

## Solihull Parents' Network

### Autumn 2024 Family Events



*Images courtesy of (from clockwise) Touchwood Solihull, Art at the Heart CIC, Packwood House and West Midlands Safari Park.*

**Solihull Family Information Service**

Email: [familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk)

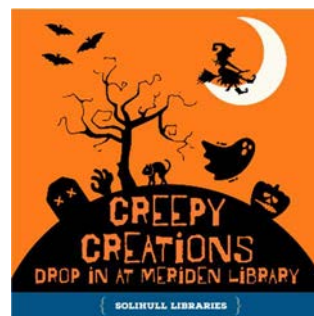
Web: [www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo)

## Balsall Common Library

283 Kenilworth Road, Balsall Common CV7 7EL

### Halloween Crafts Drop In

Children and their families are invited to drop into the library for free Spooky Craft sessions on Halloween. There will also be some cheeky ghosts hiding around the library for you to find!



Age: 4 to 11 years  
 Dates: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 (10.15am – 12.15pm)  
 Cost: Free  
 Contact: 01676 532590  
 Email: [balsallcommonlibrary@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:balsallcommonlibrary@solihull.gov.uk)  
 Website: <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/library-events>

### Spooky Rhyme Time

Our special half term session includes a mix of spooky songs, rhymes, rhythm, and movement, with a friendly, inclusive space for parents and carers to meet up, mingle and make new friends. Toys and time to play afterwards!



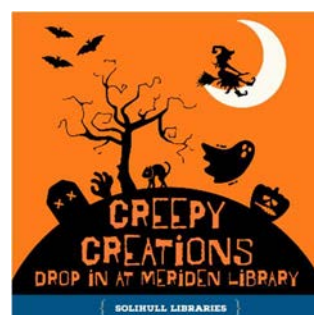
Age: Babies to 5 years  
 Date: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (2.15pm – 3pm)  
 Cost: Free  
 Contact: 01676 532590  
 Email: [balsallcommonlibrary@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:balsallcommonlibrary@solihull.gov.uk)  
 Website: <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/library-events>

## Meriden Library

Arden Cottage, The Green, Meriden, Solihull, CV7 7LN

### Creepy Creations Half Term Crafting Drop Ins at Meriden Library

Get hands-on at our craft table to make some special spooky things for Halloween. All crafts will be suitable for ages 5 and up, and there will be simpler activities for younger children too.



Age: 5 years upwards  
 Dates/Times: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October (10.15am-12.45pm and 2.15pm – 4.45pm).  
 Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October (10.15am – 12.15pm)  
 Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October (10.15am – 12.15pm)  
 Cost: Free no need to book just turn up.  
 Contact: For more information call 01676 522717  
 Email: [libraries@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@solihull.gov.uk)  
 Website: <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/library-events>

## Chelmsley Wood Library

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

### Spooky Treasure Hunt

A fun, spooky treasure hunt for children and families to take part in to win a prize.

Age: All ages  
Date: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024  
Cost: Free  
Contact: 0121 788 4380  
Website: <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/library-events>



## Marston Green Library

Land Lane, Marston Green, Solihull B37 7DQ

### Halloween Craft

If you want to make something spooky to take home for Hallowe'en, this is the craft session for you! Come along and have fun with everyone, but book first to avoid disappointment!

Age: 4-9 years  
Dates/Times: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October (2pm-3pm)  
Cost: Free  
Contact: Book in advance online below or by calling 0121 779 2131  
Email: [libraries@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@solihull.gov.uk)  
Website: <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/library-events>

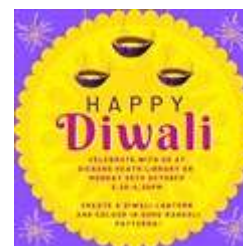


## Dickens Heath Library

Old Dickens Heath Road, Dickens Heath, Solihull B90 1SD

### Diwali Drop In Crafts

Join us to celebrate Diwali, the festival of lights!  
We'll have lanterns to make and Rangoli patterns to colour in, plus activity sheets.



Booking not required, just drop in.

Age: 3 years and above  
Dates/Times: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October (2.30pm – 4.30pm)  
Cost: Free  
Contact: 0121 744 6078  
Email: [libraries@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@solihull.gov.uk)  
Website: <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/library-events>

### Spooky Halloween Crafts



Join us...if you dare!

We will be making Spooky Halloween Pumpkin Suncatchers, Paper Plate Pumpkins and Paper Plate Frankenstein's Monsters.

Booking not required, just drop in.

Age: 3 years and above  
Dates/Times: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October (2.30pm – 4.30pm)  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October (10.30am 12.30pm)  
Cost: Free  
Contact: 0121 744 6078  
Email: [libraries@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@solihull.gov.uk)  
Website: <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/library-events>

## Shirley Library

22 Parkgate, Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull B90 3GG

### Halloween Craft

Halloween has arrived! Come to Shirley Library this half term and make a spooky craft to take home.



Booking not required, just drop in.

Age: 3 to 6 years  
Dates/Times: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October (10am – 12pm)  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October (2pm – 4pm)  
Cost: Free  
Contact: 0121 704 6300  
Email: [libraries@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@solihull.gov.uk)  
Website: <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/library-events>



## 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: Mondays to Fridays (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](mailto:solihull@planet-ice.co.uk)  
Website: [www.planet-ice.co.uk](http://www.planet-ice.co.uk)

### October Half-Term Public Ice Skating

Our public ice skating sessions continue to run throughout October half term 2024. 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!



We have exciting news for all Ice Card Members! Double discounts are making a come-back 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.

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

Age: Adults and children of all ages  
Dates/Times: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (Also open all year round).  
Times: Please see website  
Cost: £14.70 per person (non-Ice Card Members)  
£11.80 per person (Ice Card Members)  
Please note: Ice Card Members receive double discounts saving £4.80 off ice skating!  
Contact: Pre-book your tickets via our website or call 0121 742 5561  
Email: [solihull@planet-ice.co.uk](mailto:solihull@planet-ice.co.uk)  
Website: [www.planet-ice.co.uk](http://www.planet-ice.co.uk)

Stay Active

## Halloween Disco



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!

Date: Friday 1st November  
Cost: See website for details  
Email: Hurry and book your tickets online [solihull@planet-ice.co.uk](mailto:solihull@planet-ice.co.uk)  
Website: [www.planet-ice.co.uk](http://www.planet-ice.co.uk)

Stay Active

## The Wave

New Union Street, Coventry CV1 2PS

### Have a 'Spooktacular' time this Autumn!

The Wave, a UK award-winning, indoor waterpark making a splash in the heart of Coventry!

From high-speed slides and a fun-packed splash zone to the exhilarating Wave Pool and relaxing Lazy River... There's something for thrill, spill and chill seekers of all ages to enjoy.



Dates: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024  
Times: Daily  
Cost: £54 per family ticket (2 adults, 2 juniors... under 12)  
Contact: Please see website for booking details  
Website: [www.thewavecoventry.com](http://www.thewavecoventry.com)

### Quiet Time session

Experience a fun-filled, calm and relaxing environment with no music, sensory toys in the lazy river as well as accessible changing facilities. All slides are available for this session. Ideal for families and individuals who have complex needs and disabilities. Please note: when purchasing a Disabled and Carer Tickets, please ensure you bring proof of identity.

Dates: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024  
Times: 10am – 12pm  
Cost: See website for ticket costs for carers  
Contact: Please see website for booking details  
Website: [www.thewavecoventry.com](http://www.thewavecoventry.com)

## Art at the Heart CIC

The Core Theatre, Homer Road, Solihull B91 3RG

### Diwali Arts Day

Join Art at the Heart CIC for a fabulously creative arts and family funday to celebrate Diwali! This year's family fun day is elephant-themed and you'll have the chance to help out making elephant artworks. You can also create Diwali themed puppets, giant rangoli patterns and community murals inspired by Indian miniatures and Bhangra and Bollywood dancing are all on the menu!



Activities include:

- Diwali Dome - Decorate the Dome and enact the Diwali story through projection and shadow-puppets
- Giant Rangolis - Invite good luck, happiness, positivity and prosperity into your life by making giant communal rangoli.
- The Haathi are Coming - Help us create an elephant for the [Sari Sari Night Parade](#) later the same day!
- Small Lanterns - Make your own lantern to bring to the [Sari Sari Night Parade](#) later the same day!
- Giant Lanterns - Decorate giant community lanterns for the parade with tassels and up-cycled fabrics
- Community Murals - We're going big with telling the Diwali story and need your help to create the characters for the scenes!
- Dance Workshop
- Friendship Bracelet Making
- Story Telling with Kids

Age: All ages

Dates/Times: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October (12pm – 4pm)

Cost: £5 per person or £16 per family plus booking fee - use the link below to book

Contact: 0121 704 6300

Email: [libraries@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@solihull.gov.uk)

Website: [Diwali Arts Day 2024 and Sari Sari Night Lantern Parade - Art at the Heart CIC~Creative and Cultural Education](#)



## Art at the Heart CIC

The Core Theatre, Homer Road, Solihull B91 3RG

### Sari Sari Night

Sari Sari Night is a chance to get out your sparkliest saris, party clothes and maybe give that prom dress another outing. Dress up, glow up and sparkle on this starry, starry night to celebrate Diwali with a lantern parade through Solihull town centre.

No need to book, just turn up!

From 4pm: Meet up in The Core (Studio) – at the glow station. If you don't have a lantern, bring a torch, glow sticks, or use your mobile phone.

5pm: Parade through High Street (Touchwood if wet) and wind up in Theatre Square (The Core if wet), where Diwali lanterns will be hung for the ceremonial lighting, with music, dancing, and Diwali refreshments available from the Encore Cafe in The Core.

For more information visit the Art at the Heart website.

Age: All ages

Date: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Times: From 4pm.

Cost: Free

Website: Find out about our other art clubs, workshops/festivals here  
<https://www.artattheheartcic.org/whats-on-art-classes-in-solihull/>

## Herbert Art Gallery & Museum

Jordan Well, Coventry CV1 5QP

**Herbert**  
Art Gallery & Museum

### Art Masterclass: Cyanotype Skulls & Nature Prints

Join talented artist duo Creative in Nature for an exclusive art masterclass exploring the intricate printing techniques of Cyanotype.

Age: 8 to 16 year olds

Date: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Times: 10:30am – 12:30pm and  
1.30pm – 3.30pm

Cost: Book online – £10 per child

Website: <https://www.theherbert.org/whats-on/1833/art-masterclass-cyanotype-skulls-nature-prints>



## Touchwood

Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3GJ

### Celebrate Diwali at Touchwood

Touchwood will be celebrating Diwali with 'Art at the Heart' on Saturday 26 October. Visitors can expect a jam-packed programme of events running throughout the day, kicking off at 11am with lantern making workshops, weaving a giant diva and decorating Diwali characters on Jubilee Walk.

At 1.30pm, there will be a Grand Diwali Group Procession taking place around the town centre, starting on Crescent Arcade and John Lewis. From 2pm, there will be live dance and music performances bringing light, hope and joy to Solihull in Theatre Square. At 4.30pm, Rangoli and Bollywood Dance Classes will take place, including face painting and a magician's stand. The day will culminate in a Garba Session on Crescent Arcade at 7pm.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Venue: Jubilee Walk**

11am - 4pm: Lantern making workshops, weave a giant diva and decorate Diwali characters.

**Venue: Crescent Arcade and John Lewis**

1.30pm: Grand Diwali Group Procession.

**Venue: Theatre Square**

2.00pm: Dance and Music Performances.

4.30pm: Rangoli and Bollywood Dance Classes, face painting and magician's stand.

**Venue: Crescent Arcade**

7.00pm: Garba Session.

Age: All ages

Dates: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Times: 11am-8pm

Cost: Free

Contact: 0121 709 6900

Website: <https://www.touchwoodsolihull.co.uk/>

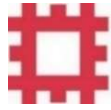
## Halloween Pumpkin House

Touchwood's popular Pumpkin House returns this year for more spook-tastic fun. Prunella Pumpkin will be in residence to deliver lessons in the art of witchery, spooky school histories, hat and wand making, plus spells and potion making at her School of Wizardry.



Tickets are £2.50 per child with all profits going to Touchwood's Charity of the Year Little Hearts Matter. Booking in advance is recommended through Touchwood's website below.

Age: Anyone (children)  
Dates: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024  
Times: 11am-4pm  
Cost: £2.50 per child  
Contact: 0121 709 6900  
Website: <https://www.eventsattouchwood.co.uk/>



ENGLISH HERITAGE

## Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan Garden

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



### Halloween Half Term at Kenilworth Castle

Prepare for a ghoulishly good day out at Kenilworth Castle this half term. Step into our Monster Hunting Academy, and take on thrilling tests of bravery as you learn the techniques of monster hunting sure to thrill aspiring monster hunters of all ages. Those who complete all the challenges will earn their place as one of our brave Monster Hunters!

Plus, through-out the day, follow our Halloween Quest through the grounds of Kenilworth Castle to solve creepy clues and gruesome tasks.



Age: All ages  
Dates: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024  
Times: 10am to 4pm  
Cost: Tickets start from:  
£16 per adult  
£41.50 per family (2 adults, 3 children)  
£25.50 per family (1 adult, 3 children)  
Book online and save 15% on the price of entry.  
Free for English Heritage members  
Website: [www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/kenilworth-castle/events/](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/kenilworth-castle/events/)

Days Out

## Transport Museum Wythall

Chapel Lane, Wythall, B47 6JA



### Halloween at Wythall

Join us on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October for our Halloween event. Come dressed up – best costume wins a prize. With Halloween games to play, free face painting with Gitter Squid and Trick or Treat, You can also visit our special ghost bus and meet some really spooky characters as well as enjoying special Halloween drinks and snacks in the café.

Age: All ages

Dates: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Times: 10.30am to 4pm

Cost: From £8 per adult, £4 per child (5 to 16 years) £20 per family  
(2 adults + 2 children)  
£2 miniature railway rides

Contact: 01564 826471 (during office hours).  
Just turn up no pre-booking required.

Website: [www.wythall.org.uk](http://www.wythall.org.uk)

Days Out



## Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens

Chester Road, Castle Bromwich, Solihull B36 9BT

### October Half Term Activities

The Gardens are open every day over the half term holidays from Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 for everyone to enjoy Autumn.

Families can explore nature as it changes and discover **the new play area**.

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October there will be drop-in spooky crafts suitable for little ones' hands (free with entry fee)

See below for bookable activities running throughout the week – please check website for dates, times, prices and to book. Activities all include all day Garden entry.

More information and to book see our website events calendar.

[www.castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk/calendar/](http://www.castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk/calendar/)

Days Out

**Unplug & Play**

**OPEN EVERY DAY: 26TH OCT - 3RD NOV**  
**bookable workshops:**

- **WOODLAND WIZARDS: 29TH, 30TH OCT & 1ST NOV**
- **WOODLAND ADVENTURE: FIRE & SMORES EDITION 30TH OCT & 1ST NOV**
- **SPOOKY DISCO: 31ST OCT & 1ST NOV**

**Drop-in spooky crafts for kids**  
**Sat 29th and Weds 30th Oct: 11-2.30pm**

**Visit the new childrens play area!**

**October Half Term**  
**ENTRY FEES APPLY**

Castle Bromwich Historic Gardens

**DATES, TIMES AND PRICES ON OUR WEBSITE**  
 Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens Trust  
 Chester Road, Castle Bromwich,  
 Birmingham, B36 9BT  
[www.castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk](http://www.castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk)  
[cbhallgardens@gmail.com](mailto:cbhallgardens@gmail.com), 0121 749 4100

**SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE & BOOK TICKETS**

## 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 and play some games. Feel free to dress as your favourite witch or wizard if you wish.

Please note: This session is entirely outdoors - please dress accordingly.

Age: Ideal for 3 to 9 year olds with their adults  
Dates: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October (10.30am – 12.15pm)  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October (10.30am – 12.15pm)  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November (10.30am – 12.15pm)  
Cost: £12 per family (2 adults and 3 children or 1 adult and up to 4 children)  
£6 per each additional child  
Under 2s go free

## Woodland Adventure (Fires and Smores edition)

It's time for a family woodland adventure!

This half term we will be out in the trees, learning all about fires. You will learn about fire safety, how to build a basic fire, try your hand at making flames using a fire striker and finish off the session by toasting marshmallows and making smores – yum!

Please note: This session is entirely outdoors - please dress accordingly.

Age: Ideal for 6 to 14 year olds with their adults  
Dates/Times: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October (2pm to 3pm)  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November (2pm to 3pm)  
Cost: £10 for 1 child and 1 adult

## Kids Spooky Discoo!

Half term wouldn't be the same at the Gardens without the kids raucous and lively Spooky Disco! It's a non-stop boppy Halloween under the shelter of the stretch tent. The Gardens are a safe and friendly place, but after dark, when the colourful lights come on who else might you meet as you run across the lawn to the tent?



### Early Session

Age: Ideal for children aged 3 to 7 years old with their adults  
Dates/Times: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October (4.30pm to 6pm)  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November (4.30pm to 6pm)  
Cost: £6 for 1 child and 1 adult

### Later Session

Age: Ideal for children aged 7 to 11 years old with their adults  
Dates/Times: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October (7pm to 8.30pm)  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November (7pm to 8.30pm)  
Cost: £6 for 1 child and 1 adult

Both sessions have non-stop atmospheric music for the kids to bounce away their energies in a spooky, but not scary environment.

The younger kiddies can slope off at 6pm for an early night, the second session welcomes families with slightly older children; the music's louder, the spooks a little scarier...same vibe.

These events are always very popular and **must be prebooked** - don't be disappointed

Further information for all the above can be found on our website events calendar here : <https://www.castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk/events-calendar/>



## Packwood House

Packwood Lane, Lapworth, Warwickshire B94 6AT



### October half-term Pumpkin Trail

Join us at Packwood this October half-term to solve the mystery of the missing pumpkins! Packwood House's head gardener needs your help to solve the mystery of her missing prized pumpkins. Come and wander around the grounds, solve clues and discover the pumpkin thief to claim your reward.

Age: All ages  
Dates: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024  
Times: 9.30am to 3.30pm (last entry 4pm)  
Cost: Normal admission prices, plus £3.50 per trail  
Contact: 01564 782024  
Website: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/warwickshire/packwood-house](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/warwickshire/packwood-house)

Days Out

## Baddesley Clinton

Rising Lane, Baddesley Clinton, Warwickshire, B93 0DQ

### October half-term Black Cat Trail

Join us at Baddesley Clinton this October half-term to spot how many cats are hiding in the garden! Prowl through the gardens and see how many of Baddesley's feline friends you can spot along the way. Don't forget to take an autumnal photo to share with friends and family at pumpkin selfie station.

Age: All ages  
Dates: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024  
Times: 9.30am to 3.30pm (last entry 4pm)  
Cost: Normal admission prices, plus £3.50 per trail  
Contact: 01564 782024  
Website: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/warwickshire/baddesley-clinton>



## Stratford Town Walk

Stratford

### Stratford Town Walk

Join the award-winning Stratford Town Walk for a fun guided walk. Discover Stratford's history and fascinating relationship with William Shakespeare. Hear stories of Stratford's history through fire, flood and plague, with old fashioned sayings, medieval medical cures and amusing anecdotes. The walk is accessible. Dogs are welcome.

Location: Swan Fountain on Waterside, near the RST and opposite Sheep Street

Age: All ages welcome  
 Dates: Every day of the year  
 Times: 11am (walk start time) and also at 2pm on Saturdays. Duration up to 2 hours  
 Cost: £10 per adult  
 £5 per child (8 to 15 years)  
 Under 8 years free!  
 Please note: 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](mailto:stratfordtownwalk@btinternet.com)  
 Website: [www.stratfordtownwalk.co.uk](http://www.stratfordtownwalk.co.uk)



### 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 (unsuitable for under 8s)  
 Dates: Every Saturday  
 Times: 7.30pm  
 Cost: £10 per adult  
 £5 per child (8 to 15 years)  
 Please note: 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](mailto:stratfordtownwalk@btinternet.com)  
 Website: [www.stratfordtownwalk.co.uk](http://www.stratfordtownwalk.co.uk)

## Herbert Art Gallery & Museum

Jordan Well, Coventry CV1 5QP

### Doze Under Dippy

Stay overnight in the museum, snoozing under the feet of a 26-foot Diplodocus! Join us for a night of exploration and fun-filled activities designed for children aged 6-11 years old and their grown-ups. This will be a night you will always remember!



Age: 6 to 11 years  
Date: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
Times: 6.30pm – 9am  
Cost: £50 per person book online  
Website: <https://www.theherbert.org/whats-on/1767/doze-under-dippy>

### Skulls, Spooky Skeletons & Animals

This October half term, join our spooky family takeover at the Herbert Art Gallery! Transform our studio and beyond with your creative flair. Inspired by our Human Remains and Animal Taxidermy collections in the Collecting Coventry exhibit, you'll craft vibrant chalk drawings, collaborative art pieces, cotton skeletons, and more.

Age: 3 years upwards but all are welcome  
Date: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024  
(Not running Monday or Sunday).  
Times: 10.30am 3.30pm  
Cost: Drop-in session - £2.50 per child (under 3s free!)  
Website: <https://www.theherbert.org/whats-on/1831/skulls-spooky-skeletons-animals>



### Freaky Family Fun Day

Be one of the first to experience our extraordinary Microworlds exhibition, then bring alive spooky skeletons, survive chilling stories in our Undercroft, and compose creepy soundtracks to classic horror and sci-fi films.

Age: All ages  
Date: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
Times: 11am 3pm  
Cost: Drop-in session – Free with selected activities from £3  
Website: <https://www.theherbert.org/whats-on/1836/freaky-family-fun-day>



## West Midland Safari Park

Bewdley, Worcestershire DY12 1LF

Don't miss out on the eerie excitement! It's a Halloween extravaganza that promises thrills, chills, and family-friendly fun. This year, we've brewed up some extra-special activities that are sure to delight (and maybe just a little fright!). Here's what's in store:

### **NEW - Patch's Spooky Science Show:**

Get ready to be amazed as our resident pumpkin-headed character, Patch, joins his silly scientist friend, to perform hair-raising experiments and spine-tingling tricks.

This brand-new show is packed with mystifying magic, electrifying experiments and all the spooky science you can handle!



Show Times: Daily at 11:30am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm.

### **Meet Mitzy Monster**

Our friendly (but a little mischievous!) mascot, Mitzy Monster, is excited to meet you! Be sure to snap a photo with her for a memory that will last forever. She's camera-ready and can't wait to say "BOO!"

### **Monster Hunter Trail**

Embark on a thrilling quest through the spookified Discovery Trail to discover hidden monsters lurking around every corner. Follow the clues, find the monsters and be rewarded with a tasty treat for your efforts!

### **Crazy Craft Club**

Unleash your creativity at our Crazy Craft Club! Join our silly scientists in the Experiments Emporium and help to brew a galaxy jar or make your own monster! Perfect for little witches and wizards who love to get crafty.

### **Photo Competition**

Enter our spook-tacular competition for a chance to win a frightfully fun prize! Take a picture at our Spooky photo point for a chance to win a Safari Lodges stay for up to six people.

### **Patch's Potion Pursuit Competition**

Every day, Patch will be hiding a potion somewhere in the Park. The first person to find the hidden potion and hand it in to our silly scientists will win an enchanting prize!



### **Spooky VR Ride**

If you go out to the woods today, you're sure of a spooky surprise... Everything has come to life! Help D.A.S.H. fight the evil FLASH and get back to safety! You'll encounter ghastly ghouls, petrifying pumpkins and sinister scarecrows, so keep your eyes peeled – you'll need your wits about you on this spine-tingling journey! Fearsome fun for all the family! (Extra charge applies - £4 per person).

Age: All ages  
Dates: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024  
Times: 10am – 6pm (rides open from 11am – 6pm), Safari Drive gates close at 3pm.  
Cost: Guests are encouraged to book online in advance for the best prices.  
Under 3s go free  
Website: [www.wmsp.co.uk](http://www.wmsp.co.uk)

## Coventry Transport Museum

Millennium Place, Hales Street, Coventry CV1 1JD

### Tinker | Make | Play Engineer: Splats

This October half-term, join our Tinker | Make | Play workshop space to experiment with gravity, force and impact. Create a huge splatter painting or play about with your own ideas and build a splat machine with a selection of tools.

Dates: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday 31st October

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Times: 10am to 3pm (drop-in session)

Cost: Free with admission

Website: <https://www.transport-museum.com/events/1589/tinker-make-play-engineers-splats>



## Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3TR

### Fun for the whole family this October Half-Term! Get ready for an unforgettable autumn adventure at Birmingham Botanical Gardens!

This October Half-Term, we're offering three activities for families, all included in your **Autumn Wonders** ticket!

Featuring:

- Autumn Adventure Trail
- The Sleeping Seeds – A Playful Music Theatre Show
- Craft Activity: Make Your Own 'Tomatito' Tomato Shaker
- Also includes admission to the Gardens



Come and experience the beauty of autumn, learn about nature, and enjoy a day of exploration, creativity, and musical fun!

#### Autumn Adventure Trail

Step into nature and discover the hidden wonders of autumn and explore the **Autumn Adventure Trail**. Wander through the Gardens' 15-acre landscape, brimming with the colours and magic of the season. This **self-guided trail** is a fun and educational journey where your little ones can spot the pumpkins hidden throughout the gardens while learning about some of the UK's most fascinating wildlife. Keep an eye out for squirrels, hedgehogs, barn owls, and even bats, as you explore the gardens' vibrant habitats! Don't forget to collect your certificate and badge when you complete the trail!

#### The Sleeping Seeds – A Playful Music Theatre Show

Come and enjoy a magical, playful live performance of The Sleeping Seeds! Follow the story of two musical gardeners who embark on a heartwarming journey to wake a special seed and watch it grow into something truly wonderful. With catchy songs, unusual instruments, and plenty of opportunities to join in, this fun-filled performance will delight children of all ages.

Perfect for families, the show is designed to be inclusive, with relaxed seating and BSL-interpreted performances\* for everyone to enjoy. If you caught a glimpse of this show in the summer or are seeing it for the first time, this extended performance promises even more laughter, fun songs, and a few surprises from the gardeners' patch!

\*Check full listing for details of which dates include BSL interpreted performances.

Age: 3 years and above  
Dates: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
Times: 11:30 or 2pm  
Cost: £8.50 per child (Aged 5-16year), £3.50 per child (Aged 3-4years).  
Website: <https://birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/event/saturday-26-october-half-term-autumn-wonders/>

#### Make a 'Tomatito' Tomato craft activity: 12.15pm and 2:45pm

After the performance kids can get creative and make their very own Tomatito shaker to take home.

The Gardens are open from 10am – 5pm (with last admission at 4.30pm).

Pick up your self-guided **Autumn Adventure Trail** on arrival and complete throughout your visit.

## Join us as we tune into Autumn, taking a closer look at the beauty and colour of trees across Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

Celebrate the trees we love and help us plan for a tree-filled future! Trees are vital for the health of people and wildlife. Here at the Gardens, we have been exploring how our trees are responding to changes in our climate and sharing this information with researchers.

This Half Term, the whole family can help us in our efforts to capture important information about some of the stunning trees across the Gardens and get creative as we enjoy this autumnal celebration of trees.



### Children's Tree Yoga on the Bandstand

Meet at the Bandstand.

Explore the shapes and movements of trees in this fun family tree inspired yoga session. These family friendly sessions are inspired by the shapes and movements of trees and aim to raise our awareness of our deep interconnectedness with trees through gentle yoga poses (Asanas) breathing (Pranayama) and flow (Vinyasa).

Age: 8 years and above  
 Dates: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024  
 Times: 11am and 1pm (30 minutes)  
 Cost: Free with day ticket or members go free.  
 Website: <https://birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/bbg-event/trees-over-time-10-24/>

Parents and carers are welcome to join in, but this is unsuitable to those who are pregnant. Yoga mats are not needed for this activity.

### Get to know our trees with Sam

Which tree is the tallest? Which trunk is the widest? Which branches are the longest? Help Sam to learn more about some of our amazing trees from around the world! During this fascinating session, you will get hands-on with helping Sam to do a tree survey. We will be getting out our measuring equipment and using our observational skills to capture important information about some of our trees. This is an interactive activity for all the family to enjoy, particularly budding young horticulturalists! We recommend that you dress for the weather and wear suitable footwear. Meet on the Terrace.

Age: All ages  
 Dates: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024  
 Times: 12pm and 2pm (45 minutes)  
 Cost: Free with day ticket or members go free.  
 Website: <https://birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/bbg-event/trees-over-time-10-24/>

### Leafy tree crafting

Help us to create a beautiful display to celebrate some of our favourite trees. We will be getting crafty, creating a group display to share our love of trees. Decorate your leaf to express your tree appreciation! This is kindly supported by West Midlands Combined Authority's Community Environment Fund. Drop-in activity in the Gallery

Age: All ages  
 Dates: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024  
 Times: 11am to 3pm  
 Cost: Free with day ticket or members go free.  
 Website: <https://birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/bbg-event/trees-over-time-10-24/>