Weekend and Holiday Activities

Disclaimer

This list of organisations has been compiled by the Early Years and Childcare Service for information only. It is up to the parent/carer to decide what is most appropriate for their child.

Please note the information has been gathered to support parents/carers in accessing activities for children and that Birmingham City Council does not in any way recommend or endorse any of the organisations other than services directly delivered by the council.

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to carry out their own checks and to feel completely satisfied with the safety of their child and the quality of the service offered. For more details on accessibility and facilities for organisations listed in this guide please consult organisations website or contact directly.

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Welcome to the latest edition of Weekend and Holiday Activities produced by the Early Years and Childcare Service. We hope you find the information useful. There are loads of exciting things to do for all the family and some of them are totally free. We have added contact details of Birmingham Libraries which often run activities during school holidays.

**Fun for All**
This edition contains a wide range of organisations including some for disabled children and young people up to the age of 19 in some cases.

Please note that some activities are only available to children and young people living in specific areas. Please contact activity organisers to check availability.
**Ackers Adventure**

Ackers Adventure promotes the pursuit of outdoor adventure activities and runs a programme of activities during school holidays.

Golden Hillock Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham B11 2PY  
Telephone Number: 0121 772 5111  
Website: www.ackers-adventure.co.uk/

**Date/s:** See website for details  
**Time:** See website for details

**Age Range:** Family Event

**Cost:** Costs may vary please see the website for details

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**All Saints Youth Project**

This is an inclusive project, running after school drop ins, evening sessions and holiday activities and playschemes.

All Saints Centre, 2 Vicarage Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham B14 7RA  
Telephone Number: 0121 443 4579  
Website: www.allsaintscentrekh.co.uk

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**Time:** See website for details

**Age Range:** Family Event

**Cost:** See website for details

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**Arena Birmingham**

The Arena Birmingham is an entertainment centre purpose built for music, comedy, sport and family events in Birmingham.

King Edwards Road, Birmingham B1 2AA  
Telephone Number: 0844 338 8000  
Website: www.arenabham.co.uk

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**Time:** See website for details

**Age Range:** Family Event

**Cost:** Costs may vary please see website for details

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**Barber Institute of Fine Arts**

The Barber Institute of Fine Arts shows major works by many great artists. The Institute also runs an exciting programme of workshops and family activities.

University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TS  
Telephone Number: 0121 414 7333  
Website: http://barber.org.uk/visit/

**Date/s:** See website for details  
**Time:** See website for details

**Age Range:** Family Event

**Cost:** Costs may vary please see the website for details
**Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust**  
The Wildlife Trust for Birmingham and the Black Country is one of 46 local trusts working to make the UK a better place for people and wildlife. Events are listed on their website.

Centre of the Earth, 42 Norman Street, Birmingham B18 7EP  
Telephone Number: 0121 523 0094  
Website: www.bbcwildlife.org.uk/whats-on

**Date/s:** See website for details  
**Time:** See website for details  
**Age Range:** Family Event  
**Cost:** See website for details

**Birmingham Botanical Gardens**
Birmingham Botanical Gardens offer beauty peace and tranquillity combined with excellent visitor facilities for all the family. A full programme of activities is available during the school holidays.

Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3TR  
Telephone Number: 0121 454 1860  
Website: www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/whatson/

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**Birmingham City Council Events**
BCCE organises and supports an exciting programme of events throughout the year. These range from massive spectaculars, to community activities in parks, streets, and the city centre.

Website: www.birmingham.gov.uk/whatson

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**Cost:** Costs may vary please see website for details
Birmingham Hippodrome offers a wide range of shows for children throughout the school holidays. They also offer a range of education, community and family workshops and backstage tours.

Hurst Street, Southside, Birmingham B5 4TB
Telephone Number: 0844 338 5000
Website: www.birminghamhippodrome.com/whats-on/

**Date/s:** See website for details  
**Age Range:** Family Events  
**Cost:** Costs may vary please see website for details

**Birmingham Leisure Centres and facilities**
A website for Leisure Centres in the Birmingham area detailing events and activities held at various Leisure Centres during the school holidays.

Website: www.birmingham.gov.uk/leisurecentres

**Date/s:** See website for details  
**Age Range:** Family Event  
**Cost:** See website for details

**Birmingham Libraries**
A website for libraries in the Birmingham area, detailing events being held at various libraries.

Website: www.birmingham.gov.uk/events/20087/libraries

**Date/s:** See website for details  
**Age Range:** Family Event  
**Cost:** See website for details

**Birmingham Museum and Art Galleries**
Enjoy a variety of drop in family activities and events throughout the school holidays at the Museum and Art Gallery, Thinktank, Aston Hall, Blakesley Hall, Museum of the Jewellery Quarter, Sarehole Mill, Soho House and Weoley Castle.

Telephone No 0121 348 8000
Website address: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/bmag/whats-on

**Date/s:** See website for details  
**Age Range:** Family Events  
**Cost:** Costs may vary please contact website for details
Birmingham Repertory Theatre

The REP has a number of opportunities for young people and families to get involved, from youth theatre groups to family events based on their shows. The REP is a fully inclusive venue and can provide support for disabled children.

Centenary Square, Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2EP
Telephone Number: 0121 245 2000
Website: www.birmingham-rep.co.uk

Date/s: See website for details  Time: See website for details
Age Range: Family Events
Cost: Costs may vary please see website for details

B-ROW - Watersports at Edgbaston Reservoir

B-ROW run Rowing, Canoeing, Kayaking and Paddleboarding lessons and group sessions at the Edgbaston Reservoir.

149-153 Alcester Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 8JP
Telephone Number: 07940235645
Website: www.b-row.co.uk/edgbaston-reservoir/

Date/s: See website for details  Time: See website for details
Age Range: Family Event
Cost: See website for details

Cadbury World

Uncover a world of chocolate delights and enjoy a fun-packed visit to Cadbury World. Events are held throughout the school holidays.

Linden Road, Bournville, Birmingham B30 1JR
Telephone Number: 0121 393 6004
Website: www.cadburyworld.co.uk/whats-on

Date/s: See website for details  Time: See website for details
Age Range: Family Events
Cost: See website for details
Creative Coffee Hub
Creative Coffee Hub is a place to create and share ideas. We offer a range of different activities for the whole family to enjoy. Why not come along and enjoy a coffee while the kids get stuck into pottery, painting, drawing on the chalkboard wall or getting involved in one of our workshops.

17a Raddlebarn Road, Birmingham B29 6HJ
Telephone Number: 0121 572 7300
Website: www.creativecoffeehub.co.uk/
Date/s: See website for details  Time: See website for details
Age Range: Family Event
Cost: Costs may vary please see website for details

Crescent Theatre
The Crescent is one of Birmingham’s oldest theatre companies. They host numerous other companies offering a wide variety of productions.

Sheepcote Street, Birmingham B16 8AE
Telephone Number: 0121 643 5858
Date/s: See website for details  Time: See website for details
Age Range: Family Event
Cost: Costs may vary please see website for details

Dens of Equality
Dens of Equality exists to deliver inclusive play, leisure and learning opportunities for children and young people in Birmingham.

2 Vicarage Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham B14 7RA
Telephone Number: 0121 441 2207
Date/s: See website for details  Time: See website for details
Age Range: Family Event
Cost: Costs may vary please contact organisation for further details
Dimensions
Dimensions are an organisation who offer support to people with learning disabilities and autism. On their website you will find details of cinemas hosting autism friendly film screenings.

Telephone Number: 0300 303 9001
Website: www.dimensions-uk.org

Date/s: See website for details  Time: See website for details
Age Range: Family Event
Cost: Costs may vary please see the website for details

Edgbaston Reservoir
This local nature reserve site is mainly open water surrounded by woodland and grassland Park Rangers lead regular events and activities. A great opportunity to take an active role in caring for your local park or to learn more about Birmingham’s wildlife and green spaces.

115 Reservoir Lodge, Ladywood, Birmingham B16 9EE
Website: www.birmingham.gov.uk/reservoir

Date/s: See website for details  Time: See website for details
Age Range: Family Event
Cost: See website for details

Families Online
Families Online brings you the best family events and days out across Birmingham

Website: www.familiesonline.co.uk/local-whats-on

Date/s: See website for details  Time: See website for details
Age Range: Family Event
Cost: Costs may vary please see the website for details

Hall Green Little Theatre
Hall Green Little Theatre offers wide ranging theatre, from drama, comedy to farce and the traditional Christmas family production.

Pemberley Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham B27 7RY
Telephone Number: 0121 245 4455
Website: http://www.hglt.co.uk/

Date/s: See website for details  Time: See website for details
Age Range: Family Event
Cost: Costs may vary please see website for details
Ikon Gallery

Ikon is a family friendly gallery offering a range of activities aimed at families and young visitors.

1 Oozells Square, Brindley Place, Birmingham B1 2HS
Telephone Number: 0121 248 0708
Website: www.ikon-gallery.org/whats-on/
Date/s: See website for details  Time: See website for details
Age Range: Family Event
Cost: Costs may vary please see the website for details

LEGOLAND Discovery Centre

The Legoland Discovery Centre is a world of colour, creativity and fun for children, including attractions, rides and 4D cinema.

Arena Birmingham, King Edwards Road, Birmingham B1 2AA
Website: https://birmingham.legolanddiscoverycentre.co.uk/
Date/s: See website for details  Time: See website for details
Age Range: Family Event
Cost: See website for details

Live Brum

Visit this website to see listings of activities and events in Birmingham during the school holidays.

Website: www.livebrum.co.uk/
Date/s: 25/05/2019 to 02/06/2019  Time: See website for details
Age Range: Family Event
Cost: Costs may vary please see the website for details

Martineau Gardens

Martineau Garden is a beautiful community garden and a charity, located 2 miles from Birmingham City Centre. In addition to regular activities the Gardens host a season of events and day long courses.

27 Priory Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B5 7UG
Telephone Number: 0121 440 7430
Website: https://martineau-gardens.org.uk/events/
Date/s: See website for details  Time: See website for details
Age Range: Family Event
Cost: Costs may vary please see the website for details
Midlands Art Centre

Mac birmingham is a hub of creativity and learning and is known for it's family friendly and inclusive approach. Mac provides a programme of things to do & see throughout the school holidays.

Cannon Hill Park. Birmingham B12 9QH
Telephone Number: 0121 446 3232
Website: https://macbirmingham.co.uk/whats-on

Date/s: See website for details  Time: See website for details
Age Range: Family Events
Cost: Costs may vary please see website for details

National Sealife Centre

Get up close and personal to giant turtles, sharks, otters and a kaleidoscope of colourful reef fish in just one visit.

Waters Edge, 3 Brindley Place, Birmingham B1 2HL
Telephone number: 0871 423 2110
Website: www.visitsealife.com/birmingham

Date/s: See website for details  Time: See website for details
Age Range: Family Event
Cost: Normal admissions apply

ParkLives - Free Family Fun and Sports Activities (Various Parks)

ParkLives is a free and easy way for you to get the best out of your local park. Activities include, football, tennis, rounders, family games, multisports, conservation, bushcraft and much more.

Visit www.parklives.com for details of activities and participating parks.

Date/s: See website for details  Time: See website for details
Age Range: Family Event
Cost: Free

Additional Information:
To find out more about what’s on at your local park, visit www.parklives.com. Events are normally published on the ParkLives website 2 weeks before the start of the school holiday.
**Parks 4 Play**

Parks 4 Play has been connecting communities through inclusive play in parks, streets and clubs for over a decade.

Telephone Number: 0121 441 4682  
Website: www.parks4play.org

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**Parks in Birmingham**

A website for parks in the Birmingham area, detailing events being held in various parks and free activities available.

www.birmingham.gov.uk/parkrangers

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**Selly Manor Museum**

Selly Manor Museum brings history to life with regular activities for children and families such as Tudor games, dressing up and holiday workshops.

Maple Road, Bournville, Birmingham B30 2AE  
Telephone No: 0121 472 0199  
Website address: https://sellymanormuseum.org.uk/

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**The Blue Orange Theatre**

The Blue Orange Theatre is a professional producing venue based in Birmingham. They produce and perform up to ten shows a year and offer workshops, projects and classes for a range of participants.

118 Great Hampton Street, Birmingham B18 6AD  
Telephone Number: 0121 212 2643  
Website: http://blueorangetheatre.co.uk/

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The Old Rep Theatre

The Old Rep is a young people driven theatre in the centre of Birmingham. The theatre runs a programme of theatre/dance/comedy/musicals and creative workshops.

Station Street, Birmingham B5 4DY
Telephone Number: 0121 359 9444
Website: www.oldreptheatre.co.uk/
Date/s: See website for details  Time: See website for details
Age Range: Family Event
Cost: Costs may vary please see the website for details

Town Hall and Symphony Hall

THSH hosts regular family events and productions.

Town Hall, Victoria Square, Birmingham B3 3DQ
Telephone Number: 0121 780 3333
Website: www.thsh.co.uk/whats-on
Date/s: See website for details  Time: See website for details
Age Range: Family Events
Cost: Costs may vary please see website for details

Visit Birmingham

This is the official tourist information point for the City Council. Discover places to visit, fun things to do, and see some of the top tourist attractions here in Birmingham.

Website: http://visitbirmingham.com/explore-birmingham/
Date/s: See website for details  Time: See website for details
Age Range: Family Event
Cost: Costs may vary please see the website for details

Whats On Birmingham

Birmingham Mail listing of activities and events in Birmingham during the school holidays.

Website: www.birminghammail.co.uk/whats-on/
Date/s: See website for details  Time: See website for details
Age Range: Family Event
Cost: Costs may vary please see the website for details
Winterbourne House and Gardens
Experience an Edwardian historic house and garden nestled in a leafy corner of Birmingham.

58 Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham B15 2RT
Telephone Number: 0121 404 3003
Website: www.winterbourne.org.uk

Date/s: See website for details  Time: See website for details
Age Range: Family Event
Cost: Costs may vary please see website for details
Below is a list of Libraries in Birmingham where you can go along with your children to choose their favourite books. Why not give your local library a call or visit the website www.birmingham.gov.uk/libraries for further details including any events and activities they may be running.

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Stories from the Web

Stories from the Web (www.storiesfromtheweb.org) is a FREE website used by children and young people from 0 to 16 years where you can find out about books, authors, illustrators and publishers. You can read extracts of books online and then get involved with the activities on the site. Drop into your local library for a user name and password.

Birmingham children if eligible can swim for free at the council's swimming pools with a Passport to Leisure Card. For further details call your local leisure centre or visit the website www.birmingham.gov.uk/sport

Stuck for places to go? Why not visit Birmingham Museums

- Aston Hall - 0121 348 8100 - Guided Tours only - every Wednesday
- Blakesley Hall and Weoley Castle - 0121 348 8120
- Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery - 0121 348 8007
- Museum of the Jewellery Quarter - 0121 348 8140
- Sarehole Mill - 0121 348 8160
- Soho House - 0121 348 8150

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If you have any comments or suggestions about Weekend and Holiday Activities or, you run activities and would like to be listed in future editions, please email us on familyinformation@birmingham.gov.uk