

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

Please note: The below activities are not registered or regulated by Solihull Family Information Service. It is your responsibility to ensure you are happy that the activities are safe and appropriate for your child.

North Solihull (and surrounding areas)

Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
North Solihull Sports Centre, Conway Road, Chelmsley Wood, B37 5LA Tel: 01676 542129 Website: www.everyoneactive.com/north-solihull-sports-centre				
Mon	ADULT & CHILD GYMNASTICS - Gymnastics is a great way for children to improve their agility, flexibility, balance and co-ordination, while having fun and interacting with other children. Parents must take part in the session with their tots and supervise them on all equipment although under the guidance of one of our fully-qualified coaches. Comfy clothing and no shoes should be worn for these sessions.	See website for details	9:30 - 10:15 and 10:30 - 11:15	Adults and children
Tues	ACTIVE ANTZ - Designed to give you and your child time to play and learn from each other, Active Antz encourages you and your child to try a variety of activities each week. These range from exploring soft play shapes to jumping on bouncy castles, singing, crafts and much more. Wear suitable clothing but shoes are not needed. The session is supervised but it is not a led session and parents are required to take part and supervise their child.	See website for details	9am - 11:30am	Adults and children

Libraries...

Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
Castle Bromwich Library, Hurst Lane North, Castle Bromwich, Solihull, B36 0EY Tel: 0121 747 3708				
Mon	Rhyme time - Join us for a fun baby and toddler session of rhymes and songs! The session will last 20 minutes.	FREE Must book online	10.30 am (Term time only)	Suitable for pre-school children

Parks...				
Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
Castle Bromwich Hall, Historic Gardens, B36 9BT Tel: 0121 749 4100 www.castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk				
Sat 7 May	Brilliant Birds and where to find them. Come along and learn all about our Feathered Friends in the Parkland, weave a nest, play some games, and make your very own bird feeder to take home.	See website for details	See website for details	3 to 9 year olds with their adults
Sat 21 May	Buzzing Bees - Have you ever wondered what our flying, striped friends get up to? Come along and learn all about busy Bee's and how to help protect them. We will be making, playing and exploring just like those busy bees.	See website for details	See website for details	3 to 9 year olds with their adults
South Solihull (and surrounding areas)				
Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
The Core Theatre, Solihull Theatre Square, Touchwood, Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3RG Tel: 0121 704 6962 (Box Office) Website: www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk				
Tues 10 May to Sat 14 May	Priscilla Queen of the Desert - Based on the cult film, the musical charts the journey of two drag queens, and a transgender woman, as they travel across Australia in their bus which they've named Priscilla, meeting colourful characters on their way. Packed with pop anthems like; It's Raining Men, What's Love Got To Do With It and I Will Survive, this flamboyant, funny, disco-fuelled musical is a must-see.	see website for details	7:30pm	14 +
Baddesley Clinton, Rising Lane, Knowle Solihull, Warwickshire, B93 0DQ Tel: 01564 783294 https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/baddesley-clinton/whats-on				
Throughout May	Baddesley Clinton - is the perfect place for a family day. Whatever the season, there's plenty of adventures to be had from spotting birds on the lakeside walk, discover what's growing in the vegetable garden, or simply have fun in the great outdoors.	See website for details	See website for details	All ages
Packwood House Packwood Lane, Lapworth, B94 6AT Tel: 01564 782024 Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/packwood-house				
Throughout May	Packwood House - With space and freedom to explore and play, the gardens and parkland here have wide open spaces and winding paths through shady woodlands. We've got lots of fun activities to try on your next family adventure.	See website for details	See website for details	All ages

Solihull Christian Fellowship, The Bridge, 234 Stratford Road, Shirley, B90 3AG
 Website: www.scfchurch.org.uk

Wed	Babies @ the Bridge - A relaxed and friendly setting for you and your little one to make new friends. Includes an upbeat class with interactive songs, instruments and props. Includes refreshments (cake, hot and cold drinks).	£4	1:30pm - 2:45pm (Term time only)	Babies to 18 months
Wed	Story Fun @ the Bridge - Quality time, fun and friendship for parents and carers with babies & pre-school children. Come with your child & have fun through story time, craft and action songs. Group also includes an element of free play.	£2 per family	9:30am - 10:30am and 11:00am - 12:00pm (Term time only)	babies & pre-school
Fri	United Friday - A lively & exciting weekly children's club, where we have a lot of fun, spend time making friends and enjoy different interactive activities. We are open to all children in school years 3-6, and we love to welcome new faces! We have an annual weekend away, plus other events and day trips when possible. Booking is essential at this time.	See website for details	6:15pm - 7:45pm (Term time only)	9 to 13 years

Library...

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Balsall Common Library, 283 Kenilworth Road, Balsall Common, CV7 3EL
 Tel: 01676 532590

Tues	Rhyme Time - Come along with your babies and toddlers, to enjoy listening to happy songs and rhymes with actions and percussion instruments.	FREE Must book online	2.15pm - 2.45pm (Term time only)	Suitable for pre-school children
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Dickens Heath Library, Old Dickens Heath Road, Dickens Heath, Solihull, B90 1SD
 Tel: 0121 744 6078

Tues	Story-time with rhymes - join us every Tuesday for stories, play and colouring.	FREE Must book online	10:15am - 11am (Term time only)	Suitable for pre-school children
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Hobs Moat Library, Ulleries Road, Solihull, B92 8EB
 Tel: 0121 743 4592

Tues	Animal Antics - Come along to Animal Antics where each session staff will read stories about an animal. Children can then colour in a picture of the animal and collect pictures. Every time you come to the activity you can collect a paw print for your Animal Collector Card!	FREE Must book online	10am - 11.00am (Term time only)	2 - 5 years
Thurs	Under 5s Story Session 'Little Hobbits' - Thursdays. Join the 'Little Hobbits' and sing along with rhymes before listening to stories and enjoying colouring with your pre-school children.	FREE Must book online	10am - 11.00am (Term time only)	Suitable for pre-school children

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

Mon	Story-time and Rhymes - specifically aimed at younger babies and toddlers.	FREE Must book online	10.30am - 11am (Term time only)	6 months - 4 years
Tues	Rhymetime - Rhymes and songs specifically aimed at younger babies and toddlers.	FREE Must book online	10:30am - 11:30am (Term time only)	6 months - 4 years

Shirley Library, 22 Parkgate, Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull, B90 3GG
Tel: 0121 704 6300

Tues	Rhyme Time - For babies and toddlers.	FREE Must book online	10.30am - 11.00am (Term time only)	Suitable for pre-school children
Sat	Rhyme Time - For babies and toddlers.	FREE Must book online	10.30am - 11.00am (Term time only)	Suitable for pre-school children
Thurs 5, 12, 19, 26 May	Code Club - an opportunity for children aged 9-11 to learn the basics of computer programming using the Scratch 2.0 software and projects developed by the Code Club organisation.	FREE Must book online	5pm - 6pm (Term time only)	9 - 11 years

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

Tues	Storytime - Come and share our love of stories at our under 5s storytime!	FREE Must book online	10:15 - 10:45 (Term time only)	Under 5s
Wed	Rhymetime - An interactive session for babies and toddlers lasting around 20 minutes. The session will include baby rhymes and songs.	FREE Must book online	10:15 - 10:45 (Term time only)	Under 5s
Fri	Meet and Play - Meet and Play sessions offer the chance for young families to meet up, relax, chat play and sing together!	FREE Must book online	10:15am - 11:15am (Term time only)	Under 5s

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Shirley Library, 22 Parkgate, Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull, B90 3GG
Tel: 0121 704 6300

Wed 21 May	Mumfest - Bring the girls, bring your other half, bring your pre-schoolers or drop them at nursery first. Mumfest is conveniently between the school and nursery run, so you get to decide whether to share your ice cream or not!	See website for details	11am - 12pm	See website for details
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Birmingham City Centre & other areas...

Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
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Aston Hall, Trinity Road, Aston, Birmingham, B6 6JD
Tel: 0121 348 8100
Website: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/contact

Sat 7 May	<p>Aston Arts Club - Join us to make something inspired by Aston Hall and its incredible history. A completely free, drop-in club open to all to relax and create together.</p> <p>This week artists from Windswept Workshops will be helping you craft one-handed marionettes inspired by the ghosts in our new Audio Guide, 'Meet Me at Aston Hall'.</p>	See website for details	12pm - 3pm	Children and Adults
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<p>SPECIAL EVENT</p> <p>Sat 14 May</p>	<p>Special Event for Mental Health Awareness</p> <p>Music for Mental Health - Join us for a free music workshop delivered by the Birmingham Centre for Art Therapies. Drama therapist Liz Beech will use a mix of mindfulness and creativity to create a fun, relaxed and imaginative session to story tell through music. Following the workshop continue to relax and socialise over a craft activity, perhaps with a hot drink from our nearby café.</p>	See website for details	12pm - 2pm	10+ and Adults
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Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3DH
Tel: 0121 348 8038
Website: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/bmag

May	<p>Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery (BMAG) - will partially reopen on Thursday 28 April 2022.</p>	FREE	See website for details	See website for details
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Sun 22 May	<p>Colour Box Workshop: Flipping and Spinning - As part of the programme accompanying Flatpack's exhibition. Wonderland: Birmingham's Cinema Stories, Lightbox Cinema's Laura Kloss and illustrator Mat Bartlett will be running drop-in workshops for anyone, any age, to come and create their own old skool animation via the magic of both the flipbook and the zoetrope.</p>	FREE	See website for details	See website for details
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Birmingham Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Southside, Birmingham, B5 4TB
Call: 0844 338 5000 (Tickets & Information)
Website: www.birminghamhippodrome.com

Sat 21 May	<p>Oi Frog & Friends! Cats sit on mats, hares sit on chairs, mules sit on stools, gophers sit on sofas and frogs sit on logs! It's a new day at Sittingbottom school and FROG is looking for a place to sit, but CAT has other ideas and DOG is doing as he's told. Who knew there were so many rhyming rules and what will happen when FROG is in charge?</p>	See website for details	See website for details	See website for details
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Blakesley Hall, Blakesley Road Road, Birmingham B25 8RN

Tel: 0121 348 8120

Website: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/blakesley

<p>SPECIAL EVENT</p> <p>Sat 14 May</p>	<p>Special Event for Mental Health Awareness</p> <p>Lavender Club for Mental Health - Take part in a simple craft activity making scented lavender bags, with other games and activities, while chatting to neighbours.</p> <p>Relax in the beautiful grounds of the Hall after, perhaps with a hot drink from our café.</p>	<p>FREE</p>	<p>12pm - 2pm</p>	<p>Adults</p>
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Botanical Gardens, Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 3TR

Tel: 0121 454 1860

Website: www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk

<p>May</p>	<p>Children's Trails - Brilliant Butterflies – explore and investigate our summer butterfly house Dangerous Plants – not for the fainthearted! Fabulous Food – prepare to be amazed about some of our favourite foods. Garden Minibeasts – come and see what you can discover. Magical Plants – discover the real magical plants that inspired J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter Plant Record Breakers – what makes plants so special?</p>	<p>See website for details</p>	<p>See website for details</p>	<p>All ages</p>
<p>May</p>	<p>Gardens' explorer family backpacks - Available to hire from the Gardens' Main Reception desk every day during opening hours, these are a series of fun family activity backpacks. Each backpack is bursting with creative activities and resources to help families to explore the Gardens and are suitable for all ages (younger ones will need adult help). There are four exciting and educational themes to choose from: Amazing Plants! Brilliant Birds! Bugs and Beasties! Plus some Tremendous Trees!</p>	<p>See website for details</p>	<p>See website for details</p>	<p>All ages</p>

Black Country Living Museum, Tipton Road, Dudley, West Midlands, DY1 4SQ

Tel: 0121 557 9643

Website: www.bclm.co.uk

SPECIAL EVENT Sat 7 May	Deaf Awareness Day	See website for details	See website for details	See website for details
	Deaf Awareness Day - Audio Descriptive Tour - This May, learn about the history of deafness as we work alongside the British Deaf History Society. Discover inspirational stories from historian and author Peter Jackson, as he tells the tales of just some of the people who have taken action and refused to let their deafness hold them back. Come and explore items and artwork showcasing the eclectic history of deafness, including original drawings, paintings and items from BCLM's collection. Try your hand at learning the BSL alphabet in our Edwardian School – will you be successful? Or will you face the wrath of our school teacher? Don't forget to take a trip to our Limelight Cinema and experience the era of silent storytelling through the entertaining antics of old-time Hollywood stars. Will you see Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, or Laurel and Hardy this Deaf Awareness Week?			

mac birmingham Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham B12 9QH (Foyle Studio)

Tel: 0121 446 3232

Website: www.macbirmingham.co.uk

SPECIAL EVENT Sat 7 May	Special Event for Mental Health Awareness	£6:50	See website for details	See website for details
	Colour Box: Inside Out - As part of Mental Health Month, Colour Box presents a screening of the acclaimed Pixar feature Inside Out, which takes us inside the mind of an eleven year old girl as she struggles to deal with her family's move to San Francisco. As well as being hugely entertaining, the film is aimed at helping kids to understand their own emotions and face up the challenges involved in growing up. Before the screening, spend an hour getting into a calmer frame of mind with various activities on offer including drawing to ambient music, creating with scented playdough and making your own sensory glitter bottle.			
Sat 21 May	Colour Box Big Dream - Featuring flatulent dreamers (My Dream, My Fart), singing water towers (Theo the Water Tower), and oversized felines (The Cat in the Art Park), this selection of short films for families is a joy to behold, and will have the whole clan grinning from ear to ear. With six different countries represented too, it's a truly international line-up, introducing young audiences to a wide range of cultures and styles of animation. Flatpack's Colour Box compère will be there in person to raise the level on the funometer!	See website for details	See website for details	3 +

Sarehole Mill Cole Bank Road, Moseley, B13 0BD

Tel: 0121 238 8000

Website: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/sarehole

Sun 1 May and Sun 15 May	Origins of Middle-earth: J.R.R. Tolkien and Sarehole Guided walk - A guided walk introducing the scenery that inspired J.R.R. Tolkien when he lived near Sarehole Mill as a child. The tour begins at the Mill and takes us to Moseley Bog, passing Tolkien's childhood home. Worked up an appetite? Book a table for pizza in the courtyard for lunch following the walk! The route is around 2 miles in length, involves steps and a boardwalk that could be slippery when wet. Good walking shoes are recommended. Not accessible to wheelchairs or pushchairs.	£10	10am - 11am	All ages
Fri 13 May and Sat 14 May	Guided tour of Sarehole Mill - Enjoy the sights and sounds of a traditional 18th Century Water Mill, learn about the life of a Miller and the scenes that inspired writer J.R.R. Tolkien. Also take some time to see the beautiful millpond and explore the new Woodland Realm. Ground floor and 1st floor of the Mill are accessible for wheelchairs and pushchairs.	See website for details	See website for details	Children and Adults
Fri 20 May and Sat 21 May	Guided tour of Sarehole Mill - Enjoy the sights and sounds of a traditional 18th Century Water Mill, learn about the life of a Miller and the scenes that inspired writer J.R.R. Tolkien. Also take some time to see the beautiful millpond and explore the new Woodland Realm. Ground floor and 1st floor of the Mill are accessible for wheelchairs and pushchairs.	See website for details	See website for details	See website for details
Fri 27 May and Sat 28 May	Guided tour of Sarehole Mill - Enjoy the sights and sounds of a traditional 18th Century Water Mill, learn about the life of a Miller and the scenes that inspired writer J.R.R. Tolkien. Also take some time to see the beautiful millpond and explore the new Woodland Realm. Ground floor and 1st floor of the Mill are accessible for wheelchairs and pushchairs.	See website for details	See website for details	See website for details

Weoley Castle, Alwold Road Birmingham, B29 5RX

Tel: 0121 348 8140

Website: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/weoley

Tues 3, 10, 17 and 24 May	Castle Kids Playgroup - Castle Kids is a Stay and Play group for children aged 0 to 5 with their parents or carers. We'll have toys, games and craft activities at the ready providing a happy and fun environment for you and your little ones. Tea and coffee will be available for adults.	FREE	10.00am - 11.15am	0 - 5 years
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