

Solihull Parents' Network

Autumn 2023 Family Events



Images courtesy of (from clockwise) West Midland Safari Park, Art at the Heart CIC, Castle Bromwich Hall & Gardens and Kenilworth Castle

Solihull Family Information Service

Call: 0800 389 8667

Email: familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk

Web: www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo

Balsall Common Library

283 Kenilworth Road, Balsall Common CV7 7EL

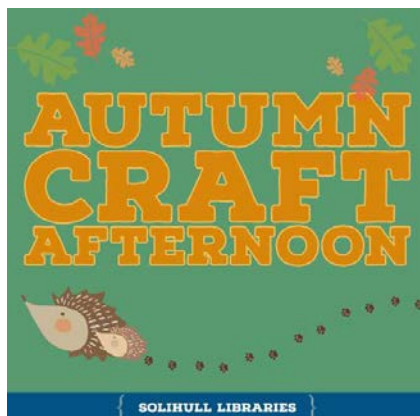
Spooktacular Halloween Craft Drop In

Children and their families are invited to drop into the library for free Spooky Craft Sessions on Halloween. You will be able to choose from a selection of creepy crafts.

Age: 4 to 11 years
 Dates: Tuesday 31 October
 Times: 10.15am to 12.30pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 01676 532590
 Email: balsallcommonlibrary@solihull.gov.uk
 Website: www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries



Autumn Craft Afternoon



Drop in and relax at Balsall Common Library with a range of children's autumn-themed crafting activities.

Age: 4 to 11 years
 Dates: Thursday 2 November
 Times: 2.15pm to 4.15pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 01676 532590
 Email: balsallcommonlibrary@solihull.gov.uk
 Website: www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries

Board Games Celebration Morning

Join us for a relaxed morning playing classic board games for grown-ups and young adults at the library to celebrate International Games Month.

Age: 13 years and above with family
 Dates: Saturday 4 November
 Times: 10.15am to 12.15pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 01676 532590
 Email: balsallcommonlibrary@solihull.gov.uk
 Website: www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries



Castle Bromwich Library

Hurst Lane North, Castle Bromwich B36 0EY

Spooky Halloween Fun (3 to 5 years)

Join us for a spooky story, rhymes and make a friendly Halloween bat to take home.

Please note: booking is essential, as places are limited.

Age: 3 to 5 years (must be accompanied by an adult)
Dates: Monday 30 October
Times: 10.30am to 11.30am
Cost: Free
Contact: 0121 747 3708
Email: libraries@solihull.gov.uk
Website: www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries

Spooky Halloween Fun (6 to 8 years)

Come along and join us for some Halloween fun. Make a spooky sun catcher to hang in your window. There will also be lots of colouring and activity sheets to take home with you.

Please note: booking is essential, as places are limited.

Age: 6 to 8 years (must be accompanied by an adult)
Dates: Monday 30 October
Times: 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Cost: Free
Contact: 0121 747 3708
Email: libraries@solihull.gov.uk
Website: www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries

Chelmsley Wood Library

10 West Mall, Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre, Chelmsley Wood B37 5TN

Spooky Crafts

A spooky themed craft table for children and families to drop in and use to create their own paper plate monsters, pumpkins and scarecrows to take home.

Age: All ages (with adult supervision)
Date: Monday 30 October
Times: 10am to 12pm and 2pm to 4pm
Cost: Free
Contact: 0121 788 4380
Email: libraries@solihull.gov.uk
Website: www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries



Early Years Music Session

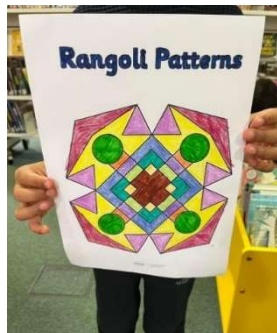
Learn new songs and sing along to familiar ones whilst playing percussion instruments and dancing to the music.

Age: Ideally suited to under 5s (but everyone is welcome to join the fun)
Dates: Tuesday 7 November and Tuesday 5 December
Times: 11.45am to 12.15pm
Cost: Free
Contact: 0121 788 4380
Email: libraries@solihull.gov.uk
Website: www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries

Dickens Heath Library

Old Dickens Heath Road, Solihull B90 1SD

Half Term Halloween Drop-in Craft Activities



Celebrate Halloween with us over half term week. Drop in for some spooky craft activities! Booking not required.

Age: 3 years and above
 Dates: Saturday 28 October to Saturday 4 November
 Times: During normal opening hours
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 0121 744 6078
 Email: libraries@solihull.gov.uk
 Website: www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries

Diwali Drop-in Craft Activities

Celebrate Diwali with us with some drop-in crafts. Make and decorate a Diwali lantern and decorate some colourful rangoli patterns! Booking not required.

Age: All ages
 Dates: Saturday 11 November to Saturday 18 November
 Times: During normal opening hours
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 0121 744 6078
 Email: libraries@solihull.gov.uk
 Website: www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries



Half Term Remembrance Day Poppy Craft Activity

We would love to decorate the library with poppies to mark Remembrance Sunday on 12 November.



Beginning during half term, there will be poppy templates on the colouring table for you to decorate. These will be displayed in the library and then moved to our outside noticeboard to be visible during Dickens Heath's Remembrance Day service.



Age: All ages
 Dates: Saturday 28 October to Thursday 9 November
 Times: During normal opening hours
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 0121 744 6078
 Email: libraries@solihull.gov.uk
 Website: www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries

Kingshurst Library

Marston Drive, Kingshurst B37 6BD

Spooky Halloween Fun

Come along and enjoy making some spooky bat crafts. There will also be lots of colouring and activity sheets to take home with you.

Please note: booking is essential, as places are limited.

Age: 4 to 8 years (must be accompanied by an adult)
Dates: Tuesday 31 October
Times: 10.30am to 12.30pm
Cost: Free
Contact: 0121 770 3451
Email: libraries@solihull.gov.uk
Website: www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries

Knowle Library

Chester House, 1667-1669 High Street, Knowle, Solihull B93 0LL



A Halloween-themed poster for a craft activity. The background is dark purple with a large full moon, several black bats flying, and a spiderweb with a spider. The text 'HALLOWEEN CRAFT ACTIVITY' is written in large, orange and white letters. Below this, the dates 'Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st October' and times '10-1pm and 2-4pm' are listed. The Knowle Library logo is in the center, with 'NO BOOKING REQUIRED' underneath. Contact information 'Contact us: 01564 775840' is provided. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a witch, a vampire, a ghost, a jack-o'-lantern, and a skull. The Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council logo is in the bottom right corner.

**HALLOWEEN
CRAFT ACTIVITY**

★ Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st October
10-1pm and 2-4pm

KNOWLE LIBRARY
NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Contact us: 01564 775840

Solihull
METROPOLITAN
BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Core Library

Homer Road, Solihull B91 3RG

Under the Little Red Moon



Our story begins with a red moon rising. But why is the moon red? Now it's turned blue and it's crying. Do the ladybirds know why? Perhaps the little pond can tell us? Or maybe the rabbits have the answer...

Join Lulu, Monty and their friend Tom on a vibrant and colourful journey in English Touring Opera's new opera for babies exploring the development of language with the help of music and movement, composed by Russell Hepplewhite.

Please book a place for your little one only, an accompanying adult will automatically be included.

Age: 6 to 24 months
Date: Wednesday 25 October
Times: 2pm to 2.45pm
Cost: Free
Contact: 0121 704 6965
Email: libraries@solihull.gov.uk
Website: www.tinyurl.com/5n7hxcpk

Fun with Phonics – Explore Learning Workshop

Support your child with reading skills. Come and join our bespoke phonics workshop. During the session we will cover sounds, blending, segmenting and confidence in learning phonics!

Helping prepare your child for their Phonics development this October!

Age: 4 to 5 years
Date: Tuesday 31 October
Times: 11am to 12pm
Cost: Free
Contact: Booking via below website or by calling 0121 704 6965
Email: libraries@solihull.gov.uk
Website: www.solihull.spydus.co.uk



Island Movements: Dance Workshop

Island Movements workshop is an accompaniment to the Island Movements performance and comprises of a brief introduction to the history of black dancers in British ballet, a chance for some of the workshop participants to show us their dance moves, a book reading and an introductory dance practical session.

ISLAND MOVEMENTS

Black British Ballet brings you an epic tale of the lives of a Windrush family



Join us for a short, moving ballet that tells the story of a young soldier in WW2, following him and his family through their life in the UK.



Age: All families
 Date: Wednesday 1 November
 Times: 12.30pm to 1.30pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 0121 704 6965
 Email: libraries@solihull.gov.uk
 Website: <https://tinyurl.com/akyubfbu>

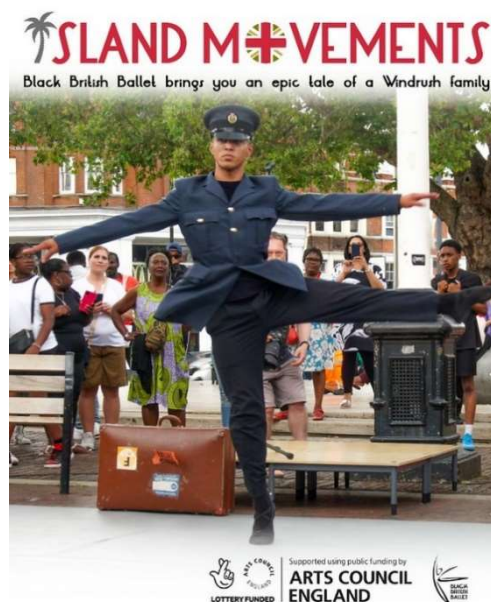
Island Movements: An epic tale of one family from the Windrush generation

Island Movements is a short ballet that tells the story of Windrush and explores the impact of this generation's experiences on their families, communities and society.

Beginning with a young Caribbean soldier in WW2 Britain, this moving tale follows him and his family through their life in the UK up to the current Windrush scandal. The 30 minute show will be followed by a Q&A with the dancers and creators.

If you've never seen a ballet before, then this is the one for you!

Age: All families
 Date: Wednesday 1 November
 Times: 2pm to 2.45pm
 Cost: Free
 Contact: 0121 704 6965
 Email: libraries@solihull.gov.uk
 Website: www.tinyurl.com/muxj8beh



North Solihull Sports Centre
Conway Road, Fordbridge, Birmingham B37 5LA

North Solihull Sports Centre

OCTOBER HALF TERM * OCTOBER HALF TERM * OCTOBER HALF TERM

SWIMMING LESSON CRASH COURSES

Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November 2023 (excluding Wednesday 1st November 2023)

08:30AM	Stage 1 pre school	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri	£25.80
09:00AM	Stage 1	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri	£25.80
09:30AM	Stage 2	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri	£25.80
10:00AM	Stage 2 7+	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri	£25.80
10:30AM	Stage 3	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri	£25.80
11:00AM	Stage 4	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri	£25.80

Confirm your place by booking at Reception today

SWIMMING LESSON CRASH COURSES

OCTOBER HALF TERM * OCTOBER HALF TERM * OCTOBER HALF TERM

North Solihull Sports Centre, Conway Road, Chelmsley Wood, Solihull B37 5LA





EVERYONE

LET'S CELEBRATE

**NORTH SOLIHULL SPORTS CENTRE
PLAY, LEARN, AND CELEBRATE WITH US!**

SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2023, 1^{PM} - 4^{PM}

Local organisations are coming together to showcase the great work they do in our area and will be delivering a variety of sports and physical activities. Whether you're an enthusiast or a newbie, there's something for everyone!

Why attend?

- Discover new hobbies and interests
- Meet new friends and connect with your community
- Learn about the amazing organisations making a difference in our area
- Have a day of fun and physical activity

*To access the free activities, customers must register for, or already be in the possession of, a free Everyone Active card. See web book site.



NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST TURN UP ON THE DAY.

Find out more at www.everyoneactive.com/NorthSolihull



North Solihull Sports Centre
Cotsway Road, Solihull, B37 6LA



Everyone Active manages these facilities in partnership with Solihull Borough Council

Planet Ice Solihull

Hobs Moat Road, Solihull B92 8JN



3 or 5 Day Learn to Skate Camps

Our 3 or 5 Day Camps are designed for beginners who are looking to learn how to skate or those that want to improve their skills on the ice.



Our camps include a 30 minute group lesson, breakfast and a hot drink meal deal and public skate after your lesson to practice your skills.

If you are looking for additional training experience towards your Skate Excellence grades 1 to 8, then please talk to a member of staff, who can advise which course would be right for you.

Age: Adults and children of all ages
Dates/Times: Monday to Friday (throughout half-term)
Times: Please see website
Cost: £56 per 3 day course
£71 per 5 day course
Contact: Pre-book your 3 or 5 day camps via our website or by calling 0121 742 5561
Email: solihull@planet-ice.co.uk
Website: www.planet-ice.co.uk

October Half-Term Public Ice Skating

Our public ice skating sessions continue to run throughout the October half-term. Whether you're a seasoned skater or a newcomer looking to experience the joy of gliding on ice. Planet Ice Solihull is the place to be. Join us for a day of ice skating fun and create wonderful memories with your loved ones. See you on the ice!



Please note: all sessions must be pre-booked online.

We have exciting news for all ice card members! Double discounts are making a comeback just in time for the October half-term. It's the perfect opportunity to make the most of your ice card benefits and have a blast on the ice with friends and family.

Age: Adults and children of all ages
Dates/Times: Friday 27 October to Monday 6 November (open all year around)
Times: Please see website

Stay Active

Cost: £14.20 per person (non-Ice Card Members)
£11.80 per person (Ice Card Members)
Please note: members receive double discounts this summer holiday,
saving £4.80 off public ice skating

Contact: Pre-book your tickets via our website or for more details call 0121 742 5561
Email: solihull@planet-ice.co.uk
Website: www.planet-ice.co.uk

Halloween Disco

Get ready to boogie and glide at our spook-tacular 'Boo-gie Night Halloween Disco' at Planet Ice! Join us for a frightfully fun night of ice skating and amazing costumes!



Take advantage of our spook-tacular 2 for 1 Ice Skating offer available exclusively online! Book now and bring a friend for a chillingly good time on the ice!

Don your most BOO-tiful Halloween costumes and compete for the title of Best Costume! Show off your creativity and you might just take home a fang-tastic prize!

Date: Friday 27 October
Cost: Hurry and book your tickets online
Email: solihull@planet-ice.co.uk
Website: www.planet-ice.co.uk

Diwali Festival and Lantern Parade 2023

Produced by Art at the Heart CIC



Celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Light with a series of family-friendly and creative activities that have been shaped with the local community (over 5 years) to bring good luck for the upcoming year.

Website: www.artattheheartcic.org/diwali-2023-shadows-lights-and-lantern-parade/

Family Fun Day

The Core, Theatre Square, Solihull B91 3RG

A full day of arts and crafts activities including decorating giant community lanterns, giant rangoli pattern making, shadow puppet making, making individual lanterns for the parade and new this year “The Diwali Dome”!

Please see website for full programme and to book your tickets.



Age: All families
Date: Thursday 2 November
Times: 10am to 12.30pm (am session)
1.30pm to 4pm (pm session)
Cost: £3 per person
£10 per family ticket
(2 adults and 2 children)
£3 per child (3 to 16 years)

Family Craft Activities

Atrium, Touchwood, Solihull B91 3GJ

Help decorate the giant community lanterns, see “The Diwali Dome” and decorate giant rangoli. Please note: limited capacity at any one time

Age: All welcome
Date: Sunday 5 November
Times: 11am to 4pm
Cost: Free drop-in activities

“Sari, Sari Night” Lantern Parade

The Core, Theatre Square, Solihull B91 3RG

Meet at The Core (Studio) at 5.30pm and parade through the town/Touchwood (if it's wet)... and return to The Core.

Dress up! Glow up! And join the Sari Sari Night Lantern Parade through town. Music, dancers, dhol drummers finishing up at The Core where Diwali refreshments will be available from the Encore Café.

Age: All welcome
Date: Thursday 9 November
Times: 5.30pm (at The Core)
Cost: Free to take part in parade

Register for the parade with a free ticket here:

www.artattheheartcic.org/diwali-2023-shadows-lights-and-lantern-parade/

Diwali 2023 Art Competition

Take part in our Diwali art competition for the chance to win prizes worth up to £450!

Make a piece of Diwali inspired art and you could see it in the Diwali exhibition in the Courtyard Gallery at The Core throughout the festival.

Age: 7 to 13 years
Date: Deadline to submit entries
Thursday 2 November



See further details here:

www.artattheheartcic.org/diwali-2023-art-competition-and-schools-groups-information/

Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens
Chester Road, Castle Bromwich, Solihull B36 9BT



Castle Bromwich
Hall Gardens

Days Out

The Gardens Half-Term Week

The Gardens are open every day over half term week. The 10 acres of formal gardens plus the (free) 30 acres of Local Nature Reserve is a great place for young nature explorers and their grown-ups to roam. There are small self-guided trails, things to spot – including three Lego animals hidden in the trees – mud kitchen, leaves to make patterns with etc. Ideal for children up to about 11 years to find their inner nature detective.

Age: Families
Dates: Saturday 28 October to Sunday 5 November
Times: 10.30am to 4.30pm
Cost: £5/£4.50 per adult,
£3 per child (3 to 16 years)
Website: www.castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk

Woodland Wizards

The woods are alive with magic...Why not come down and train as a Wizard's apprentice, make your own wand, create strange and mythical creatures, mix bubbling potions. Plus feel free to dress as your favourite witch or wizard if you wish.



Age: 3 to 9 years
Dates: Wednesday 1 November and Thursday 2 November
Times: 10am to 12pm or 1pm to 3pm (1 Nov)
10am to 12pm (2 Nov)
Cost: Please visit website for details and entry costs. Tickets must be booked in advance online
Website: www.castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk

Family Bushcraft



Family Bushcraft afternoon workshop. Join us for a family friendly introduction to bushcraft, including shelter building, fire lighting and much more will be covered in this workshop.

Test yourself against the elements and learn bushcraft skills this autumn.

- Age: Families with children aged 6 to 15 years
Dates: Friday 3 November
Times: 12.30pm to 3pm
Cost: Please visit website for details and entry costs. Tickets must be booked in advance online
Website: www.castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk

Stratford Town Walk

Award-winning daily guided walking tour around historic Stratford upon Avon to discover Stratford, its history, attractions and fascinating relationship with William Shakespeare. 'It's like walking through the pages of history' A 'must do'.

Walk in Shakespeare's footsteps through the ancient town, passing Shakespeare's Birthplace, New Place, Hall's Croft, Harvard House, the Royal Shakespeare Theatres, River Avon, a range of architectural gems, the Guild Chapel, Shakespeare's Schoolroom and Guildhall and Holy Trinity Church.

Hear fascinating stories of fire, flood, plague, medieval medical cures, old fashioned sayings and history, wrapped up in a little Shakespeare. Discover favourite tea houses, pubs, shops and restaurants. Don't forget your camera.

Age: All ages
 Dates/Times: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (11am)
 Saturday (11am and 2pm)
 Christmas Day (10.30am)
 Cost: £10 per adult
 £5 per child (8 to 15 years)
 Under 8's free



Stratford Ghost Walk

Award-winning evening Ghost Walk in Stratford upon Avon.

Walk around the 'haunted' streets to discover the ancient creaky buildings seeping with sinister stories of ghosts, witches, murder and misery.

The costumed guides are professional entertainers and deliver the tour in their own unique style.

Age: 8 years and above (not suitable for children under 8 years)
 Dates/Times: Every Saturday at 7.30pm and Halloween Ghost Walk (Tuesday 31 October)
 Cost: £10 per adult
 £5 per child (8 to 15 years)

Please note: for both the Stratford Town Walk and Stratford Ghost Walk fee includes exclusive discounts at selected shops, restaurants, pubs, coffee shops and attractions.

Contact: Pre-book your tickets online or phone 07855 760377
 Email: stratfordtownwalk@btinternet.com
 Website: www.stratfordtownwalk.co.uk

Solihull Town Centre

Mell Square, Solihull

Solihull Spooktacular 2023

Get into the spirit of Halloween and join us in the town centre for our amazing Spooktacular – free for all.

We've got plenty of roaming **street entertainment** on hand to make sure your visit is one you won't be forgetting in a hurry!

If you ain't afraid of no ghosts, you'll be in good company as **Ghostbusters characters** will be joining us and bringing the famous **Ghostbusters car** with them.

You can then watch on in amazement as **Day of the Dead gliding characters** and **Pumpkin stilt walkers** entertain the crowds in Solihull.



Zombie lovers, we've got something for you too! **Zombie dancers** are bringing a sense of the apocalypse to the town centre with **free face painters** also on hand to make children look extra scary! Available on a first come, first served basis.

Don't forget to **join our free VIP Kids Club** whilst you're here and collect a **free Freddie Frankenstein keyring** to add to your collection!

All of our visitors will then join us for the **Halloween Parade** around the town centre at 3.30pm! This is the perfect time to show off those amazing costumes and help us create an eerily spooky atmosphere around Solihull! **We can't wait to see all of the amazing Halloween outfits** following

behind our hair-raising characters.

The day doesn't end there! Before and after the parade, we'll have a **Children's Halloween Spooky Disco in Mell Square** starting from 1pm so you can really make a day of it. Get into the spirit of Halloween and join us in the town centre for our amazing Spooktacular – free for all!

Don't forget to take part in our **Halloween Trail** too during half term. Ten of our brilliant town centre businesses want to invite you into their premises to collect one of our special Halloween stickers!

Pop into each of the ten venues, pick up your unique **free** sticker in each and then stick them into the spaces provided. Watch the page come to life as you complete your collection and bring the scene to life!



You can then enter our competition to be in with a chance of winning a £200 gift card to spend at Toys 'R' Us inside WH Smiths in Mell Square! Pick up a Halloween booklet to get going (available at the Touchwood Information Desk and at the event on Saturday 28th).

Age: All ages

Dates/Times: Halloween event... Saturday 28 October (12pm onwards)

Halloween Trail... Saturday 28 October – Sunday 5 November

Times: 12pm onwards (Halloween event)

Cost: Free

Email: info@solihullbid.co.uk

Website: www.solihullbid.co.uk/event/solihull-spooktacular/



Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan Garden

Castle Green, Off Castle Rd, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 1NE

Halloween Half-Term at Kenilworth Castle

Grab your broomsticks and get ready for a bewitchingly brilliant day out. Follow the quest to solve creepy clues and gather round to listen to spooky stories.

Age: All families
Dates: Friday 27 October to Friday 3 November
Times: 10am to 4pm
Cost: Please see website



Ghost Tales at Kenilworth Castle



Experience Kenilworth Castle after dark this Halloween. Join our historic storytellers on a journey through the past with tales of ghosts, supernatural sightings and horrors from history.

Over 16s only and don't forget to bring a torch – things are going to get dark...

Age: 16 years and above
Dates: Friday 27 October,
Saturday 28 October
Tuesday 31 October
Times: 6pm, 6.30pm, 7pm, 7.30pm, 8pm and 8.30pm
Cost: Please see website
Website: www.englishheritage.org.uk/visit/places/kenilworth-castle

West Midland Safari Park
Bewdley, Worcestershire DY12 1LF



Days Out

Spooky Spectacular

Visit West Midland Safari Park for their frightfully fun Spooky Spectacular event!



The Park will be brimming with Halloween decorations and hundreds of pumpkins in the impressive Pumpkin Patch. The excitable pumpkin-scarecrow character, 'Patch', will be returning to greet guests and have his picture taken with them!

There will also be the introduction of a new character; Mitzy Monster, who will be hosting a brand-new show in half term only (from 28th October)!



Mitzy and Patch will be joined by their creators – the silly scientists, who will also be entertaining guests throughout the day.

Spooky explorers will also need to help locate the missing potion ingredients in the free Spooky Trail, to win a delicious treat!

- Age: All ages
Dates: Saturday 21 October to Sunday 5 November
Times: For braver guests, the Park will be open until the later time of 8pm on 28th and 29th October only, so families can enjoy a spooky evening of rides and dinosaurs in the dark! Please see website for opening times.
Cost: Admission tickets purchased online will also include the Free Return Offer, so you can get free entry to come back again within six months on selected dates. Please see website for full details.
Email: info@wmssp.co.uk
Website: www.wmssp.co.uk

Solihull Roundtable Fireworks 2023

Tudor Grange Park, Solihull

Date: Saturday 4 November
Times: 4.30pm to 9pm
Website: www.facebook.com/SolihullRoundTableFireworks/?locale=en_GB

Dippy in Coventry: The Nation's Favourite Dinosaur

Herbert Art Gallery and Museum, Jordan Well, Coventry CV1 5QP

Dippy the dinosaur is a life-size, plaster-of-paris replica of a Diplodocus carnegii skeleton. It was gifted to the Natural History Museum by Andrew Carnegie and was first put on display in May 1905.



It quickly became a star, capturing hearts and imaginations, and went on to complete a whirlwind tour of the UK in 2017.



After a brief return home to London, Dippy has now settled down in Coventry.

The nation's favourite dinosaur is free to visit – book now (via website) for a roar-some day out!

Please note: Booking in advance to see Dippy is highly recommended, as we are anticipating a high level of demand, especially during school holidays and weekends.

Times: 10am to 4pm (Monday to Saturday)
12pm to 4pm (Sundays)
Cost: Free
Email: dippyincoventry@cvlife.co.uk
Website: www.dippyincoventry.co.uk

Baddesley Clinton

Rising Lane, Baddesley Clinton, Warwickshire B93 0DQ

Black Cat Trail

How many cats can you spot at Baddesley Clinton this October? Prowl through the gardens and spot feline friends along the way. Don't forget to take an autumnal photo at the pumpkin selfie station.



Age: All ages
 Dates: Saturday 28 October to Sunday 5 November
 Times: 10am to 3.30pm
 Cost: Normal admission applies (see website). Trails £3.50 per person
 Contact: 01564 783294
 Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/warwickshire/baddesley-clinton

Coughton Court

Alcester, Warwickshire B49 5JA



Halloween Trail

Join us for a family friendly Halloween trail around the grounds, seek out spooky shapes lurking in the garden and learn some fascinating facts. Ask at the Welcome Centre on arrival and don't forget to bring your wellies.

Age: All ages
 Dates: Sunday 29 October to Sunday 5 November
 Times: 11am to 3.30pm
 Cost: Normal admission applies (see website)
 Contact: 01789 400777
 Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/warwickshire/coughton-court

Packwood House

Packwood Lane, Lapworth, Warwickshire B94 6AT

Pumpkin Trail

This October half term solve the Packwood House mystery of the missing pumpkins. Who's been stealing our gardeners' pumpkins? Wonder along the woodland trail, to solve clues to discover the pumpkin thief and claim your reward.



Age: All ages
Dates: Saturday 28 October to Sunday 5 November
Times: 9.30am to 3.30pm
Cost: Normal admission applies (see website)
Contact: 01564 782024
Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/warwickshire/packwood-house

National SEA LIFE Centre Birmingham

The Water's Edge, Eleven Brindley Place, Birmingham B1 2HL

Ascarium: Tricks & Treats

This October enjoy spooky family fun as you explore the National SEA LIFE Centre!

Follow an immersive trail to help the witches and warlocks find their missing potion ingredients and discover some of the spookiest creatures of the sea as you explore our underwater world!

Make your way to the witch's lair where they will cast their spell to open the treasure chest revealing a special reward!

Age: Spooky fun for families with children
Cost: Please see website
Dates: Sunday 8 October to Sunday 5 November
Website: www.visitsealife.com/birmingham

Spooky Sharks After Dark

Join us for a jaw-some spooky experience after dark this Halloween at Sharks After Dark.

Get a private tour of the aquarium after it's closed to the general public and immerse yourself in this one-of-a-kind, spellbinding experience. See website for more details.

Age: For groups of up to 6 people
 Cost: VIP visit (see website)
 Dates: Selected dates (see website)
 Website: www.visitsealife.com/birmingham

Birmingham Hippodrome... Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – The Musical

Escape to a world of pure imagination with Roald Dahl's Charlie and The Chocolate Factory – The Musical.

Based on the iconic story, this spectacular stage show follows the hit West End and Broadway productions to combine the memorable songs from the original 1970's motion picture with all new numbers from the multi award-winning songwriters of Hairspray.

Age: 7 years and above (no under 3s admitted)
 Cost: Tickets from £22
 Dates: Tuesday 17 October to Sunday 5 November
 Times: Please see website for details
 Website: www.birminghamhippodrome.com

Frankfurt Christmas Market Birmingham

Birmingham's Frankfurt Christmas Market is a firm fixture in the city's annual calendar and a massive favourite with both residents and visitors to the city from across the UK and Europe. Birmingham comes alive every winter with the arrival of the Market, a clear sign that Christmas is just around the corner.

Dates: Thursday 2 November to Sunday 24 December
 Times: Monday to Thursday (11am to 9pm)
 Friday (11am to 9.30pm)
 Saturday (10am to 9.30pm)
 Sunday (10am to 9pm)
 *Remembrance Sunday (12 Nov) the market will not open until 1pm)
 Website: www.thebfc.com/birmingham-frankfurt-christmas-market/