

As well as the events below, don't forget to check out further activities and things to do on [www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo](http://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
<b>Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre</b> Chelmsley Wood, Solihull B37 5TT Website: <a href="http://www.chelmsleywoodshopping.co.uk">www.chelmsleywoodshopping.co.uk</a>				
Sat 16 June	<p><b>Father's Day Fun Day</b>                      Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre will be holding a Father's Day themed, Family Fun Day at the centre, to raise money for *One Great Day.</p> <p>Our Family Fun Day is the day before Father's Day, so we will be holding a fun-filled event for both children and adults - expect the following and more:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Penalty Shoot Out!</li> <li>- BBQ (hosted by Robbins family butchers)</li> <li>- Chelmsley's Got Talent auditions</li> <li>- Superheros to have 'selfies' with</li> <li>- Candyfloss and popcorn carts</li> <li>- Father's Day crafts workshops</li> </ul> <p>A great day that all the family can enjoy - make sure you save the date!</p> <p><i>*What is One Great Day? Communities and families from across the UK will be coming together at their local shopping centre to get involved in a day of family fun and charity challenges - supporting Great Ormond Street Hospital and a chosen charity in the local area. Half of the money that Chelmsley Wood raise will go to Great Ormond Street Hospital and the other half to Help Harry Help Others Cancer Charity.</i></p>	FREE entry  Please note: the price of each individual activity will vary (no more than £1 per activity)	10am - 4pm	All ages
<b>Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens</b> Chester Road, Castle Bromwich, Solihull, B36 9BT Tel: 0121 749 4100 Website: <a href="http://www.castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk">www.castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk</a>				
Sat 2 June	<p><b>CircusMASH - Circus garden takeover for 250th anniversary</b>                      Roll up, roll up! We are celebrating 250 years of circus at the Gardens and you're invited!</p> <p>We will be celebrating in style with a range in community performances, circus workshops and a few surprises, so make sure you save the date.</p> <p>CircusMASH have stunned communities for years with their award winning circus experiences and now is your chance to join the frivolity. Live life like a circus!</p>	£6 (single ticket for anyone 5 years+)  £20 (group ticket - 4 people)  See website for details	12.30pm - 4.30pm	All ages

Sat 23 June	<p><b>Creative textile recycling workshop</b> Birmingham based textile artist Jutta Stahlhacke will lead a relaxed and creative workshop to make beautiful things out of your old and tired clothing and scraps.</p> <p>Each two hour session will help you transform your stuff and unleash your creative threads! Try out different ways of transforming your old t-shirts, shirts, linen and other textiles into something new and useful.</p> <p>Share with us how and what you are 'upcycling' already, what your mothers and grandmothers (or fathers) did, chat with us about your ideas.</p> <p>Please bring your old textiles, scissors, knitting needles, crochet hooks and sewing kit.</p> <p>As well as your own creation on the day, we'll create a joint work at each session using a loom in the trees.</p>	£10 including entrance to Gardens  (see website)	2pm - 4pm	Adults and supervised older children 8 years+
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**Marston Green Parish Hall Elmdon Road, Marston Green, Solihull B37 7BT**  
**Website: [www.marstongreenparishhall.co.uk](http://www.marstongreenparishhall.co.uk)**

Sat 9 June	<p><b>Unusual Family Horse Racing Night</b> Join us for a fun and unusual night out with the family! Be a jockey, place a bet! Members of the audience can act as the jockey while the kids can throw our giant dice!</p> <p>More details to follow, so keep a look out via our website!</p>	TBC	7.30pm	All ages
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## Libraries...

Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
<b>Castle Bromwich Library Hurst Lane North, Castle Bromwich, Solihull B36 0EY</b> <b>Tel: 0121 747 3708</b>				
	<b>Storytime.</b> Term time only on Fridays.	FREE	2.15pm - 2.45pm	Under 5s
	<b>Rhyme time</b> on Mondays. Alternating between either a morning or afternoon session. A short interactive session for babies and very young children, which includes finger and action rhymes and songs.	FREE	10.45am - 11.05am or 2.30pm - 2.50pm	0 - 2 years

<b>Chelmsley Wood Library 10 West Mall, Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre, Solihull B37 5TN</b> Tel: 0121 788 4380				
	<b>Rhymetime</b> Free stories, songs, rhymes and toys. Drop-in session, term time only on Fridays.	FREE	10am	Under 5s
	<b>Code Club</b> Do you have a favourite computer game? Would you like to learn how to make your own computer games? At Code Club you will learn how to make cool games, animations and websites too! Drop-in session, term time only on Mondays. Contact library staff to find out more details.	FREE	4pm - 5pm	8 - 12 years
	<b>Owlets - Play &amp; Stay</b> A children's drop-in session. Monthly on Tuesdays. Contact library staff to find out more details.	FREE	10am	Under 3s
<b>Kingshurst Library Marston Drive, Kingshurst, Solihull B37 6BD</b> Tel: 0121 770 3451				
	<b>Story Time</b> on Fridays, term time only	FREE	10.15am - 10.45am	Under 5s
	<b>Rhyme time</b> – A short interactive session for babies and very young children that includes finger & action rhymes and songs. Also a chance to meet other mums and carers. Once a fortnight on Tuesdays.	FREE	10.15am - 10.45am	0 - 2 years
<b>Marston Green Library Land Lane, Solihull B37 7DQ</b> Call: 0121 779 2131				
	<b>Story Time</b> - No need to book. Just pop along with your little ones for half an hour of stories, rhymes, songs and colouring on Mondays.	FREE	2.30pm - 3pm	Under 5s

<b>South Solihull (and surrounding areas)</b>				
Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
<b>Baddesley Clinton Rising Lane, Knowle, Solihull B93 0DQ</b> Tel: 01564 783294 Website: <a href="http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/baddesley-clinton">www.nationaltrust.org.uk/baddesley-clinton</a>				
Sat 26 May to Sun 3 June	<p><b>Half-term fun at Baddesley</b> With the freedom of the open countryside, fascinating stories in the house and a variety of exciting outdoor activities there's something for everyone to enjoy at Baddesley this May half-term.</p> <p>Baddesley is the perfect place for families to have fun in the outdoors, breathe in the fresh air and explore. Grab your summer hat and pull on those trusty wellies and join us for a fun packed day on Baddesley's new natural play trail!</p>	<p>This event is free, but normal admission charges apply (see website)</p>	11am - 4pm	All ages

<b>Packwood House Packwood Lane, Lapworth B94 6AT</b> <b>Tel: 01564 782024</b> <b>Website: <a href="http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/packwood-house">www.nationaltrust.org.uk/packwood-house</a></b>				
<p>Sat 26 May to Sun 3 June</p>	<p><b>Half-term 2018</b>  Join us for family fun this May half-term with outdoor games, and see how many of our 50 things to do before you're 11 ¾ you can tick off.</p>	<p>This event is free, but normal admission charges apply  (see website)</p>	<p>11am - 4pm</p>	<p>All ages</p>
<b>Waterstones, Solihull 67-71 High Street, Solihull B91 3SW</b> <b>Tel: 0121 711 2454</b> <b>Website: <a href="http://www.waterstones.com/events/search/shop/birmingham-high-stre">www.waterstones.com/events/search/shop/birmingham-high-stre</a> (see website for T&amp;Cs)</b>				
<p>Sat 2 June</p>	<p><b>The Tiger Who Came to Tea' party!</b>  To celebrate 50 years of classic children's story, The Tiger Who Came to Tea, we will be holding a tea party with storytime and cake!   Please note: Places are limited. Please call the shop to book a space or speak to a bookseller in store.</p>	<p>FREE</p>	<p>2pm - 3pm</p>	<p>0 to 5 years</p>
<b>Mell Square &amp; Tudor Grange Park B91 3AL / B91 3LU</b> <b>Website: <a href="http://www.solihullbid.co.uk">www.solihullbid.co.uk</a></b>				
<p>Fri 22 to Sun 24 June</p>	<p><b>Land Rover Fest 'LR Fest'</b>  Solihull's first ever festival of iconic Land Rovers will take place this summer. 'LR Fest' will take place over the weekend of 22nd – 24th June, featuring rare vintage cars, an enthusiasts' area for 4x4 fans, off-road driving experiences, outdoor cinema and family entertainment.</p> <p><b>Friday 22nd June 2018</b>  Enjoy a tasty selection of street food on Solihull High Street and grab a photo opportunity in front of the Land Rover Display in Mell Square.</p> <p><b>Saturday 23rd June 2018</b>  Start the day cheering the vintage Land Rovers during the cavalcade into Mell Square. Follow that with a delicious breakfast from the High Street to enjoy whilst heading down to Tudor Grange Park, where you can take part a range of activities. Ride around the Land Rover Experience course; relax in front of the cinema screen with a drink; let the little ones have a go on the mini rovers, or have a go at rugby with the Wasps academy team; browse the Land Rover Enthusiasts vehicles and get yourself a glitter tattoo!</p> <p>Back in Mell Square from Middy you will not want to miss the presentations and big cake moment to celebrate Land Rover's 70th Anniversary.</p> <p><b>Sunday 24th June 2018</b>  Don't worry if you didn't get a chance to see everything on the Saturday, all the activities in Tudor Grange Park, Mell Square and the High Street will be open on Sunday. You can even take a sneak peek at the new Jaguar I-Pace and the Range Rover PHEV in Touchwood</p>	<p>FREE</p>	<p>See website</p>	<p>All ages</p>

Libraries...				
Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
<b>Balsall Common Library 283 Kenilworth Road, Balsall Common CV7 3EL</b> Tel: 01676 532590				
<b>SPECIAL EVENT</b> Mon 4 June	<b>Bookstart Bird Boogie Story Time</b> To celebrate National Bookstart Week (4 -10 June) we are holding a special Story Time with a selection of bird themed stories, crafts and giveaways.	FREE	2.15pm - 3pm	Under 5s
	<b>Tales and Time to Play</b> - on Mondays. Bring your little ones for a story followed by a chance to play, sing, chat and relax with other young families. All pre-school children are welcome. Toys and musical instruments are provided.	FREE	2.15pm - 3pm	Under 5s
	<b>Rhyme Time</b> - on Tuesdays. Enjoy an afternoon spending time with your babies and toddlers listening to happy songs and rhymes with actions and percussion instruments.	FREE	2.15pm - 2.45pm	0 - 2 years
<b>Dickens Heath Library Old Dickens Heath Road, Dickens Heath, Solihull B90 1SD</b> Tel: 0121 744 6078				
	<b>Rhymetimes</b> on Mondays, term time only. A fun session of action rhymes and songs.	FREE	2pm - 2.30pm	0 - 2 years
	<b>Children's Board Games Club</b> - Second Saturday of the month. Get your children away from their computer screens. Who doesn't love a game of Guess Who?	FREE	2pm - 3pm	5 - 9 years
	<b>Tea &amp; Tots</b> - Every other Thursday of the month A chance for mums, dads, grans and carers to meet for a cuppa and a chat whilst the toddlers play. Occasional guest speakers may also attend.	FREE	2pm - 3pm	Under 5s
	<b>Lego Club</b> - Last Saturday of the month. Come along for some Lego fun.	FREE	2pm onwards	5 - 9 years
<b>Hampton in Arden Library 39 Fentham Road, Hampton in Arden, Solihull B92 0AY</b> Tel: 01675 442629				
<b>SPECIAL EVENT</b> Fri 1 June	<b>Papercraft Creatures Craft Table</b> Make some of our favourite animals at our holiday special craft table.	FREE	Drop-in event	4 to 7 years

<p><b>SPECIAL EVENT</b></p> <p>Fri 8 June</p>	<p><b>National Bookstart Week Special Storytime</b> Join us for a special busy bird storytime, with plenty of dancing and stomping around, then do some painting and take home a copy of A Busy Day for Birds by Lucy Cousins to keep!</p>	FREE	1.45pm - 2.15pm	Under 5s
	<p><b>Storytimes</b> - Fortnightly on Tuesdays. Stories and crafts for all pre-school children. Please call for dates.</p>	FREE	1.45pm - 2.15pm	Under 5s
	<p><b>The Great Storybook Journey</b> - Fortnightly on Fridays. A story for under 5s about a new place or environment, followed by painting pictures for our Great Storybook Journey wall display. Contact the library for dates.</p> <p>N.B. Warm water is provided to wash hands, but wearing clothes that can get messy is recommended.</p>	FREE	1.45pm - 2.15pm	Under 5s

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

	<p><b>Under 5s Story Session 'Little Hobbits</b> - Thursdays, term time only. Join the 'Little Hobbits' and sing along with rhymes before listening to stories and enjoying colouring with your pre-school children.</p>	FREE	10am - 10.45am	Under 5s
	<p><b>Daddy Rhyme Time</b> - Monthly on Saturdays. This is a special time of enjoyment and bonding for you and your child. Come along and meet with other fathers and male carers for a chat. Refreshments are provided. Please contact for more details.</p>	FREE	10.30am - 11am	Under 5s
	<p><b>Animal Antics</b> First Monday of the month. Staff will read stories about a new animal.</p> <p>Children can then colour in a picture of the animal and collect them.</p> <p>Every time you come to the library you can collect a paw print for your Animal Collector Card.</p>	FREE	10.15 - 11am	Under 5s

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

	<p><b>Monday Storytime</b> - This new activity will run fortnightly. It is aimed at preschool children. Join us for stories and rhymes. Please contact library for dates.</p>	FREE	10.30am - 11am	Under 5s
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	<b>Jellybeans</b> - Our monthly session of rhymes, songs, stories and a craft activity. Lots of fun for the under-fives.	£1.50 charge applies	10.45am - 11.30am	Under 5s
	<b>Rhyme Time</b> - Every Friday afternoon, term time only. Bring your little ones along for a fun half hour of songs, action rhymes and musical instruments.	FREE	2pm - 2.30pm	Under 5s

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

<b>SPECIAL EVENT</b> Thurs 31 May to Sat 2 June	<b>Animal Craft Table</b> Pick from a variety of fun animal crafts, including springy monkeys, flying birds and weird creature creations.	FREE	Drop-in event	4 to 7 years
<b>SPECIAL EVENT</b> Mon 4 June	<b>Reading Zoo: National Bookstart Week Special</b> We have a special busy bird storytime with plenty of actions to join in with the story! Then we'll do some painting and take home a copy of <i>A Busy Day for Birds</i> by Lucy Cousins to keep!	FREE	2.30pm - 3pm	Under 5s
	<b>Reading Zoo</b> on Mondays. Term time only. Our weekly story and painting session where we read a story about an animal and then all paint pictures of that animal.  Please note: warm water to wash hands is provided but wearing clothes that can get messy is recommended.	FREE	2.30pm - 3pm	Under 5s
	<b>Storytime</b> on Mondays. Term time only. A different theme each week, with a special craft to follow.	FREE	2.45pm - 3.15pm	Under 5s

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

	<b>Storytime</b> on second Tuesday of the month. Term time only. Come along and enjoy listening to stories for your pre-school child in the company of other children and their families.	FREE	2pm - 2.30pm	Under 5s
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**Shirley Library 22 Parkgate, Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull B90 3GG**  
Tel: 0121 704 6300

	<b>Rhyme Time</b> - For babies and toddlers on Tuesdays (term time only).	FREE	10am - 10.30am	Under 5s
	<b>Rhyme Time</b> - For babies and toddlers on Wednesdays (term time only).	FREE	2pm - 2.30pm	Under 5s

	<b>Rhyme Time</b> - For babies and toddlers on Saturdays (term time only).	FREE	11am - 11.30am	Under 5s
	<p><b>Children's Code Club</b> on Thursdays. Term time only. Code Club runs as a 6 week course. Booking is essential as there is a maximum of 8 children per course.</p> <p>In each session children will use various coding websites (depending on their level of coding) to make their own cool computer games, animations and websites. All children will receive a certificate at the end of each completed course! We currently run courses in Scratch 1 &amp; 2 and HTML 1 &amp; 2, so lots of room for progression!</p> <p>N.B. Limited places are available so please either speak to a member of staff at Shirley Library or call for more information or to get a spot on the waiting list!</p>	FREE	5pm - 6pm	9 - 11 years

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

	<b>Homework Club</b> - Tuesdays (term time only) with designated staff to support children.	FREE	3:45pm - 5.15pm	8 years+
	<b>Story Times</b> - Mondays (term time only).	FREE	2pm - 2.30pm	Under 5s
	<b>Rhyme Time</b> - Wednesdays (term time only). A short interactive session that includes finger & action rhymes and songs. Come along and meet up with other parents/carers and discover what the library can offer your child.	FREE	10.15am - 10.30am	0 -2 years
	<b>Meet and Play</b> - Fridays (term time only). A session for families to meet up, relax, chat, play, sing or make music together. Instruments and toys are provided.	FREE	10.15am - 11.15am	0 -2 years
	<b>Core Code Club</b> - Saturdays (fortnightly). To register email... <a href="mailto:kjewsbury@solihull.gov.uk">kjewsbury@solihull.gov.uk</a> or call for more details.	FREE	10.30am - 11.30am	8 - 13 years
	<b>Lego Club</b> - Monthly. Meet in The Core Creative space. N.B. Places are limited. Please call the library and ask to speak to David Brayne for more information.	FREE	4pm - 5pm	8 - 12 years
	<b>Twins Plus Storytime</b> - Last Thursday of the month, term time only. Storytime for twins and multiples. Enjoy stories and rhymes followed by time to chat and share experiences with others. No booking required, just turn up on the day.	FREE	2pm - 2.30pm	Under 5s



Parks...				
Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
<b>Tudor Grange Park Solihull B91 3LU</b>				
Thurs 7 - Sat 9 June	<p><b>Bob Wilson's Funfair</b> Experience all the fun of the fair with the return of Bob Wilson's Funfair to Tudor Grange Park. Featuring rides suitable for all ages, candy floss, hot dogs and much more, this event is fun for all the family!</p> <p>Voucher for 50p off discount is available on the funfair's Facebook site, @BobWilsonsFunFairsUK</p>	<p>Admission FREE</p> <p>(small charges for rides &amp; 10 rides for £10)</p>	<p>5pm - 10pm (Thurs &amp; Fri)</p> <p>12pm - 10pm (Sat)</p>	All ages
Sat 9 June	<p><b>Solihull Carnival</b> Celebrate the Carnival with the Solihull Lions! Entertainment includes Bob Wilson's Funfair (on site from Thursday 7 June) a BMX display, dog agility as well as plenty of other attractions and stalls to enjoy.</p> <p>For more info contact <a href="http://www.solihullions.org.uk">www.solihullions.org.uk</a></p>	<p>FREE entry</p> <p>(charity donations welcome)</p>	12pm - 5pm	All ages
<b>Damson Lane Park Solihull B92 9JS</b> Email: <a href="mailto:damsonparks@gmail.com">damsonparks@gmail.com</a>				
Sat 9 June	<p><b>Friends of Damson Parks Dog Show and Fun Day</b> Join the Friends of Damson Parks group at this popular fundraising event, where proceeds go towards improving the park. Featuring the much-loved Dogwatch dog show, other activities include a football shoot-out, croquet lawn and stalls galore.</p> <p>With catering, a tombola and much more, this event is fun for all the family, including their four-legged friends!</p> <p>Meet by the car park. For more information, email or follow the group on Facebook or Twitter.</p>	FREE entry	10.30am - 3pm	All ages
<b>Elmdon Park Solihull B92 9EJ</b>				
Sun 10 June	<p><b>Music in the Park: Bring on the Brass!</b> The second of this year's 'Music in the Park' series features the Leicestershire Co-operative Band, performing a programme covering everything from classic marches to current pop tunes.</p> <p>Refreshments and toilet facilities are available at Elmdon Church, where the concert will also take place in wet weather. Visitors are also welcome to bring picnics, relax and enjoy a musical Sunday in the park! Meet by Elmdon Church car park.</p>	FREE	2pm - 4.15pm	All ages

<b>Shirley Park</b> <b>Shirley, Solihull B90 3AL</b>				
Sat 16 June	<b>Donkey Derby</b> Help Shirley Round Table to raise money for charity by supporting the ever-popular Donkey Derby event. This event has it all – donkey races, entertainment for all ages, children’s rides, sideshows and stalls.  Come along and join in the fun!	£2 per person  FREE (for children under 10)	12pm - 4.30pm	All ages
<b>Malvern and Brueton Parks Solihull B91 3DL and B91 3HA / Mell Square B91 3BG</b> <b>Tel: 0203 425 9350 (Cancer Research UK hotline)</b> <b>Website: <a href="http://www.raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org">www.raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org</a></b>				
Sun 17 June	<b>Race for Life</b> This fundraising event for women of all ages has returned to Solihull for a ninth consecutive year following amazing successes in this area. Support Cancer Research UK in their bid to beat cancer, either by taking part or by cheering on the participants as they run, walk or jog to the finish line.  The race starts in Malvern Park before finishing in the town centre.  For more details or to register, visit the website or contact the Cancer Research UK hotline	Adult entry (16+) £14.99  Child entry (6-15 girls & boys under 13) £10.00  Under 6 entry boys & girls FREE (no registration needed)	11am - 1pm	16+ women only  Girls (6 to 15 years)  Boys (under 13 years)  Boys & girls (under 6 years)
<b>Brueton Park Solihull B91 3HA</b> <b>Tel: 01926 632189</b> <b>Website: <a href="http://www.octavian-droobers.org">www.octavian-droobers.org</a></b>				
Wed 20 June	<b>Octavian Droobers Orienteering event</b> Do you and your family enjoy walking, jogging or running? Why not come along and try the outdoor adventure navigation sport of orienteering with the local club, Octavian Droobers?  There will be courses from 1km to 6km, easy to advanced, to suit all abilities and ages from 5 to 85! Help is available to all newcomers.  A large scale map and electronic timer are also provided - bring a compass if you have one. See website for further details.	£5 per adult + £1 per child/student  (includes a course map and the hire of a timer)	6pm - 7.30pm	5 years+
<b>The Parkridge Centre Brueton Park, Solihull B91 3HW</b> <b>Tel: 0121 704 0768</b> <b>Website: <a href="http://www.wkwt.org.uk/whats-on">www.wkwt.org.uk/whats-on</a></b>				
Fri 1 June	<b>Nature's Tots - Wild Explorers</b> We'll be heading outside on the hunt for spring colours, playing games, wildlife spotting and even making a special craft to take home.	£3.50 per child	10.30am - 12pm  1.30pm - 3pm	2 - 4 years

## Birmingham City Centre & other areas...

Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
<b>Festival Square - Birmingham International Dance Festival 2018</b> Victoria Square, Birmingham Web: <a href="http://www.bidf.co.uk">www.bidf.co.uk</a>				
Fri 8 - Sun 10 June	<p><b>Festival Square...</b> As part of this year's Birmingham International Dance Festival (BIDF) there will be a free programme of family-friendly performances and experiences from international and UK artists, including:</p> <p><b>Roll Up, Roll Up</b> (Fri 8 &amp; Sat 9 June) times tbc, age 3+            A fun and cheeky performance which combines hip hop and circus, this fast paced and exciting show builds through hypnotic juggling, breakdancing and daring Cyr wheel feats, that will leave you wanting more.</p> <p><b>D-Construction</b> (Fri 8 June), 6pm &amp; 8.30pm, age 5+            High octane hip-hop dance, with a powerful beat. Six dancers interact with metal scaffolding which simultaneously cages, protects and frees them. D-Construction connects, inspires and destroys, to create something new.</p> <p><b>Air &amp; La Grande Phrase</b> (Sat 9 &amp; Sun 10 June), times tbc age 3+            Funny and original, four dancers perform dressed in inflatable latex suits which transform and magnify their movements. Intricate and precise choreography is given a new dynamic and energy by the element of weightlessness.</p> <p>For a <a href="#">full list</a> of performances and further details, please see website.</p>	FREE	Dependent on performance  (see website for details)	Dependent on performance  (see website for details)
<b>Birmingham City Centre</b> Website: <a href="http://www.letsride.co.uk/events/birmingham">www.letsride.co.uk/events/birmingham</a>				
Sun 10 June	<p><b>HSBC UK Let's Ride Birmingham</b>            We're closing the roads to traffic in Birmingham and hosting a street festival for anyone on a bike. Music, food and drink, fun and games, demos, giveaways, activities, challenges, face painting – it's all happening.</p> <p>It's free to enter, you get to see your city in a different way and it's a fun, active, family-friendly day out. You don't have to go the 5k distance – just as much or as little as you want. And you don't need to be an experienced cyclist – there are no cars on the road, you can wobble, zig-zag and stop as much as you like.</p> <p>You just need to be up for some fun. Everyone's invited – see you there!</p>	Register for FREE  (see website)	See website	All ages

**Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery Chamberlain Square, Birmingham B3 3DH**

Tel: 0121 348 8038

Web: [www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/bmag](http://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/bmag)

Fri 1 June	<p><b>The Captain Cretaceous Show</b> Meet our resident dinosaur explorer Captain Cretaceous for family fun, games and your chance to hold a real fossil!</p> <p>Join us for a fun, interactive family session where we combine handling artefacts, playing games and drawing.</p> <p>Are you brave enough to hold real dinosaur poo? Now's your chance!</p> <p>Learn more about Dippy the Dinosaur and make it the star for your drawing in our interactive storytelling session – we tell you a story, you draw it on the floor! To finish we will play a sensory sound game turning you into a dinosaur!</p> <p>Please note: places may be limited at very busy times.</p> <p>The event is free but donations are welcome.</p>	FREE (but donations welcome)	Shows start: 11am & 2pm  (Running time: approx. 1 hour)	5 years+  (but all families are welcome)
Wed 20 June	<p><b>BMAG Babies</b> Join us for our regular, on gallery early years stay and play session. Creative, interactive and sensory play &amp; fun with colours, textures and sounds.</p> <p>Designed for babies and toddlers to play and interact with a parent or caregiver.</p> <p>The event will take place in Gallery 20, on the second floor. You can stay for as little or as long as you like. Lift access available on Edmund Street.</p> <p>This is a free event but please pre-book to guarantee a place.</p>	FREE	10.30am - 12.30pm	6 months to 3 years

**Brindleyplace Birmingham B1 2JF**Website: [www.brindleyplace.com](http://www.brindleyplace.com)

Sat 16 June	<p><b>Brindleyplace Family Festival 2018</b> The inaugural Brindleyplace Family Festival makes its debut on Saturday 16 June!</p> <p>Sponsored by Deutsche Bank, Brindleyplace Family Festival 2018 is held in aid of Cure Leukaemia.</p> <p>The Family Festival will incorporate the renowned Dragonboat Race, one of Birmingham's longest running and most entertaining events. Come down to the Brindleyplace canalside to watch the ultimate battle of Brummie businesses as they compete to become the best Dragonboat paddlers in the city – all whilst being in fancy dress!</p> <p>The Family Festival will include a jam-packed schedule full of family fun. Pop the date into your diary now to ensure a fantastic day out with the whole family this summer.</p>	FREE	Dragonboat races from 10.30am  Other events from 11am  (see website)	All ages
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**Thinktank Millennium Point, Curzon Street, Birmingham B4 7XG**

Tel: 0121 348 8000

Website: [www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank](http://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank)

Sat 16 & Sun 17 June	<p><b>Mini Builders Weekend</b> From LEGO Workshops, to crafts and storytelling, there's something to keep all budding engineers busy.</p> <p>This day has been specially designed for under eights to experience the fun and adventure of building different structures, models and trying new crafts whilst having a great day at Thinktank.</p> <p>Activities will include building giant structures, launching rockets and building the ultimate Duplo machine.</p>	Entry to this event is included in the price of admission  (see website)	10am - 5pm	Under 8 years
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**Birmingham City University The Parkside Building, City Centre Campus, Curzon Street Birmingham B4 7XG**

Website: [www.bcu.ac.uk/news-events/calendar/familyday](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/news-events/calendar/familyday)

Sat 9 June	<p><b>Inspired Family Day</b> Birmingham City University will once again throw open its doors to families for an action-packed day of free and fun-filled events and activities for all ages.</p> <p>From theatre to fashion, and sport to TV broadcasting, there will be lots for families to do, experience and be inspired by at our multi-million pound City Centre Campus, situated in the heart of Birmingham's Eastside.</p> <p>Part of the University's annual Inspired Festival, this event will also showcase the talent and creativity of our Arts, Design and Media students, as well as give visitors the chance to meet with our world-class academics, who are training the next generation of leading professionals.</p> <p>Activities will include* play-in-a-day and 'Matilda'-inspired illustration workshops in association with Birmingham Hippodrome, designing rail travel of the future with HS2, make-and-take sessions, arts and craft drop-ins, exhibitions, star in your own TV show, jewellery making, textile workshops, a Commonwealth Games-inspired sports day, food and drink** and much, much more!</p> <p>*Some activities may be subject to change or offered on a first come, first served basis **Charges apply for food and drink</p> <p>Baby changing facilities and faith rooms will be available</p>	FREE	11am - 4pm	All ages
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**Symphony Hall Birmingham 8 Centenary Square, Birmingham B1 2EA**

Tel: 0121 780 3333 (Box Office)

Website: [www.thsh.co.uk](http://www.thsh.co.uk)

Sat 23 June	<p><b>Musical Picnic - June</b> A very special Musical Picnic, as we welcome families new to Birmingham from around the world to the city and to Symphony Hall as part of Refugee Week, celebrating the incredible music and culture of countries from Syria to Bangladesh, and marking Birmingham as a City of Sanctuary.</p> <p>Introduced by our longstanding Musical Picnic favourite, vocalist Holly Thomas, we welcome musicians from the Middle East, North Africa, SE Asia and SE Europe along with their unique instruments, songs and stories, including the wonderful Syrian-born oud player Rihab Azar, the first female oudist to perform accompanied by the Syrian National Orchestra for Arabic Music. Join us for a magical morning of music, welcome and celebration.</p> <p>Venue: Symphony Hall Level 3 Foyer</p>	FREE	10.30am	0 to 7 years
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**Town Hall Birmingham Victoria Square, Birmingham B3 3DQ**

Tel: 0121 780 3333 (Box Office)

Website: [www.thsh.co.uk](http://www.thsh.co.uk)

Sat 23 June	<p><b>Monski Mouse's Baby Disco Dance Hall</b> Join DJ-mumma Monski Mouse and her dancers for a morning of family fun at Town Hall. Monski Mouse's Baby Disco Dance Hall brings high energy and plenty of smiles as your heads, shoulders, knees and toes bop along to lashings of swing, jazz, rock, pop, funk, latin, soul and more!</p> <p>This international hit, early childhood event lets parents and under-fives loose on the dance floor in this friendliest of discos. Selling out shows around the world find out why Monski Mouse is a hit with the under-fives and their Mums, Dads, Aunties, Uncles, Grans, Gramps, Carers and friends alike.</p> <p>Part of the dance floor is set up with a soft furnished 'baby area' where the non-walkers can roll around to the music too.</p> <p>Monski Mouse and her dance facilitators lead a warm-up for the crowd and the crowd are left to dance on their own and brought back together as a group throughout the disco to take part in songs with actions or suggested activities.</p> <p>Nobody puts baby in the corner at Monski's Disco</p>	<p>£7 per ticket (children aged 6 months &amp; under go FREE)</p> <p>Free (limited) ticket for Disabled Visitor's Carers and Wheelchair User's Helpers, as per Access Scheme</p>	11am	Under 5 years
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**Waterstones, Birmingham** 24-26 High Street, Birmingham B4 7SL

Tel: 0121 633 4353

Website: [www.waterstones.com/events/search/shop/birmingham-high-stre](http://www.waterstones.com/events/search/shop/birmingham-high-stre) (see website for T&Cs)

Sun 3 June	<p><b>Elmer Day!</b> Come and join us on our Children's floor as we celebrate the wonderful Elmer!</p> <p>We will have activities, an Elmer storytime and a chance to meet Elmer!</p> <p>Come and join the fun.</p> <p>This is a free event but please sign up with a bookseller in store or by calling the shop.</p>	FREE	1pm	Young readers
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**Birmingham Hippodrome** Hurst Street, Southside, Birmingham, B5 4TB

Call: 0844 338 5000 (Tickets & Information)

Website: [www.birminghamhippodrome.com](http://www.birminghamhippodrome.com)

Tue 12 & Wed 13 June	<p><b>What the Ladybird Heard Live</b> Two crafty robbers, one tiny ladybird, and a whole farmyard of fun!</p> <p>Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len have a cunning plan to steal the farmer's fine prize cow. But they reckon without the tiniest, quietest creature of all: the Ladybird has a plan of her own!</p> <p>Join the woolly sheep, the hairy hog, the fat red hen and the dainty dog in this glittering stage adaptation of Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks' colourful farmyard adventure. With live music, puppetry, plenty of audience participation and lots of laughs!</p> <p>See website for booking details.</p>	<p>£14 per person</p> <p>£50 family ticket (1 adult &amp; up to 3 children)</p> <p>Running time: approx. 55 mins (with no interval)</p>	<p>1.30pm (Tue 12 June)</p> <p>10.30am (Wed 13 June)</p> <p>1.30pm (Wed 13 June)</p>	<p>3 years+</p> <p>Babes in arms 18 months &amp; under will be admitted</p>
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Fri 29 June	<p><b>Birmingham Royal Ballet - First Steps: a child's guide to ballet</b> This hour-long, interactive show, specially adapted for children aged 3+, features ballet excerpts performed by Birmingham Royal Ballet's amazing dancers and orchestra, interspersed with scenes in which a storyteller introduces the children to the music and the leading characters, and shares some technical magic.</p> <p>A feast of dance, music, costumes and lots of fun, this is a perfect introduction to ballet.</p> <p>See website for booking details.</p>	£12.50 per person	1pm	<p>3 years+</p> <p>Babes in arms are</p>
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**Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan Garden** Castle Green, Off Castle Rd, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 1NE

Tel: 0370 333 1181 (English Heritage)

Website: [www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/kenilworth-castle/](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/kenilworth-castle/)

Sat 23 & Sun 24 June	<b>Grand Medieval Joust</b> Feel the heat of the contest as magnificent knights on horseback clash at the greatest event of medieval England.  Cheer on your favourite in this thundering battle of bravery and honour. Soak up the medieval way of life in the colourful encampments and be entertained by the naughty court jester while your budding young knights can have their strength and skills tested.	See website	11 am - 5pm	All ages
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**Dudley Zoological Gardens** Castle Hill, Dudley DY1 4QF

Tel: 01384 215313

Website: [www.dudleyzoo.org.uk](http://www.dudleyzoo.org.uk)

Wed 27 & Thur 28 June	<b>Under 5's Day Picnic Party</b> Join us for one of our annual Under 5's days this year!  Meet Jambi & Friends Fancy Dress Parade Goody Bags Balloon Modelling Tombola Animal Encounters Flip & Dippy's Puppet Show Bouncy Castle & Face Painting	See website	Not specified	Under 5s
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