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Out & About

**New LegoLand Windsor** 01753 621621 Pirates Landing gets a major re-vamp to become *New Pirates Shores* featuring *Castaway Camp* a new pirate adventure play area with more than 100 brand new *Lego* models & themed features on the Pirate Falls Treasure Quest log flume ride, plus a themed restaurant plus lots more on offer.

**Throughout Oct Bodiam Castle** Robertsbridge 01580 830196 Folklore & traditions of Medieval England discover the folklore & traditions around this fabled month. **25 Oct-2 Nov** Half Term, Halloween with dragon guests, crafts & more.

**Every Wed Heaven at Nutfield** [www.heaven-nutfield.com](http://www.heaven-nutfield.com). Smiley Faces music group for babies & toddlers for up to 2yrs & 2-4yrs, there is also a playground for under 5's, a café & a crèche.

**18 Oct HMS Victory** 02392 728060 Trafalgar Challenge take part in games & quizzes to see if you can complete the Trafalgar Challenge, drop in, all ages. **FREE** with museum ticket. **30 Oct** Ghost Ships & Skeleton Crews find out about the ghost ships, scary crews & sea monsters that have haunted sailors, drop in all ages.

**25 Oct-2 Nov Royal Naval Museum** 02392 73 7562 **Half Term** Drawing & creepy fun, family activities. **FREE**. **28 Oct** The Big Draw Submarine Sketchers, **FREE** with a valid museum ticket. **29 Oct** Creepy Crawly Animal Encounters come face to face with snakes, scorpions & rats & find out about the pets sailors kept on board, drop in, all ages. **FREE** with museum ticket. **29 Oct** Museum by Torchlight get dressed up, follow the Skeleton Crew Triall handle fone of the artefacts & take part in spooky arts & crafts, all ages, need to book, **02392 727587**, or email [families@nmn.org.uk](mailto:families@nmn.org.uk) **30 Oct** Halloween Creepy Costumes make a creepy costume. **FREE** with a valid museum ticket. **31 Oct** Exploding Ghost Catcher create your own simple ghost catcher from a film canister & baking powder that will pop up & make a supernatural scare. **FREE** with museum ticket. **Until 30 Mar** Horrible Science of Submarines exhibition [www.submarine-museum.co.uk](http://www.submarine-museum.co.uk).

**25 Oct-2 Nov Afriston Clergy House** Polegate 01323 870001 Pumpkin Trail search around the garden for pumpkins.

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parents-news.co.uk](http://www.parents-news.co.uk)

October 2014  
Autumn Half Term at The Historic Dockyard Chatham

Things get really spooky and spindly this Autumn **Half Term** at **The Historic Dockyard Chatham**, as visitors explore the dockyard through a range of entertaining activities, both outside and undercover.

Access to **The Historic Dockyard Chatham** and all its galleries and attractions is included in the normal admission price. A small additional charge applies to the pumpkin carving activities. All tickets are valid for unlimited visits for 12 months, giving excellent value for money. **The Historic Dockyard Chatham** is open every day **until 30th November**, 10am to 6pm until 25 October and 10am to 4pm from 26 October onwards. [www.thedockyard.co.uk](http://www.thedockyard.co.uk)

Running from **25th October through to 2nd November**, visitors can join in the "*Wicked Webs and Spider Spells*" activities, suitable for all the family. These include a brand new factual and fun *Spider Trail* around the dockyard, the return of *Megan the Witch* with spell binding stories to enchant; and - back by popular demand - families can challenge their creative skills by trying their hand at Pumpkin Carving!

The **RNLI** will also be providing free of charge and undercover activities for the family in our *Historic Lifeboat Collection* gallery from **28th to 31st October**. These will include **RNLI** related First World War storytelling and other stories, self-righting lifeboat sessions and a medal making and colouring activity.



**Blowing the Whistle on GDC Scam.**

Orthodontists and the General Dental Council are operating an illegal scam to withhold information from the public about new methods which can avoid almost all extractions and even major jaw surgery. This is being done partly to protect traditional methods and partly to preserve the high incomes of orthodontists and surgeons. Research suggests that this British development is being ignored in the UK while spreading rapidly abroad. As a result hundreds of children and young adults have extractions and jaw surgery, unaware they may be unnecessary.

Some Orthodontists mislead patients, saying that extractions can be avoided although the traditional methods they use leave too little room, risking severe damage to the face. It is wise to explore the internet yourself, many sites make great claims and show beautiful faces but very few show good results before and after treatment. Even the media is scared of disclosing this scandal.

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**THE HISTORIC DOCKYARD CHATHAM**

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**WICKED WEBS & SPIDER SPELLS**  
**25 OCTOBER - 2 NOVEMBER 2014**  
\* PUMPKIN CARVING \* STORYTIME \*  
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A small additional charge may apply to some elements of school holiday family activities.

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Foodies Festival announce inaugural London Christmas Foodies Festival

**Foodies Festival**, the UK's largest celebration of food and drink, are delighted to announce their inaugural Christmas instalment '**Foodies Festival Christmas**' to be held at the *Old Truman Brewery* - **November 28, 29, 30th** this winter.

Following the success of Foodies' series of nine summer events across the country, organisers are promising to round-off 2014 with a cracker of a festival, bringing together the spirit of Christmas and the joy of feasting with friends and family.

Founder of **Foodies Festival Sue Hitchen** commented... 'Introducing a Christmas festival to London this year is a dream come true for us;



there really is no better way to celebrate a fantastic year than with a big festive feast. This will be our first festival in East London, so we are very excited to give the gift of **Foodies Festival** and welcome new visitors.'

**Foodies Festival Christmas** sees a range of culinary activities take place in the enchanting surroundings of the Old Truman Brewery, with London's top chefs (TBA) cooking live in a new open air *Chefs Theatre* for all to enjoy. Visitors can learn from the perfect Christmas feast with a full range of produce available to buy in the artisan market.

These are complemented with a **Soda Bar** and food and drink matching masterclasses with experts in the **Drinks Theatre**; who will advise on the best champagne and wines to buy this season.

The **Christmas Feasting Table** takes centre stage at the festival, where visitors can sit at communal banqueting tables under twinkling fairy lights and festive decorations with friends and family and tuck into foods served from the surrounding Street Food Avenue, Pop-Up Restaurants, Coffee Corner and Cheese Village with cheesemakers from the UK, France and Italy.

Visitors should visit the **Producers Grotto** where they will discover a **Craft Beer Market** and pop-up breweries, highlighting London's top craft brewers. Visitors can enjoy a hot toddy while browsing local artisan produce to enjoy or have gift wrapped as gifts

Out & About

COMPETITION  
Win a pair of VIP tickets

Where is the London **Christmas Foodies Festival** being held in November? Answers to [info@parents-news.co.uk](mailto:info@parents-news.co.uk) by **23 Oct 14** and PN will draw a winner. usual PN rules apply. A VIP day out at **Foodies Festival Christmas** to receive a glass of bubbly on arrival, use of the exclusive VIP area with private bar throughout the day, a goody bag, a showguide, great views of the entertainment stage, priority entry to theatre and masterclasses sessions and complimentary refreshments (tea/coffee/snacks).

**Bumper Quiz** at 5pm daily, have a group Christmas jumper picture taken in the photo booth, sing carols and learn how to dance the Gay Gordon with ceilidh dancing and live music from the Entertainment Stage.

For the little ones, an **Elf Cookery School** invites children under 12 to bake snowballs and decorate gingerbread men, cookies and cupcakes to leave out for Santa. There are also live reindeers to pet and snow balls fights to be had in the courtyard. Tickets are available now from [www.foodiesfestival.com](http://www.foodiesfestival.com) **0844 995 1111**



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## Out & About

With half-term just around the corner, keeping the kids entertained and out of trouble, even on the rainiest of days is easy with the **University Games** top ten toys for Halloween and half-term.

Treat your little monsters to a trick and treat with five of the best ghoulish games and activities perfect for Halloween fun:

### Totally Gross:

**Totally Gross** helps kids understand the major scientific disciplines by revealing the secret: science is really fun... and gross! Kids travel the game board answering sickening questions, taking part in revolting activities and generally grossing each other out. (For two to four players. Ages eight and above) Available at *John Lewis*, *Waterstones*, *Hamleys*, *Tesco*, *Toymaster* and *Amazon*. SRP £7.99



### Wind-up Walking Zombies:

3D air-dry clay models with wind up walking feet...they walk just like a real zombie! There are four to collect. The pack contents includes 10 pieces. (Ages eight and above). Available to *Hamleys* and *Toymaster*. SRP £7.99



### Alien Slime Jumpers:

Create slime eating Alien Life forms with air dry clay and glow in the dark air dry slime. Each character comes with their own Tin Biohazard Containment Unit lined with air dry slime for play and storage.



There are four to collect. (Ages eight and above). Available at *Hamleys* and *Toymaster*. SRP £9.99

### Bowling Zombies:

There are some trouble-makers in town. They're rotting, and they're just plain dead! Can you bowl the helpless damsel to freedom without being eaten? This fun table-top bowling game is designed to play, while at home, work or digging up old friends. Contents include: One Wooden Bowling Pins (four inches tall). (For one or more players. Ages eight and above) Available *Amazon* SRP £14.99



### Colourful Twinkle Stars:

Colourful glowing stars in orange, blue, pink, green and white colours, splashed with

glitter to create a colourful twinkle effect when you turn out the lights! (Ages three and above). Available on *Amazon*. SRP £3.99



Three **must-have** boredom busting games and activities for half-term:

### Chicken Charades:

If it's a crazy, fun, fast-paced family game you're after, there's only one to choose.



In the hilarious and lightning fast game of *Chicken Charades* you only need two things - you've got to be fast

(you only have 10 seconds) and you have to use a squeaky chicken to act out your word. (For three or more players. Ages eight and above) SRP £19.99. Available at *Argos*, *Smyths*, *TRU*, *Amazon*, *John Lewis* and *Toymaster*.

### Don't Rock the Boat:



Ahoy, mates! Arrrrr ye ready to set sail on a rockin' adventure with a crew of 16 pirate penguins? Take turns balancing the pirate penguins on the ship without making it tip! Be ever so careful, if you rock the boat and send the penguins overboard, ye might have to walk the plank! A fun balancing game for all buccaneers! (For two to four players. Ages five and above) SRP £14.99. Available at *Toymaster*, *Argos*, *Toys R Us*, *Amazon*, *Tesco* and *Smyths*.

### My Studio Girl:

Creativity has never been so much fun! *My Studio Girl* range of kits capture the creative imaginations of every little girl. Whether it's sticking and stitching, using dough or felt to make their masterpieces, *My Studio Girl* is all about expressing yourself and having fun. For little girls wanting to learn to sew, the Onesie Doll, Rescue Pets, and My Precious Pals make sewing fun and easy. (Ages eight and above) From SRP £12.99. Available at *Amazon*, *Toymaster* and *Hamleys*.



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### Low Bangs Fireworks and Halloween Party

Godalming and Cranleigh district NCT will be hosting their annual Low Bangs Fireworks and Halloween Party on Sunday 26th October at Broadwater Sports Club (home of Guildford Rugby Club), Guildford Road, Godalming, GU7 3BU.

The fun starts at 4pm with a fancy dress competition, baby play area and entertainment by Mr Giant, Great Godalming, Bake Off, and the opportunity to meet Godalming Fire Brigade and see the fire engine. Plus there will be a lucky dip, hot and cold food and a licensed bar. The Fireworks start at 5.30pm and whilst they try their best to make sure there are no loud bangs due to the nature of fireworks they cannot guarantee it. There's no need to book in advance and everyone is welcome. £5 donation per family. Parking is limited so please walk/share if possible. For more information please contact

[events@godalmingnct.org.uk](mailto:events@godalmingnct.org.uk)



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### Angela's Swim School

Sadly, drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death among young people in the UK. *Angela's Swim School* is passionate about seeing people learn to swim and equipping them with a life saving, life changing skill. Whether it's babies blowing their first bubbles in the water, children taking their first stroke or adults conquering their fear of water, they are dedicated to seeing people learn to swim. They don't just teach people to get across the pool but teach them to swim effortlessly with grace and style. The unique teaching methods have been tried and tested over many years.

Whether clients want to take swimming seriously as a sport or simply want to learn to swim for leisure, safety and recreation, there's a place for everyone in *Angela's Swim School*. There are a range of quiet venues available across six areas - Bromley, Dartford, Gravesend, Sevenoaks, Maidstone and Medway.

It's a fantastic program for swimmers from 8 years of age that could play a vital role in water safety. For information about any of the programmes or locations [info@anglasswimschool.co.uk](mailto:info@anglasswimschool.co.uk)

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### ENJOY OCTOBER AND HALF-TERM SUNSHINE TREATS AT LA MANGA CLUB

Sport, sun and family fun can be enjoyed by families when they head to *La Manga Club* for the **October half-term** holidays and Halloween - with a seven-night break for a family of four available from just £1,197 (£999 approx). With temperatures continuing to hit the 30-degree mark in Murcia, the award-winning Spanish resort is the perfect place to enjoy some late autumn sunshine and is

offering a 'spooktacular' Halloween experience to remember with plenty of tricks and treats in store for both children and adults. Included in the price is a fun-packed, Halloween-themed activity programme for children aged between five to 12 and a selection of junior sports academies are available, plus a feast of enchanted delights on Halloween night itself with a themed family dinner available.



a room, packages cost from £1,197 for a family staying seven nights in a two-bedroom townhouse in *Las Lomas* and from £1,629 (£1,358 approx) in the resort's five-star *Principe Felipe Hotel*, including breakfast, VAT and five meals and drinks for under fives. In addition, guests can also enjoy special rates on a wide array of sports and leisure activities, free WiFi and complimentary access to the fitness centre, indoor

pool, saunas and steam rooms at *Spa La Manga Club*. With a new *Leadbetter Golf Academy* complete with extensive golf practice facilities, and official overseas training base status for the *Lawn Tennis Association*, *La Manga Club* continues to set the benchmark as Europe's premier sports and leisure destination and is widely recognised as Spain's flagship resort. *La Manga Club* boasts unrivalled facilities as a sport and leisure venue including three 18-hole championship golf courses, a 28-court tennis centre and a 2,000sqm spa and fitness centre. It also offers the choice

Families can enjoy a restaurant credit of £125 when they book a stay of seven-nights in *La Manga Club*'s five-star Hotel *Principe Felipe* and a €75 restaurant credit at the resort's four-star *Las Lomas Village*. Based on two people sharing

of a five-star hotel, four-star serviced apartments and townhouses, more than 20 bars and restaurants and great fun for children.

**00 34 968 17 5577**  
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[visit.willamangacub.com](http://visit.willamangacub.com)

## Out & About

### Halloween Daytime Fear and Fun

**Saturday 25th October**  
**Sunday 2nd November** Blood Curdling Fun for all the Family Come and meet the Halloween ghosts and ghouls, be prepared to be scared...are you brave enough to talk to them? *Wiley Wolf Productions* return with **'Scare Glow'** their u.v. show .....a unique and exciting experience for all the family.

*Vunderbar the Wizard* will be in the **Discovery Room** telling scary stories and singing spooky songs. You can help him with his spells and see what happens! Children can be transformed into a witch, ghost, skeleton or something more friendly..... *Jax* the incredible face painter will be there to make your dreams come to life... (extra charge for this)

Take the **'Spooks Quiz Trail'** around the farm and earn yourself a sweetie treat by finding all their names! Take part in *The Halloween Hog Race*.....the infamous pig race takes place daily. They encourage everyone ....including adults to come in fancy dress and there is a daily competition for the best dressed spook, witch or ghost.... kids only for this though! *The Granary Restaurant* will be serving spooky sausages.....scary soup.....feasting fairy cakes etc.... There is no extra charge for this event.... and opening times are 10.30 am - 5.30pm.

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**October 25th - November 2nd**  
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**Daily Larkfield Leisure Centre** Aylesford 01622 713225 Soft play zone with 3 storeys of interactive play equipment for under 10's with wavy waterfall slide, crawl tubes, ball pool & ball cannons. **NEW** Kickstart a brand new all inclusive membership with unlimited access which offers a wide range of activities for under 10's with swimming, soft play, junior dance mat & target wall sessions, selected holiday programme activities, Saturday Fun Club plus pre-school bounce & adventure time sessions for 0-5yrs. **NEW** larger Fitness Studio to offer a wider rang of classes including Zumba, Pilates, Body pump & circuits.

**Daily Fishbourne Roman Palace** Chichester 01243 789829 Guided tours, plus café & picnic area.

**Daily Maidstone Leisure Centre** 0845 1552277 Various times Junior Fitness, 12-15yrs learn how the body works, the benefits of a healthy lifestyle & participate in structured fitness sessions with a qualified fitness instructor. **Selected Sats** Wave Rave Pool Party sessions with inflatables, floats, games & the latest music. **Available** Birthday Parties for children leave all the planning & tidying up to the Centre.

**Daily Wingham Wildlife Park** Canterbury 01227 720836 Meet the animals including their hands on animal encounters plus children's play area.

**Daily Druidstone Park and Woodland** Honey Hill Blean 01227 765168 Meet the friendly animals, follow the trail around the enchanted woodland & discover the sleeping dragon & other magical creatures or have fun in the adventure play area, a fun day out for all the family.

**Daily Tides Leisure Centre** Deal 01304 373399 Indoor tropical lagoon with waves & gusher, fun water features & giant slide Jacuzzi & toddler pool. **Every weekend** Family Splash.

**New Tonbridge Swimming Pool** Lower Castle Field 01732 367449 Kickstart a brand new all inclusive membership with unlimited

access which offers a wide range of activities for under 10's. **Every Tues & Thurs term time only** parent & child fun swim.

**Ongoing Run off your Feet FREE** running sessions across Kent, women & men of all ages & abilities are putting on their trainers & jogging the streets & parks of Kent all part of a county wide campaign to get people running to feel fitter, healthier & happier. In Kent leaders have been trained to set up local running groups & they are keen to welcome new runners. Get your first running session **FREE** at your local group when you mention Parents News. All groups are led by qualified, enthusiastic friendly leaders. To find your local group visit [www.kentsport.org/rungroups](http://www.kentsport.org/rungroups).

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**Ongoing Popenbury Farm** [www.popenbury.info](http://www.popenbury.info) With friendly farm animals plus goats, donkeys, Kune Kune pigs, chickens, ducks rabbits, guinea pigs plus woodland trails suitable for all ages. Woodland walks **FREE** but donations welcome.

**Ongoing on Mons Cuxton** **Leisure** Rochester Baby massage courses for babies 8wks & not yet crawling, **FREE**, to book **Tel: 01634 711391.** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

**Throughout Oct** **Stinghamhurst Castle Garden** Cranbrook 01580 710700 Book month take a look behind the scenes in the library as they conserve 11,000 books.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of the month 12 Oct** **Tonbridge Farmers Market** Sovereign Way 07876 685853 Held in Sovereign Way with normally 70 stalls, [www.tonbridgefarmersmarket.co.uk](http://www.tonbridgefarmersmarket.co.uk)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of the month** **Chislehurst Farmers Market** 07775 736116 The market is held in a new location of Hornbook House Car park, High Street, produce includes

seasonal fruit & vegetables, chocolates bread, meat, preserves & much more, **FREE** entry.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of the month** **Aylesford Farmers Market** Aylesford 07876 685853 Farmers Market with more than 30 stalls, [www.aylesfordfarmersmarket.co.uk](http://www.aylesfordfarmersmarket.co.uk)

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of every month** **Hempstead Valley Shopping Centre** Gillingham 01634 387076 Farmers Market is held in the car park offering a range of local produce including meat & much more.

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

**Every Sun until 16 Nov** **Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory** 01304 617341 Guided walk, these walks cover a different part of the Bay area every week & may include the beach, Worth marshes, reserves at Restharrow scrape and the Elms. Discover and record the flora & fauna of this unique area including birds, butterflies, orchids & fungi.

**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, 3.30-5pm.

**Every Mon St Matthew's Church Hall** Rochester 01634 843666 Baby Sensory classes for babies up to 16months, activities to include bells, balls, bubbles, light shows & more, **Tel: 07813 632552.**

**Every Mon Walderlade Hook Meadow Library** Chatham 01634 861531 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.**

**Every Mon St Andrews Church Hall** Broadstairs 01843 863480 Little Ted's Parent & Toddler group, term time only.

**Every Mon,Tues,Wed & Fri morn** **Blenheim Children & Family Centre** Bromley 01689 879145 Toddlers activities.

**Every Mon-Wed** **The Angel Centre** Tonbridge 01732 359966 Kickstart members Pre-school bounce, **Every Sat morn** fun club 5-10yrs, **Every Wed & Fri** dance mat & target wall fitness.

**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.** 4<sup>th</sup> Fri of month Advice & support – Health & lifestyle advice, drop-in, no need to book.

**Every Tues** **Queens Road Baptist Church** Victoria Gardens 01843 602792 Raindrops, parent & toddler group, termtime. **Every Thurs** 1st Parenting meet with other 1<sup>st</sup> time parents. **Every Fri during term time** Friday Club.

**Every Tues** **Grosvenor Park** 07990 973313 Buggy Workout, exercise for mother & baby, power walking utilising the benches & steps available, 10.30-11.30am.

**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.

**Every Tues** **Hoo Library** Rochester 01634 250640 Storytime fun sessions for pre-school children with stories & rhymes, **FREE.**

**Every Tues** **Rainham Library** Rainham 01634 337799 Storytime fun sessions for pre-school children that include stories & rhymes. **Every Thurs** Baby bounce & rhyme time, 18mths or under, **FREE.**

**Every Tues** **Fairview Community Primary School** 01634 376270 Parents & toddlers club term time only 10-11.30am.

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

**Every Tues** **Walderlade Village Library** Chatham 01634 686467 Toddler shake & boogie activity session that offers rhymes, songs & movement for pre-schoolers. Musical instruments, scarves & parachutes are often included. **Every Fri** Storytime fun sessions for pre-school children that include stories & rhymes.

**Every Tues** **Hundred of Hoo Swimming Club** 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.** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of month Medway Health Walks chance to improve fitness levels, all ages.

**Every Wed** **Dunorlan Park** 07990 973313 Buggy Workout, exercise for mother & baby, power walking around the park utilising the benches & steps available, 10.30-11.30am.

**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.

**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 Broadstairs Harbour** 07847 473615 Market, weather permitting.

**First Wed of the month** **Maidstone Museum & Bentif Art Gallery** 01622 602838 Musical Merry-Go-Round with singing & storytelling activities, under 5's.

**Midweek & weekends** **Kingsmead Leisure Centre** Canterbury 01227

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**Library** 01892 822278 Storytimes, 2.30-3pm, term time only, **FREE.**

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

**Every Fri** **Grain Library** Rochester 01634 338727 Homework club with friendly & knowledgeable staff on hand to help, **FREE.** **Every Sat** Craft Club for under 8's, **FREE.**

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

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

**Every Fri** **Wigmore Library** 01634 235576 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** **Bedgebury National Pinetum & Forest** Goudhurst 01580 879820 Beginners Health Walk, lasting approx 30mins-1hr & will cover between 1-4km. **Every Fri morn** Moderate Health Walks, 1-1 ½ hrs between 4 & 6km.

**Every Fri morn** Green Gym session, volunteers can spend a satisfying session working in the National Pinetum 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, 10yrs, 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 Morn** **Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre** Faversham 01795 534542 Guided Town walks, 90 minute guided stroll through Faversham.

**Until 1 Feb** **Hornby Visitor Centre** Margate 01483 233500

**5 Oct** **Holy Trinity Church** St Mary's Avenue, Margate 01304 620560 Harvest Festival family service, 10-11am.

**5 Oct** **Charles Dickens School** 01843 280734 Boot Fair entrance children **FREE.**

**5,12,19,26 Oct,2 Nov** **Dover Leisure Centre** 01304 201145 Roller Disco

**6 Oct** **Crampton Tower Museum** 01843 871133 Every Wed Scalextric Digital Racing Club.

**10 Oct** **Gravesend Farmers Market** Junction with Windmill Street 07775 736116 Produce includes bread, meat, seasonal vegetables & fruit, fudge, preserves & much more, [www.myfarmersmarket.co.uk](http://www.myfarmersmarket.co.uk)

**11 Oct** **Hayes Village Hall** Hayes Street Hayes

Bromley 07534 447988 Gingham Goose Craft Market with wide variety of quality crafts to include jewellery, pottery & ceramics, original art, bread, cheese, jams & lots more, **FREE** entry.

**11-17 Oct** **Scotney Castle** Lamberhurst 01892 893819. Autumn Colour Walks guided walk to learn about trees, their history & traditional uses. **27 Oct-2 Nov** Pumpkin trail find the lost pumpkins, collect your map from visitor reception & see if you can find them all & claim your prize.

**12 Oct** **Orchard Theatre** Dartford 01322 220000 10cc in concert. **16-19 Oct** Octonauts & The Deep Sea Volcano Adventure, for families. **22-25 Oct** Half a Sixpence, performed by Dartford Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society, [www.daods.co.uk](http://www.daods.co.uk)

**28 Oct** Over the Rainbow, The Eva Cassidy Story. **1 Nov** Thank you for The Music, the ultimate tribute Abba & the Bee Gees, [www.orchardtheatre.co.uk](http://www.orchardtheatre.co.uk)

**17 Oct** **Dartford Farmers Market** 07775 736116 Wide variety of local produce including meat, bread vegetables, fruit & much more, **FREE** entry.

**18 Oct** **Faversham Carnival** 01795 538747 Traditional town carnival, held in the evening.

**18,19 Oct** **Brogdale Farm** Brogdale Road 01795 536250 Apple Festival display of 400 apple varieties & 'try before you buy' plus tractor trailer & walking tours, live music, local food & entertainment, [www.brogdalecollections.co.uk](http://www.brogdalecollections.co.uk).

**18,19 Oct** **Faversham Food Festival** Apple & Game weekend held in various venues, [www.favershamfoodfestival.co.uk](http://www.favershamfoodfestival.co.uk)

**19 Oct** **Emmetts Garden** Idle Hill Sevenoaks 01732 868381 Conker championships challenge your family & friends to a game of conkers. **25-31 Oct** Half Term with Halloween fun & games.

**19 Oct** **The Pavilion** 01843 600999 Antique & Bric a Brac Fair.

**20,22 OCT** **Chartwell** Westerham 01732 868381

Autumn Colour garden tours. **27-31 Oct** Halloween spooky trail creepy 50 things activity week around the woodland, hold a scary beast, track wild animals & go bug hunting in some spooky surroundings.

**24-31 Oct** **Canterbury Tales Visitor Attraction** 01227 479227 The Terrible Tales a live performance in the churchyard followed by a spine tingling visit through the Canterbury Tales attraction, 12-yrs, [www.canterburytales.org.uk](http://www.canterburytales.org.uk)

**25 Oct** **Sandwich Guildhall** 07905 459913 Craft Fair, to book a stall, **Tel: 01304 612131.**

**25-31 Oct** **Ightham Mote** Sevenoaks 01732 810378 Half Term family fun pumpkin themed trail around the garden with a wild art 50 things activity on 30 Oct. **25 Oct,1 Nov** ghost & gourmet tour of Ightham Mote at night followed by a supper, need your book.

**25 Oct-2 Nov** **Knole Park House & Gardens** Sevenoaks 01732 462100 The Big Draw a week of

activities, inside & out as part of the Big Draw campaign.

**Until 26 Oct** **Sevenoaks Society trees exhibition.** **Every Thurs, Sat & Sun** Guided walks in the deer park suitable for little legs.

**25 Oct-2 Nov** **Museum of Kent Life** Sandling 01622 763936 Spook Fest with pumpkin carving, trick or treating, creepy bugs & competitions with daytime fun for the children & evening activities for the adults, including psychic audiences & overnight ghost hunts, [www.kentlife.org.uk](http://www.kentlife.org.uk)

**25 Oct-2 Nov** **Shorne Woods Country Park** Gravesend 01474 823800 Half Term Activity Trail follow the clues, answer the questions & complete the trail to receive a prize.

**25 Oct** Mini Scream follow a self led pumpkin trail with a Halloween theme & encounter some of the park's spooky residents on your way, under 8 yrs, 5-7.30 pm.

**31 Oct** **Shorne Scream** spooky trail around the woodlands with your path

lit only by lantern, 8+yrs. **25 Oct-2 Nov** **Lullingstone Country Park** Dartford 01322 865995

**Half Term** Activity Trail follow the clues, answer the questions & complete the trail to receive a prize.

**26 Oct** **East Kent Railway** Tenterden 01304 832042 Halloween Ghost Trains, [www.eastkentrailway.co.uk](http://www.eastkentrailway.co.uk)

**29 Oct** **Dover Museum** Market Square 01304 201066 Family Day make & decorate a window decoration with a Halloween theme, complete the themed quizzes, word searches & colouring sheets, entrance **FREE**, [www.dovermuseum.co.uk](http://www.dovermuseum.co.uk)

**31 Oct** **South Foreland Lighthouse** 01304 852463 Spooky Goings On event, explore the lighthouse by torchlight whilst listening to ghost stories, [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/south-foreland-lighthouse](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/south-foreland-lighthouse)

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## Back to School

*Primigi* pampers children's little feet with a super Glam collection!

Innovation, tradition and creativity: once again, *Primigi* offers children a winter full of comfortable, versatile and stylish shoes.

The Autumn-Winter 2014-2015 collection is incredibly advanced, complete and dynamic, featuring a special mix of quality!

Plenty of new styles are in store this year. Must-have sneakers, elegant ballet flats, and comfortable boots, ankle boots and combat boots with strictly simple and clean lines make up the new *Primigi* shoe line-up for infants up to juniors. Different styles come together to give the collection the right mix, perfect for any occasion: from fashion-glam, to punk-rock up to timeless formal elegance, ideal for giving little ones the taste of a true fairy tale.

### PRIMIGI Autumn Winter footwear collection 2014-15

#### EVERY GIRL HAS HER STYLE

*Primigi* girls can choose from a wide selection: from ankle boots in soft leather, to countless ballet flats in the widest range of patterns and compositions. Also featuring high quality materials: printed suede or patent, nubuck or polished leather, embellished with classic elements such as Velcro, woven fabrics or exposed elastics. Little girls with more hippy tastes can choose from boots and other styles characterized by long fringes that recreate typically street models.

Finally, diversified and new, the colour palette allows little girls to choose from a myriad of variations. Metallic shades such as bronze, gold and silver are all presented with a satin, dusty-effect finish. Purple, antique pink and burgundy are the real must-haves of the season, with a dramatic effect in both the patent and glitter variations.

#### SPORT AND CHIC MOOD FOR SUPER DYNAMIC CHILDREN

*Primigi*'s line for little boys is no exception: sporty and chic, classic yet fashionable, inspired by a collection that offers many ideas for a fresh and vibrant look even in winter! Major inspiration came from the world of basketball, with its inevitable and aggressive mid-height basketball styles in the laced version with interior side zips or in the version with double velcro closure.

Sneakers are made with high quality materials: nubuck, patent leather, waxed with an aged effect for a sporty look with a retro feel.

The *Primigi* line-up is an impressive array of styles, featuring shoes with an active feel and technical surfaces as well as more streamlined versions made from soft nappa

leather, in which the details are rich and sometimes sparkling. Energetic and comfortable sneakers are designed for sporty and lively children.

The colour palette in this line is also varied. From classic grey, brown and mustard, to the delicate shades of blue: from traditional navy to bright blue.

#### TECHNOLOGICAL STEPS WITH GORE-TEX

*Primigi* dedicates special attention to lines produced in collaboration with GORE-TEX®, a technology that ensures the footwear's water resistance, breathability, extreme comfort and long-lasting wear, for feet that are always warm and dry.

For the girls, boots in GORE-TEX® with leopard-effect fur embellish a collection already full of highly fashionable elements and details. The

innovative styles for boys, all super dynamic, are made with high performance, breathable and water-repellent materials. The collection also includes classic camouflage paired with *Goretex*, inspired by Nordic walking styles.

The details are rich: gutsy interior zips, studs, rivets and wire mesh transform even the most classic styles that, combined with worn materials and trendy buckles, recreate a real punk-rock vintage trend.

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#### Keep Little Ones' Feet Warm & Dry on the Season Run this Season with BOGS'

New Kids Tacoma Welby 100% waterproof: will keep feet comfortable to -15°C

New to *BOGS'* autumn/winter range, the *Kids Tacoma Solid* keeps little ones' feet and legs warm and dry during the school run this winter season. With its robust construction, comfortable fit and vibrant eye-catching colours, the new *Kids Tacoma Solid* is not only ideal for the daily school commute, but is great for throwing on at the weekend to protect against those inevitable autumn and winter downpours!

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[www.anatom.co.uk](http://www.anatom.co.uk)



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#### ROMEO AND JULIET

#### in a version for young audiences Temporary Theatre

29 October – 14 November (daytime performances)  
Suitable for ages 8 – 12 years

Bijan Sheibani's popular production of Shakespeare's ROMEO AND JULIET, in a

version for young audiences by Ben Power, returns to the *National's Temporary Theatre* for daytime performances from 29 October – 14 November. A modern city. A deadly feud. And a pair of

star-crossed lovers. Set against a vibrant urban backdrop, bursting with excitement, colour, dancing and live song, a company of eight recreate the most famous love story of all time. A swift, contemporary celebration of Shakespeare's masterpiece for a new generation.

Ben Power is a writer and dramaturg and an Associate Director of the *National Theatre*. His work for the NT includes the current adaptations of Ross Collins' *The Elephant and Euripides' Medea*. Bijan Sheibani is an Associate Director of the *National Theatre*, where he has previously directed *A Taste of Honey*, *Emil and the Detectives*, *The Kitchen* and *Our Class*. The composer and musical director is Soumik Datta and the choreographer is Aline David.

Suitable for ages 8 – 12 years. Performances are at 10.30am/11am and 1.30pm/2.30pm: check website for performance schedule.

Family workshops are available during half term: [www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/families](http://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/families)



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## The Mall School

Independent day school for boys aged 4-13 years.

### Open Morning

Saturday 11th October, 2014  
10 am - 12 noon

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The Mall School,  
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Twickenham TW2 5NQ  
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[www.themallschool.org.uk](http://www.themallschool.org.uk)

## Back to School

### The Ursuline Preparatory School celebrate 70 years in Wimbledon

On Friday 26th September the girls of *The Ursuline Prep School* celebrated 70 years in their current home of 18 The Downs Wimbledon. They were joined at a celebration Mass by members of the Parish, Staff past and present, Families and Friends.

celebrate our history, and to look forward to the future".

*The Ursuline Prep School* is holding an *Open Saturday* on 8th November from 10am to 12 noon. An *Open Week* is from 10th to 14th November – 9:30 to 11:30 am.

All families are most welcome to visit, meet the girls, and see what is planned for the future

020 8947 0859  
[www.ursuline-prep.merton.sch.uk](http://www.ursuline-prep.merton.sch.uk)  
[admissions@wups.co.uk](mailto:admissions@wups.co.uk)

The Order purchased the house in 1944 during the War as they needed further accommodation for younger girls, and it has been the home of the Prep School ever since.

Girls enjoyed a picnic lunch, games and activities; the release of 70 balloons and a celebration cake.

The celebration comes at a poignant time in the life of the Prep School, which has just received an *Excellent ISI Report* and is shortly to open *The St. Angela's Centre* which will provide 8 new classrooms – four of which are dedicated to Early Years children.

Mrs Anne Farnish, Headmistress said: "This is a very special celebration for us and for our girls, and it comes at a time of growth and development in the life of our school. A perfect time to



27<sup>th</sup> Oct ~ 31<sup>st</sup> Oct  
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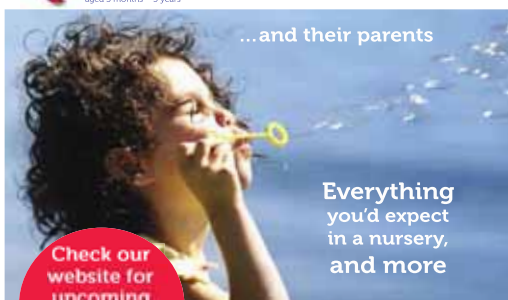
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Welcoming children of all faiths and denominations



"The quality of the pupils' achievements and learning is excellent"  
Independent Schools Inspectorate, June 2014

OPEN MORNING—Saturday 8th November 10am to 12 noon  
Open Week— 10th—14th November 9:30—11:30 am

The Ursuline Preparatory School, 18 The Downs, Wimbledon, SW20 8HR  
Tel: 020 8947 0859 [www.ursuline-prep.merton.sch.uk](http://www.ursuline-prep.merton.sch.uk) [admissions@wups.co.uk](mailto:admissions@wups.co.uk)



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**Daily Science Museum** 0870 870 4868 Take control in 360 degrees flight simulators or fly with the Red Arrow's interdimensional 3D motion effects theatre. **Every weekend** Ice Cool Adventure families, under 7s, **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.** **Every Weekend** explore hundreds of real natural history specimens, discover evidence along the way using microscopes, the computer database and other scientific instruments, science educators are there to help you with your investigations, **FREE.**

**Daily The Queen's Gallery Buckingham Palace** London 020 7766 7301 Become an explorer & discover the exhibition with activity bags for families. Using the bags find out which animals the adventurers shared the Antarctic with and what early explorers were to protect themselves from the cold.

**Ongoing Royal Mews Buckingham Palace** 020 7766 7302 Family groups may explore a range of self directed activities from the art trolley, 5-11yrs.

**Ongoing Royal Academy of Arts** 020 7300 8000 [www.royalacademy.org.uk](http://www.royalacademy.org.uk) New policy all children under 12yrs of age will have **FREE** entry to all exhibitions.

**Every Sun National Gallery** 020 7747 2885 Family workshops for families bringing paintings alive & listening to a themed story on the magic carpet, plus **FREE** family trail, [www.nationalgallery.org.uk](http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk)

**Every Sun Hildreth Street Market** Balham SW12 fresh food traders sourced from all over London.

**Every 2nd Sat of month National Geographic Store** 83-97 Regent Street 020 7025 6960 Animal Man comes face to face with slithering snakes, slimy insects & smelly snakes.

**Every Sat Blue Elephant Theatre** Cumberwell 020 7701 0100 Young People's Theatre workshops, various age groups 7-18yrs, **FREE** to join.

**Every Sat 2-4pm & after school on Tue & Thurs South London**

Gallery 65 Peckham Road 020 7703 6120 The Shop of Possibilities for children & families living on

five neighbouring estates, Pelican, Southampton Way, Elmington, Wyndham & Comber, & Sceaux Gardens are invited to play at after school & weekend workshops in this recently renovated former retail outlet on the Sceaux Gardens housing estate.

**Every weekend London Transport Museum** Covent Garden 020 7379 6344 The Family Station choose some **FREE** activities, families all ages.

**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 Rich Mix Bethnal Green** 020 7613 7498 Kids' Cine Time family films.

**Every weekend Temple Station** 020 7222 1234 Harry Potter Locations Tour, 2 ½ hrs.

**Every weekend with children** **Greenwich Clocktower Market** Greenwich High Road Quick weekend market has 50 stalls specialising in vintage, retro & antiques with a few contemporary craft stalls, **FREE** entry, [www.clocktowermarket.co.uk](http://www.clocktowermarket.co.uk)

**Every weekend Tate Britain** Millbank London 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.** **Until 30 Nov British Museum**

**Every Tues & Wed except 28.29 Oct** Busy Bess sessions for under 5's with crafts, creative play stories, & songs, **FREE.** **29 Oct** Hear it Live informal live session in the music gallery, **FREE.** **Every Sat except 24 Oct** Hands on family workshops, families 3+yrs, **FREE.** **26 Oct & Every Sun** A World of Stories storytelling, families, 5+yrs, **FREE.** **Every Sun** Discovery for All explore thousands of objects from around the world with the museum's Explainers, all ages & adults, **FREE.** **Every Sat Farmers Market, FREE entry.**

**11.18.25 Oct Cutty Sark & National Maritime Museum** Greenwich 020 8858 4422 Explore Saturdays meet a character from the past & take part in a performance that will bring maritime history to life, 6+yrs, **FREE.** **5.12.19.26 Oct** Discover Sundays explore your personal connection to the sea, all ages, **FREE.** **7.14.21 Oct** Play Tuesdays explore the museum through making music, dance & drama, under 5's. **27.30 Oct Half Term** Leading Lights activities make a row of lanterns, all ages, **FREE.** **27.29.31 Oct** Shipwreck & Islands activity paint your own seascape, all ages, **FREE.** **28 Oct** Play Tuesdays, Light & Dark come along to play with the bright light emitted from the lighthouse & make shapes with the shadow, under 5's, **FREE.** **28.30 Oct** Family gallery tour, 6+yrs, **FREE.** **28.30 Oct** Explore the world of maps in an interactive performance with mapmaker John Speed, 7+yrs, **FREE.** [www.mma.co.uk](http://www.mma.co.uk)

**11.18.00 Imperial War Museum** Lambeth Road 020 7416 5439 **11.18 Oct** Black History event On Active Service, What were Black People doing during the first World War? Illustrated talk, **FREE.** **12.19 Oct** Black Poppies historian Stephen Bourne presents an illustrated talk about his latest book, **FREE.** **25 Oct - 2 Nov** A Poppy Field create your own poppy from paper & wire & plant it in their Poppy Field to remember those who gave their lives to protect their country, from both world wars to conflicts today. **Every Sun** Object Conservations family object handling sessions & Creative Response make a creative response to themes held within the new atrium & Terraced Galleries.

Ongoing A Family in Wartime exhibition explores the lives of William & Alice Allpress & their ten children & what life in London was like during the war. A Family in Wartime is brought to life through interactive exhibits, photographs, recorded interviews with the family, archive film footage & more, **FREE.** [www.bakeinbetter.org](http://www.bakeinbetter.org) **24-26 Oct Olympia** 020 7834 6125 The Baby Show **25 Oct BFI Southbank** 020 7928 3232 Wizards Vs Aliens: The Secret of Room, 12+yrs. **Half Term Sci-Fi Filmmaking Workshops** 8-14yrs, action packed workshops which cover everything from acting to special effects, **27.30 Oct** The Invisible Man, **28 Oct** The Black Hole, **29 Oct** E.T. workshop ticket includes film screening, **31 Oct** Little Ones' Sci-Fi Messy Time sci-fi themed workshop up to 7yrs, with animation fun aplenty

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## Spectacular Line Up For The World's Best Equine Christmas Party

**Olympia, The London International Horse Show: 16-22 December 2014**

Now it is 107th year, the hugely popular event, which takes place in the famous *Olympia Exhibition Hall*, is the end of year climax of the equestrian sports calendar. A favourite amongst horse-loving Londoners and an annual pilgrimage for the equine community, *Olympia Horse Show* hosts FEI World Cup™ competitions in Show Jumping, Dressage and Extreme Carriage Driving, as well as a feast of breath-taking equestrian displays throughout the week-long event.

This year's headline acts include the world famous *Ukrainian Cossack Stunt Team* and the magnificent *Mounted Branch of the Metropolitan Police* with their fabulous **Activity Ride**. In addition, all the old favourites which

make London's premier horse show so magical, such as the *Shetland Pony Grand National*, the *Kennel Club Dog Agility* and the nail-biting *Alteeth Christmas Puisseance* competition will be back once again to delight the 90,000 visitors expected to attend this year's show.

Away from the horses, *Olympia Horse Show* hosts a spectacular shopping village. With over 200 'non high street' shops, selling a unique range of goods from all things equestrian to fashion, jewellery, gifts, novelty items and fine art – it's

the perfect one stop shop for any last minute Christmas presents. Living up to its reputation as one of Europe's premier indoor equestrian events, *Olympia* attracts some of the best riders in the world, giving UK equestrian fans a rare treat to witness the very best professional horsemen and women from around the world. Last year, World No.1 and London 2012 Olympic Gold Medalist, *Charlotte Dujardin* smashed the world record in Dressage Freestyle and she is expected to return to London's

famous venue this year to have another attempt at breaking her own world record. Suitable for all ages, performances run twice a day during the week-long show; in the afternoons and evenings with an international equestrian competition included in each session. Tickets start at £24.50 each with discounts for groups, children and concessions applying for certain performances. For more information and to purchase tickets online visit the website [www.olympiahorseshow.com](http://www.olympiahorseshow.com) or telephone the box office on **0871 230 5580**



## Decorate your half term with mt washi masking tape

Getting creative with your children is the perfect way to bond and spend time with them this half term. It's also a great way to occupy them while you crack on with some much needed house chores or when you're having some 'you' time. The only problem with being creative is the trail of mess that it leaves behind and the clean up process afterwards.

This needn't be an issue with the decorative cut masking

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