



Family Events & Activities - Spring 2025

Islington Holiday Playschemes

Elizabeth House, N5 1ED
 Age: Reception to Year 9
 Hours: 9am to 5.30pm
 Cost: £25 daily (£10 concessions for Islington residents only in receipt of Universal Credit or DWP support); £30 for children who do not live in Islington, Hackney, Haringey.
 Enquiries: 020 7690 1300

Hanley Crouch Community Association, Brickworks, N4 4BY
 Age: Reception to Year 6
 Hours: 8.30am to 5.30pm
 Cost: £25 daily (sibling discount available)
 Enquiries: 020 7263 1067

Highbury Roundhouse @ Hanover Primary
 Highbury Roundhouse @ Yerbury Primary
 Age: Reception to Year 6
 Hours: 9am to 5pm
 Cost: £22 daily (£21 siblings)
 Enquiries: Julie Day, 07914 255545

Hilldrop Playscheme, N7 OJE
 Age: Reception to Year 6
 Hours: 8.15am to 5.30pm
 Cost: £20 daily (some discounted rates for siblings and children with SEND)
 Enquiries: 020 7700 1871 (please leave a voicemail for a return call); or email, iola@hilldrop.org.uk;

St Mary's Playscheme, N1 2TX
 Age: 6 to 11 years
 Hours: 9am to 4.30pm
 Cost: £25 daily; £18 children with SEND; a sibling discount is available on request from Islington residents.
 Extended hours 8.30-9am, £3; extended hours 4.30-5pm, £3.

Website: www.islington.gov.uk/holidaychildcare



Islington Bikeability Course

17 Feb - 21 Feb 25

Bikeability for children

offer a full programme of free cycling courses for children in the February half term at Rosemary Gardens and Tollington Place. Choose from:

Beginners (age 5-12) for children who can't yet ride without stabilisers (2 day course)

Bikeability Level 1 (age 5-9) teaches bike control skills off road (4 day course)

Bikeability Level 2 (age 9-12) on road training for more confident riders)

Cycle skills for families you can book family cycle skills sessions.

Website: <https://islington.coordinate.cloud/courses/child-holiday-bikeability/>



Better Leisure Centres Free Swimming Lessons

Throughout the school holidays, Islington Council and Better leisure centres are offering free swimming lessons. Delivered by qualified teachers, they're available for families, children aged 4-16, and children under 4 with an adult. Sessions are designed to improve confidence and skills in a fun environment.

To register: <https://r1.dotdigital-pages.com/p/1UDA-14AX/>



Access to Sport

Multi Sports Finsbury Park Athletics Track

Thursday ages 8-9 & 10-12, 10.00am-3.30pm Sports Academy

Finsbury Park Tennis Courts

Monday-Thursday ages 6-7, 9.00am-10.00am ; ages 8-10 10.00am-11.00am; ages 11-16 11.00am-12.00pm

Date: Mon 17 Feb - Thurs 20 Feb 25

Time: 10.00am - 3.00pm

Ages: 8-12

Islington Football & Multi-Sports Finsbury Leisure Centre

Monday-Thursday ages: 8-16, 10:30am-12:30pm & 1.00-3.00pm

Football & Multi Sports

Monday-Thursday ages 8-11, 10.00am-12.00pm

Monday-Thursday ages 5-11, 10.00am - 12.00pm

Location: Rosebowl visit

www.rosebowlislington.org.uk Tuesday-Friday, ages 8-13, 10.30am -12:30pm & 1.00pm-3.00pm

Website: <https://accesstosports.org.uk/>



Islington Adventure Playgrounds

Barnard Park

<https://awesomeadventureplay.org/playgrounds/barnard/>

Cape, King Henry's Walk, Three Corners, Waterside, Cornwallis and Barnard adventure playgrounds

Website: [https://](https://awesomeadventureplay.org/our-adventure-playgrounds/)

awesomeadventureplay.org/our-adventure-playgrounds/

Universal Credit Days Out

Venue	Price	Website
Cartoon Museum - Book online or buy at the museum. Bring proof of eligibility and ID along to your visit, which should be 'recent and up to date'	£3.00	https://www.cartoonmuseum.org/visit-us
Cutty Sark/Royal Observatory - Up to six people per household. One person per household needs to show supporting documentation. Book online only.	£2.00	https://www.rmg.co.uk/plan-your-visit/tickets-prices/universal-credit-tickets-cutty-sark
Eden Project - a very limited number of tickets may be available on the gate – we strongly advise pre-booking in advance online to avoid disappointment.	£5.00 (A) £1.00 (C)	https://www.edenproject.com/visit/universal-credit-pension-credit-day-ticket
Horniman Museum - entry to paid exhibitions, the Aquarium & Butterfly House. A limited number of Universal Credit tickets are available to purchase online or each day in person at the museum. Visitors can purchase up to four £1 tickets per attraction. Bring proof of eligibility and ID along to your visit, which should be 'recent and up to date'	£1.00	https://www.horniman.ac.uk/plan-your-visit/ticket-information/
Kensington Palace - tickets for up to six people per household for £1 each (tickets must be booked online)	£1.00	https://www.hrp.org.uk/kensington-palace/visit/tickets-and-prices/one-pound-tickets/
Kew Gardens - book online or purchase at the gate. Proof of benefits is required at point of entry. Visitors may also purchase up to 4 additional guest tickets.	£1.00	https://www.kew.org/kew-gardens/visit-kew-gardens/tickets
London Transport Museum - online or in person, on an individual basis. Each named passholder must provide individual proof of receipt of one of benefits, either printed or on an electronic device.	£1.00	https://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/visit/tickets
London Zoo - these tickets are only available to purchase online in advance, for up to six people per household (under 3's go free and do not need to book.	£3.00	https://www.londonzoo.org/plan-your-visit/london-zoo-tickets/universal-credit-tickets
Royal Albert Hall - For select family events, the Royal Albert Hall provides subsidised tickets for £1 to children and families who meet specific criteria.	£1.00	https://www.royalalberthall.com/
Tower of London - you can claim the reduced-rate for up to six people and tickets need to be pre-booked online.	£1.00	https://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/visit/tickets-and-prices/#gs.jxpodj
Westminster Abbey - show your Universal Credit letter upon entry. It isn't currently possible for adults receiving Universal Credit to book a	£1.00	https://www.westminster-abbey.org/visit-us/prices-entry-times
Wetland Centre - these tickets are only available to purchase online in advance.	£3.00 or £5.00	https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/london/plan-your-visit/tickets/universal-credit-tickets
Young V & A - The next paid exhibition at the Young V&A is Making Egypt, opens 15 February 2025. Valid Universal Credit documentation required.	free	https://www.vam.ac.uk/exhibitions/making-egypt

Kids Eat Free Deals in London - <https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/hub/things-to-do/kids-eat-free-deals-in-london>



Light Festival 2025 Battersea Power Station

Battersea Power Station’s annual Light Festival is returning brighter and more interactive than ever before to illuminate the winter nights. A free interactive art trail for all to enjoy, explore eight must-see light installations from British and international artists, a number of which are making their UK or London debut.

Date: 23 Jan 25- 23 Feb 25
Time: 8.00am-11.00pm
Location: Battersea, London
Website: <https://batterseapowerstation.co.uk/>



Hobbledown Heath

Explore four themed villages, set in acres of beautiful woodland and meadow. Climb towers, crawl through tunnels, and step inside one of the largest indoor play arenas in London. And all while coming face-to-face with goats, meerkats, capybara, highland cows, and many other exotic and traditional farm animals!

Time: Mon–Thurs, 9.30am–5.30pm; Fri, 9.30am–7pm; and Sat–Sun, 9am–7pm.
During school holidays, Hobbledown Heath opens at 9am.
Location: Hounslow Central.
Website: <https://www.hobbledown.com/hounslow/>



Kew Garden Festival

Orchid festival draws inspiration from the unique flora and fauna of Peru. From beaches and rainforests to deserts and mountains, Peru offers a varied landscape which is home to over 3000 species of orchid, and an incredible array of wildlife.

Date: Saturday 1 February- Sunday 2 March 2025
Time: 12.00pm-.00pm
Location:Richmond, London
Website: <https://www.kew.org/>



Imagine Festival

Imagine Festival is the UK’s leading arts festival for children aged 0–11 years and their grown-ups. The festival’s multi-artform programme presents music, storytelling, dance, crafts, comedy and more for children and their families. Most of the activities and events are free..

Date: 18-23 Feb 25
Time 10.00am-4.00pm
Location: Southbank, London
Website: www.southbankcentre.co.uk



‘Vets in Action

This February half-term, kids will be able to truly step into the role of a vet at ZSL London Zoo, during a week of interactive family events celebrating the incredible work of the Zoo’s vet team.

Date: 15 Feb - 23 Feb 25
Time: 11.00am -1.00pm & 2.00-4.30pm
Quieter opening time & dates: 11.40am, Sun 16 Feb, Wed 19 Feb & Sat 22 Feb

World Pangolin Day

Time: 10.00am - 4.30pm
Date: 15 Feb 25
Location: Regent’s Park, Lndon
Website: <https://www.londonzoo.org/>



Mudfest - Wetland Centre

Mudfest’ will encourage big and little kids alike to go mad for mud and enjoy messy play while also learning about the importance of mud in the wetland ecosystem.

Date: 16 - 23 Feb 25
Time: 10.00am -5.30pm
Website: <https://www.wwt.org.uk/>

World Wetlands Day Sunday 2nd February 2025

Free tickets to any of the Wetland centres for this event and choose your own adventure. <https://www.wwt.org.uk/discover-wetlands/>



RI Family Fun Day Food Glorious Food

Date: Sat 22 Feb 25
Time: 11.00am - 4.00pm
Location: Albemarle St, London
Website: <https://www.rigb.org/>

V & A How Food Shapes Us

Express yourself through collage, drawing and sewing! Watch a screening, get involved in making fruit preserves and unwind in workshops for the whole family.

Date: Wed 19 Feb – Fri 21 Feb 25
Time: 11.00am - 4.00pm
Location: South Kensington, London
Website: <https://www.vam.ac.uk/event>



Postal Museum Create Your Own

Animal Postie Puppet -

Join us for a fun arts and crafts session! Inspired by the incredible animals that have helped deliver mail throughout history

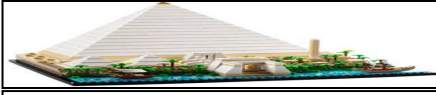
Dressed to Deliver - from smartly dressed Victorians and their buffed buttons to modern posties and their all-weather active wear, take a closer look at postal uniforms.

Sorted - discover an immersive mini-town with streets, buildings, trolleys, pulleys, slides and chutes; everything to keep the little ones happily occupied.

Date: 17 - 23 February 2025

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Location: Phoenix Place, London-



Young V & A

Embark on a fascinating journey through the ancient past to modern day, exploring ancient Egypt's creativity and how it continues to influence art, design and popular culture today

Date: Opens Sat 15 Feb 25

Time: 10.00 – 17.45

Location: Bethnal Green, London

Website: <https://www.vam.ac.uk/young>



Robot Zoo - Horniman Museum

The animals are made from familiar machine parts and gadgets, to show how animals are adapted to live their lives, such as how a chameleon changes colour, what makes grasshoppers leap so high, and why a platypus looks so strange.

Date: Fri 14 Feb-02 Nov 25

Time: 10.00 – 17.45

Location: Forest Hill, London

Website: <https://www.horniman.ac.uk/>

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Time: 11.00am - 4.00pm

Location: South Kensington, London

Website: <https://www.vam.ac.uk/event>



BeWell Family Dance Festival

A family-friendly festival bringing together generations to celebrate all things dance. Be dazzled by fantastic performances, learn new moves with brilliant dance artists and dance together.

Date: Sat 22 Feb 25

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm

The Brick People– Arts Depot

An event featuring lego with open areas to design, build and display your own creations.



Date: Sun 23 Feb 2025

Time: 10.00am—4.00pm

Location: North Finchley, London

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



The Magic Lantern Show- Florence Nightingale Museum

Combining original glass slides from the 19th and 20th century paired alongside modern slides of their own creations the show will feature an authentic triple magic lantern, combining three projections in a single device, allowing them to present a fast moving show that features some of the most spectacular effects the lantern can produce.

Date: Monday 17th February 2025

Time: 11:30am, 1:30pm and 3:30pm

Location: Bethnal Green, London,

Website: <https://www.florence-nightingale.co.uk/>



Chinese New Year on the Square

Lion Dance - Sat 01 Feb 25

Location: Throughout Chinatown

Time: 11.00am - 17.00am

Chinese New Year Parade - Sun 02 Feb 25

Location: Trafalgar Square and Chinatown. **Timings:**

10.00am - 11.45am from East of Trafalgar Square

12:00 midday - 6.00pm

12.00 midday: Speeches and Lions' Eyes-Dotting Ceremony

Dragon and Flying Lions Dance

Cultural performances

Finale 6.00pm: End of the celebration

Location: Trafalgar Square, London,

Website: <https://www.london.gov.uk/events>

UNICORN

Pig Heart Boy (ages 9-13)

Is it better to have a Pig's heart that works than a human heart that doesn't

Date: Until 22 Feb 25

Location: Tooley Street, London

Website: www.unicorntheatre.com

The Magic Finger Online

The Gregg family spend every Saturday morning out in the woods searching for animals and birds to hunt. But the girl next door cannot stand hunting, and she's so angry about it she's going to set the magic finger on them all. One thing is for certain, very strange and spectacular things are about to begin...

Weblink: [https://](https://www.unicorntheatre.com/events/the-magic-finger-online)

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Stem Week RAF Museum

Bubbly Maths

In this fun and engaging show, the world of maths and science will come to life via balloons and GIANT bubbles.

Date: Sat 15 Feb - Wed 18 Feb 25

Airfix Make and Take

Come and join us for one of our Airfix Make-and-Take Workshops, where families can come together to build a model of the Sopwith Pup. The kits can be made on-site or taken away to be completed at home.

Date: Mon 17 Feb - Wed 19 Feb 25

Time: 11:00am, 1:00pm, 2:30pm

Paper Airplane Designing Contest

Have you got what it takes to make a stream-lined jet that will go the distance? Here's your chance to find out by designing and refining your paper plane in attempt to win the RAF Museum's Paper Airplane Designing Contest. The current record is a whopping 19 metres but we're sure that is to be beaten this year!

Date: Wed 19 Feb - Fri 21 Feb 25

Location: Colindale, London

Website: <https://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/london/whats-going-on/events/stem-week-2/>



Colonel Blood and the Theft of the Crown Jewels

Criminal mastermind, Colonel Blood, and his audacious gang are up to no good at the Tower of London this February Half Term. But what exactly are they planning? Find out in this fun, family-friendly costumed performance.

Make this half term extraordinary, and escape to a world of mystery at Hampton Court Palace. Step back in time, join a royal quest and undertake a top-secret mission!

Elizabeth I has now been on the throne for over 15 years and plots against her are increasing. There is still no royal marriage, no heir and threats of war from Spain

Date: 15-23 Feb 25

Time: 10.30am

Location: Tower Hill, London

Website: www.hrp.org.uk

LITTLE ANGEL THEATRE

Little Angel Theatre - February 2025

◆ Little Angel Theatre's Miniature Travelling Circus

(15 Feb–19 Apr 25)

Aimed at ages 2 - 5

◆ A Squash and a Squeeze

(01 Feb–27 Apr 2025)

Aimed at ages 3- 8

Family Workshops - Silly Sausages (15 Feb–16 Feb 2025)

Aimed at ages 3 - 6

Free Online Theatre shows: <https://www.littleangeltheatre.com/watch-online/>

Website: www.littleangeltheatre.com/

MUSEUM OF THE HOME

Lunar New Year Family Day 2025

Join us for a vibrant day of creativity, connection, and celebration, where we explore the snake to welcome the Lunar New Year.

Date: Tue 18 Feb 25

Time: 10.30am-3.30pm

Location: Hackney, London

Website:

www.museumofthehome.org.uk



Half Term at the Shed

Tales from the Chicken Shed Theatre are vibrant, inclusive theatre shows that are perfect for young children.

Time: 10.30am & 11.30am

Date: 25 Jan-01 Mar 25

Location: Southgate, London

Website: www.chickenshed.org.uk/



**SEN mornings at the Museum
London Transport Museum Early explorers**

For children with special educational needs, disabled children, and their families, we open outside our regular hours on certain special days.

Enjoy the Museum at a quieter time, free from the general public, and with many of the gallery sounds turned off. Explore our All Aboard family spaces in peace, have a go at our holiday activities or get hands-on with genuine parts of transport history.

Morning: 8.00 onwards (open to the general public from 10:00am.

Tickets: <https://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/visit/families/families-send>

Advanced booking is essential as places are limited and must be booked online. Children and young people under 18 go free; adults charged general admission rate, carers go free.

Website: www.ltmuseum.co.uk



Science Museum - Early Birds is a relaxed morning for families with children who need a quieter environment to enjoy the Museum free of the hustle and bustle of the general public.

As well as exploring some of the galleries you can enjoy a selection of fun workshops and exciting demonstrations. All of these events are completely free and suitable for families with children under the age of 15.

Dates & Times:

Sat 15 Feb 25. 6.30pm-9.30pm

Sat 22 Mar25, 8.00am-11.00am

Location: South Kensington

Booking: <https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/see-and-do/early-birds>

Events Calendar Autism relaxed openings - Museums

Website: <https://www.autisminmuseums.com/events/>



Autism-friendly screenings are sometimes called relaxed or sensory-friendly screenings. Adjustments are made to reduce stress and sensory input, such as low lighting and sound, freedom to move and staff trained in autism.

Website: <https://dimensions-uk.org/get-involved/>



Dawnosaurus is a free event for neurodivergent children (including autism ADHD, Tourette's, OCD and other sensory processing difficulties).

Visitors have access to a wide-ranging programme of activities, including a chance to see, meet and even touch live animals. All activities are supported by experienced, autism-aware facilitators. A dedicated Sensory Room will also be available for those children needing a quieter and calmer space. You can apply online for a place at Dawnosaurus three to four weeks before each event.

Date: 19 Feb 25, 10 May 25

Time: 8.00 - 10.00am

Location: Cromwell Road, SW7

Website: www.nhm.ac.uk

Tower Bridge - on the third Saturday of every month, we host Relaxed Opening for anyone who would like to explore the Bridge in a calm, tranquil atmosphere, including people with autism and other neurodiverse needs, as well as their siblings, families and carers.

Families are able to explore the Towers, Glass Floors and Engine Rooms and also take part in a family trail if they wish.

Time: 9.30am-11.30am

Website: <https://www.towerbridge.org.uk/events/relaxed-opening> (book in advance)



Post Early Relaxed Events

Date: Sun 09 February 2025 / 10:00 - 17:00

Time: 10.00am - 5.00pm

<https://www.postalmuseum.org/event/post-early-relaxed-events>