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Birthday Parties and Fun on the Farm!

Farming World is a family run open farm with a firm emphasis on providing plenty of fantastic memories and 'hands on experiences'. Visit the open farm, just off the motorway between Faversham and Canterbury, and join in the fun! There are plenty of special events planned throughout the year and *Farming World* also provides a truly unique birthday party venue. In this day and age an approaching birthday party can be a horrifying thought for a parent. Will the guests be able to find the venue? How will I amuse the children? What should I feed them? What happens if it rains? What should I put in the party bags? Do I need to take out another mortgage to pay for the experience? And at the end of a long day who will do the clearing up? All of these problems can be solved by holding a party at *Farming World*. The farm will also be happy to tailor parties to the child's individual requirements, providing each child with a unique and fun-filled experience. Each party is provided with a 'base' for the duration of the party, which will be decorated prior to arrival. This area can be used to store all the presents and food, cut the cake and hide in the event of a shower. Guests can then explore the farm, meet the farm animals and rare breeds, watch a birds of prey flying demonstration, explore the large adventure

playgrounds or challenge each other to a round of mini golf. The children can also enjoy the enormous jumping pillow (weather permitting). This is a giant inflatable that can be jumped on until the children and adults are all exhausted! In the event of rain, which can definitely put a damper on a party, the children can enjoy the two storey indoor soft play area or get creative in the craft and activity room painting a memento to take home, which can provide a great addition to the party bags. When the children start to get hungry a hot or cold buffet can be provided. Both menus include drinks and a variety of children's favourites, not forgetting the all important fairy cakes, jelly and ice cream! Menu per head start from £15.00, which also includes entrance to *Farming World*. If you prefer you can bring your own picnic. There are also a variety of other activities that the birthday child can add to their wish list to make their party perfect; these include: face painting, tractor & trailer rides, horse & cart rides, birds of prey experience, craft fun and pre packed party bags. All of these services and attractions will add up to a truly hassle free party, whatever the weather. Not only that but a terrifically memorable experience for the birthday child and all their friends, an experience that will be talked about in the playground for a

long time to come! As well providing a fantastic birthday party venue *Farming World* has some very exciting special events planned. **Fathers Day** will be celebrated on the 16th June with fathers gaining free entry to the farm on this day. There are also plenty of special events planned throughout the summer holidays, including: **Superheroes Week**, **Creepy Crawly Days**, **Teddy Bear's Picnic**, **Circus Workshops**, **Heavy Horses Days and Harvest and Threshing Weekend** - to name but a few! And don't forget you can also enjoy all of the farm's regular attractions. You can meet the heavy horses, play a game of mini golf, visit the friendly farm animals, watch a birds of prey flying demonstration, run wild in the large adventure playgrounds or make a mess in the craft and activity room! With this variety of special events and regular attractions there really is plenty of fun for everyone! For details of birthday parties or special events visit www.farming-world.co.uk or call 01227 751144

Farming World is open seven days a week, 9.30am to 5.30pm until the end of the season on 3rd November, and is just off Junction 7 of the M2. Normal prices are £6.50 adults, £5.50 for children aged 3 - 15 years, concessions £5.50. Sorry, guide dogs only.

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Are you looking for something 'different' for that birthday surprise? *Lil' Jockey* parties are unique, non-stop fun and very popular for children of all ages. With so many self-powered ride-on animals to choose from you can make that birthday party a day to remember. They can provide several party themes which include *Cowboy, Jockey and Jungle*. The animals work by physically moving your body to move around. To get the animal to move forward you must stand up and then sit down. You can also turn the head and steer the animal like a bike. The operation is extremely easy and children as young as 3 years old have no trouble moving around at their leisure. Every *Lil' Jockey* birthday party is tailor made to suit your requirements. The basic party consists of 2 party co-ordinators and 6 small and/or medium animals of your choice for 2 hours of fun filled entertainment for your children. Also included are organised fun party games, exciting animal races with winner prizes, certificates, rosettes, treats and much more. The basic party price with 6 animals of your choice is £120 plus £10 for any additional animal you require. You can have a mixture of small, medium and large animals as long as your venue or hall can accommodate them. If you require further information regarding the parties contact **01843 583454** **07536 058849** www.lil-jockey.co.uk

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Children's Party Tips by Mr. Mysto Time Your Party Like A Pro

Time your party so that food break is in middle of your party and at a time your children normally have their food. Children are only interested in food when they are hungry the rest of the time it is pretty boring. If you feed them too late they will be distracted away from anything you are doing and too early they will not be interested. 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. with lunch at 12.30 p.m. or 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. with tea at 4.30 p.m. works well avoid 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. like the plague. Have fun, Best Mr. Mysto www.StressFreeChildrenParties.co.uk

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KIDS COURT: *Primitave*
Fri 19 July 5pm & Sat 20 July 11am
Jerwood Theatre Downstairs, Royal Court Theatre,
Sloane Square, SW1W 8AS
Age Guidance 5+ (Under 14 must be accompanied by an adult)
Tickets: Adults: £10, Children (Under 16): £5
Ten short plays written by 8-11 year olds for the *Royal Court's Young Writers Festival 2012* and the *Peckham Young Playwrights Project*. Performed as productions in the *Jerwood Theatre Downstairs* by a company of professional actors directed by **Simon Godwin**.
KIDS COURT: *In a Minute*
Wed 17 July 4pm
Royal Court Theatre Café Bar,
Sloane Square, SW1W 8AS
Age Guidance 5+ (Under 14 must be accompanied by an adult)
Tickets: **Free.** Not bookable in advance
Working with a local school, young people aged 8-11 will take part in a project to write a one minute play. The final plays will be performed in the *Royal Court Café Bar*.

KIDS COURT: *Happy Hour* - Writing Workshop
- Introduction to Playwriting
Wed 17 & Thurs 18 July 5-6pm
Jerwood Theatre Upstairs,
Royal Court Theatre,
Sloane Square, SW1W 8AS
Age Guidance 8-11 years
Tickets: £5 (includes entry to VIP Hostage)
A playwriting workshop for young people aged 8-11 years old, run by playwright **Vivienne Franzmann**.
KIDS COURT: *Happy Hour* -VIP Hostage
Wed 17 & Thurs 18 July 6.15pm - 7pm
Jerwood Theatre Upstairs,
Sloane Square, SW1W 8AS
Age Guidance 8-11 years
Tickets: £5
A panel of children will have the chance to take the famous person of their choice hostage, putting them in the hot seat to answer their burning questions.
KIDS COURT: *Family Play Day* - Family Play in a Day
Saturday 20 July 10am-5pm. (Public Sharing at 5.30pm)
Jerwood Theatre Upstairs,
Royal Court Theatre,
Sloane Square, SW1W 8AS
Age Guidance 7+
Tickets: £5 for family workshop. Free for performance at 5.30pm
Families will have the chance to create a play in a day, in a workshop led by *Royal Court* Writers. At the end of the day, there will be a chance to perform their new work in the *Jerwood Theatre Upstairs*.
KIDS COURT: *Family Play Day* - *Family Writing Workshop*
The *Wilson Studio*,
Royal Court Theatre,
Sloane Square, SW1W 8AS
Age Guidance 8-11
Tickets: £5
A playwriting workshop for young people aged 8-11 years old and their families, run by writer **Nick Payne**.
KIDS COURT: *Family Play Day* - *Backstage Tours* by *Young Writers* aged 8-11
Saturday 20 July 1pm, 2pm and 3pm
Royal Court Theatre,
Sloane Square, SW1W 8AS
Age Guidance 7+
Tickets: Free (but ticketed)
Audiences will have the chance to take a trip around the *Royal Court Theatre* in a guided tour by young people aged 8-11.
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THE OCTONAUTS ARRIVE FOR A SPECIAL MISSION AT SEA LIFE, CHESSINGTON WORLD OF ADVENTURES RESORT

Captain Barnacles and Kwazii, heroes of the *Octonauts* crew, have arrived at *Chessington World of Adventures Resort* for a brand new adventure in 2013
The popular *CBeebies* series - *Octonauts* - is all about exploring the undersea world and protecting sea creatures and is therefore perfectly suited to the Resort's *SEA LIFE* centre. This partnership is set to bring to life the importance of looking after marine welfare and conservation for audiences young and old alike.
When guests visit the *SEA LIFE* centre at *Chessington World of Adventures Resort* they will have the chance to become an *Octonauts* for the day, roaming the ocean environments inside the *SEA LIFE* centre in search of adventure and fun! Visitors can join in the exciting missions and activities, which include:
- An exciting *Octonauts Quiz Trail* through the *SEA LIFE* centre
- Your own *Octonauts* hat to take home
- An *Octonauts* sticker for completing the trail
- Photo opportunities with **Captain Barnacles and Kwazii!**
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The *Pushchair Pass* also comes with a load of value-added extras including free car parking, queue-beating entry at the Park gates and 20% off items across the park!
Chessington is packed full of things to do for the whole family! With a brand new attraction *ZUFARI: Ride into Africa*** offering guests an incredible off-road safari truck adventure, *Adventurers* can experience a taste of Africa in the heart of Surrey and get up close and personal with amazing live animals including endangered White Rhinos and rare Rothschild Giraffes. Continue the party with the *DreamWorks Madagascar Live! Prepare to Party* stage show, plus enjoy over 40 rides and attractions in ten themed lands, and over 1000 amazing animals in the Zoo and *SEA LIFE* centre. With too much to do in one day, why not make it a short break and book a stay in *Chessington's* very own safari-themed hotel. For more information and to benefit from advanced booking discounts or to find out more about the *Pushchair Pass* visit www.chessington.com
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17 - 20 July

Kids Court.



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Ongoing Lydd Library Part of a library touring exhibition by Viv Art at a Maidstone group of artists, to appeal to book lovers young & old & includes book inspired by the children's book "The Very Hungry Caterpillar".

Ongoing Dover Leisure Centre 01304 201445 **Ongoing** full range of exercise classes with a modern fitness suite, 2 swimming pools, squash courts & sports hall.

Every Sun Edenbridge Leisure Centre Stangrove Park 01732 865665 Under 16's & families roller disco.

Every Mon Strood Library 01634 335890 Toddler Shake & Boogie activity session that offers rhymes, songs & movement for pre-school children. **FREE. Every Tues** Teatime Storytime after school, 3-8yrs, term time only. **Every Fri** Homework club with friendly staff on hand to help you with all your homework questions, 3-30pm.

Every Mon St Peter's Church Hall Broadstairs 01843 602452 Sprats Parent & Toddler group, term time only. **Every Mon St Matthew's Church Hall** Rochester 01634 843666 www.heritageopendays.org.uk Baby Sensory classes for babies up to 16months, activities to include bells, balls, bubbles, light shows & more. **Tel: 07813 632552.**

Every Mon Walderslade Home Meadow Library Chatham 01634 337340 Storytime fun sessions for pre-school children with stories & rhymes. **FREE.** **Every Fri** Baby bounce & rhyme time, 18mths & under. **FREE.** **Every Wed** Storytime fun sessions for pre-school children that include stories & rhymes. **Every Mon Gillingham Library** 01634 337340 Storytime fun sessions for pre-school children with stories & rhymes. **FREE.** **Every Fri** Baby bounce & rhyme time. **FREE.**

Ongoing on Mans Cuxton Library 01634 337340 Baby massage courses for babies 8wks & not yet crawling. **FREE.** to book **Tel: 01634 711391.** 1st & 3rd Thurs of the month Children's activities. Health visitor drop in clinic, meet your local health visitor plus a toy library will also be available after the session, 9.30-11am. **Tel: 01634 336209.**

Every Mon-Wed The Angel Centre Tonbridge 01732 359966 Kickstart members Pre-school library. **Every Sat** mom fun club 5-8yrs, **Every Wed & Fri** dance mat & target wall disco.

Every Mon & Fri Rochester Library Eastgate 01634 337411 Baby bounce & rhyme time with finger & nursery rhymes, 18mths & under. **FREE.** **Every Sat** Pop in and Play sessions for parents & children, 10.30-11am. **FREE.** 4th Fri of month Advice & support - Health & lifestyle advice, drop-in, no need to book.

Every Tues Chatham Library Gun Wharf Dock Road 01634 337799 Storytime for pre-schoolers. **FREE.** **Every Thurs** until 31 Mar Toddler shake & boogie fun packed activity session.

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Baby bounce & rhyme time, parents & carers can enjoy knee bouncing, finger rhymes & nursery rhymes. **18mths & under**, term time only. **01634 337340.**

Every Tues Hundred of Hoos Swimming Pool Rochester 01634 401989 Beaver Swimming Club. **Every Tues Southborough Library** 01892 529808 Storytime, 2.15-2.45pm, **FREE.** **Every Tues Hempstead Library** 01634 361544 Baby bounce & rhyme time for parents & carers, 18mths & under. **Every Fri** Storytime fun interactive sessions for pre-schoolers. **FREE.** 1st & 3rd Sat of month Medway Health Walks change to improve fitness levels, all ages.

Every Wed St Saviours Centre Canterbury Road, Folkestone 01303 244610 Fabulous Fare Market with locally sourced fresh fruit & veg, meat, fish & dairy, preserves & jams & lots more. Also on offer recipe tasting, take away meals, tapas & ready salads, natural home & body products, book/magazine exchange, plants, flowers & lots more. **Midweek & weekends Kingsmead Leisure Centre** Canterbury 01227 769818 Fantime sessions available in the pool.

Every Thurs White Oak Leisure Centre Swanley 01322 662188 **Every Tues** Under 16's Roller Disco.

Every Thurs Thomas Aveling School & Community Library Rochester 01634 338728 Teatime Storytime after school storytime for 3-8yrs.

Every Thurs Luton Library Chatham 01634 406923 Storytime fun sessions that include stories & rhyme. **Every Sat** Pop in Play for parents & children, 10-12pm. **Every Thurs Pembury Library** 01892 822278 Storytimes, 2.30-

3pm, term time only. **FREE.**

Every Thurs during 11am time **Margate Baptist Church** 4 Cecil Pm. 01843 290869 Little Fishes Toddler group for parents & carers to meet & socialise with food, games & fun, 10-11.30am.

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Every Fri Hempstead Library Gillingham 01634 361544 Homework club with friendly staff on hand to help with all your homework questions.

Every Fri Lordwood Library Chatham 01634 862096 Teatime Storytime after school storytelling, 3-8yrs & Toddler shake & boogie.

Every Fri Wignmore Library 01634 255576 Toddler shake & boogie activity session that offers rhymes, songs & movement for pre-schoolers. Musical instruments, scarves & parachutes are often included.

Last Fri of each month **Bedbegny National Pinetum & Forest** Goodhurst 01580 879820 Beginners Health Walk, lasting approx 30mins-1hr & will cover between 1-4km. **Every Fri** mom Moderate Health Walks, 1-1 1/2 hrs between 4 & 6km. **Every Fri** mom Green Gym session, volunteers can spend a satisfying session helping to improve the world's best conifer collection. **FREE.** **Tel: 01424 446395.** Daily Go Ape take to the trees & experience a course of rope bridges, tarzan swings & zip slides up to 35 feet above the forest floor, 10-9yrs, minimum height 1.4m.

Every Sat Medway Little Theatre Rochester 07939 921041 Youth Company for 12-18yrs & children's workshop, 7-12yrs.

Every Sat Dickens House 01843 871133 Broadstairs History Walk, 2pm.

Every Sat mom Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre Faversham 01795 534542 Guided Town walks, 90 minute guided stroll through Faversham.

Every Wed Dunorlan Park 07990 972313 **Every Wed** Bugzy Workout, exercise for mother & baby, phone walking around the park utilising the benches & steps available, 10.30-11.30am.

Every weekend Broadstairs Harbour 07847 47615 Market, weather permitting.

Until 19 July Pagoda Centre Tunbridge Wells 0772 5445041 Princes Trust team programme a 12 week course for young people 16-25yrs who are currently not in employment, education or training. It is designed to help you gain lots of new skills & develop skills that you already have. The course is **FREE** & will not affect any benefits that you may be receiving.

Until 30 Aug Chatham Historic Dockyard Chatham 01634 823485 Exhibition of historic photographs & other artefacts in "Exploring Antic's the final Expeditions of Scott & Shackleton".

12-29, 15, 16, 22, 29 & 30 June Sea Searcher Boat Trips at Ramsgate 07837 562076 Taster 3hr trips of sea angling, rod hire & bait included in the price, 3-19 June Full day fishing trips.

3-9 June Ghenture Place 01892 870307 Poshious Gardens week. **4-11 June** Capel Le Ferne Farmers Market 07796 432445 Local produce with fish, meat, eggs, speciality dishes & lots more.

5 June Maidstone Museum & Bent Art Gallery 01622 602838 Tiny Talk Time, Jack and the Flum Flum Tree storytelling & colouring

activity for under 5's. **19 June** Wiggle & Jiggle play instruments & sing along to popular nursery rhymes, under 5's.

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9 June **Park Farm** Water Lane Hawkhurst 01580 753558 Open Farm with activities, farm walks, wild flower meadows, see the lambs & pigs, grazing cattle, sheep shearing, sausage making demonstration, bbq & lots more, proceeds to Hospice in the Weald. **9 June** **Monksbill Farm** 01579 320843 Open Farm with self guided farm walk, sheep shearing demonstration, meet the farm animals, make your own scarecrow & much more, plus refreshments available or bring a picnic, a great day out for all the family.

9 June **Old Rides Farm** 0114 2352683 Open Farm. **9 June** **Mote Park** 01622 790195 It's a Knookout challenge. **FREE** to watch, sponsorship to take part, www.childrental.co.uk **16 June** Treat Your Dad like the King of the Castle. Dads get **FREE** entry when accompanied by a full paying child.

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9 June **Warren Farm** 01308 459511 Open Farm Sunday activities to include nature trails, tractor rides, bird spotting, bussey castle, picnic area see the animals & much more, a nominal fee applies just to cover the cost for activity sheets, 11-4pm.

9 June **Romshod Farm Underiver** Sevenoaks 07811 209409 Open Farm Sunday with farm walks, children's activities & lots more, bring a picnic, drinks provided, 11-3pm.

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Airshow plus a Typhoon aircraft simulator, helicopter flights, fanfair, craft fayre, WWII re-enactment & at least 90 local vintage car & motorcycles will be on display plus lots more.

22 June **St David's Church** Newton Close Lordwood Browes 1st Buy Clothes Special plus refreshments available. **FREE** entry.

22-23 June **Charwell Westerham** 01732 868381 Wartime Weekend re-enactment.

22-23 June **June Brands Hatch** Fawkham Longfield 0843 453 9000 Mini Festival racing fun plus live music, airplay on the rally stage plus an air display, entry **FREE** for under 12's.

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Art Lab for Little Kids

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By Susan Schwake
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Developed for 4-6 year olds and targeting one of the most critical developmental periods for children, *Art Lab for Little Kids* is the perfect book for both parents and teachers who are seeking enriching and unique experiences to offer this age group, with 52 unique projects covering: Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Sculpture and Mixed Media. As in Susan Schwake's first book, *Art Lab for Kids*, each project or "Lab" can be used as a singular project, or to build up to a year of hands-on fine art experiences, taking their inspiration from the works of prominent artists. The book begins with an introduction on materials and setting up a space for making art. The lessons that follow are open-ended to be explored over and over, with different results each time; they don't result in "cookie cutter" end products, but are a method

of guiding children to learn something new each time they are used. This motivational book stands out as a unique reference for creating fine art with children through finding the student's own voice, marks and style and with playful lessons that result in significant skill building. Gorgeous photography shows different results from children using the same lesson, exemplifying the way the lesson brings out each artist's personal style. *Art Lab for Little Kids* is a fresh source of creative activities for families and community groups works as lesson plans teachers



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Parents reject Government plans to relax childcare ratios despite cost saving promises, survey finds

Parents are overwhelmingly opposed to Government proposals to relax childcare ratios in England's day nurseries and pre-schools, even if this would result in lower childcare fees, a survey carried out by **Bounty** – the parenting club – on behalf of the **Preschool Learning Alliance** has revealed.

The survey found that 84 per cent of respondents would not support lower staff-to-child ratios even when faced with the difficult decision of trading quality for cheaper childcare bills.

Prime Minister **David Cameron** is reportedly reconsidering plans to relax ratios in childcare settings and for childminders, first revealed in the Government's *More Great Childcare* document in January. Under the proposed ratio changes "appropriately-qualified" staff at childcare settings would be allowed to look after six two-year-old children, up from the current limit of four, and four children under the age of one, up from three, from this September.

Neil Leitch, Chief Executive of the **Preschool Learning Alliance**, which is the largest representative early years and childcare organisation in England, said he was not surprised by the findings.

"Parents using childcare want it to be of a high standard. They have made it clear that they do not want their children to be in settings where ratios are relaxed, even if that will save them money on their childcare costs...."

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CARERS WEEK 10 to 16 June 2013

Across the UK the number of people caring, unpaid for a family member or friend who is ill, frail and disabled has now risen to 6.5 million. Every day at least 6,000 people start caring. Becoming a carer can impact significantly on a person's life – it takes time, energy, can leave you isolated and can be costly.

Prepared to Care? – the 2013 *Carers Week* campaign – will focus on how the UK's current carer population is coping, how effectively Government

Prepared to Care?

is supporting the growing numbers of carers, and whether the wider population is prepared for future caring responsibilities.

Through **Prepared to Care?** *Carers Week* will highlight the impact of caring on daily life and, with an ageing population and higher incidence of disability and serious illness, encourage the public to think whether they could manage a caring role. www.carersweek.org www.facebook.com/carersweek Twitter @carersweek

SCHOOL TALK

8 June – St Michael's School Southfields, **Beach Party Summer Fete**, a great family day with fun for all the family with giant slides, bouncy castle, Anzac bbq, Asian food stalls, tea tent, plant stall, face painting, traditional side stall games including coconut shy, maggot racing & tombola, 12-4pm.
12 June – Dalmain Primary School, Forest Hill, **Open Morning**, 9.15am-11.15am, **Tel: 020 8699 2675**
28 June – Ashmole Primary School, SW8, **Summer Fair**, 3-6pm, **Tel: 020 7735 2419**.

15 June – Hilcross Primary School, Morden, **Medieval Summer Fair** to include archery, Medieval jester, apple bobbing, children's medieval themed crafts, pony rides, giant inflatable activities, beer tent, bbq, a visit from a modern day fire engine & crew plus stalls, **FREE** entry for children, 12-3pm.
29 June – Poplar Primary School, Merton Park, **80th Birthday Summer Fair**, 12-3pm. Schools that distribute **PARENTS NEWS** may get these entries, **free** info@parents-news.co.uk

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London Calendar

June London Palladium Argyle Street 020 7494 5020 Charlie & the Chocolate Factory Musical. **Ongoing Imperial War Museum** 020 7416 5439 A Family in Wartime Exhibition the lives of William & Alice Allpress & their ten children & what life in London was like during the war. **FREE. Ongoing Secret War exhibition, FREE.** **Every Sun National Gallery** www.nationalgallery.org.uk 020 7747 2885 Family workshops for families bringing paintings alive & listening to a themed story on the magic carpet. **FREE** family trail. **Every Sun Hildreth Street Market** Balham SW12 Street Market with fresh food traders sourced from all over London. **Every Tues & Wed from 25 June-24 July** **Devonshire Square EC2** 0845 120 7520 www.wcof.org Summer Fest with live music, dance, street acts & circus, 12.30-2pm. **Every Sat Venn Street Market, Clapham Common** 020 7622 8259 Offering fine foods & fresh produce plus a variety of handmade crafts will be available throughout Dec with gifts & cards for all the family as well as Christmas trees & floral decorations. Christmas trees will be available. **Every Sat Blue Elephant Theatre** Camberwell 020 7701 0100 Young People's Theatre workshops, various age groups 7-18yrs. **FREE** to join. **Every weekend Tate Modern** Bankside London SE1 020 7887 8008 Open Studio play & create with ideas & materials from artworks in the collection displays for all ages.

Daily Family resources with paper based activities for families all ages. **FREE.** Daily Children's Multimedia Guide keeps children entertained & animates art works through music, video clips & entertaining games. **5+yrs. Daily** Under 5's Zone a new play space for families. **FREE.** **Every weekend** Start Sessions with games, map making & clue matching. **5+yrs. FREE.** **Every weekend Temple Station** 020 7222 1234 Harry Potter Locations Tour, 2 ½ hrs. **Every weekend Clocktower Market** High Road Quirky weekend market has 50 stalls specialising in vintage, retro & antiques with a few contemporary craft stalls. **FREE** entry, www.clocktowermarket.co.uk **Every weekend Tate Britain** Millbank 020 7887 8888 Liminal invites visitors into a physical, material & social experience of sculpture through touch, interaction & collaboration, all ages. **FREE.** **Every weekend Art Trolley** sessions encourage children to imagine & create collages & lots more. **FREE.** **Every Weekend** Children's Multimedia Guide fun & interactive a sensory experience for all the family to enjoy. **5+yrs. Daily** Family Resources provides questions & activities which encourage children & families to explore art works. **FREE.** **Daily** Family Trails, under 5's. **FREE.** **Ends 30 June Science Museum** 0870 870 4668 Last chance to see, Codebreaker exhibition. **Daily** take control in 360 degrees flight simulators or fly with the Red Arrows

in their sensational 3D motion effects theatre. **Every weekend** Ice Cool Adventure families, under 7's. **FREE.** **Every Weekend** Spaced Out, families, 5+yrs. **FREE.** **Every Weekend** A Cockroach Tour of the museum visitors take on the form of cockroaches dressing up in realistic costumes. **FREE.** **Until 11 July Madame Tussauds** Marylebone Road 087400 3000 One Direction new wax figures in a fully themed dedicated area. **Until 15 Sep Natural History Museum** 020 7942 5000 **Every weekend & school hols** Hands on Nature Dinosaurs, using the handling station & explore interesting specimens with the help of the museums science educators. **FREE.** **Up & Up and Away** interactive storytelling for under 7's. **FREE.** Investigate Centre families can work together as scientists to investigate specimens, 7+yrs. **FREE.** **Until 15 Sept** Sensational Butterflies follows the trail along the life cycle route, watch hungry caterpillars hatch by your side & witness hundreds of striking butterflies & moths fluttering above your head. **Every weekend & school hols** Gallery characters. **FREE.** **Daily** Family Earth Lab explore the wonder of fossils, rocks & minerals, families, 6+yrs. **FREE.** Explorer backpacks, families under 7's. **Dippy** Floor puzzle under 7's. **FREE.** **Booksaurus**, families under 5's. **Jurassic Ark** family activity pack includes code breaking activities. **Daily Learning Activators** encourage visitors of all ages to discover more about the natural world. **FREE.** **Daily** Focus Points handling trolleys

explore real specimens with the help of volunteers, using different natural history themed activities, all ages. **FREE.** **Every Sat** The Bird Table using real specimens, activities will encourage you to look closely, make comparisons, discuss ideas & develop your knowledge & understanding of Antarctica's penguins. **FREE.** **Every Sat** Hands on Nature/Ocean Life, drop in family activity all ages. **FREE.** **5.12.19.26 June Questers Theatre** Mattock Lane 020 8567 0011 Backstage tours a chance to find out if you would like to get involved in theatre, 14-18yrs. **FREE.** **7-9 June Old Spitalfields Market** 020 7247 8556 Jewel East Friday showcase event for new jewellery designers, costume & vintage jewellery & lots more. **7-9 June Foodies Festival Clapham Common** Various top chefs will cook their signature dishes in the Chefs' Theatre & explain how amateur cooks can prepare the same dishes at home. Also included is a spectacular Cake & Bake Theatre with members of the audience invited to participate, a BBQ arena featuring hourly BBQ classes & competitions for foodies to get involved in, a Wine Village a dining & VIP area serving signature dishes from top local restaurants & lots more. There will also be a City Beach where families can chill out on deckchairs with ice cream or an afternoon tea whilst children build sand castles, entrance under 12's. **FREE.** when accompanied by an adult. **www.foodiefestival.com** or **Tel: 0844 995 1111.**

7-16 June Greenwich Market Jewellery Week with an array of events ranging from a glittering treasure trail throughout Greenwich to a competition with Beador, the Greenwich bead bead & jewellery accessory shop, for the under 12's where they can enter their design for perfect jewellery. **7 June-15 Sept National Maritime Museum** Greenwich 020 8312 6565 **Visions of the Universe** exhibition. **8 June Kensington Memorial Park** 020 7938 8190 Parks Police Dog Show with pedigree & novelty classes including dog with the wagged tail & best rescue dog, proceeds going to Brain Tumour Research campaign. **FREE** microchipping with Dogs Trust & Police Dog display. **8 June Thames Path Charity Walk** 07768 451425 Waterloo Station to Wandsworth approx 5 miles & open to only over 16's in aid of the Royal National Institute for the Blind. **13 June The Royal Observatory** Greenwich 020 8858 4422 Sci-Fi Movie Night The War of the Worlds followed by a talk, 11+yrs. **29 June** Summer Science planetarium show, 11+yrs. **29 June** Saturday Space Explorers fun monthly workshops where families can make simple cardboard instruments, including planet finders & moon dials which they can take away and use at home. **5+yrs. FREE.** **Throughout June** The Universe Exposed family show, 7+yrs. **Throughout June** We Are Aliens, 5+yrs. **Throughout June** Sky Tonight Live, 5+yrs. **Throughout June** Solar System, Galaxy, Universe show, 5+yrs. **Until 1 Aug** Alien Revolution a new exhibition.

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Health & Fitness

Tahini Chocolate Cake

From the **SuperMenu Healthy Cookery Class Recipe Book**. Yes it's possible to eat your cake and be healthy (and even lose weight)! This chocolate cake might look naughty on the outside, but on the inside, it's packed full of wonderful protein from eggs, nuts, sesame seeds and quinoa, which keeps your blood sugars nice and even (giving you much more lasting energy, and helping your metabolism to burn fat rather than store it!). It's also full of nutritious vitamins and minerals, like selenium from the brazil nuts (great for anti-aging), and zingy zinc from the tahini (supporting over 200 functions in the body). And of course, the 70% cocoa is high in antioxidants (which protect the body from the damage of free radicals) and magnesium (the 'relaxing' mineral).

Ingredients
4 large eggs
150g dark chocolate (minimum 70%)
4 heaped tablespoons tahini paste (80g)
½ cup light muscovado sugar (or xylitol) (60g)
2 tablespoons quinoa flour
25g hazelnuts
25g brazil nuts
1 pinch of sea salt (optional)
1. Preheat the oven to 450F and

butter a cake tin. Set aside
2. In a separate tin, roast the hazelnuts and brazil nuts until they start to turn slightly brown
3. Place the chocolate and tahini in a bain marie (in a bowl over simmering water) until melted
4. In a bowl, mix the eggs with the sugar and salt. Beat until pale in colour and the volume of the batter has doubled
5. Fold the quinoa flour in gently into the chocolate mix
6. Add the roasted hazelnuts
7. Pour into the cake tin
8. Bake for 10-12 minutes in a shallow tin (or double that if baking in a deeper loaf tin)
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