We take your picture in a cool pose. You make the scenery, add a speech bubble, and do lots of fun cutting and sticking. A very fun family session that will make you smile, with great memories to take home with you as well as cool art. All materials provided.</p>	<p>£1.50 per child</p>	<p>Drop in between... 11am - 1pm or 2pm - 4pm</p>	<p>4 years+</p>
<p>Fri 23 Feb</p>	<p>Rainbow Robots Build and design your own robot using our pre-made kit. We will show you how to add your motor, battery, body and legs to your robot. Its legs are made of pens, as soon as you set it off, it will run around on the floor. Watch as it draws rainbow patterns and test them against your friends in robot drawing battles, and help us make a giant picture draw by robots.</p> <p>What will your robot look like? Happy or sad, nice or mean? What rainbow colours will you choose for your robot? How big can we make the rainbow on the floor? Find out in this very fun and popular family session.</p>	<p>£3.50 (cost per kit)</p>	<p>Drop in between... 11am - 1pm or 2pm - 4pm</p>	<p>Not specified</p>
<p>Sat 24 Feb</p>	<p>Rainbow animations, stop frame animation Local artist Gemma returns with LetsAnimate, a brilliant session where you make a cartoon! Be inspired by rainbow colours to make your own Lego brick animation. Work out a story, select your background, make your characters and props out of Lego then take your place at an animation booth.</p> <p>Gemma will show you all the tricks to make your own animation, and even help you add sound effects and music!</p> <p>We will then send you your finished animation when it's edited to share with your friends and family, very cool.</p> <p>NB. Pre-booking is essential, see website.</p>	<p>£3.50 per child (booking essential)</p>	<p>11am - 1pm 2pm - 4pm</p>	<p>5 years+</p>

The Arcadian Southside, Birmingham B5 4TD

Website: www.cnybirmingham.org.uk/chinese-new-year-2018/

Website: www.birminghamhippodrome.com/calendar/chinese-new-year-2018/

Sun 18 Feb	<p>Birmingham's Annual Chinese New Year Celebrations 2018 - Welcome to Year of the Dog! Birmingham's annual Chinese New Year celebration is back and is bigger than ever; with two stages, lion dances, funfair rides, street food and a host of traditional entertainment taking over Southside.</p> <p>Building on the success of previous years, plans for the 2018 festival have been revealed and will see the capacity double in size. The event, which is organised by Chinese Festival Committee – Birmingham (CFC-B), will be jointly managed by Birmingham City Council and Birmingham Hippodrome.</p> <p>Birmingham Hippodrome will take part in the festivities with traditional performances outside their main entrance and children's workshops in the Patrick Centre. The Arcadian Centre will have a host of stalls and street food as well as a large marquee with seating area.</p>	 <p>FREE entertainment</p>	11.30am - 4.30pm	All ages
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Thinktank Millennium Point, Curzon Street, Birmingham B4 7XG

Tel: 0121 348 8000

Website: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank

Weekends up to Sun 11 Feb	<p>Festival of Thinktank A celebration of innovation, science and technology linked to the fantastic exhibits and collections found inside the museum.</p> <p>The festival will be a collection of public programs that are accessible to everyone on weekends and school holidays.</p> <p>There are lots of family activities taking place over the Festival of Thinktank and these are included in the price of admission. See website for further details.</p>	See website	10am - 4pm	All ages
Thur 22 Feb	<p>Morning Explorers (special event) If you're an adult or child on the autistic spectrum or with other special needs and would prefer a quieter visit to our museums, join our Morning Explorers session!</p> <p>Our museum will open early for you and your family to explore in a quiet and welcoming environment.</p> <p>Places must be pre-booked by calling 0121 348 8263 or booking online.</p>	Adult £6.75 Child £4.85 Concession £4.85 One carer FREE Under 3s FREE	9am - 11am	All ages

Symphony Hall Birmingham 32 Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2EA

Tel: 0121 345 0600 (Box Office)

Website: www.thsh.co.uk

Sat 17 Feb	<p>Polish Discovery Musical Picnic From the incredible music of Chopin and lively mazurki (mazurkas), to Krakowiak folk dances, the Polonez (Polonaise), traditional folk songs and vast Jewish cultural heritage.</p> <p>Featuring critically acclaimed AngloPolish singer songwriter Katy Carr and accordionist/vocalist Pawel Zaba, along with some very special musical and dance guests, expect some high energy singing and dancing, beautiful piano, plus learn some Polish words and songs, and help us to transform popular British children's music into Polish and viceversa!</p> <p>In association with the Polish Expats Association In association with Mubu Music.</p> <p>Venue: Symphony Hall Level 3 Foyer</p>	FREE	10.30am	0 to 7 years
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The Old Rep Theatre Station Street, Birmingham B5 4DY

Tel: 0121 359 9444

Website: www.oldreptheatre.co.uk

Mon 19 Feb	<p>Crafty's Creepy Castle Why has Crafty the Crow gone to live in a haunted castle?</p> <p>Can Sally the Scarecrow help with its ghostly goings-on?</p> <p>And why is Pirate Harry making things go bump in the night?</p> <p>Crafty's Creepy Castle is a family show, followed by a meet, greet and treat with Crafty the Crow himself - including a free present for every child!</p>	All tickets £10 See website for booking details	1.30pm	2 to 7 years
Fri 23 Feb	<p>The Jungle Book Filled with catchy music, a laugh-out-loud script, audience interaction, and the chance to meet the characters after the show, you are invited to join Mowgli and his friends Baloo the Bear and Bagheera the Panther on a madcap adventure in the jungle as they meet and attempt to outwit a slithering snake, some cheeky monkeys and a fierce tiger, Shere Khan!</p> <p>Funny, exciting and wildly entertaining, this larger-than-life musical promises to be the perfect treat for families of all ages!</p>	All tickets £12 See website for booking details	2pm & 5pm	All ages

Birmingham Repertory Theatre (The REP) Centenary Square, Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2EP

Tel: 0121 236 4455 (Box Office)

Website: www.birmingham-rep.co.uk

Thur 22 Feb	<p>Backstage Tour: Family During the school holidays we are inviting children to explore our theatre with a fun-filled family tour.</p> <p>Discover the rarely seen backstage areas of the theatre this half-term as The REP invites you to be an audience member, set builder, prosthetics maker or even an Assistant Stage Manager!</p> <p>Learn all about how our productions are brought to life on stage: discover our wondrous wigs, marvellous masks and an amazing array of costumes in our Wardrobe Department.</p> <p>The tours have been created especially for families. See website for further details.</p>	<p>£6 per ticket</p> <p>See website for booking details</p>	<p>11am (Running time: approx 90 mins)</p>	Families
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Aston Hall Trinity Road, Aston, Birmingham B6 6JD

Tel: 0121 348 8038

Website: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/aston

Sat 24 & Sun 25 Feb	<p>Whodunnit? A Family Friendly Murder Mystery Trail A drop dead fun time travelling murder mystery trail aimed at families, and those young at heart.</p> <p>Visit the Hall between 11am and 4pm and prevent a crime which would change the course of history before it's even happened! Interview the suspects and try to solve this most perplexing mystery set in the magnificent surroundings of Aston Hall. Victorian costume is greatly encouraged but not essential.</p> <p>Pre-booking is advisable, however you can turn up and pay for your entrance on the day.</p> <p>N.B. The Hall is cold at this time of year, so we would advise you wrap up warm and wear sensible footwear. Some of the suspects will be located on the upper floors of the Hall, which are accessed by stairs only.</p>	<p>Entry to this event is included in the price of admission</p> <p>£8 per adult</p> <p>£3 per child (3 - 15 years)</p> <p>£6 concessions (students/benefits). Excludes over 60s</p>	<p>11am - 4pm (last admission 3pm)</p>	All ages
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Blakesley Hall Blakesley Road, Birmingham B25 8RN

Tel: 0121 348 8120

Website: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/blakesley

Tue 20 & Thur 22 Feb	<p>Create the Great Fire of London Skyline Join in the fun for Great Fire of London week at Blakesley Hall. Use a variety of craft materials to create and decorate your own 17th century London buildings. Add some flames and some final touches then add them to our Large collage of the London Skyline up on the windows of our visitors centre.</p> <p>Great Fire of London themed trails, fascinating facts and quiz available too.</p> <p>No need to book, just turn up and take part.</p>	See website	<p>11.30am - 3.30pm</p>	Not specified
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Wed 21 Feb	<p>From Pudding Lane to Pie Corner A light hearted family friendly short drama "From Pudding Lane to Pie Corner". Samuel Pepys visits Blakesley Hall and recounts his experience of London ablaze!</p> <p>Two performances throughout the day 12pm & 2pm.</p> <p>Part of our Great Fire of London week at Blakesley Hall.</p> <p>Pre-booking is essential.</p>	<p>Event is included in the normal admission price.</p> <p>See website</p>	<p>11am - 4pm</p> <p>Performances: 12pm & 2pm (Duration: approx 30 mins)</p>	All ages
Fri 23 Feb	<p>Animal Mania Another chance to see Animal Mania at Blakesley Hall. The animals can include lizards, snakes, chinchillas, hedgehogs, giant bunnies, tortoises and creepy crawlies!</p> <p>Animal Mania usually consists of around 8 to 12 small animals that children can see and interact with in slots of 20 minutes.</p> <p>Pre-booking is essential.</p>	<p>See website</p>	<p>See website</p>	All ages

Waterstones, Birmingham 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)

Thur 1 Feb	<p>Harry Potter Book Night Dust off those robes! Dig out those Care Of Magical Creatures textbooks!</p> <p>Come and join us in store to celebrate Harry Potter Book Night with our Beastly Brain - Teaser quiz.</p> <p>The winner will receive a gift card!</p> <p>So come along and test your knowledge of the Fantastic Beasts from Harry Potter.</p> <p>To book your space for the quiz, please call or speak to a bookseller in store.</p>	<p>FREE</p>	<p>6pm - 7pm</p>	All ages
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Birmingham Hippodrome Hurst Street, Southside, Birmingham, B5 4TB

Call: 0844 338 5000 (Tickets & Information)

Website: www.birminghamhippodrome.com

Mon 29 Jan - Mon 12 Feb	<p>B'Opera B'Opera creates beautiful music for tiny ears through interactive performances for babies, toddlers and their grown-ups. In these classes we will explore how we can all use rhythm, movement, sound and our singing voices to bring a story to life. Join us in the Hippodrome foyers to start the week with a song!</p> <p>You simply pay on the day, but please book or call to reserve your spot and help us know how many maracas to bring!</p>	<p>£2 per adult Kids go FREE</p>	<p>10.30am - 12.30pm</p>	0 to 4 years
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Sat 24 Feb	<p>Little Mochi Man It's almost New Year and Little Mochi Man, tired of being bullied because of his small size, decides to run away.</p> <p>Join him on his adventures as he travels from the snowy mountains of Hokkaido, to the hustle and bustle of Tokyo.</p> <p>Inspired by the traditions of Shogatsu (Japanese New Year celebrations) and with 'origami' puppets, animation and music, this is the perfect introduction to Japan for young children.</p> <p>This production takes place in the Patrick Studio, Birmingham Hippodrome.</p> <p>See website for booking details.</p>	£10 per ticket (see website for family offer)	11am or 2pm	4 to 7 years (no under 3s)
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RBSA (Royal Birmingham Society of Artists) RBSA Gallery, 4 Brook Street, Birmingham B3 1SA
 Tel: 0121 236 4353
 Website: www.rbsa.org.uk

Sun 18 Feb	<p>Abstract Prints Workshop with Karoline Rerrie, Friend of the RBSA</p> <p>Karoline will show you how to draw, paint, and print abstract designs onto fabric and a canvas bag using fabric painting techniques. A great introduction for those new to printing.</p> <p>N.B. Places are limited. To book please contact the gallery asap.</p>	£7 per child	2pm - 4pm	6 to 12 years (all children must be accompanied by an adult)
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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/

Mon 19th - Fri 23 Feb	<p>Half-Term Fun - Knights and Princesses Academy Join our academy with hands on medieval fun this half-term and transform yourself into a courtly Lord or Lady with tips on everything from curtsies to combat.</p>	See website	10.30am - 3.30pm	Please contact for details
Tues 20 Feb	<p>Breakfast with Sir Walter This February half-term, join us for an exclusive event against the spectacular backdrop of Kenilworth Castle, especially for our younger members. Meet Sir Walter, our brave knight and dine with him at breakfast before taking part in our masterclass for budding young lords and ladies.</p>	See website	9am - 10am	Families

Botanical Gardens Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 3TR

Tel: 0121 454 1860

Website: www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk

Mon 19 - Fri 23 Feb	<p>February Half Term Wrap up warm and join us this February half term for some Winter fun in the gardens.</p> <p>There will be lots of fun activities for all weathers such as; Arts and Crafts, Bug Hunting and Story Trails!</p> <p>For more information see website.</p>	See website	11am - 3pm (Doors open 10am)	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

Spring Half Term 2018

Below is a small taster of what mac birmingham have to offer this Spring 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.

Tue 20 Feb	<p>Nick Sharratt's Big Draw-Along Nick Sharratt is the UK's leading children's illustrator, as well as being Jaqueline Wilson's artist of choice he is also an author in his own right.</p> <p>This is a chance to have a hands on drawing class with Nick, meet the author on stage, participate as well as draw with your friends and family in your seats.</p> <p>Following the show there's also an opportunity to have your book signed and purchase related items.</p>	£12 per adult £10 per child & other concessions	2pm (Duration: 60mins)	Not specified
Wed 21 Feb	<p>Animation On this short course you will learn the techniques required to create your own stop motion animations. Stop motion or stop frame animation is a technique that uses objects or models that are physically moved in small stages between individually photographed frames, creating the illusion of movement when the series of frames is played as a continuous sequence. Films such as the 'Wallace & Gromit' series and 'The Nightmare Before Christmas' use this animation technique.</p> <p>In exploring both image and clay based animation you will develop your basic technical and creative skills. The course may include any of the following based on the group's interests: basic drawing and art skills, storyboarding, 3D clay modelling, stop motion animation techniques, making an animation, voice overs and frame rates</p>	£19 per young person	11am - 4pm	11 - 17 years

<p>Fri 23 Feb</p>	<p>Family Pottery: Memory Boxes Explore the world of clay together learning all about different hand-building techniques and exciting ways to decorate your clay work.</p> <p>The course is accessible for people of all abilities however you do need dexterity in your hands to work with clay. Parents and guardians work with their children and all classes are planned to meet the specific needs of the group. The room is wheelchair accessible.</p> <p>See website for further details.</p>	<p>£26 per adult & child</p> <p>£15 per additional person</p>	<p>10am - 3pm</p>	<p>6 - 11 years</p>
<p>Sun 25 Feb</p>	<p>Morgan & West: More Magic for kids! Time-travelling magicians Morgan & West return to the stage with a marvellous magic show full of crazy capers for the young, old, and everyone in-between! Expect the unexpected, believe the unbelievable, but do not dare miss the unmissable Morgan & West!</p> <p>Morgan & West have fooled Penn & Teller (Fool Us ITV 1), competed to be the Next Great Magician (ITV 1), and even attempted to escape The Slammer (CBBC).</p> <p>Might Mr Morgan manage a whole trick without his partner complaining? Will Mr West ever accept children as real people too? Can everyone's favourite duo of deception finally find fame, fortune, and a box of fondant fancies?</p>	<p>£10 per adult</p> <p>£8 per child & other concessions</p>	<p>11am</p> <p>or</p> <p>2pm</p>	<p>5 years+</p>
<p>The Barber Institute of Fine Arts University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TS Tel: 0121 414 7333 Website: www.barber.org.uk</p>				
<p>Tues 20 Feb</p>	<p>Beast: Sonic Paintings Discover artworks in the gallery - as you've never heard them before!</p> <p>Delve into sound and the visual image in this interactive workshop, exploring and crafting sounds to create a sonic painting! Led by Emma Margetson, a composer with BEAST (Birmingham Electroacoustic Sound Theatre), who specialises in sculpting sound.</p>	<p>£6 per child</p>	<p>11am - 12.30pm (4 - 8 years)</p> <p>1.30pm -3pm (8 - 12 years)</p>	<p>4 - 12 years</p>