

Solihull Parents' Network

Christmas 2023 Family Events



Images courtesy of (from clockwise) Touchwood Solihull, Kenilworth Castle, Packwood House and Ackers Adventure

Solihull Family Information Service
Call: 0800 389 8667
Email: familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk
Web: www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo

Balsall Common Library

283 Kenilworth Road, Balsall Common CV7 7EL

Christmas Crafts Drop In

Drop into the library this week to get crafty for Christmas! We will have a different craft to do each day in the run up to Christmas. Why not pop in after school to relax, read and make?



Age: 4 to 11 years
 Dates: Saturday 16 December to Saturday 23 December
 Times: During library opening hours
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 01676 532590
 Email: balsallcommonlibrary@solihull.gov.uk
 Website: www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries/Balsall-Common-library

Festive Rhyme Time

All our favourite Christmas nursery rhymes and festive songs as we get ready for the holidays.

Age: 0 to 5 years
 Dates: Saturday 23 December
 Times: 10.15am to 12pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 01676 532590
 Email: balsallcommonlibrary@solihull.gov.uk
 Website: www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries/Balsall-Common-library



Christmas Children's Board Games



Turn your "it's nearly Christmas" energy into a fun festive time playing our collection of board games.

Funded by Berkswell Parish Council.

Age: 5 years and above
 Dates: Saturday 23 December
 Times: 10.15am to 12pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 01676 532590
 Email: balsallcommonlibrary@solihull.gov.uk
 Website: www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries/Balsall-Common-library

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

DROP-IN CHRISTMAS CRAFT!

11, 12, and 14 December 2023



Make your very own pom-pom
gold pine cone decoration for
your Christmas tree!

No booking required. Craft
will run while stocks last.

Suitable for children aged 3
and over.



*Repair and share
Christmas special!*

**Join us to make a
Victorian Christmas Pomander
Saturday 16th December at 11.00am**



Booking required as spaces are limited. Suitable for children aged 3 & over, with help from their adult. This is a free activity & all materials will be supplied.



Knowle Library

Chester House, 1667-1669 High Street, Knowle, Solihull B93 0LL



**Christmas
Activity**

**DECORATE YOUR OWN
BOOKMARK | DOOR HANGER
STAR | SNOWMAN**

DROP IN CRAFT (No booking Required)

From 11 - 23 Dec
10 - 1 pm & 2 - 4.15 pm

 Solihull
METROPOLITAN
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Ackers Adventure

Golden Hillock Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham B11 2PY



Festive Sessions

Come along and enjoy 30 minutes of festive **tobogganing** followed by a delicious luxury hot chocolate with marshmallows and cream. Exclusive toboggan slope use available or if you feel really energetic, try **tubing** on our main ski slope.

Advanced booking is essential via our website.

Age: 3 to 12 years (Tobogganing)
8 years and above (Tubing)
Dates: Friday 1 December to Saturday 31 December
Times: See website for details
Cost: £39 for up to 6 children (Tobogganing)
£13.50 per person (Tubing)
Contact: 0121 772 5111
Email: bookings@ackers-adventure.co.uk
Website: www.ackers-adventure.co.uk

Stay Active

Ackers Adventure
FESTIVE SESSIONS

INCLUDES A LUXURY HOT CHOCOLATE WITH CREAM AND MARSHMALLOWS FOR EACH PARTICIPANT

TUBING
30 MINUTES OF TUBING FOR £13.50, SUITABLE FOR AGES 8 AND ABOVE

TOBOGGANING
30 MINUTES OF TOBOGGANING FOR A GROUP OF 6 CHILDREN FOR JUST £39

Planet Ice Solihull

Hobs Moat Road, Solihull B92 8JN



Christmas Learn to Skate Camps

Our 3 or 5 Day Camps are designed for beginners who are looking to learn how to skate or those that want to improve their skills on the ice.



Our camps include a 30 minute group lesson, breakfast and a hot drink meal deal and public skate after your lesson to practice your skills.

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 advise which course would be right for you.

- Age: Adults and children of all ages
Dates/Times: Mondays to Fridays (throughout the school holidays)
Times: Please see website
Cost: £56 per 3 day course
£71 per 5 day course
Contact: Pre-book your 3 or 5 day camps via our website or by calling 0121 742 5561
Email: solihull@planet-ice.co.uk
Website: www.planet-ice.co.uk

Christmas Ice Skating

Amidst the festive glow, remember that our public ice skating sessions continue daily throughout the holiday season and beyond! Whether you're a seasoned skater or a newcomer eager to experience the thrill of gliding on ice, Planet Ice Solihull is your winter wonderland all year round.



Exciting news for our Ice Card Members this Christmas! Double discounts are set to sparkle on the 26th and 31st December 2023 and 1st January 2024, just in time for the festive celebrations. Embrace the holiday spirit as our Ice Card Members enjoy a dazzling £4.80 off every magical ice-skating session on these special dates. It's the perfect chance to unwrap the

full magic of your Ice Card Membership benefits and skate joyfully into the New Year.

Please note: pre-book your sessions online to secure your spot in this winter wonderland

Stay Active




Skate and See Santa

Have your children experience a magical Christmas at Planet Ice! Our 'Skate and See Santa' sessions are here!

Join us for a joyful Christmas adventure this December! Find out more and book via our website.



What is included for your child?

-  Meet Santa and receive a special gift
-  Enjoy a Christmas story
-  Enjoy the corresponding public skate and free skate hire for the child

Dates: From Saturday 2 December

Website: www.planet-ice.co.uk/skate-and-see-santa

Four Ashes Golf Centre

Four Ashes Road, Dorridge, Solihull B93 8NQ

Festive Adventure Golf



Come and play adventure golf on our specially decorated festive course with Christmas trees, lights and decorations to get you in the Christmas spirit.

For more information visit our website.

Age: All ages
Days/Times: Throughout December:
Monday to Friday (9.30am to 8pm)
Saturdays (9am to 5pm)
Sundays (9.30am to 5pm)

Christmas Eve (9.30am to 5pm)
Christmas Day and Boxing Day (closed)
Wednesday 27 to Saturday 30 December (9.30am to 6pm)
New Years Eve (9.30am to 5pm)
New Years Day (10am to 5pm)

Cost: Please see website
Email: info@fourashesgolfcentre.co.uk
Website: www.fourashesgolfcentre.co.uk



Stay Active

The Wave

New Union Street, Coventry CV1 2PS

Ride the Christmas wave

The Wave, a UK award-winning, indoor waterpark making a splash in the heart of Coventry!

From high-speed slides and a fun-packed splash zone to the exhilarating Wave Pool and relaxing Lazy River... There's something for thrill, spill and chill seekers of all ages to enjoy.



Dates: Saturday: 2, 9, 16 and 30 December
Times: 10.30am to 3.30pm (drop-in sessions)
Cost: £52 per family ticket (2 adults, 2 juniors)
Website: www.thewavecoventry.com

Art at the Heart CIC

The Core Theatre, Homer Road, Solihull B91 3RG

How to Draw: Snow Leopard (Xmas Special)

For children that love drawing!

Award-winning artist educators will take you through the steps to make a spectacular drawing – you'll be amazed with the result!

In this Xmas Special, we'll explore shading techniques to make the Snow Leopard's fur and spots look convincing, while we build up details to make the drawing look 3D. We'll also mount the artwork so it's ready to hang.

Give the gift of art – the gift that gives twice! First the activity makes a wonderful Christmas gift and then the finished mounted drawing makes a very personalized gift for someone special.

You'll also be supporting our sponsorship of the endangered snow leopard species through the World Wildlife Fund.

What others say:

"I enjoyed drawing and learning new techniques and loved seeing other people's work"

Child student

"A highly creative environment for children to explore ideas and flourish – extremely positive guidance and encouragement to explore new ideas"

Parent



Age: 7 to 13 years
Date: Saturday 23 December
Times: 2pm to 3.45pm
Cost: £20 per child (includes window cut mountboard frame)
Contact: 07772 319303
Email: office@artattheheart.org
Website: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-to-draw-snow-leopard-xmas-special-tickets-761144623057

Me & My Pencil: How to draw Harry Potter

What will you learn?

Create your very own Harry Potter drawing using just a pencil and eraser. Learn how to create his likeness using shading and pencil techniques, as well as simple ways of measuring and recording proportions accurately.



Need a gift for someone special? This workshop would make a lovely present for Harry Potter fans.

What will you take away?
In just one session, you'll have made a beautiful drawing that will be mountboard framed at the end of the session. You'll have developed a

toolkit of drawing skills to take away, too!

If you like the sound of this workshop, you might be interested in some of our other short courses below. Look out for the Me & My Pencil sessions where you can continue to practice and develop your pencil drawing skills.

Age: 7 to 13 years
Date: Thursday 4 January 2024
Times: 9.30am to 11.15am
Cost: £20 per child (including mountboard frame)
Contact: 07772 319303
Email: office@artattheheart.org
Website: www.artattheheartcic.org/short-courses/

Me & My Pencil: How to draw Dobby

What will you learn?

Create your very own Dobby drawing using just a pencil and eraser. Learn how to create his likeness using shading and pencil techniques, as well as simple ways of measuring and recording proportions accurately.

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Age: 7 to 13 years
Date: Thursday 4 January 2024
Times: 11.30am to 1.15pm
Cost: £20 per child (including mountboard frame)
Contact: 07772 319303
Email: office@artattheheart.org
Website: www.artattheheartcic.org/short-courses/

How to Draw: Snow Leopard (Online)

What will you learn?

In this online special (via Zoom), we'll explore shading techniques to make the Snow Leopard's fur and spots look convincing, while we build up step by step detail to make the drawing look 3D.

Need a gift for someone special? This workshop would make a lovely present for wildlife fans. What you will need:

- Pencils (soft-4B is ideal)
- A4 paper /sketchbook
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener

What will you achieve?

In just one session, you'll have made a beautiful drawing that you can be proud of! You'll have developed a toolkit of drawing skills to take away, too!

If you like the sound of this workshop, you might be interested in some of our other short courses below. Look out for the Me & My Pencil sessions where you can continue to practise and develop your pencil drawing skills.

Age: 7 to 13 years
Date: Friday 5 January 2024
Times: 9.30am to 11am
Cost: £20 per child
Contact: 07772 319303
Email: office@artattheheart.org
Website: www.artattheheartcic.org/short-courses/

Warwick Castle

Warwick, Warwickshire CV34 6AH

Christmas at the Castle

Warwick Castle has unveiled its greatest Christmas yet with the arrival of its all-new, breath-taking **light trail** that will illuminate its picturesque historical grounds this winter. The new illuminating evening light trail will be based on a story exclusively written for the castle by author Samuel Langley Swain titled "The Greedy Prince and the Greatest Gift" designed to take families through a festive journey through the 12 days of Christmas.



Ice Skating and Stories with Santa will also take visitors on a festive journey through 64 acres of

grounds and gardens dressed in thousands of sparkling lights and will all be part of the festive fun at the castle.



For those seeking a touch of wintery enchantment, visitors can extend their trip with a **Santa Sleepover** in a snugly woodland lodge nestled within the Knight's Village riverside accommodation.

Age: All ages
Dates: up to Sunday 7 January
Cost: See website for details
Email: customer.information@warwick-castle.com
Website: www.warwick-castle.com/explore/events/christmas/



Stratford Town Walk

Stratford

Stratford Ghost Walk

Award-winning evening Ghost Walk in Stratford upon Avon. Walk around the “haunted” streets to discover the ancient creaky buildings seeping with sinister stories of ghosts, witches, murder and misery. The costumed guides are professional entertainers and deliver the tour in their own unique style.



Dates: Saturday 2, Saturday 9,
Saturday 16, Saturday 23 and
Saturday 30 December
Times: 7.30pm
Cost: £10 per adult
£5 per child (8 to 15 years).
Not suitable for under 8s

Stratford Town Walk – Christmas Day

Join the award-winning Stratford Town Walk for a festive guided walk on Christmas Day! Discover Stratford’s history and fascinating relationship with William Shakespeare. Hear stories of fire, flood and plague. “Christmas wrapped” with old fashioned sayings and medieval medical cures. The Town Walk goes ahead every day of the year. Please see website for

other days and times. The walk is accessible. Dogs are welcome.

Location: Swan Fountain on Waterside, near the RST and opposite Sheep Street

Age: 8 years and above (not suitable for children under 8 years)
Times: 10.30am (walk start time). Duration 1.5 hours to 2 hours
Cost: £10 per adult
£5 per child (8 to 15 years)
Under 8 years free!

Please note: for both Stratford Town Walks the fee includes exclusive discounts at selected shops, restaurants, pubs, coffee shops and attractions.

Contact: Pre-book your tickets online or phone 07855 760377
Email: stratfordtownwalk@btinternet.com
Website: www.stratfordtownwalk.co.uk

Knowle and Dorridge Lions Club

Dorridge Village Hall

2023 Lions Festive Walk

Knowle and Dorridge Lions are inviting one and all to join them for their Lions Festive Walk. The annual event will start at Dorridge Village Hall and there will be a choice of a three- or six-mile sign-posted route. Both routes end at the Dorridge Cricket Club.



Walkers can register and begin their routes from 9:30 am until 1pm. In the event you cannot download them, you will be able to collect forms and maps from the Lions gazebo in front of Dorridge Village Hall.

All will pass through the surrounding countryside using country lanes and public footpaths. Young walkers will be able to join the Lions Safari Hunt on the three-mile walk, with a prize awarded for a correct entry. Download an entry form from the website, however Safari entries will be taken by a simple email list if this is easier.

Dogs are welcome if kept on a lead and we request that all mess is disposed of carefully. There are one or two stiles where dogs may need to be lifted.

There will be limited parking at the Dorridge Village Hall, Ye Olde Knowle Bowling Club and Dorridge Cricket Club but we would ask people to walk to the event where possible.



Age: All ages
 Date: Wednesday 27 December
 Times: 9.30am through to 1pm
 Contact: Please visit our website or email for further information
 Email: kanddlions@gmail.com
 Website: www.knowleanddorridgelions.com

Touchwood

Solihull B91 3GJ

Santa's Grotto

Touchwood is set to sparkle and shine this Christmas, with the return of Santa's Grotto, meet and greets with the kids favourite seasonal characters and carols from local choirs.

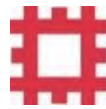
Touchwood's Christmas programme also includes adults' choir performances and the annual School Choir Competition, which gives local school pupils a stage to entertain guests with well-known festive songs.

Rounding off the festivities, the Salvation Army will be at the centre on Saturday 16th December to collect gift donations for families who are struggling this Christmas. The mischief-making Grinch will return to create more mayhem and fun on Sunday 17th December.



On the festivities, Touchwood's Marketing Manager, Lucy Burnett, said: "We are incredibly excited to launch this year's Christmas programme, which offers a range of festive activities and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy. From the Gruffalo to the Grinch, join us at Touchwood to get in the festive spirit!"

Dates: Open every day from now until Sunday 24 December
Times: Please see website for booking details
Cost: £6 per child
Website: www.christmasattouchwood.co.uk/christmas



Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan Garden

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

Father Christmas at Kenilworth

Father Christmas will be visiting Kenilworth Castle to spread some festive cheer in the run up to Christmas.

Families can join him in the castle's Gatehouse, which will be adorned with traditional decorations, to hear merry tales of Christmases gone by. After each storytelling session, children will be presented with a special English Heritage gift and get a chance to meet Father Christmas himself.

'Festive Stories with Father Christmas' is available every weekend from December 2 to December 23. Tickets for the experience cost £9.50 per child, in addition to entry to the castle (which is free for English Heritage members).

Kenilworth Castle will also be open daily from Boxing Day through to New Year's Day for those looking for a picturesque spot for some fresh air. Visitors will be able to follow a Christmas Wreath trail throughout the grounds.



Pre-booking is strongly recommended for 'Festive Stories with Father Christmas'. To book, please visit our website.

Age:	Children
Dates/Times:	Various (see website)
Cost:	Please see website



Website: www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/whats-on/Father-Christmas-at-Kenilworth-Castle/

West Midland Safari Park
Bewdley, Worcestershire DY12 1LF



Days Out

Safari Skating and Santa Safari

West Midland Safari Park is pleased to announce that its popular Christmas event will be returning and this year there is an exciting new feature – **Safari Skating**. Running daily until Christmas Eve, guests will have the chance to see Santa during the day, or on selected dates visit Santa in his grotto during the evening.

Alongside seeing the big man himself, the Park is inviting guests to try out their skating skills on their brand-new Glice® rink. This eco-friendly ice rink alternative is suitable for all the family and doesn't require any water or energy, meaning it's more suitable (and not a soggy bottom in sight!). Guests can choose to purchase a skating only ticket or add Safari Skating on to their **Santa Safari** or winter visit.

For the festive season, the Park will be magically transformed into a winter wonderland, with over 400 Christmas trees, lights, baubles, photo points and even thick layers of "snow". There will be a chance for children to write their letters to Santa and post them in his friendly talking post box, with a chance of winning a family annual pass.



Guests to the grotto will be greeted by Santa's team of friendly elves who will magically transport families to the North Pole on Santa's sleigh. Disembarking the sleigh, they will follow a path through a magical winter wonderland, busy elf workshop and reindeer stables, finally reaching the grotto to pay a visit to the big man himself.

Children will receive a memento of their day by having a picture taken of themselves with Santa, which

they can then take home, alongside being able to choose their very own present from the elves' workshop. Also included in the package is a visit to Mrs Claus' Kitchen, where children can enjoy a drink and cookie, whilst adults are treated to a hot drink and festive treat.

Additionally, guests visiting this winter can experience a virtual reality sleigh ride – a magical 4D adventure to the North Pole, helping Santa to test out his sleigh before his big journey on Christmas Eve.

For more information on prices and to book visit our website.

Age: All ages
Dates: Friday 24 November to Sunday 24 December 2023 (Santa Safari)
Friday 24 November 2023 to Sunday 7 January 2024 (Safari Skating)
Times: Please see website for details
Cost: Tickets can be booked in advance via the Park's website, where guests can also see the calendar of events
Email: info@wmssp.co.uk
Website: www.wmssp.co.uk

Lichfield Cathedral at Christmas

Lichfield Cathedral, Lichfield

Website: www.lichfield-cathedral.org/what-s-on/whats-on-home

Christmas Tree Festival

Come and see a wonderful festive array of real Christmas trees decorated by local businesses, schools and charities.



Dates: up to Sunday 7 January 2024 (open during visiting opening hours)
Cost: Free entry, donations welcomed.

Christmas Light Show

Head to Lichfield Cathedral for a spectacular light show around the Close and on the famous West Front.



Head inside to soak up the atmosphere of this special time of the year, including access to the Christmas Tree Festival.

Dates: Saturday 16 to Friday 22 December
Times: From 5.30pm
Cost: £10 per adult ticket
£7.50 per child ticket
£30 per family ticket
Under 3s go free

Website: www.lichfieldcathedral.org/lightshow

Carols Around the Tree

Enjoy a short time of joy and celebration with some popular readings and Christmas Carols, featuring a live brass band.



Date: Saturday 23 December
Times: 2pm and 3pm
Cost: Free service, donations welcomed

Family Crib Service

The ever-popular Crib Service at Lichfield Cathedral is the perfect family Christmas service. Go dressed as a character from the story of the Nativity and take part in the fun re-telling of the Christmas story.

Date: Sunday 24 December
Times: 3pm
Cost: Free entry, donations welcomed



Christmas Crafts and Activities

This Christmastime, come, get arty and join in making a huge collage reflecting on all things Christmas! When you've had enough craftiness, follow our Christmas trail using our discovery backpacks to discover Christmas time at Your Cathedral!

Dates: Wednesday 27 December 2023 to Sunday 7 January 2024 (during visitor opening hours)
Cost: Free, drop-in activities. No need to book

Baddesley Clinton

Rising Lane, Baddesley Clinton, Warwickshire B93 0DQ

Traditional Christmas at Baddesley Clinton

Come, get lost in the cosy atmosphere and warmth of a traditional Baddesley family Christmas. Come and sit by the fire next to a sparkling tree scattered with presents, learn about the tradition of mulled wine in the gardens, explore through finely decorated evergreen trees and unwrap with a warm drink and festive treat.



Join us festive events taking place inside and outside this Christmas with carollers singing on 17 December as well as a free children's trail exploring the house.

As part of festive treat, we are also running evening tours at Baddesley which will be taking place throughout December.

Join us for a tour around the house beautifully dressed for Christmas followed by a delicious supper in the Barn Restaurant.

Age: All ages
 Dates: From now up until Sunday 7 January 2024
 Times/Cost: Please see website
 Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/warwickshire/baddesley-clinton

Packwood House

Packwood Lane, Lapworth, Warwickshire B94 6AT

A 1920's Christmas at Packwood House

It's December 25th, 1923, the dining table is set, the presents are ready to be opened and there is a party in full swing. Join us this Christmas at Packwood House to explore as guests and personal friends of the Ash Family. Join us on the 16 December where carollers will be gracing the property with festive carols from 11am to 3pm.



Come, party with the Graham Baron Ash at one of his family Christmas parties, take part in the free children's trail whilst getting emersed in the house, explore the gardens all dressed in festive splendour and don't forget to pre-book one of our 3 course Christmas dinners at the Garden Kitchen café

Age: All ages
 Dates: From now up until Sunday 7 January 2024
 Times/Cost: Please see website
 Contact: 01564 787981
 Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/warwickshire/packwood-house

Snowdogs Discover Birmingham Trail

Birmingham City Centre

Visitors are invited to pup into to Birmingham city centre this Christmas to explore a beautiful **free family trail** featuring ten festive Snowdogs!



Take a wintry walk with the Snowdogs in Birmingham and enjoy a festive sculpture trail inspired by *The Snowman™* and *The Snowdog* – the animated sequel to the late Raymond Briggs' timeless picture book *The Snowman™*.

The ten festive painted Snowdog sculptures will be on display around the city centre alongside the Frankfurt Christmas Market, Christmas in Cathedral Square, Ice Skate and Big Wheel.

Follow the trail and you'll be able to spot the Snowdogs across at locations including Bullring and Grand Central, The Mailbox, Great Western Arcade and Piccadilly Arcade.

Visitors can discover the Snowdogs by downloading the trail map (see website) or by picking up a Christmas in Birmingham map from city centre stores, coffee shops, Library of Birmingham, Bullring customer services and all of the Christmas attractions.

Each Snowdog sculpture has been decorated by artists inspired by the wonderful feeling of Christmas and will help to raise funds for Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity. Please see website for further information.



- ❄️ 10 Colourful Snowdog sculptures across central Birmingham
- ❄️ All decorated by local and national professional artists
- ❄️ Trail to support Birmingham Children’s Hospital Charity
- ❄️ Prizes up for grabs for families who follow the city centre trail



Dates: up to Thursday 4 January 2024
 Website: www.centralbid.co.uk/follow-the-snowdogs-discover-birmingham-trail-for-a-magical-christmas/

Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3TR

Luminate Birmingham – Winter Lights Trail

A spectacular, illuminated trail, full of wonder and intrigue, to delight and enthrall your senses.

As darkness descends, join us on our enchanting journey, as we weave a captivating light trail through the stunning, historic grounds of Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Immerse yourself in our mesmerising almost mile long trail, with stunning lighting elements and fabulous light play, all set to ambient music.



The trail this year includes new additional elements of light and sound. A timeless experience to be enjoyed by all, young and old alike.

Tickets must be pre-booked online in advance. Please see website for further details.



Dates: From now until 2 January 2024
Times: 4.30pm to 9.30pm
Cost: Please see website
Contact: 0121 454 1860
Website: www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk

Frankfurt Christmas Market Birmingham

Birmingham City Centre

Birmingham's Frankfurt Christmas Market is a firm fixture in the city's annual calendar and a massive favourite with both residents and visitors to the city from across the UK and Europe. Birmingham comes alive every winter with the arrival of the Market, a clear sign that Christmas is just around the corner.

Dates: Thursday 2 November to Sunday 24 December
Times: Monday to Thursday (11am to 9pm)
Friday (11am to 9.30pm)
Saturday (10am to 9.30pm)
Sunday (10am to 9pm)
Website: www.thebfc.com/birminghams-frankfurt-christmas-market/

National SEA LIFE Centre Birmingham

The Water's Edge, Eleven Brindley Place, Birmingham B1 2HL

Santa's Grotto Experience

Sea explorers will be able to marvel at over 2,000 amazing creatures including jaw-some sharks, cheeky gentoo penguins and the UK's first and only sea otters, Ozzy and Ola before entering our glittering grotto where Santa and his cheeky elves will be waiting in their magical winter wonderland to say hello and find out what's on the top of those Christmas lists this year! Please see website for further details.

Cost: Please see website
Dates: up to Sunday 24 December
Website: www.visitsealife.com/birmingham

Coventry Transport Museum

Millennium Place, Hales Street, Coventry CV1 1JD

Tinker | Make | Play Engineers: Festive Fun



Tinker | Make | Play Engineers are embracing festive fun to ring in the new year.

Take old everyday electronic items apart and use your imagination to make magnificent new things for you to take home.

Dates: Thursday 28 and Friday 29 December
Thursday 4 and Friday 5 January 2024
Times: 10.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Cost: Free with admission
Website: www.transport-museum.com/events/1582/tinker-make-play-engineers-festive-fun

Herbert Art Gallery and Museum

Jordan Well, Coventry CV1 5QP

Seasonal Saturday Crafts: Natural Winter Decorations

Join us for seasonal Saturday crafts in the festive month of December.

Dates: Saturday: 2, 9, 16 and 30 December
Times: 10.30am to 3.30pm (drop-in sessions)
Cost: £2.50 per child (under 3s free)

Website: www.theherbert.org/whats-on/1758/seasonal-saturday-crafts-natural-winter-decorations



Days Out



*Wishing all our families a
Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year!*

