



Summer activities and events 2019



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Space Chase – Summer Reading Challenge 2019

All Solihull Libraries



Have you got the Right Stuff? Join in an out-of-this-world adventure with The Reading Agency and Solihull Libraries and have lots of fun with the Summer Reading Challenge. This summer children will help our super space family track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens! As they read library books, they will solve clues and collect special stickers to complete their mission folder. Can they find the aliens in time to save the day?

If your child is not already a member of the library, it is really easy to join and there is no membership fee. Younger children have their own challenge to earn a certificate. Check the listings for your local library to see the activities in your area throughout the holiday.

Children can sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge at any of Solihull's libraries, read six books across the school holidays and collect rewards along the way. Complete the challenge and children will earn a certificate and a gold medal, a free swim and be entered in a fabulous free prize draw. There is a galaxy of prizes to be won including fantastic family outings to the panto at the Core or to Disney on Ice and trips to the Motorcycle Museum or Hatton Country World. You could even win some shopping vouchers worth £25.

Reading for just ten minutes a day really helps your child maintain their reading skills over the summer holiday.

Age: 4 to 11 years
Dates: Saturday 13 July to Saturday 7 September
Cost: Free
Email: libraryarts@solihull.gov.uk

Balsall Common Library

283 Kenilworth Road, Balsall Common, Coventry CV7 7EL

Tales and Time to Play

These sessions include a story, followed by a chance to play, chat and relax with other young families.

Age: Up to 5 years
 Dates: Monday... 1 July, 8 July, 15 July, 22 July, 29 July 5 August, 12 August, 19 August
 Times: 2.15pm to 3.00pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 01676 532590

Rhyme Time

An interactive session, sharing rhymes and songs for babies and very young children.

Age: Up to 2 years
 Dates: Tuesday... 2 July, 9 July, 16 July, 23 July, 30 July, 6 August, 13 August, 20 August, 27 August
 Times: 2.15pm to 2.45pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 01676 532590

Dramatots Space Adventure

Blast off with Dramatots and their fun, interactive storytelling adventure.

Age: 18 months to 5 years (siblings welcome)
 Dates: Monday 29 July
 Times: 2.30pm to 3pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: For more information contact Clairissa on 07980 992776

Summer Crafts Family Drop-in

Get creative with a range of simple, fun crafts including ones inspired by this year's Summer Reading Challenge. No need to book. Just drop in.

Age: 4 to 11 years
 Dates/Times: Tuesday 6 August (1pm to 5pm)
 Monday 19 August (10.30am to 2.30pm)
 Cost: Free (sponsored by Balsall Parish Council)
 Contact: 01676 532590

Clever Chimps – Mrs Arabella the Storyteller

Join us for this special interactive story session from Clever Chimps, featuring Mrs Arabella the Storyteller and the story Whatever Next! by Jill Murphy. Please contact the library to book your place.

Age: 3 to 5 years
 Dates: Thursday 15 August
 Times: 10.30am to 11.15am
 Cost: Free (sponsored by Balsall Parish Council)
 Contact: To book your place call 01676 532590

Castle Bromwich Library

Hurst Lane North, Castle Bromwich, Solihull B36 0EY

The Aliens are Coming!

Join us at Castle Bromwich Library for fun, laughter and craft activities, while prepare to defend Castle Bromwich against the Alien invasion! Please note: booking is required, as places are limited.

Age: 3 to 11 years
 Dates: Tuesday 6 August
 Times: 2pm
 Cost: £1.50 (library members) and £3.50 (non-library members)
 Contact: To book your place call 0121 747 3708

Take Home an Alien from Outer Space

Create space craft and aliens using collage and junk material.

Age: 3 to 8 years
 Dates: Thursday 15 August
 Times: 2.30pm – 3.30pm
 Cost: Free (booking required, as places are limited)
 Contact: To book your place call 0121 747 3708

Chelmsley Wood Library

Bluebell Centre, Chelmsley Wood, Solihull B37 5TN

Space Tortoise

Interactive story time and tortoise making craft activity.

Age: 5 to 8 years
 Date: Friday 26 July
 Time: 10am
 Cost: Free (booking required, as places are limited)
 Contact: To book your place call 0121 788 4380

Moon Landing Space Adventure

Craft activity and face painting, working with National Citizen Service young people.

Age: 5 to 11 years
 Date: Monday 29 July
 Time: 2pm to 4pm
 Cost: Free (booking required, as places are limited)
 Contact: To book your place call 0121 788 4380

Jewellery Making

Using our Fab Lab materials, make a modern bangle or slide bracelet.

Age: 10 to 18 years
 Date: Thursday 15 August
 Time: 11am (session 1)
 2pm (session 2)
 Cost: Free (booking required, as places are limited)
 Contact: To book your place call 0121 788 4380

Dickens Heath Library

Dickens Heath Court, Old Dickens Heath Road, Dickens Heath, Solihull B90 1SD

'Out of this World' Junk Space Models

Make a space themed model of a spaceship, a planet, an alien or an astronaut out of everyday objects which would otherwise be recycled.

Age: 4 years and above
 Date: Saturday 27 July
 Time: 2.30pm to 4pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 0121 744 6078

Space Themed Storybox and Colouring

Come in and enjoy a space themed story with colouring and activities afterwards.

Age: 4 years and above
 Date: Thursday 8 August
 Time: 2.15pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 0121 744 6078

Alien and Astronaut Activity

Come in and make your own alien in his spaceship and a split pin astronaut to take home!

Age: 4 years and above
 Date: Thursday 15 August
 Time: 2.15pm – 4pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 0121 744 6078

Hampton in Arden Library

39 Fentham Road, Hampton in Arden, Solihull B92 0AY

Stories and Painting

Every fortnight we read a fun story and do some painting to go with it! Warm water to wash hands is provided, but we recommend wearing clothes that it's okay to get paint on, just in case.

Age: Under 5s
 Dates: Friday 5 July, Friday 19 July
 Friday 2 August, Friday 16 August
 Time: 1.45pm to 2.30pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 01675 442629

Storytime

Join us fortnightly for two of our favourite stories for under 5s, plus a fun craft.

Age: Under 5s
 Dates: Tuesday 9 July, Tuesday 23 July
 Tuesday 6 August, Tuesday 20 August
 Times: 1.45pm to 2.30pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 01675 442629

Galactic Crafternoons

Join us for some afternoon crafts! We'll have a craft table up all afternoon and staff ready to help, with different crafts rotating fortnightly. Plus, join in with creating our special display to take over the children's section.

Age: 4 to 11 years
 Dates: Tuesday 30 July, Friday 2 August
 Tuesday 6 August, Friday 9 August
 Tuesday 13 August, Friday 16 August
 Tuesday 20 August, Friday 23 August
 Tuesday 27, Friday 30 August
 Times: 1pm to 6pm (Tuesdays)
 1pm to 5pm (Fridays)
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 01675 442629

Hobs Moat Library

Ulleries Road, Solihull B92 8EB

Blast Off!

Space themed fun and games.

Age: 6 to 9 years
 Date: Thursday 25 July
 Time: 11am to 12pm
 Cost: £1.50 per child (this is a ticketed event)
 Please note: tickets will be released two weeks prior to the event
 Contact: To book your place call 0121 743 4592

Galaxy Craft

Come and make your own personal galaxy (in a bottle!) and listen to space stories.

Age: 5 to 8 years
 Date: Monday 29 July
 Time: 11am to 12pm
 Cost: £1.50 per child (this is a ticketed event)
 Please note: tickets will be released two weeks prior to the event
 Contact: To book your place call 0121 743 4592

Literary Litter Bugs

Learn about litter and then litter pick in the community. Story and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Age: All welcome (but children must be accompanied by an adult)
 Date: Tuesday 30 July
 Time: 10.30am to 11.30am
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 0121 743 4592

Razzle Dazzle

Come and make a sparkly star, listen to some stories and sing some songs.

Age: 3 to 5 years
 Date: Thursday 8 August
 Time: 11am to 12pm
 Cost: £1.50 per child (this is a ticketed event)
 Please note: tickets will be released two weeks prior to the event
 Contact: To book your place call 0121 743 4592

Kingshurst Library

Marston Drive, Kingshurst, Solihull B37 6BD

The Aliens are Coming!

Join us at Kingshurst Library for fun, laughter and craft activities, while prepare to defend Kingshurst against the Alien invasion! Please note: booking is required, as places are limited.

Age: 3 to 11 years
 Date: Thursday 1 August
 Times: 11am – 12pm
 Cost: £1.50 (library members) and £3.50 (non-library members)
 Contact: To book your place call 0121 770 3451

Take Home an Alien from Outer Space

Create space craft and aliens using collage and junk material.

Age: 3 to 8 years
 Date: Tuesday 6 August
 Times: 2.30pm – 3.30pm
 Cost: Free (booking required, as places are limited)
 Contact: To book your place call 0121 770 3451

Make an Outer Space Mobile

Two drop in craft sessions.

Age: 3 to 11 years
 Date: Friday 23 August
 Times: 10.30am – 12pm and 2.30pm – 4pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: To book your place call 0121 770 3451

Knowle Library

Chester House, High Street, Knowle, Solihull B93 0LL

Space Rockets!

Join us in the library and make a space rocket!

Age: 6 to 10 years
 Dates: Thursday 25 July
 Times: 2pm to 3.30pm
 Cost: Free (booking required, as places are limited)
 Contact: To book your place call 01564 775840

Marbled Planets Art

Get arty in the library and design a planet.

Age: 5 to 8 years
 Dates: Thursday 1 August
 Times: 2pm to 3.30pm
 Cost: Free (booking required, as places are limited)
 Contact: To book your place call 01564 775840

Space story and crafts

Come and join us for space themed stories and crafts.

Age: 3 to 6 years
 Dates: Thursday 8 August
 Times: 2.30pm to 3.30pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 01564 775840

Marston Green Library

Land Lane, Marston Green, Solihull B37 7DQ

Outer Space Crafts

Stories and craft with an 'intergalactic theme'. Take home what you make.

Age: 4 to 7 years
 Date: Thursday 1 August
 Time: 11am to 12pm
 Cost: £1.50 per child
 Contact: 0121 779 2131

Meriden Library

Arden House, The Green, Meriden, Solihull CV7 7LN

Children's Craft Tables

Come along and join in our summer activities at the library during August. There will be a drop in craft table for children and their families throughout August, with different space-themed crafts and activities to do each week. No need to book, just pop in when you are passing and have some fun!

Age: 4 to 11 years
 Dates: Monday 29 July, 5, 12, 19 August
 Thursday 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 August
 Saturday 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 August
 Times: 10am to 6pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 01676 522717

Reading Zoo

Every week we read a story starring a different animal, and then enjoy painting pictures of that animal. Warm water is provided to wash hands but we recommend wearing clothes that it's okay to get paint on, just in case.

Age: Under 5 years (older siblings are welcome to join in with the painting)
 Dates: Every Monday throughout the holidays (except the Bank Holiday)
 Times: 2.30pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 01676 522717

Olton Library

169a Warwick Road, Olton, Solihull B92 7AR

Rocket to the Stars

Come along and make your own rocket launcher at this exciting drop in activity.

Age: 3 years and above (adult supervision required)
 Dates: Tuesday 23 July
 Times: 10.30am – 12pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 0121 706 3038

Aliens Love Underpants

Storytime and craft activity.

Age: 3 years and above (adult supervision required)
 Dates: Tuesday 6 August
 Times: 2.30pm – 3.30pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 0121 706 3038

Toy Sleepover and Space Adventure

Bring your teddy along to our storytime and craft activity. Leave your teddy to sleepover in the library and collect him the next day. I wonder what the teddies will get up to?

Age: 3 years and above
 Dates: Friday 16 August
 Times: 3pm – 4pm
 Cost: Free (booking required, as places are limited)
 Contact: To book your place call 0121 706 3038

Shirley Library

22 Parkgate, Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull B90 3GG

Make a Space Helmet

Make your own space helmet at this drop in activity.

Age: 3 years and above (adult supervision required)
 Date: Tuesday 23 July
 Times: 2pm – 4pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 0121 704 6300

Junk Box Aliens

Create your own junk box alien at this drop in craft activity.

Age: 3 years and above (adult supervision required)
 Date: Tuesday 30 July
 Times: 2pm – 4pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 0121 704 6300

Be a Star Spotter

Drop in craft activity where you can learn about the stars and planets.

Age: 3 years and above (adult supervision required)
 Date: Tuesday 6 August
 Times: 2pm – 4pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 0121 704 6300

Super Space Storytime and Toy Sleepover

Book a place for our 'space themed' storytime and craft activity. Bring along one your cuddly toys and leave them to sleepover in the library! What will they get up to overnight? Come and collect them the next day and find out.

Age: 3 years and above
 Date: Friday 9 August
 Times: 3.30pm – 4.30pm
 Cost: Free (booking essential)
 Contact: To book your place call 0121 704 6300

Magnets from Outer Space

Have fun making your own space themed fridge magnet at this drop in event.

Age: 3 years and above (adult supervision required)
 Date: Tuesday 13 August
 Times: 2pm – 4pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 0121 704 6300

Flying Saucers

Create your own flying saucer at this drop in craft activity.

Age: 3 years and above (adult supervision required)
 Date: Tuesday 20 August
 Times: 2pm – 4pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 0121 704 6300

Flying Rockets

Make your own straw rocket at this drop in craft activity.

Age: 3 years and above (adult supervision required)
 Date: Tuesday 27 August
 Times: 2pm – 4pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 0121 704 6300

The Core Library

Homer Road, Solihull B91 3RG

Major Tom to Ground Control

Make a picture of Earth from space and add your very own astronaut. Drop in craft, no need to book.

Age: 3 years and above
 Date: Monday 22 July
 Times: 11am – 12pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 0121 704 6965

Story and Craft Activity

Join us for some stories over the summer holidays, followed by a simple craft activity.

Location: Courtyard / Gallery.

Age: 3 to 6 years
 Dates: Monday 29 July, Monday 5 August and Monday 19 August
 Times: 10.30am to 11.30am
 Cost: Free (booking required, as places are limited)
 Contact: To book your place call 0121 704 6965

The Aliens are Coming!

Drop in craft activity, no need to book. Make your own spaceship with five little aliens inside!

Age: 3 to 6 years
 Dates: Wednesday 31 July
 Times: 11am to 12pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 0121 704 6965

Fun in Space!

National Citizenship Service activity day. Join our young volunteers for a fun day of activities, all with a space theme. There will be games, a space jump competition, face painting and art activities. Location: Courtyard / Gallery.

Age: 3 years and above
 Date: Tuesday 6 August
 Times: 11am to 3pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 0121 704 6965

Solihull School Nursing Promotion / Healthy Eating

Promoting healthy eating and oral health for children, young people and families. Activities include: big teeth-exercise, colouring sheets, guess how much sugar and healthy eating. Location: Courtyard / Gallery.

Age: Children, young people and families
 Dates: Monday 12 August
 Times: 10am to 4pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 0121 770 1919 (Solihull School Nursing Team)

Space Walk

Drop in craft activity, no need to book. Create your own planet using a paper plate and then add an astronaut floating in space. Location: Courtyard / Gallery.

Age: 3 years and above
 Date: Thursday 15 August
 Times: 2pm to 3pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 0121 704 6965

'Space Monster' Bookmarks

Drop in craft activity, no need to book. Make a space monster bookmark using craft papers, wool and googly eyes.

Age: 3 years and above
 Date: Thursday 22 August
 Times: 11am to 12pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 0121 704 6965

'Space Junk'

Drop in craft activity, no need to book. Create your own aliens, space monsters, rockets and planets using a variety of 'junk' materials.

Age: 3 years and above
Date: Tuesday 27 August
Times: 11am to 12pm
Cost: Free
Contact: 0121 704 6965

Federation of Children's Book Groups... Book Swap Table

Bring a book with you and swap it for another!

Age: 3 years and above
Date: Saturday 31 August
Times: 10am to 4pm
Cost: Free
Contact: 0121 704 6965

Shirley Park

Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull B90 3AL

Music in the Park: Shirley Spectacular!

Celebrate with the Shirley Band in its centenary year as they perform brass favourites and modern classics. Refreshments and toilets are available at The Bridge, where the concert will also take place in wet weather.

Age: All ages
 Date: Sunday 21 July
 Times: 2pm to 4.15pm
 Cost: Free entry (small charges for some attractions)
 Web: www.solihull.gov.uk/events

Tudor Grange Park

Solihull B91 3LU

Open Air Cinema

Solihull's Open Air Cinema presents Mamma Mia. Huge 42sqm screen showing Mama Mia followed by live tribute band 'Abba Arrival'.

A large street vendor food village with fully licensed bars will be operating on the evening.

Age: All ages welcome
 Date: Friday 26 July
 Times: 5.45pm (Gates Open), 7.30pm (Showtime), 9.30pm (Band)
 Cost: £15 per adult ticket
 £10 per child ticket (up to 15 years)
 Free entry for under 4s
 Contact: 0121 704 4253
 Email: hello@solihullsummerfest.co.uk
 Website: www.solihullsummerfest.co.uk/open-air-cinema/

The Solihull Summer Fest 2019

A two-day event, offering the people of Solihull the opportunity to experience the fun and excitement of a festival within their own town.

Each day will run from midday until 10.30pm with live music, a large street food Vendor village, fully licensed bars, face painting, fun fair rides and an exclusive Gold Circle and VIP area. This year's line-up includes: The Vamps, Human League, The Proclaimers, Ms Dynamite, Sugar Hill Gang, Go West and Bad Manners

Age: All ages welcome
 Dates: Saturday 27 July and Sunday 28 July
 Times: 12pm midday to 10.30pm (both days). Gates open 11am
 Cost: £45 per adult day ticket
 £25 per child day ticket (up to 15 years)
 Free entry for under 4s
 Please see website for further details including weekend / family ticket prices
 Contact: 0121 704 4253
 Email: hello@solihullsummerfest.co.uk
 Website: www.solihullsummerfest.co.uk

Shirley Park

Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull B90 3AL

Shirley Dining Club

Enjoy another helping of Digbeth Dining Club as the popular street food market returns to Shirley Park! Enjoy a selection of the best local street food vendors, along with bars, arts, craft and entertainment at this family friendly event. Featuring music from the resident DJ's on site all day. For more information see website.

Age: All ages
 Date: Sunday 28 July
 Times: 11am to 6pm
 Cost: See website
 Web: www.digbethdiningclub.com

Lavender Hall Park

Lavender Hall Lane, Balsall Common, Solihull CV7 7BN

Musical Mayhem!

Our summer events for children start on the right note with a musical theme! Dance along to your favourite pop hits with our resident DJ, learn some new moves at our dance workshops and take part in some music-themed games! Enjoy a music-themed craft activity and enjoy the other entertainment on site, which includes Punch and Judy shows, face painting, rides and much more! Meet by the play area.

Age: All ages
 Date: Wednesday 31 July
 Times: 11am to 3pm
 Cost: Free (small charges for some attractions)
 Web: www.solihull.gov.uk/events

Malvern Park

Solihull B91 3DL

Solihull Dining Club

Enjoy another helping of Digbeth Dining Club as the popular street food market returns to Malvern Park! Enjoy around 15 of the best local street food vendors, along with bars, arts, craft and entertainment at this family friendly event. Featuring music from the resident DJ's on site all day. For more information see website.

Age: All ages
 Date: Sunday 4 August
 Times: 11am to 6pm
 Cost: See website
 Web: www.digbethdiningclub.com

Damson Lane Park

Solihull B92 9JS

We are the Champions!

Getting fit can be fun and this event proves it! With sporting activities galore, including school sports races and much more, visitors can be inspired by their favourite athletes and try to beat their personal best! Other entertainment includes face painting, rides and Punch and Judy shows. Toilets and refreshments are available on site. Meet by the car park off Damson Lane.

Age: All ages
 Date: Wednesday 7 August
 Times: 11am to 3pm
 Cost: Free (small charges for some attractions)
 Web: www.solihull.gov.uk/events

Music in the Park: Jazzmatazz!

Knowle Park, Knowle, Solihull B93 9HY

(meet by the car park off Longdon Road).

Join the George Huxley Hot Five at the finale of this year's 'Music in the Park' series. The band will be performing Dixieland and traditional jazz classics – the perfect accompaniment to a picnic in the park! Why not pull up a chair, relax and be transported back to jazz's Golden Age? Toilets and refreshments will be available on site.

Age: All ages
 Date: Sunday 11 August
 Times: 2pm to 4.15pm
 Web: www.solihull.gov.uk/events

Wythall Village Carnival 2019

Wythall Park, Silver Street, Wythall B47 6LZ

Family fun day! We will have arena events, including a wide-variety of local stalls, a dog show, a classic car display, a funfair and the amazing M.A.D. Mountain Bike Display Team.

Age: All ages
 Date: Sunday 11 August
 Times: From 2pm
 Cost: tbc (see website)
 Web: www.wythall-park.org.uk

Bat Walk 2

Brueton Park, Solihull B91 3HA
(meet by the car park)

Join the Park Rangers at the second of our bat walks this year and learn more about the nocturnal world of bats. Use our bat detectors to spot them as they circle around the lake for food. Booking is essential, as places are limited.

Date: Tuesday 13 August
Times: 8pm to 10pm
Cost: £4 per person or £12 per family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children under 16)
Contact: To book your place call 0121 704 8000

Wild Things!

Shirley Park, Solihull B90 3AL

Take a walk on the wild side and make some new friends of the furry and feathered variety at our mini zoo and bird display. Animal themed treasure trail and craft activity are also available. Other entertainment includes Punch and Judy shows; children's rides, face painting and more. Refreshments and toilets are available at The Bridge. Meet by the play area.

Age: All ages
Date: Wednesday 14 August
Times: 11am to 3pm
Cost: Free entry (small charges for some attractions)
Web: www.solihull.gov.uk/events

Elmdon Park

Solihull B92 7EY
(meet by the car park on Tanhouse Farm Road)

Bat Walk 3

Another chance to join the Park Rangers on a bat walk around the park. Using high tech bat detectors, try to spot bats as they fly around the lake in their search for food. Booking is essential, as places are limited.

Date: Thursday 15 August
Times: 8pm to 10pm
Cost: £4 per person or £12 per family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children under 16)
Contact: To book your place call 0121 704 8000
Web: www.solihull.gov.uk/events

Olton Jubilee Park

Lyndon Road, Olton, Solihull B92 7QR

Kids in Space!

The finale of our summer events for children is out of this world! Take part in a superhero mission on the treasure trail, meet some dancing storm troopers and enjoy a space themed craft activity. Other entertainment includes Punch and Judy shows, children's rides, face painting and more. Refreshments and toilets are available on site. Meet by the play area.

Age: All ages
 Date: Wednesday 21 August
 Times: 11am to 3pm
 Cost: Free entry (small charges for some attractions)
 Web: www.solihull.gov.uk/events

Brueton Park

Solihull B91 3HA
 (meet by the car park)

Bat Walk 4

Join the Park Rangers on a bat walk around the park and learn more about the nocturnal world of bats.

Date: Tuesday 27 August
 Times: 8pm to 10pm
 Cost: £4 per person or £12 per family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children under 16)
 Contact: To book your place call 0121 704 8000

Elmdon Park

Solihull B92 7EY
 (meet by the car park on Tanhouse Farm Road)

Bat Walk 5

A final chance to join the Park Rangers on a bat walk around the park. Using high tech bat detectors, try to spot bats as they fly around the lake in their search for food. Booking is essential, as places are limited.

Date: Thursday 29 August
 Times: 8pm to 10pm
 Cost: £4 per person or £12 per family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children under 16)
 Contact: To book your place call 0121 704 8000

Babbs Mill Local Nature Reserve

Kingshurst B37 6LN (meet at the car park off Fordbridge Road, between Oakthorpe Drive and Dunton Road)

Bat Walk 1

Ever wondered how to track down a bat? Find out with the help of our Park Rangers and their bat detectors. Discover the nocturnal world of this fascinating creature – a brilliant evening for all the family! Booking is essential, as places are limited.

Date: Tuesday 6 August
 Times: 8pm to 10pm
 Cost: £4 per person or £12 per family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children under 16)
 Contact: To book your place call 0121 704 8000

Brueton Park (Parkridge Centre)

Solihull B91 3HG

Join us for some summer holiday fun!

The following activities are a small taster of what will be taking place during the school summer holidays. For details of further activities throughout the period, please see the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust website.

Nature Families

Indoor and outdoor drop in messy play sessions, with each week taking a new theme. Join us as we explore nature both indoors and out on our reserve using all our senses.

Age: Up to 4 years
 Date: Monday 22 July
 Times: 10.30am to 12pm and 1.30pm to 3pm
 Cost: £3.50 per child (one accompanying adult free)
 Contact: Book online or for more details call 0121 704 0768
 Email: enquiries@wkwtr.org.uk
 Website: www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/events

Den Building

Discover how to make your very own outdoor shelter in the woods. Will you be able to make it waterproof using just what you find in the woods?

Age: 5 years and above
 Date: Tuesday 23 July
 Times: 10.30am to 11.30am
 Cost: £3.50 per child
 Contact: Book online or for more details call 0121 704 0768
 Email: enquiries@wkwtr.org.uk
 Website: www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/events

Minibeast Hunting

Join us on a hunt for all those creepy crawlies, are you quick enough to net a butterfly or catch a beetle?

Age: 2 years and above
 Date: Tuesday 23 July
 Times: 12.30pm to 1.30pm
 Cost: £3.50 per child
 Contact: Book online or for more details call 0121 704 0768
 Email: enquiries@wkw.org.uk
 Website: www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/events

Teddy Bear Adventure

Bring your teddy bear along to explore the outdoors, build them a special home and play some teddy games.

Age: 2 years and above
 Date: Wednesday 24 July
 Times: 10.30am to 11.30am
 Cost: £3.50 per child
 Contact: Book online or for more details call 0121 704 0768
 Email: enquiries@wkw.org.uk
 Website: www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/events

Pond Dipping

Come and discover what lurks in the murky depths of our pond, can you find the mysterious newt?

Age: 4 years and above
 Date: Wednesday 24 July
 Times: 12.30pm to 1.30pm
 Cost: £3.50 per child
 Contact: Book online or for more details call 0121 704 0768
 Email: enquiries@wkw.org.uk
 Website: www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/events

Nature Tots – Fantastic Fairy tales

Join Warwickshire Wildlife Trust for some fairy tale fun in the magical woodland, cast a magic spell and find friendly fairies and goblins.

Age: 2 to 4 years
 Date: Friday 26 July
 Times: 10.30am to 12pm and 1.30pm to 3pm
 Cost: £3.50 per child
 Contact: Book online or for more details call 0121 704 0768
 Email: enquiries@wkw.org.uk
 Website: www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/events

Leapfrog Sports – Fun Sports Sessions

Alderbrook School Sports Hall, Blossomfield Road, Solihull B91 1SN

Fun sports sessions on Saturday mornings throughout the summer holidays! A different sport will be covered each week and sessions will let your child burn off energy in a positive and pressure free environment while learning about and trying a variety of sport.

Age: 2 to 7 years
 Dates: Saturdays throughout the summer holidays
 Times: 9am to 10am (2 to 3 years or 3 to 4 years)
 10am to 11am (3 to 4 years or 5 years and above)
 11am to 12pm (mixed age group or 3 to 5 years)
 Cost: £12 for a 4 week introductory trial session. Spaces are limited and booking is essential.
 Contact: For more information or to book, please call Jo on 0121 695 9531
 Email: info@leapfrogsports.co.uk
 Web: www.leapfrogsports.co.uk

Hockey Camp

The Silhillians Sports Club, Warwick Road, Copt Heath, Knowle, Solihull B93 9LW

Hockey for all abilities, with one-to-one coaching, group games and lots of fun activities throughout the week.

Age: 6 to 17 years
 Dates: Monday 22 July, Tuesday 23 July, Wednesday 24 July, Tuesday 30 July and Wednesday 31 July
 Thursday 1 August, Monday 12 August, Tuesday 13 August and Wednesday 14 August
 Times: 8.50am to 4pm
 Cost: £30 per day
 Contact: Chris Davis (Head Coach) on 07841 654405
 Email: s2hcamps@gmail.com
 Web: www.stick2hockey.co.uk

Mini and Junior Tennis

Tudor Grange Academy Kingshurst, Cooks Lane, Kingshurst, Birmingham B37 6NU

Tennis coaching for younger players with an LTA qualified coach. Please see website for further details on the coaching programme.

Age: 5 to 17 years
 Dates: Tuesdays to Saturdays (throughout the summer holidays)
 Times: Please see website for details
 Cost: £4 per child, per session
 Contact: Email or call Ambrus on 07902 131007
 Email: tennis@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk
 Web: www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/TGTennisHub

Premier Soccer Coaching

Lode Heath School, Lode Lane, Solihull B91 2HW

Football coaching for boys and girls. The children will be coached by DBS police checked F.A. qualified coaches, who are used to working with and bringing the best out in children. All abilities are catered for, with total beginners introduced through fun and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

Age: 4 to 13 years
 Dates: Monday 5 August to Friday 9 August (5 Days)
 Times: 10am to 3pm (9am drop-off option)
 On Friday at 2pm there is a presentation when parents and friends are most encouraged to come and see the players receive their awards.
 Cost: £60 per child (£40 for the second and subsequent siblings)
 Includes: coaching, referees, trophies, certificates and many other awards.
 All children are guaranteed to receive at least one merit trophy and certificate.
 Contact: 0800 080 7572 or 07975 792875
 Email: premiersoccercoaching@gmail.com
 Website: www.premiersoccercoaching.co.uk

Complete Cricket Coaching

Knowle and Dorridge Cricket Club, Station Road, Knowle, Solihull B93 8ET

Cricket coaching for players of all ages and abilities in a variety of different coaching programmes including summer holiday camps.

Age: 5 to 16 years
 Dates: Monday 12 August to Friday 16 August
 Tuesday 27 August to Friday 30 August
 Times: 10am to 3pm (normal day)
 8.30am to 4.30pm (full day)
 Cost: £25 per day (normal day)
 £35 per day (full day)
 £100 per week (normal day)
 £150 per week (full day)
 Contact: David Smith on 07886 689941
 Email: info@completecricket.co.uk
 Web: www.completecricket.co.uk

The Bugs Group

The Sixth Form College Solihull, Widney Manor Road, Solihull B91 3WR

FootieBugs Holiday Camp

The FootieBugs Holiday Camp offers fun football games and matches during each week, allowing children to play their favourite mini-games, tournaments, learn new skills and stay active during the summer holidays! At the end of each week, children take part in a competition day and win prizes, trophies and certificates!

Age: 4 to 12 years
 Dates: Mondays to Fridays (throughout the summer holidays)
 Times: 9.30am to 3.30pm (extended hours available from 8.30am to 5.30pm)
 Cost: From £12 per day. See website for further details
 Contact: 0121 777 7792
 Email: info@thebugsgroup.com
 Web: www.footiebugs.com/holiday-camp-more-info/

Birmingham City FC Community Trust

Langley Secondary School, Kineton Green Road, Solihull B92 7ER

Football Camps

We will be running both outfield and goalkeeper-based sessions, throughout the same time. All sessions will be based around the young people having fun, whilst learning new skills in a safe environment. For further details please see website.

Age: 5 to 14 years
 Dates: Mondays to Fridays (throughout the summer holidays)
 Times: 10am to 3.30pm. Please note: outfield sessions run each day and goalkeeper sessions run 2 days per week.
 Cost: £38.50 per week or £14 per day (outfield sessions)
 £26.50 for 2 days (goalkeeper sessions)
 Contact: Book online or for more details call 0121 202 5291
 Email: footballdevelopment@bcfc.com
 Website: www.officialsoccerschools.co.uk/birminghamcity/birmingham-city-courses/holiday.html

The Bugs Group

The Sixth Form College Solihull, Widney Manor Road, Solihull B91 3WR

DanceBugs Holiday Camp

The DanceBugs Holiday Camp teaches children fun dance moves and routines from a wide range of dance styles including acrobatics, gymnastics, freestyle and many more! Each week ends in a fabulous showcase performance!

Age: 4 to 12 years
 Dates: Mondays to Fridays (throughout the summer holidays)
 Times: 9.30am to 3.30pm (extended hours available from 8.30am to 5.30pm)
 Cost: From £12 per day. See website for further details
 Contact: 0121 777 7792
 Email: info@thebugsgroup.com
 Web: www.dancebugs.com/dancebugs-holiday-camps/

The Core Theatre

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

Young Actors Studio – Theatre Summer School

Summer Drama course in partnership with K22 Productions. The course explores the creative and performance potential of all children in a safe, fun theatre environment through drama, dance and music.

You don't need previous experience or talent to enjoy learning and working on stage as part of a youth theatre class. The class aims to help young people to develop their imaginations, communication skills and self-esteem too.

Over 5 days, young people aged 8 to 16, will watch and work with actors, with a chance to participate in the family musical performance the last day of the course. See website for further information.

Age: 8 to 16 years
 Dates: Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August
 Times: 10.30am to 3pm
 Cost: £130 per child
 Contact: To book call the box office at The Core Theatre on 0121 704 6962 or book online
 Web: www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk

The Core Theatre

Brueton Park, Solihull B91 3HA

Gangsta Granny by David Walliams

Performed live outdoors in Brueton Park – a stage adaptation of the famous book.

Be prepared for some shocking granny behaviour at this outdoor adaptation of David Walliams' bestseller.

Find out what happens when 11 year old Ben discovers his Granny is an international jewel thief!

Bring your picnics, blankets and folding chairs, plus drinks and picnics to see this funny book – performed outdoors in the atmospheric lakeside setting of Brueton Park. Please see website for further information.

Please note: Previous shows have always sold out, so please book early and be prepared for whatever the weather gives us!

Age: 7 years and above
 Dates: Wednesday 31 July and Thursday 1 August
 Time: 7pm (arena opens 6pm)
 Cost: £12 per adult and £11 per child, in advance.
 Gate prices will cost £1 extra but these shows normally sell out in advance.
 Contact: To book call the box office at The Core Theatre on 0121 704 6962 or book online
 Web: www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk

The Core Theatre

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

Elmer the Patchwork Elephant

Based on the classic children's book series by David McKee and adapted for stage by Suzanne Miller with songs by Allison Leyton-Brown, Elmer the Patchwork Elephant Show is a celebration of individuality and the power of laughter!

The show's subtle message that it is always best to be yourself, combined with the vibrant colour and cheeky humour of the main character, makes Elmer a great show for children of all ages.

Age: 1 to 7 years
 Dates: Tuesday 23 July
 Times: 2.30pm and 4.30pm (Running time: 60 minutes)
 Cost: £12.50 per ticket
 Contact: To book call the box office at The Core Theatre on 0121 704 6962 or book online
 Web: www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk

Treasure Island

A chance to catch a fun show during the holidays as the talented young actors from Solihull's Summer School course join performers from Katch 22 Productions in this classic seafaring tale. Sail the high seas in this classic tale me hearties! See website for further information.

Age: All ages
 Date: Friday 2 August
 Times: 2.30pm
 Cost: £6 per ticket, per person
 Contact: To book call the box office at The Core Theatre on 0121 704 6962 or book online
 Web: www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk

We Love Little Mix

If you're a fan of one of X Factor's finest exports you're sure to L.O.V.E. We Love Little Mix! Featuring songs such as DNA, Wings, Salute, Black Magic, Love Me Like You, Secret Love Song and many, many, more. See website for further information.

Age: All ages
 Dates: Thursday 29 August
 Times: 2pm and 7pm (Running time: 1 hour 50 minutes)
 Cost: £15 per ticket
 Contact: To book call the box office at The Core Theatre on 0121 704 6962 or book online
 Web: www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk

Morgan and West: More Magic for Kids!

Bigger, better and containing even more magic than before, More Magic for Kids! Sees our favourite magic duo amazing everyone and anyone of almost any age, from any time period (anyone else born in 1865 very welcome) and indeed any level of maturity (or should we say immaturity). The result is a marvellous show that is loved by both adults and children alike and will keep you gasping, laughing and applauding from the beginning to end the perfect family day out! See website for further information.

Age: 5 years and above
 Date: Friday 30 August
 Times: 2pm (Running time: 60 minutes)
 Cost: £10 per ticket
 Contact: To book call the box office at The Core Theatre on 0121 704 6962 or book online
 Web: www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk

The Core Theatre

The Courtyard Gallery, Theatre Square, Touchwood, Homer Road, Solihull B91 3RG

Family Art Workshops

Come along as a family and enjoy making art together! Our activities encourage creativity, family interaction and enhance the joy of communicating without words! Different creative themes every week.

Family Art Club is just that... chance for members of the family to work together to create something marvellous under the expert tuition of Art at the Heart in these creative sessions in the Courtyard Gallery at The Core. Wear old clothes as you may get a little messy! See website for further information.

Age: 4 years and above (with parent/guardian attending throughout the course)
 Dates: Tuesday 23 July, Tuesday 30 July, Wednesday 7 August and Tuesday 13 August
 Times: 9.30am to 12.30pm (Tuesday... 23 July, 30 July and 13 August)
 10.30am to 1.30pm (Wednesday 7 August)
 Cost: £18 per ticket (one adult and one child)
 Contact: To book call the box office at The Core Theatre on 0121 704 6962 or book online
 Web: www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk

Art Club Tropical Tuesdays

Join Art at the Heart for some creative fun during the school holidays in these three hour sessions in the Courtyard Gallery at The Core.

Splash out with colour and create wild and wonderful art inspired by all things tropical! Different ideas and approaches every week!

Age: 6 years and above
 Dates: Tuesday 23 July, Tuesday 30 July and Tuesday 13 August
 Times: 1.30pm to 4.30pm
 Cost: £18 per child, per session
 Contact: To book call the box office at The Core Theatre on 0121 704 6962 or book online
 Web: www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk

ArtLab

If you're into art and aged between 11 to 16 years, then get creative at Art at the Heart CIC's Art Lab this summer. Art Lab provides a unique platform to experiment and develop abilities while learning new skills and different approaches.

Age: 11 to 16 years
 Dates: Thursday... 25 July, 1 August, 8 August and 15 August
 Times: 9.30am to 12.30pm
 Cost: £18 per session
 Contact: To book call the box office at The Core Theatre on 0121 704 6962 or book online
 Web: www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk

Art Club – Wiry Wednesday

Join Art at the Heart for some creative fun during the school holidays in these three hour sessions in the Courtyard Gallery at The Core.

Let children explore, enjoy and express themselves through fantasy creatures modelled out of wire and found materials, inspired by sea creatures and reptiles: they will develop visual vocabulary and emotional intelligence and have fun! Art can be messy so participants should wear old clothes or bring an over-shirt. See website for further information.

Age: 6 years and above
 Dates: Wednesday 7 August
 Times: 2.30pm to 5.30pm
 Cost: £18 per child, per session
 Contact: To book call the box office at The Core Theatre on 0121 704 6962 or book online
 Web: www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk

Beginners Folk Art for Adults and Children

Mindful Crafts present – Beginners Folk Art for children and adults in this fun Summer Holiday session. Helen from Mindful Crafts will show you step by step how to paint simply beautiful designs using simple dotting techniques. See website for further information.

Age: 7 years and adults
 Dates: Wednesday 28 August
 Times: 10.30am to 12.30pm (Running time: 120 minutes)
 Cost: £15 per person
 Contact: To book call the box office at The Core Theatre on 0121 704 6962 or book online
 Web: www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk

Costa Del Solihull

Theatre Square, Touchwood, Solihull B91 3RG

You won't have to travel far to go to the beach this summer – as it is coming to you! Touchwood is excited to announce the return of its popular urban beach, Costa Del Solihull, this time with a 'Desert Safari' twist! We will be bringing an African vibe to Solihull this year, complete with performances and more – guaranteed to delight guests of all ages.

Be sure to visit the shores on 13th July for a special launch day party, featuring bubble blowing, face painting, ice cream, a kids DJ and special appearances from Alex the Lion and penguin from Madagascar!

Costa Del Solihull offers the perfect place to enjoy a relaxing experience right on your doorstep. A series of exciting events will also be planned throughout the summer to keep families entertained.

Age: Toddlers and upwards
Dates: Saturday 13 July to Sunday 1 September
Times: 9.30am to 6pm (Mondays to Saturdays)
11am to 5pm (Sundays)
Cost: Free
Contact: 0121 709 6900
Web: www.touchwoodsolihull.co.uk

Fruit Picking at Caldicott Nursery

Caldicott's Nursery, 50 Lovelace Avenue, Solihull B91 3JR

Pick your own strawberries, raspberries and many other fruits fresh from the grower. We also have a stunning and colourful display of flowers and hanging baskets to see in our greenhouses, many interesting fruit trees, indoor growing tomatoes and cucumbers, and a small vineyard.

There is no entrance fee, and you simply pay for the fruit you pick before taking it home to enjoy eating it! Please note: this activity is not suitable for pets.

Age: All welcome
Dates: Mondays to Saturdays (throughout the summer holidays)
Times: 9.30am to 5.30pm
Cost: Dependant on the amount of fruit picked (usually between £5 to £10)
Contact: 0121 705 1747
Email: alistaircaldicott@hotmail.com
Web: www.caldicottsnursery.com

Pottery Painting

Barn Studio Ceramics, Unit 9, Earlswood Lakes Craft Centre, Wood Lane, Earlswood, Solihull B94 5JH

Children can paint their own pots. Ornaments can be taken home on the day or glazed and fired. Hundreds of shapes to choose from.

Age: 2 years and above (handprints for babies and under 2s)
 Dates: Tuesdays to Saturdays (throughout the summer holidays). Excluding 26 July to 2 August
 Times: 12pm to 4pm (activity time approx. 1 hour - time may vary)
 Cost: From £7.50 per child
 Contact: To book your place email or call 01564 703372
 Email: amanda.cal@hotmail.co.uk
 Web: www.barnstudioceramics.co.uk

Transport Museum Wythall

Chapel Lane, Wythall B47 6JX

School's Out Vintage Bus Rides

Our vintage buses run every Saturday and Wednesday in the school holidays. Enjoy a circular ride via Henley-in-Arden or a trip up to the Maypole. Our Kids Kabin play shed and soft play is also open for your youngsters to have fun while you take a break in the café.

Age: All ages
 Dates: Every Saturday and Wednesday from Wednesday 24 July to Saturday 31 August
 Times: 10.30am to 4.30pm
 12.30pm, 1.30pm and 3.30pm (bus rides)
 Cost: £5 per adult (plus £3.50 bus ride)
 £2.50 per child (plus £2 bus ride)
 Email: enquiries@wythall.org.uk
 Web: www.wythall.org.uk

Solihull BID

Solihull Town Centre

A Postcard from Solihull

Solihull BID have joined up with Touchwood and The Core to bring to you an adventure back in time. You will be able to take part in a trail leading you around the town centre, showcasing some of the must-see images of Solihull in the past. You will also be able to play many old fashioned games in The Core along with finding the Cuckoo in the Nest. For further information, please see website.

Age: All families
 Date: Thursday 1 August to Saturday 31 August
 Times: See website
 Cost: Free
 Web: www.solihullbid.co.uk

Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens Trust

Chester Road, Castle Bromwich, Solihull B36 9BT

Please note: for all events and activities, children under 16 years must be accompanied by a paying adult.

Summer Fun in the Gardens

The Gardens are open 7 days a week, throughout the summer for exploration and relaxation.

Please note: 'special events' may alter times and prices – please look online to avoid disappointment.

Self-guided trails usually available every day.

Age: All families
 Dates: Throughout the summer
 Times: 11am to 4pm (Mondays to Fridays)
 12.30pm to 4.30pm (Saturdays and Sundays)
 Cost: £4.50 per adult, £1 per child (under 5s free)
 Free for Family Activities Annual Pass holders
 Contact: 0121 749 4100
 Email: admin@cbhgt.org.uk
 Web: www.castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk

Unplug and Play

Drop in crafts and outdoor activities every Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Making pictures with leaves, building dens, weaving in the woods... more specific details nearer the time.

Age: Suitable for families with children between 3 to 10 years
 Dates: Every Wednesday and Thursday from 24 July to 29 August
 Times: From 12.30pm (Gardens are open from 11am to 4pm for exploration)
 Cost: £2 per person (under 5s free)
 Free for Family Activities Annual Pass holders
 Contact: 0121 749 4100
 Email: admin@cbhgt.org.uk
 Web: www.castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk

Planet Ice Solihull

Hobs Moat Road, Solihull B92 8JN

Summer Mega Skate

Skate all day, every day here at Planet Ice this summer. We will be running public sessions everyday so why not come down for a day of family fun ice skating. Please visit our website for further details.

Age: All ages
 Dates: Friday 19 July to Tuesday 3 September
 Times: 11am to 4pm
 Cost: £11.30 per person for families or £12.40 per person for individuals
 Contact: 0121 742 5561
 Email: solihull@planet-ice.co.uk
 Web: www.planet-ice.co.uk

Planet Ice Solihull

Hobs Moat Road, Solihull B92 8JN

Learn to Skate Courses (3 and 5 Days)

Our Intense Learn to Skate camps are designed for people who want to learn how to ice skate or who are already beginners. These camps include a 30 minute lesson, lunch and an all-day skating pass for each day.

If you are looking for additional training experience towards your Skate Excellence grades 1 to 8 then please talk to a member of staff who can then see if a coach can accommodate your needs. Places are limited, so you must be quick to book!

Age: All ages
Dates/Times: Mondays to Fridays throughout the school summer holidays
Cost: £41 per 3 day course
£51 per 5 day course
Contact: To book your place call 0121 742 5561
Email: solihull@planet-ice.co.uk
Web: www.planet-ice.co.uk

Solihull BID

Mell Square (and other Solihull Town Centre venues)

Solihull 'sort of' Jazz Festival

The much-loved Solihull 'sort of' Jazz Festival, organised by Solihull BID, is back! Enjoy a great selection of bands on the main stage in Mell Square, and tingle your taste buds with a selection of foods from around the world at the accompanying Continental Street Food Market, courtesy of RR Events.

The fun doesn't stop there, enjoy a range of funky beats in a selection of Solihull's finest venues. Mr Bubble will be back and there is also a chance for the little ones to win a £50 gift voucher for the Entertainer! All they need to do is help us find the missing animals on the jazzy jungle trail.

We are bringing the music, street food and drinks, all we need now is for you to bring your best dance moves. Get the date in your diary and we will see you there! For further information, please see website.

Age: All ages
Date: Friday 19 July to Sunday 21 July
Times: See website for times and venues
Cost: Free to visit
Web: www.solihullbid.co.uk

Planet Ice Solihull

Hobs Moat Road, Solihull B92 8JN

Summer Family Fun Day

Come and see what we have to offer at Planet Ice Solihull at our family fun day. Not only will we be offering discounted entry to all customers, you will be able to have a taster session of our Learn to Skate Excellence or Hockey Excellence lessons, have your face painted, paint on the ice, enjoy fun and games on the ice hosted by our live DJ and enjoy a day of family fun ice skating. All of the activities will be included in the entry price.

Age: All ages
Date: Sunday 21 July
Times: 11am to 5pm
Cost: £7.20 per person (£5 per person for members)
Contact: 0121 742 5561
Email: solihull@planet-ice.co.uk
Web: www.planet-ice.co.uk

Akamba

Heritage Centre, Tythe Barn Lane, Shirley, Solihull B90 1PH

Beach Pirate Play

Play pirates on the beach and solve the rhyming clues on your map to lead you to your very own bag of treasure!

Age: All ages
Date: Wednesday 24 July – Wednesday 7 August
Times: 10am to 4pm
Cost: £3.50 per treasure map
Contact: 0121 733 3111
Website: www.akamba.co.uk

Baddesley Clinton

Rising Lane, Knowle, Solihull B93 0DQ

Outdoor Cinema

An exciting opportunity to watch one of your favourite films against the backdrop of the moated manor house. Don't forget to bring a picnic! See website for further details, including what to bring and wear.

Please note: the time is subject to change due to light levels and will be confirmed when tickets are booked.

Ghost (12A)

Age: 12A (age rating)
Date: Thursday 25 July
Times: 9.30pm to 11.30pm
Cost: £15.50 per ticket (12 years and above)
£10.50 per child (under 12 years)
£12.50 per ticket (groups of 8+ people)
Under 5s go free
Contact: Booking essential, call 01332 290606
Email: Baddesleyclinton@nationaltrust.org.uk
Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/baddesley-clinton

Bohemian Rhapsody (12A)

Age: 12A (age rating)
Date: Friday 26 July
Times: 9.30pm to 11.30pm
Cost: £15.50 per ticket (12 years and above)
£10.50 per child (under 12 years)
£12.50 per ticket (groups of 8+ people)
Under 5s go free
Contact: Booking essential, call 01332 290606
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The Greatest Showman (PG)

Age: 12A (age rating)
Date: Saturday 27 July
Times: 9.30pm to 11.30pm
Cost: £15.50 per ticket (12 years and above)
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Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/baddesley-clinton

Park Kids (free running events for children)

Olton Jubilee Park, Brackleys Way, Olton, Solihull B92 8QE

All ages welcome from toddlers to teens and everyone in between. No running experience required. Fun warm up games to start, followed by the races and finishing off with an endurance lap challenge. No sign up needed, just turn up and have fun! Our new KRF Running App is also available and a great way to track your running.

Age: Up to 16 years
Dates: **Saturday 27 July**, Saturday 10 August and Saturday 24 August
Time: 9am
Cost: Free
Contact: Lisa Cope on 01926 336628
Email: parkkids@kidsrunfree.co.uk
Web: www.kidsrunfree.co.uk

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Prehistoric Plants

Enter the Tropical House, where you will learn about the dinosaurs and meet their living relatives. Discover some of the trees and plants that were around when dinosaurs roamed the Earth. Then plant your very own prehistoric tree seed, take it home and watch it grow!

Age: 3 years+
 Date: Wednesday 31 July – Wednesday 14 August
 Times: 10am to 4pm
 Cost: £6 per person (Tropical House entry included)
 Contact: 0121 733 3111
 Website: www.akamba.co.uk

Resorts World Birmingham Pendigo Way, Birmingham B40 1NT

CircusMASH - Summer Circus School

CircusMASH will be hosting Resorts World's very own Summer Circus School. Each week will feature different circus skills workshops including juggling, plate spinning, diablos, globe walking, wire walking, hula hooping and maybe even a surprise or two! Their wild walkabout performers will bring your visit to life with colourful costumes, impressive skills and all the fun of the circus. One special Friday (9th August), will also feature the Birmingham Youth Circus with their new show Project 42 alongside aerial workshops too!

Age: Up to 12 years
 Dates: **Friday... 2 August**, 9 August, 16 August, 23 August and 30 August
 Times: 11am to 3pm
 Cost: Free
 Web: www.resortsworldbirmingham.co.uk/whats-on/events/

Bonkas' Circus Workshop

Saturday 3 August and Saturday 10 August...

Bonkas' much loved Circus Workshop will feature interactive shows to enjoy and workshops to learn tricks and impress!

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Bonkas' will bring two fun and entertaining circus shows per day.

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 Web: www.kidsrunfree.co.uk

Solihull BID

Performances 1 and 2... Theatre Square, Touchwood, Solihull
Performances 3 and 4... Mell Square (by Costa), Solihull

Adambara and Zhim Storytelling Sessions

This whimsical show tells the Indian Panchtantra story of the Elephant and the Mouse.

Through enchanting puppetry and storytelling, we see how the two creatures learn to live side by side in harmony and how the tiny mice helped the elephants to survive. A gentle charming walkabout show, perfect for all ages, with a message of peace and unity featuring Adambara our roaring Elephant and Zhim our gentle mouse. For further information, please see website.

Age: All ages
 Date: Saturday 10 August
 Times: 11am and 12pm (two 20-minute acts, performed in Theatre Square)
 2pm and 3pm (two 20-minute acts, performed in Mell Square)
 Cost: Free
 Web: www.solihullbid.co.uk

Akamba

Heritage Centre, Tythe Barn Lane, Shirley, Solihull B90 1PH

Beach Pirate Play

Play pirates on the beach and solve the rhyming clues on your map to lead you to your very own bag of treasure!

Age: All ages
 Date: Wednesday 24 July – Wednesday 7 August
 Times: 10am to 4pm
 Cost: £3.50 per treasure map
 Contact: 0121 733 3111
 Website: www.akamba.co.uk

Prehistoric Plants

Enter the Tropical House, where you will learn about the dinosaurs and meet their living relatives. Discover some of the trees and plants that were around when dinosaurs roamed the Earth. Then plant your very own prehistoric tree seed, take it home and watch it grow!

Age: 3 years+
 Date: Wednesday 31 July – Wednesday 14 August
 Times: 10am to 4pm
 Cost: £6 per person (Tropical House entry included)
 Contact: 0121 733 3111
 Website: www.akamba.co.uk

Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre

Chelmsley Wood, Solihull B37 5TS

Calling All Superhero's!

Meet and greet your favourite hero's! There will also be paparazzi to take your photo for you to keep. We will also have a balloon modeller and a face painter.

Age: All ages
Dates: Wednesday 14 August
Times: 11am to 4pm
Cost: tbc
Contact: 0121 770 1775
Email: cheryl@chelmsleywood.co.uk
Web: www.chelmsleywoodshopping.co.uk

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Contact: 0121 733 3111
Website: www.akamba.co.uk

Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens Trust

Chester Road, Castle Bromwich, Solihull B36 9BT

Please note: for all events and activities, children under 16 years must be accompanied by a paying adult.

Family Fun Day

Traditional games on the lawn: sack races, egg and spoon, songs and much more (in conjunction with Castle Bromwich U3A). Please wear outdoor gear!

Age: All ages
Date: Thursday 15 August
Times: 12.30pm to 4pm
Cost: £2 per person (under 5s free)
Free for Family Activities Annual Pass holders
Contact: 0121 749 4100
Email: admin@cbhgt.org.uk
Web: www.castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk

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Resorts World Birmingham

Pendigo Way, Birmingham B40 1NT

CircusMASH - Summer Circus School

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Age: Up to 12 years
Dates: **Friday...** 2 August, 9 August, **16 August**, 23 August and 30 August
Times: 11am to 3pm
Cost: Free
Web: www.resortsworldbirmingham.co.uk/whats-on/events/

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Bonkas' will bring two fun and entertaining circus shows per day.

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Dates: **Saturday...** 3 August, 10 August, **17 August**, 24 August and 31 August

Times: 11am to 4pm

Cost: Free

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The Great Outdoors – Mini Music Festival for Families

Sunshine music for all the family to dance to or just chill out with a picnic. Music by Dean 'sunshine' Smith and friends. Bring your picnics and make it a lazy summer afternoon.

Age: All families

Date: Saturday 17 August

Times: 12pm to 8pm

Cost: £4.50 per adult, £1 per child (under 5s free)
Free for Family Activities Annual Pass holders

Contact: 0121 749 4100

Email: admin@cbhgt.org.uk

Web: www.castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk

Akamba

Heritage Centre, Tythe Barn Lane, Shirley, Solihull B90 1PH

Beach Safari

Come and join the Beach Safari! Comb our beach for treasures such as shells, pebbles, driftwood and seaglass.

Learn all about the different types of seashells and how important it is to keep our beaches clean.

Age: 3 years+
Date: Wednesday 21 August – Wednesday 4 September
Times: 10am to 4pm
Cost: £3.50 per person
Contact: 0121 733 3111
Website: www.akamba.co.uk

Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre

Chelmsley Wood, Solihull B37 5TS

Peppa Pig

Meet and greet.

Age: All ages
Date: Thursday 22 August
Times: 11am to 4pm
Cost: Free
Contact: 0121 770 1775
Email: cheryl@chelmsleywood.co.uk
Web: www.chelmsleywoodshopping.co.uk

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Park Kids (free running events for children)

Olton Jubilee Park, Brackleys Way, Olton, Solihull B92 8QE

All ages welcome from toddlers to teens and everyone in between. No running experience required. Fun warm up games to start, followed by the races and finishing off with an endurance lap challenge. No sign up needed, just turn up and have fun! Our new KRF Running App is also available and a great way to track your running.

Age: Up to 16 years

Dates: Saturday 27 July, Saturday 10 August and **Saturday 24 August**

Time: 9am

Cost: Free

Contact: Lisa Cope on 01926 336628

Email: parkkids@kidsrunfree.co.uk

Web: www.kidsrunfree.co.uk

Transport Museum Wythall

Chapel Lane, Wythall B47 6JX

Bank Holiday Summer Special

Our “Summer Special” with lots of dazzling classic buses and rides out. Additionally, on these event days you can enjoy: buses running all day for you to ride on, visiting buses, sales stands and our ride-on miniature steam railway.

Age: All ages
Dates: Sunday 25 August
Times: 10.30am to 5pm
Cost: £7 per adult (plus £5 all day bus rides)
£3.50 per child (plus £3 all day bus rides)
Email: enquiries@wythall.org.uk
Web: www.wythall.org.uk

Summer events
(Mon 19 – Sun 25 August)

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Dates: Monday 26 August
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Cost: £7 per adult (plus £5 all day bus rides)
£3.50 per child (plus £3 all day bus rides)
Email: enquiries@wythall.org.uk
Web: www.wythall.org.uk

Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens Trust

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Bat Walk and Talk

Expert conservationists BrumBats lead a late summer site exploration for families.

Please note: once on the walk it will not be possible to leave until the end (for security). So make sure your family is ready for the dark and chilly weather. Please come with good footwear and coats.

Age: 7 years and above (children under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult)
Date: Tuesday 27 August
Times: 8pm to 10pm
Cost: £5 per person (booking essential)
Contact: Book in advance online, in person or for more details call 0121 749 4100
Email: admin@cbhgt.org.uk
Web: www.castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk

Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre

Chelmsley Wood, Solihull B37 5TS

Titan the Robot

This interactive, famous robot is back again!

Age: All ages
Dates: Friday 30 August
Times: 12pm to 3pm
Cost: Free
Contact: 0121 770 1775
Email: cheryl@chelmsleywood.co.uk
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National Space Centre

Exploration Drive, Leicester LE4 5NS

One Giant Leap

This summer take a trip to the Moon

Fifty years after humankind took that one small step onto the lunar surface the National Space Centre is taking you back to the Moon.

Join our Mission Commanders for an immersive celebration of the Apollo 11 50th anniversary. Activities will include:

Lunar rocks... Thanks to the Science and Technology Facilities Council UK, this is an opportunity to get up close with some real lunar samples.

Make a mission patch... Every Apollo mission had its own iconic mission patch. Design your own to take home.

Hidden figures... discover the people who made the moon landing possible. From nurses to geologists, there are many experts involved in the Apollo space programme.

After the eagle landed... Did you watch the lunar landings live in 1969? This is your opportunity to relive the moment or see it for the first time "as live" with our experts help. Live narration and original NASA film footage bring this iconic moment in history to life.

Brand new planetarium show... An immersive full-dome show celebrating the Apollo Space programme. Take a seat in the UK's largest Planetarium to see this brand-new show. From the National Space Centre based multi-award-winning full-dome show producers comes 'CAPCOM GO! The Apollo Story'.

CAPCOM GO! Showcases the achievements of the Apollo programme and what it took to put the first human on the Moon. It will introduce a new generation to the immense challenges they overcame and will inspire them to become the explorers, designers, engineers, thinkers and dreamers of the future.

Age: 5 years and above
Dates: Friday 12 July to Sunday 1 September
Times: 10am to 5pm (peak arrival 11am)
Cost: £12 per child / concession
£15 per adult
Contact: 0116 261 0261
Email: info@spacecentre.co.uk
Web: www.spacecentre.co.uk

The Barber Institute of Fine Arts

University of Birmingham, Birmingham B15 2TS

Creative Sunday Workshops (Summer 2019)

Every Sunday try out new ways to make art! Come along, explore the Barber, and take part in an artist-led workshop. Booking is essential.

- 21 July: **Summer Skies** – Experiment with paint to create beautiful skies and clouds
- 28 July: **Cabinet of Curiosities** – what will you put inside your miniature matchbox cabinets?
- 4 August: **Figure Drawing: Folded Fabrics** – Draw from a clothed life model draped in fabric, inspired by classical art
- 11 August: **Curiosity Casting** – Cast shells, crystals and animal tracks in clay and plaster
- 18 August: **Sketch and Stitch** – Draw plants from our paintings and turn them into a textile design
- 25 August: **Water Birds** – Focus on feathers, plumes and graduating colours in a watercolour painting

Age: 4 to 12 years
 Times: 11am to 12.30pm (4 – 8 years)
 1.30pm to 3pm (8 – 12 years)
 Cost: £7 per child, per session (booking essential)
 Contact: To book your place call 0121 414 4414
 Web: www.barber.org.uk

Thinktank

Millennium Point, Curzon Street, Birmingham B4 7XG

Waat's the solution? LEGO Family Workshop

Book into a LEGO Family Session where you and your family build together using Duplo and LEGO kits.

James Watt was one of the greatest inventors of all time and now it's your chance to step into his shoes and try and find a way to solve our tricky problems. See website for further information

Age: Not specified
 Dates: Weekdays from Monday 22 July to Friday 30 August
 Times: 12.30pm, 1.30pm and 3pm
 Cost: £2 per person in addition to the Thinktank admission price
 Contact: 0121 348 8000
 Web: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank/whats-on/

Destination Space - The Moon

Fifty years ago, the first two humans landed on the Moon. Join us for a fun action packed family show as we learn about the Apollo program, what it takes to get to the moon and what life is like working on the lunar landscape. See website for further information.

Age: All ages
 Dates: Weekdays from Monday 22 July to Friday 30 August
 Times: See website
 Cost: Entry included in the Thinktank admission price.
 Book online in advance to save money
 Contact: 0121 348 8000
 Web: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank/whats-on/

Ackers Adventure

Golden Hillock Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham B11 2PY

Tobogganing

Youngsters will love whizzing down our exclusive toboggan slope over and over again! Tobogganing is exciting, exhilarating and fun. Note: long sleeves/trousers and gloves must be worn for the activity.

Age: 3 to 12 years
 Date: Every day throughout the summer holidays
 Times: From 10am
 Cost: £6.50 per child, per hour (Groupon offers available)
 Contact: 0121 772 5111
 Email: bookings@ackers-adventure.co.uk
 Web: www.ackers-adventure.co.uk

School Holiday Camp

An adventure based non-residential holiday scheme. Each day includes two of the following outdoor activities: skiing, climbing, canoeing, archery, jungle challenge, sledging and a variety of crafts and field-games. Early drop-off/breakfast option available. See website for an example of the day. Pre-booking is essential.

Age: 8 to 16 years
 Dates: Every day throughout the summer holidays
 Times: 8am to 6pm
 Cost: £30 per child, per day
 Early bird bookings...
 £20 per day (booked up to one month prior)
 £25 per day (booked up to 7 days prior)
 Contact: Book online or call 0121 772 5111
 Email: bookings@ackers-adventure.co.uk
 Web: www.ackers-adventure.co.uk

New for 2019... Disc Golf

Great new family activity. Come and try your hand at Disc Golf. Enjoy a gentle stroll round our woodland based course. No booking required, but please call to check availability.

Age: 6 years and above
Date: Every day throughout the summer holidays
Times: From 10am
Cost: £7 per adult and £6 junior (includes score card and disc hire)
Contact: 0121 772 5111
Email: bookings@ackers-adventure.co.uk
Web: www.ackers-adventure.co.uk

Summer Holidays at Compton Verney Art Gallery and Park 2019 **Compton Verney, Warwickshire CV35 9HZ**

The Tea Sensorium

Take part in a range of creative and multisensory activities inspired by our current exhibition; explore a variety of teas through your sense of smell and design your own tea ware inspired by the exhibition.

The space will also host the workshop designed by artist, Phoebe Cummings, where you can add your own moulded clay creations to a giant collaborative installation.

Age: All ages
Dates: Sunday 7 July to Sunday 22 September
Times: 11am to 5pm
Cost: Included in day ticket admission. See website for details
Contact: 01926 645500
Web: www.comptonverney.org.uk

Little Makers

Drop in for different family-friendly, creative activities every Tuesday throughout the summer holidays. Think, draw, play, imagine and learn about artists, materials and nature.

Age: All ages
Dates: Tuesday... 23 July, 30 July, 6 August, 13 August, 20 August and 27 August
Times: 11am to 4pm
Cost: Included in day ticket admission. See website for details
Contact: 01926 645500
Web: www.comptonverney.org.uk

Forest School Family Thursdays

Drop in and explore the wonders of nature at our Forest School site. Favourite activities will be on offer throughout the summer including bug hunting, tree bark rubbings, 'cooking in the mud kitchen and running about in the fresh air.

Age: All ages
 Dates: Thursday... 25 July, 1 August, 8 August, 15 August, 22 August and 29 August
 Times: 11am to 3pm
 Cost: Included in day ticket admission. See website for details
 Contact: 01926 645500
 Web: www.comptonverney.org.uk

The Black Country Living Museum

Tipton Road, Dudley DY1 4SQ

Historic Heroes

Have a legendary summer holiday as you uncover inspiring stories and follow in the footsteps of Black Country heroes. From passionate politicians to maverick movie directors, you will encounter the legendary heroes of the region's past as you explore the Museum. See website for further information.

Age: All ages
 Dates: Saturday 20 July to Sunday 1 September
 Times: 10am to 5pm
 Cost: See website
 Contact: 0121 557 9643
 Email: info@bclm.com
 Web: www.bclm.co.uk

Young Archaeologists' and Curators' Club (YACC)

Take part in our holiday club exploring the past. Join us to undertake research, development and practical activities inspired by our collections.

Are you...
 Aged 8 to 15?
 Excited about history?
 Keen to meet new friends and take part in fun and hands-on activities?

Then come and join our holiday club and dig deeper into your heritage. You will take part in a range of themed activities exploring the past, including undertaking research, taking part in traditional crafts, object handling, living history interpretation and collections display. See website for further details.

Age: 8 to 15 years
 Dates: Every Wednesday during the school holidays
 Times: 12.30pm to 3pm
 Cost: £2.50 per child, siblings £1.75 (booking essential)
 Contact: For more information and to book a place call 0121 520 8054
 Email: info@bclm.com
 Web: www.bclm.co.uk

Summer Lates – Enjoy Summer Fun for a Fiver*

We're extending our opening hours to 8pm every Friday in August to give you more time to immerse yourself in 300 years of Black Country history! In our series of Summer Lates, stay late and discover a different decade each week.

Those who want to pop in just for the late night evenings will pay £5* per person after 4pm.

Age: All ages
Dates: Every Friday in August
Times: After 4pm
Cost: £5 per person
Contact: 0121 520 8054
Email: info@bclm.com
Web: www.bclm.co.uk

Coventry Transport Museum

Millennium Place, Hales Street, Coventry CV1 1JD (Community Space – Exhibition 7, Black Taxi)

This makes That with These

This summer we are introducing our exciting new family session, This makes That with These. These sessions invite you to satisfy your curiosity and use your creativity. Look inside and see how things work and create your own inventions with our challenge kits.

Age: Suitable for 5 years and above, but all are welcome
Dates: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays (throughout the summer holidays)
Times: Drop-in from 10.30am to 12.30pm
Drop-in from 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Cost: £3 per child (cash only)
Contact: 02476 234270
Web: www.transport-museum.com

Make and Play Engineers

Make and Play Engineers introduces the topics of our Mini Museum Engineers sessions to children up to the age of 8 to play, explore and learn amidst our collections. See website for further details.

Age: 2 to 8 years, but all are welcome
Dates: Wednesdays (throughout the summer holidays)
Times: Drop-in from 10.30am to 12.30pm
Drop-in from 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Cost: £2 per child (cash only)
Contact: 02476 234270
Web: www.transport-museum.com

Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan Garden

Castle Green, Off Castle Road, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 1NE

Get Hands on with History at Kenilworth Castle

Get set for a truly historic summer and discover what it was like to live, work and fight in a real-life castle. Whether it's learning to sword fight, shooting a bow and arrow or transforming into a little lord or lady, there's plenty of hands-on fun to keep the kids entertained.

Age: All ages (under 16s must be accompanied by an adult)
Dates: Saturday 20 July to Saturday 24 August
Tuesday 27 August to Sunday 1 September
Times: 11am to 5pm
Cost: See website
Contact: 0370 333 1181
Web: www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/kenilworth-castle

Aston Hall

Trinity Road, Aston, Birmingham B6 6JD

Picture This! Family Drawing Tour

Tap into your inner artist and join us for an exciting and interactive drawing exploration of Aston Hall. Find out about some of the people who lived and visited Aston Hall in the past and the secrets hidden in their portraits. Awaken your creativity by having a go at some of our drawing challenges! Please note: booking is required, as places are limited.

Age: Children 6 to 12 years and accompanying adults
Dates: Tuesday... 23 July, 30 July, 6 August, 13 August, 20 August and 27 August
Times: 11am to 3.30pm (before or after your tour you may wish to wander around the Hall between 11am and 4pm)
Cost: Entry to this event is included in the price of admission (see website)
Contact: Pre-booking essential. Book online or call 0121 348 8100 for further details
Email: Aston.Hall@birminghammuseums.org.uk
Web: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/aston

Aston Hall

Trinity Road, Aston, Birmingham B6 6JD

Tall Tales

Back by popular demand! Join us for an interactive telling of some of your favourite fairy tales.

Each storytelling experience will last approximately 45 minutes, with time for craft beforehand. Please note: booking is required, as places are limited.

Age: Children 3 to 8 years and accompanying adults
 Dates: Friday 26 July Sleeping Beauty
 Friday 2 August Cinderella Story Tour
 Friday 9 August Goldilocks
 Friday 16 August Rapunzel Family Storytelling Tour
 Friday 23 August Beauty and the Beast Story Tour
 Friday 30 August Cinderella Story Tour
 Times: 11am to 12.15pm or 1pm to 2.15pm
 Cost: £8 per adult
 £5 per child
 £6 per concession
 Contact: Pre-booking essential. Book online or call 0121 348 8100 for further details
 Email: Aston.Hall@birminghammuseums.org.uk
 Web: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/aston

Warwick Castle

Warwick, Warwickshire CV34 6AH

Dragon Slayer

Don't miss the summer's must-see show return with even more projection!

Experience a full evening of spectacular entertainment combining fearless fire jousting, perilous stunt riding and epic battles with a breath-taking light projection show finale complete with live actors, pyrotechnics, fireworks and more.

Age: Not specified
 Dates: Selected dates throughout August (see website)
 Times: Gates open 7pm
 Show start 8.30pm
 Show finish 10pm
 (confirmed timings will be communicated via email)
 Cost: Ticket prices from £20 (see website)
 Contact: 0871 265 2000
 Email: customer.information@warwick-castle.com
 Web: www.warwick-castle.com

Brindleyplace Film Festival 2019

Central Square, Brindleyplace, Birmingham B1 2JF

Sing your heart out at this year's Film Festival!

The biggest musical blockbusters will be on the big screen at this year's Film Festival! Keep checking the website for this year's line-up.

The Brindley Film Festival is an outdoor festival that is totally free to attend – simply bring a chair, choose a space to sit and enjoy!

Age: All ages
Dates: Monday 15 July to Sunday 21 July
Times: See website
Cost: Free
Web: www.brindleyplace.com/events-brindleyplace/

National Space Centre

Exploration Drive, Leicester LE4 5NS

Apollo 11 Space Lates and Sleepover

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of humankind landing on the moon the National Space Centre is hosting an exciting Space Lates, with an additional optional sleepover package.

How would you like to spend the night in the galleries, have exclusive access to the Centre after hours and take part in special lunar mission workshops?

With lots of activities, workshops, talks, breakfast and of course a most unusual place to sleep, we hope you will join us for this special evening beneath the stars, with no chance of rain.

Age: 6 years and above
Date: Saturday 20 July
Cost: £30 per child / concession
£40 per adult
Contact: 0116 261 0261
Email: info@spacecentre.co.uk
Web: www.spacecentre.co.uk

Thinktank

Millennium Point, Curzon Street, Birmingham B4 7XG

Moon Landing Party

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1st Apollo moon landing on the 20th July 1969, Thinktank is holding a very special party.

This evening event will allow you to experience Thinktank at night and take part in some great Moon themed activities. Including a prize for the best space themed costume! See website for further information.

Age: Not specified
Date: Saturday 20 July
Times: 6pm to 9pm
Cost: £9 per child
£6.50 per adult
£6.50 per concession / senior price
Contact: Limited tickets, pre-booking essential. Visit website to book online.
Web: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank/whats-on/

Out of borough events
(Mon 15 July – Sun 21 July)

Birmingham Hippodrome

Hurst Street, Southside, Birmingham B5 4TB

Annie

You can bet your bottom dollar that you'll love it! The smash-hit production of Annie comes to Birmingham for 3 weeks only direct from London's West End. See website for further information

Age: 5 years and above
Dates: Tuesday 23 July to Sunday 11 August
Times: Various (see website)
Cost: From £24 (see website)
Contact: Book online or call 0844 338 5000
Email: tickets@birminghamhippodrome.com
Web: www.birminghamhippodrome.com

Thinktank

Millennium Point, Curzon Street, Birmingham B4 7XG

Smethwick Engine Steaming Day

One of the jewels in Thinktank's collection is the Smethwick Engine, the oldest working steam engine in the world. It was designed by the firm of Boulton and Watt and installed almost 240 years ago on the Birmingham-Wolverhampton canal in 1779. See website for further information.

Age: All ages
Date: Wednesday 24 July
Times: See website
Cost: Entry included in the Thinktank admission price.
Book online in advance to save money
Contact: 0121 348 8000
Web: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank/whats-on/

Sarehole Mill

Cole Bank Road, Birmingham B13 0BD

Fairy Door Craft

Welcome fairies into your garden by creating your very own fairy door to take home!

Age: Not specified (but children must be supervised at all times)
Dates: Wednesday 24 July
Times: Drop in between 11.30am and 2.30pm
Cost: £2 per child
Contact: 0121 348 8160
Email: sarehole.mill@birminghammuseums.org.uk
Web: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/sarehole

Museum of the Jewellery Quarter

75-80 Vyse Street, Birmingham B18 6HA

Kids Jewellery Workshop

Have a go at making your own piece of jewellery with the help of our friendly learning officer in this special children's jewellery workshop activity. See website for further information.

Age: Not specified
 Date: **Thursday 25 July** and Thursday 29 August
 Times: 1pm to 3pm
 Cost: £10 per child. Pre-booking is essential as places are limited
 Contact: Book online or for more details call 0121 348 8140
 Web: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank/whats-on/

Birmingham Botanical Gardens (Main Lawn)

Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3TR

Alice in Wonderland

Immersion Theatre proudly bring their trademark energy to their most spectacularly bonkers show to date, as children and adults alike are invited to join in the hilarity of seeing this classic story brought vividly to life before having the opportunity to meet the characters after the show... why not come dressed up as your favourite? A perfect day out for the entire family, you'd be mad to miss it!

Guests are welcome to bring their own picnics and are encouraged to bring along something to sit on (picnic blankets and low-back chairs). Please also come prepared for British weather – the show will go on, come rain or shine! Please see website for further information including booking details.

Age: All ages
 Date: Thursday 25 July
 Times: 6.30pm to 9pm (doors open around 5.30pm)
 Cost: £14 per adult ticket
 £12 per concession ticket
 £40 per family ticket.
 Contact: For ticket information call 0121 454 1860 or book online
 Web: www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/whatson

Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

Chamberlain Square, Birmingham B3 3DH

Friday Crafts: Glamorous Guitars

Get crafty and create your own fun guitar design based on your favourite tunes, stories and bands. With loads of great materials our team will help you stick, glue, tape and decorate.

Age: All ages
 Date: Friday 26 July
 Times: Drop-in between 11am to 3pm
 Cost: £2 per participating child
 Contact: 0121 348 8000
 Web: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/bmag/whats-on

Birmingham Botanical Gardens (Main Lawn)

Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3TR

Falconry Day

Join us for Fantastic Falcons, a one day birds of prey experience in the centre of Birmingham, suitable for all ages.

Get up close and personal with these magnificent birds amongst 15 acres of beautiful scenery, which include falcons, owls, hawks and eagles. There will also be flight displays at intervals throughout the day. Why not bring a picnic along with you and make a day of it? Please see website for further information including booking details.

Age: All ages
Date: Wednesday 31 July
Times: tbc
Cost: Price included in general admission
Contact: For ticket information call 0121 454 1860 or book online
Web: www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/whatson

Sarehole Mill

Cole Bank Road, Birmingham B13 0BD

Monster Masks Craft

Welcome fairies into your garden by creating your very own fairy door to take home!

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Dates: Wednesday 31 July
Times: Drop in between 11.30am and 2.30pm
Cost: £2 per child
Contact: 0121 348 8160
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Age: Not specified (but children must be accompanied at all times)
Dates: **Friday... 2 August**, 16 August and 30 August
Times: 11.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 2.30pm
Cost: £2 per child
Contact: Pre-booking recommended. Book online or call 0121 348 8160
Email: sarehole.mill@birminghammuseums.org.uk
Web: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/sarehole

Birmingham Hippodrome

Hurst Street, Southside, Birmingham B5 4TB

Annie

You can bet your bottom dollar that you'll love it! The smash-hit production of Annie comes to Birmingham for 3 weeks only direct from London's West End. See website for further information

Age: 5 years and above
Dates: Tuesday 23 July to Sunday 11 August
Times: Various (see website)
Cost: From £24 (see website)
Contact: Book online or call 0844 338 5000
Email: tickets@birminghamhippodrome.com
Web: www.birminghamhippodrome.com

Thinktank

Millennium Point, Curzon Street, Birmingham B4 7XG

Family Fun day

Join our Learning Officer for a fun filled afternoon! Take a family friendly guided tour of the Smith & Pepper jewellery factory and then enjoy a fun craft activity in our Education Space.

Age: Not specified
Date: **Thursday... 1 August**, 8 August, 15 August and 22 August
Times: 1pm to 3pm
Cost: £8 per adult, £4 per child and £6 per concession. Pre-booking is essential
Contact: Book online or for more details call 0121 348 8140
Web: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank/whats-on/

The Coffin Works Museum

13-15 Fleet Street, Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham B3 1JP

Family Friendly Tour and Craft Activity

Come and enjoy a shorter, child-friendly tour of the museum, followed by a fun craft activity inspired by factory processes.

Dress up as factory workers, and explore the Victorian workshops with your friendly tour guide! Learn about how things were made, the jobs people did and why children like you would have been working in the factory. See website for further information.

Please note: Tickets are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Age: Recommended for ages 5 to 12 years
Dates: **Sunday... 4 August**, 11 August and 1 September
Times: 11.30am
Cost: £5 per person (all children must be accompanied by a paying adult)
Contact: Book online or call 0121 233 4790 for details
Email: newmanbrothers@coffinworks.org
Web: www.coffinworks.org

Out of borough events
(Mon 29 July – Sun 4 August)

Coventry Transport Museum

Millennium Place, Hales Street, Coventry CV1 1JD (Community Space – Exhibition 7, Black Taxi)

National Play Day!

Coventry Transport Museum is supporting this year's National Play Day by letting play take over the museum exhibitions.

Play your way through the museum. Dress up, play at shops, have a go at garage-spot it, be an engineer and build the ring road or giant structure and help us celebrate this National Play Day the most fun way – with play!

Age: All ages
Date: Wednesday 7 August
Times: Drop in from 10am to 4pm
Cost: Free
Contact: 02476 234270
Web: www.transport-museum.com

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Times: 1pm to 3pm
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Cost: From £24 (see website)
Contact: Book online or call 0844 338 5000
Email: tickets@birminghamhippodrome.com
Web: www.birminghamhippodrome.com

MAC (Midlands Art Centre)

Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham B12 9QH

Below is a small taster of events taking place at the MAC Birmingham. Please refer to the MAC website for further summer courses and one day events.

Hip Hop & Street Dance for Children

Learn hip hop and street dance, breaking and freestyling in this half-day course. See website for further details.

Age: 6 to 11 years
Date: Thursday 8 August
Times: 10am to 12pm
Cost: £13.25 per child
Contact: Book online or for more details call 0121 446 3232
Web: www.macbirmingham.co.uk

Make a Podcast for Children

Be your own broadcaster and learn to make an original podcast inspired by TV and films you enjoy. Learn how to make and record electronic music and sounds, use your imagination and develop active listening skills. See website for further details.

Age: 6 to 11 years
Date: Friday 9 August
Times: 10am to 3pm
Cost: £22.25 per child
Contact: Book online or for more details call 0121 446 3232
Web: www.macbirmingham.co.uk

Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan Garden

Castle Green, Off Castle Road, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 1NE

A Midsummer Night's Dream

The Lord Chamberlain's Men the UK's premier all male theatre company, invite you to join them this summer to celebrate their 15th year, with Shakespeare's enchanting comedy A Midsummer Nights Dream.

Bring a chair and a picnic, and enjoy a glorious summer's evening watching one of Shakespeare's best-loved comedies – performed in the open air, by an all-male cast with Elizabethan costumes, music and dance.

Age: All ages
Date: Friday 9 August
Times: Performance starts 7.30pm (gates open 6.30pm)
Cost: Please see website
Contact: 0370 333 1181
Web: www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/kenilworth-castle

Ackers Adventure

Golden Hillock Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham B11 2PY

City Centre Canoe Tour

See Birmingham from a unique perspective! A journey around the canals in the heart of the City by canoe, lasting two hours. Starts and finishes at Cambrian Wharf. A great day for the whole family. Fully instructed. No experience necessary.

Age: 5 years and above
Date: Saturday 10th August
Times: 10am to 12pm and 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Cost: Free per child (under 8 years) with a paying adult
£11 per junior
£22 per adult
Contact: Pre-booking essential. Book online or call 0121 772 5111 for further details
Email: bookings@ackers-adventure.co.uk
Web: www.ackers-adventure.co.uk

Birmingham Hippodrome

Hurst Street, Southside, Birmingham B5 4TB

Musical Theatre Summer School – Inspired by Annie

Work with theatre professionals on an action-packed week of Musical Theatre activities inspired by Annie. See website for further information.

Age: 7 to 11 years
Dates: Monday 5 to Friday 9 August (5 day course)
Times: 10am to 4pm
Cost: £100 (including a ticket to see Annie)
Contact: Book online or call 0844 338 5000
Email: tickets@birminghamhippodrome.com
Web: www.birminghamhippodrome.com

Coffin Works Museum

13-15 Fleet Street, Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham B3 1JP

Family Friendly Tour and Craft Activity

Come and enjoy a shorter, child-friendly tour of the museum, followed by a fun craft activity inspired by factory processes.

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Cost: £5 per person (all children must be accompanied by a paying adult)
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Birmingham Hippodrome

Hurst Street, Southside, Birmingham B5 4TB

Musical Theatre Summer School – Inspired by Grease The Musical

Work with theatre professionals on an action-packed week of Musical Theatre activities inspired by Grease The Musical.

Age: 12 to 18 years
Dates: Monday 12 to Friday 16 August
Times: 10am to 4pm
Cost: £100 (including a ticket to see Grease)
Contact: Book online or call 0844 338 5000
Email: tickets@birminghamhippodrome.com
Web: www.birminghamhippodrome.com

MAC (Midlands Art Centre)

Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham B12 9QH

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Young Fashion Designers Summer School

Calling all aspiring fashion designers! In this 5 day course you will learn how to transform your designs into clothes, you will build a sewing folder with examples of different sewing techniques, and make an outfit or 3 separate garments that fit you. See website for further details.

Age: 12 to 17 years
Date: Monday 12 August to Friday 16 August
Times: 10am to 3pm
Cost: £105.25 per child
Contact: Book online or for more details call 0121 446 3232
Web: www.macbirmingham.co.uk

Family Art Techniques: The Woods Inspired by David Hockney

Be inspired by David Hockney and Cannon Hill Park as you use a range of materials and methods such as mono-printing and photo-collage. See website for further details.

Age: 6 to 11 years (plus parent or guardian)
Date: Friday 16 August
Times: 10am to 3pm
Cost: £31.25 per adult and child
(£16.25 per additional adult and £16.25 per additional child)
Contact: Book online or for more details call 0121 446 3232
Web: www.macbirmingham.co.uk

Birmingham Hippodrome

Hurst Street, Southside, Birmingham B5 4TB

Grease The Musical

The world's best-loved musical is back! Grittier and more glamorous than ever before.

So round-up your Burger Palace Boys, pick up your Pink Ladies and rediscover why Grease really is the one that you want this term!

Age: Not specified
Dates: Tuesday 13 to Saturday 24 August
Times: Various (see website)
Cost: From £16 (see website)
Contact: Book online or call 0844 338 5000
Email: tickets@birminghamhippodrome.com
Web: www.birminghamhippodrome.com

Sarehole Mill

Cole Bank Road, Birmingham B13 0BD

Slime Workshop

Messy play at Sarehole. Make your very own gooey slime to take home!

Age: Not specified (but children must be accompanied at all times)
Dates: Wednesday 14 August
Times: 11.15am, 12pm and 1pm
Cost: £2 per child
Contact: Pre-booking required. Book online or call 0121 348 8160
Email: sarehole.mill@birminghammuseums.org.uk
Web: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/sarehole

Crafty Wednesdays: Butterfly Feeders

Encourage butterflies into your garden! Make your own butterfly feeder to take home.

Age: Not specified (but children must be supervised at all times)
Dates: Wednesday 14 August
Times: Drop in between 11.30am and 2.30pm
Cost: £2 per child
Contact: 0121 348 8160
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Times: 1pm to 3pm
Cost: £8 per adult, £4 per child and £6 per concession. Pre-booking is essential
Contact: Book online or for more details call 0121 348 8140
Web: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank/whats-on/

Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

Chamberlain Square, Birmingham B3 3DH

Friday Crafts: Mask Making Metalers

Join us for a fun heavy metal themed mask making activity. Take your pick from our varied templates and crafts materials so you can be creative and make your own unique mask!

Age: All ages
Dates: Friday 16 August
Times: Drop-in between 11am to 3pm
Cost: £2 per participating child
Contact: 0121 348 8000
Web: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/bmag/whats-on

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Pottery Woodland Gnomes and Fairies

Do you believe in fairies, enchanted forests and magical gnomes? If so this is the course for you. Learn how to make 3D sculptures of your favourite supernatural beings or make something from your imagination. Learn all about hand building and coiling techniques to create and then decorate your fairy folk. See website for further details.

Age: 6 to 11 years
Date: Monday 19 August
Times: 10am to 3pm
Cost: £29.25 per child
Contact: Book online or for more details call 0121 446 3232
Web: www.macbirmingham.co.uk

Punk Printmaking

Want to give your artwork that spiky treatment? Learn how to combine collage, stencils, painting and a process called 'print transfer' to make the perfect punk poster! See website for further details.

Age: 6 to 11 years
Date: Thursday 22 August
Times: 10am to 3pm
Cost: £23.25 per child
Contact: Book online or for more details call 0121 446 3232
Web: www.macbirmingham.co.uk

Birmingham Hippodrome

Hurst Street, Southside, Birmingham B5 4TB

ZooNation Summer Intensive

Work with professional dancers from ZooNation for an action-packed week of Hip-Hop. See website for further information.

Age: 10 to 21 years (intermediate or advanced young dancers)
Dates: Monday 19 to Friday 23 August
Times: 10am to 4pm
Cost: £100
Contact: Book online or call 0844 338 5000
Email: tickets@birminghamhippodrome.com
Web: www.birminghamhippodrome.com

Birmingham Botanical Gardens (Main Lawn)

Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3TR

Peppa Pig Meet and Greet

We have a very special friend visiting us this summer! Peppa Pig will be appearing at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Peppa Pig and George will be making personal appearances at intervals throughout the day. Don't forget to bring your camera!

Age: All ages
 Date: Wednesday 21 August
 Times: 11am to 3pm
 Meet and greets are due to be held at the times of: 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm and 2.30pm
 Please note: these times can be subject to change on the day.
 Cost: £25 per ticket (2 adults and 3 children or 1 adult and 4 children)
 Ticket includes entry to Gardens, the chance to meet Peppa Pig and George and 6 months membership from August 2019 to January 2020
 Contact: For ticket information call 0121 454 1860 or book online
 Web: www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/whatson

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Sarehole Mill

Cole Bank Road, Birmingham B13 0BD

Family Baking: Fairy Biscuit Baking Day

Put your chef hat on and join us at Sarehole to make your own fairy biscuits to eat!

Age: Not specified (but children must be accompanied at all times)
 Dates: Friday 23 August
 Times: 11.15am, 12pm and 1pm
 Cost: £2 per child
 Contact: Pre-booking essential. Book online or call 0121 348 8160
 Email: sarehole.mill@birminghammuseums.org.uk
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Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan Garden

Castle Green, Off Castle Road, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 1NE

The Battle of Kenilworth Castle

This summer, join us as we journey back to medieval England, to a time when war and rebellion divide the realm. The King faces uprisings across the land and his revolting nobles hold a vital weapon – the mighty Kenilworth Castle.

Watch brave knights on horseback charge towards the enemy – arrows will fly, shields will clash and war cries will fill the air, but who will emerge victorious?

Age: All ages
Dates: **Sunday 25 August** and Monday 26 August
Times: 11am to 5pm
Cost: Please see website
Contact: 0370 333 1181
Web: www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/kenilworth-castle

Town Hall Birmingham

Victoria Square, Birmingham B3 3DQ

Tabby McTat

Tabby McTat is a cat with the loudest of meee-ews and a best friend with a guitar. Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's Tabby McTat is a heart-warming tale of friendship and loyalty interwoven with original songs and a sprinkling of magic.

Age: All ages welcome
Dates: Tuesday 20 August to Sunday 25 August
Times: See website (Running time: 1 hour)
Cost: £13 per ticket
Contact: Book online or call 0121 780 3333 (Box Office)
Web: www.thsh.co.uk

Tabby McTat (Relaxed Performance)

Relaxed performances are open to everyone but are specifically for people with an Autistic Spectrum Condition, a learning disability or sensory and communication disorder. Many aspects of a production can cause difficulties: busy foyers, unexpected music, lights going up and down and applause. We work hard to tackle each of these points, to make sure it isn't an issue come concert time. Please see website for further information.

Date: Sunday 25 August
Times: 3pm
Contact: Book online or call 0121 780 3333 (Box Office)

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

Sarehole Mill

Cole Bank Road, Birmingham B13 0BD

Crown Making and Fancy Dress Day

Join us at Sarehole in your best fairy or mythical creature costume and make a magnificent crown to complete your outfit!

Age: Not specified (but children must be accompanied at all times)
 Dates: Wednesday 28 August
 Times: Drop in between 11.30am to 2.30pm
 Cost: £2 per child
 Contact: 0121 348 8160
 Email: sarehole.mill@birminghammuseums.org.uk
 Web: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/sarehole

Birmingham Botanical Gardens (Main Lawn)

Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3TR

Teddy Bears Picnic

Bring the kids along to our annual Teddy Bears' Picnic with plenty of fun for all the family. We will have arts and crafts, a bouncy castle, fairground games and more, as well as an opportunity to win a year's free family membership to the Gardens by taking part in our Teddy Bear trail! Some activities will have an additional cost.

Age: All ages
 Date: Wednesday 28 August
 Times: 11am to 3pm
 Cost: Price included in general admission
 Contact: For ticket information call 0121 454 1860 or book online
 Web: www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/whatson

Museum of the Jewellery Quarter

75-80 Vyse Street, Birmingham B18 6HA

Kids Jewellery Workshop

Have a go at making your own piece of jewellery with the help of our friendly learning officer in this special children's jewellery workshop activity. See website for further information.

Age: Not specified
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Times: 1pm to 3pm
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Web: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank/whats-on/

Birmingham Hippodrome

Hurst Street, Southside, Birmingham B5 4TB

West Side Story

As a centrepiece of our 120th birthday celebrations, Birmingham Hippodrome is proud to present our first home-grown youth production for the main stage, West Side Story.

This fresh and dynamic reimagining of one of the most iconic musicals of all time, brings together an incredible cast of young and emerging performers from across the region – selected from over 1,000 that auditioned – working with a professional creative team, to bring this timeless story to life. See website for further information.

Age: 12 years and above
Dates: Thursday 29 to Saturday 31 August
Times: Various (see website)
Cost: From £15 (see website)
Contact: 0844 338 5000
Email: tickets@birminghamhippodrome.com
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Cost: £5 per person (all children must be accompanied by a paying adult)
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