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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 Trail handle some 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 \*  
\* SPOOKY SPIDER TRAIL \*

**thedockyard.co.uk** [@historic.chatham](https://www.facebook.com/historic.chatham)  
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A small additional charge may apply to some elements of school holiday family activities.

October 2014

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.

As well as traditional mince pies, mulled wine and roast

chestnuts, the festival boasts a huge selection of new features including a **Whiskey Arena** with a range of whiskeys and malts for sale and a **Ski Bar** serving après ski cocktails, off-piste snacks including crepes and toasts and live DJs to create a chilled out St Anton vibe. 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

to take home. A **Pudding Hall** is a haven of sweet treats with pâtisseries and chocolatiers selling eggnog tarts, marzipan bonbons and macaron; as well as a life-size **Gingerbread House** serving warm ginger beer and roasted ginger marshmallows. There are also hands-on masterclasses in cake decorating and icing, where participants can personalise eatable treats to hang on the Christmas tree at home.

Just like Christmas day there is lots of post-feasting fun to be had with entertainment throughout the day. Visitors can register their team to compete in the **Christmas**



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).

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 reindeer 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 hungry, 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



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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.

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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 five. 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  
reservas@lamangacub.com  
visit www.lamangacub.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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**Every Thurs Twickenham**  
Library Garfield Road 020  
8734 3340 Storytime session,  
under 5's, **FREE.** 2nd & 4th  
Thurs of month Tiny Tiddies  
sessions baby bounce & rhyme,  
**FREE.**

**Every Thurs Methodist**  
Church Hall High St New  
Malden Parent & toddler club,  
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learn to do some at home held  
on 3rd floor.

**Every Thurs Norbury Park**  
and Norwood Grove 020 8726  
6900 A circular walk through  
Norbury Park & Norwood  
Grove, 2-3 miles, meet at  
Norbury Train Station, 1.30pm,  
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hrs around the park to learn  
about these insects, 07968  
832508.

**Every Thurs Croydon Sports**  
College Croydon High School  
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Low intensity for mature  
exercisers.

**Every Thurs in term time**  
**Sutton Christian Centre** 020  
8642 8117 Special Stars a baby  
& toddler group for children  
with disabilities or additional  
needs, from babies to pre-  
schoolers, siblings welcome.

**Every Thurs until 18 Dec**  
**Hook & Chessington Library** 020  
8547 6480 Rhymetime with  
songs & rhymes followed by  
half an hour of playtime, 10.30-  
11.15am, **FREE.** **Every Thurs**  
until 16 Dec Get back to work  
group with help filling in online  
application forms, CV's & basic  
computer skills, 3-4.30 p.m.,  
**FREE.**

**Every Wed & Sun East Sheen**  
Library Sheen Lane London  
SW14 8LP 020 8734 3337  
Storytime session, under 5's,  
**FREE.** 3rd Wed of the month  
Chatterbooks reading group, 8-  
9yrs, 4.30pm, **FREE.** 1st & 3rd  
Thurs of month Tiny Tiddies  
sessions baby bounce & rhyme,  
**FREE.**

**Every Thurs Cheam Leisure**  
Centre Cheam 020 8770 4830  
Street Dance lessons for boys &  
girls 10-15yrs.

**Every Thurs Caterham Hill**  
Library [www.surrey.gov.uk/](http://www.surrey.gov.uk/)

group, 8-9yrs, 4.20pm, **FREE.**  
1st Thurs of month Tiny Tiddies  
sessions baby bounce & rhyme,  
**FREE.**

**Every Fri Kew Library**  
Storytime session, under 5's,  
**FREE.**

**Every Fri Christ Church**  
Coombe Road 020 8241 9423  
Toddler Group for under 5's,  
9.45-11.15am.

**Every Fri King Malden Baptist**  
Church Kingston Road New  
Malden 8942 6912 Tadpoles  
parent & toddler group.

**Every Fri Bradmore Green**  
Library Old Coulson 020  
8726 6000 X64952 Bookstart  
Rhymetime for babies &  
toddlers, Wiggle & Jiggle, 2-  
4yrs. **Every Mon** Storytime 2  
½yrs & Chatterbooks reading  
group for 8-11yrs. **Fortnightly**  
**Every Sat** Rhymetime, **FREE.**

**Every Fri Broad Green**  
Library 020 8726 6900  
Bookstart Rhymetime 0-5yrs.  
**Fortnightly** on Sat Rock &  
Rhyme for pre-school children.

**Every Wed Artz Crafty**  
computers drop in sessions for  
under 5's, parents & carers,  
**FREE.**

**Every Fri South Norwood**  
Library 020 8726 6900  
Bookstart Rhymetime for babies  
& toddlers. **Every Tues** Wiggle  
& Jiggle, 2-4yrs. **Alternate Sat**  
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**FREE.**

**Every Fri Norbury Library**  
020 8726 6900 Bookstart  
Rhymetime. **Every Thurs**  
Wiggle & Jiggle. **Alternate**  
Sat Rock & Rhyme followed  
by Storytime. **Last Fri of each**  
month **Chatter Books** reading  
group for 8-12yrs, **FREE.**

**Every Fri Waddon Ponds &**  
**Wandle Park** 020 8656 5947  
Circular walk through Waddon  
Ponds & Wandle Park, 2-3  
miles, meet outside Lidl, 11am,  
**FREE.**

**Every Fri morn Running**  
**Club** 07936 240937 A mixed  
group consisting mainly, but  
not restricted to mothers with  
children in school, meet at  
9.50am in the Pembroke Lodge  
car park for a run of between 3 &  
4 miles. Social group of runners  
with no pressure on ability, new  
runners more than welcome.

3rd & 4th Sat of the month  
**Norbiton Children's Centre**  
Queen Elizabeth's  
Wandle Park 020 8409 4400  
Oct Fungus Day Walks. 25  
Oct-20 Nov The Yolk Show:  
Bizarre Bodies delve deep  
into skeletons & sinews, guts  
& gizzards, organs & oddities  
with fun demonstrations &  
plenty of audience participation,  
admission to the show is **FREE.**  
with paid admission to the  
Centre. Directly after the show  
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objects such as preserved  
creepy crawlies, snake skins  
& bird skulls. **Half Term** Daily  
Nature Crafts sessions make  
your own gory creation, create

020 8734 3356 Storytime  
session, under 5's, **FREE.**  
**Last Tues of each month** Tiny  
Teddies sessions baby bounce  
& rhyme, **FREE.**

**Every Sat Wimbledon Park**  
**Free-standing Gazebo behind**  
**the reedings & watersports centre.**  
Volleyball outside sessions for  
all levels for local residents  
in Wimbledon & Merton,  
**FREE** from 10-12pm, [info@wimbledonvolleyballclub.com](mailto:info@wimbledonvolleyballclub.com),  
[www.gospike.net](http://www.gospike.net).

**Every Sat The Green Dragon**  
58-60 High Street Croydon  
020 8667 0684 Storytime for  
families 3-7yrs, drop in 2hr  
session with stories, puppets,  
arts activities & songs, **FREE.**

**Every Sat morn Canbury Park**  
**Gardens** Kingston Fitness  
in the Gardens low impact  
outdoor cardio exercise for all  
with power walking, jogging  
& stretching, 10-11am, **FREE.**  
[info@AHM-Glo.com](mailto:info@AHM-Glo.com).

**First Sat of every month New**  
**Malden Children's Centre**  
Barnington Road New Malden  
020 8336 1561 Saturdays Group  
with breakfast & fun activities  
for dads/male carers & their  
children up to 5yrs. **Every Mon**  
3 Sat Play 10-18mths

**3 Sat Littlehead Woods**  
Selsdon 020 8726 6900 Night  
Time wander see if you can find  
a badger or find bats hunting in  
the night sky, meet at entrance  
at 7 p.m for 1 ½ hr family event,  
[www.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.croydon.gov.uk)

**6-7 Oct Yvonne Arnaud**  
**Theatre** k Guildford 01483  
440000 Eric and Little Ern.  
11 Oct Just So Stories, 4yrs.  
12 Oct Sheila Hancock: Miss  
Carter's War. 18 Oct Doty the  
Dragon, 3-7yrs. 31 Oct Around  
the World in 80 Days 7yrs

**8 Oct-8 Feb Polka Theatre**  
240 Wimbledon 020 8543 4888  
Grandad, Me ... and Teddy  
Too, 2-5yrs. **Until 12 Oct** We're  
Going on a Bear Hunt, 3-7yrs.  
16 Oct-1 Nov Flat Stanley, 5-  
10yrs. [www.polkatheatre.co.uk](http://www.polkatheatre.co.uk)

**11-14 Sept Warren House**  
Kingston 020 8547 1777 Open  
Day with tours of the house,  
[www.heritageopenpays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopenpays.org.uk)

**12 Oct Rural Life Centre**  
Farnham 01252 795571 Land  
Rover Day [www.rural-life.org.uk](http://www.rural-life.org.uk)

**12 Oct London Wetland**  
Centre Queen Elizabeth's  
Wandle Park 020 8409 4400  
Oct Fungus Day Walks. 25  
Oct-20 Nov The Yolk Show:  
Bizarre Bodies delve deep  
into skeletons & sinews, guts  
& gizzards, organs & oddities  
with fun demonstrations &  
plenty of audience participation,  
admission to the show is **FREE.**  
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your own scientific specimen.  
**25-26 Oct** Adventures with  
monsters & myths. 2 Nov  
Winter birdwatching walk. **Until**  
19 Oct Incredible Journeys start  
your own journey in the theatre  
& take in awe inspiring images  
& facts on the big screen, trace  
animals' migratory routes on a  
maxi map & lots more, **FREE.**  
with paid admission, [www.wwt.org.uk/london](http://www.wwt.org.uk/london).

**12 Oct Wandle Park** 020 8726  
6000 X 64952 Ghosts along  
the Wandle join Tom Smith  
& investigate spooky legends  
around the river, walking from  
Wandle Park to Beddington  
& back, bring a torch. 19 Oct  
Wildflowers for Wandle Park  
children, join the Friends as they  
prepare the banks of the river Wandle  
for sowing wildflowers, this is your  
chance to brighten up the river  
banks [www.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.croydon.gov.uk)

**12 Oct Selsdon Wood Nature**  
**Reserve** Old Farleigh Road  
Selsdon 020 8726 6900  
Autumn Fungi & Fruit, enjoy  
the autumnal delights - meet  
at 10a.m by the hear, [www.friendsofselsdonwood.org.uk](http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.org.uk)

**13 Sept County Hall Kingston**  
Heritage Open Day, [www.heritageopenpays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopenpays.org.uk)

**17 Oct Happy Valley** 020  
8726 6900 An easy paced hill  
walk to spot seeds & berries  
& to enjoy the changing leaf  
colours, meet at 10 a.m in  
Farthing Downs car park. 19  
Oct Jungle Explorer join the  
rangers to discover the history  
& wildlife of some of the hidden  
areas of Happy Valley, walk  
covers some steep, uneven  
ground, 1 ½ hr walk,  
[www.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.croydon.gov.uk)

**18 Oct Sanderson**  
**Whyleeale Countryside Wood**  
07766 421236 Family Autumn  
Afternoon a wander over the  
fields, and look for edible fungi  
& nuts, mini beasts & make a  
leaf crown while sitting round  
the campfire, families, 5yrs.

**18 Oct-20 Nov Royal Botanic**  
**Gardens Kew** 020 7222 1234  
Deadly & Disgusting Plants &  
Fungi, with various activities  
on offer, The Peril of the Poisonous  
Plant follow clues throughout the  
gardens & solve plant riddles &  
puzzles. A Spoonful of Science  
twice weekly workshops.

**30 Oct Kingston Library**  
Wheatfield Way Kingston 020  
8547 6438 Spooky storytelling  
& families can hear about  
Kingston's ghostly past, **FREE.**  
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where a zip wire symbolises a  
pollinating bee.

**19 Oct Painhill Park**  
Painhill Court, Cobham  
01932 868113 Fungi Foray. 27-  
31 Oct Wild Halloween Craft,  
8-13yrs. [www.painhill.co.uk](http://www.painhill.co.uk)

**27 Oct Seombe Theatre**  
Cheam Road Sutton 020 8770  
6990 Sing a Song in Sutton for  
children 3-5yrs. 27 Oct Sutton  
with paid admission, a workshop  
for children 6-10yrs, working  
with percussion instruments  
recorders & drums to create &  
perform a story about walking  
through a spooky wood with  
ghouls & goblins & things that  
go bump in the night. 28 Oct  
Baby Disco & Toddlers Ball,  
6mths-3yrs, 2-5yrs. 28 Oct Hip  
Hop for beginners, workshops  
introducing moves & steps in  
hip hop, 6-10yrs. 29 Oct Spooky  
Tales, a story writing workshop,  
8-11yrs. 29 Oct Create A Hero,  
hear stories of the Great War  
then draw, stick & colour a  
hero to take home, 6-9yrs, part  
of The Big Draw campaign  
for drawing. 30 Oct Acting  
with workshop based on Road  
Dahl's The Witches, 8-11yrs, &  
Acting Workshop based in &  
around a haunted house, 12-15yrs. 31 Oct  
Pumpkin Time create your own  
spooky Halloween crafts, 5-8  
yrs & Halloween Story Time  
spooky stories for kids, 5-8yrs,  
[www.suttontheatre.co.uk](http://www.suttontheatre.co.uk)

**29 Oct Wallington Hall** 020  
8770 4644 Music & Dance  
family fun for mums, dads,  
grandparents & their pre-school  
children. 31 Oct Halloween  
Story Time, spooky stories with  
special effects told by Grant  
Koper, actor & ghost whisperer,  
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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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#### 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

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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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## 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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**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** **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.

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**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**

The world's biggest equestrian Christmas party, **Olympia, The London International Horse Show: 16-22 December 2014**, with a brand new line-up, showcasing the very best horsemanship from around the world.

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

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