

Let's Get Out and About!

February Half Term Holiday Activity Newsletter 2023

Welcome to the February Half Term '23 edition of **Let's Get Out and About!** In this edition, you will find out more about what is on in your local area during the half term break. Please remember to check the websites of venues before visiting as in some cases advance booking may be required. Enjoy!

SPOTLIGHT ON:

The festival for families returns from 8th – 18th February 2023 for children aged 0 – 11 and their grown-ups: 11 days jam-packed with more than 100 events, 50% of which are completely free.

Half-term highlights include a modern retelling of **Rapunzel by BalletLORENT**, talks by **Cressida Cowell** and **Michael Rosen**, the return of **YolanDa's Band Jam**, a daytime rave with the **world's youngest DJ**, and dinosaurs, magic, astronomy, hip-hop and comedy. For the older kids, Friday 17 and Saturday 18 February have a special focus on ages 7 – 11, with shows including **Everything Has Changed**, which playfully explores the impact of change.

SOUTHBANK CENTRE

Imagine Children's Festival

8 – 18 Feb 2023



The festival includes a wide range of free, inclusive and accessible events and activities. Imagine Children's Festival is a Relaxed festival, meaning that performances have a relaxed approach to noise and movement in the space, and you are free to enter and exit. A chill-out space and noise-cancelling headphones are also available for both adults and children. Head to [Imagine Children's Festival | Southbank Centre](#) for more information. Some of the events are FREE and no booking required, just turn up on the day NB if you click on the activity and there is no link to book

tickets, you don't need one; others require booking in advance. **How to get there:** Southbank Centre, Belvedere Road, London SE1 8XX. The nearest tube and train stations within 5 – 7 minutes walk are Waterloo (**Northern**, **Bakerloo**, **Jubilee** and **Waterloo & City** lines) and Embankment (**District** & **Circle** lines). There are also lots of bus routes with stops 2– 5 minutes from our venues. For more information on getting here by road, rail or river, see below.

Explore, build, play Celebrate architecture and materials with Play Build Play at **the National Gallery** as it approaches its building transformation. **When?** Tuesday, 14 February, Wednesday, 15 February and Thursday, 16 February 2023 11 am - 4 pm (drop-in)

How to get there: **Elizabeth Line** or **Central Line** to Tottenham Court Road Station, then 10 min. walk. [February half-term: Explore, build, play | Events container | National Gallery, London](#)

If you prefer to head out of town, **The Pavilion Shopping Centre, Uxbridge** is hosting a Winter Play Day on Tuesday 14 February, 10am to 4pm. Come along for a family fun day with activities including dance, story time, a baby corner, games, colouring and much more. Cost: Free, no need to book. Find out more: sdurner@hillingdon.gov.uk



Gunnersbury Park & Museum

A range of **Free** Family Trails are regularly available as well as February Half Term activities including Puppet Making on 14th February 11am – 3pm <https://www.visitgunnersbury.org/whats-on/children-families/make-and-take-once-upon-a-time/> OR make Royal Paper Chains on 15th February 11am – 3pm [Royal People Paper Chains | Gunnersbury \(visitgunnersbury.org\)](https://www.visitgunnersbury.org/whats-on/royal-paper-chains/) - no need to book. Suggested donation of £2. Click the link to find out about dates and times. Acton Town Tube Station (**Piccadilly** and **District** lines) or South Ealing Tube Station (**Piccadilly line**) then 10 mins walk either route. Buses E3 and 65. [Children & Families | Gunnersbury \(visitgunnersbury.org\)](https://www.visitgunnersbury.org/whats-on/children-families/)

What's on at the local libraries?

Chinese New Year celebration - Acton Library, **Saturday 11 February, 2 - 3.30pm**

Ealing libraries in partnership with Hong Kong People Association invite you to celebrate the New Year with an afternoon of dance, music and storytelling. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon and find out more about this year of the Rabbit. No booking required, All welcome

Chess and games club - Acton Library, **Saturday 18 February, 11am - 4pm**

Come and play chess and other board games including monopoly, dominos and scrabble. No booking required, Ages 5+

Make your own comic Acton Library, **Saturday 25 February, 11-12noon, 2-3pm,**

Join us and create your own story and characters. No booking required, Ages 5+

Create a cushioned heart for Valentine's Day Jubilee Gardens Library, Southall **Saturday 11**

February, 2pm Make a soft cushioned heart for yourself with tissue paper, No booking required, Age 4+

3D Valentine hearts craft Northolt Library, **Saturday 11 February, 10:30am**

Come and make a big 3D heart to give as a gift or hang up. No booking required, Age 3 and over

Make a bookmark Northolt Leisure Library, **Saturday 4 February, 1pm**

Never forget your place in a book again with this bookmark craft. No booking required, Ages: 5-10

Animal craft Northolt Leisure Library, **Saturday 11 February, 1pm**

To celebrate Darwin Day come make some animals with us. No booking required, Ages: 5-10

Half term reading challenge Northolt Leisure Library, **Monday 13 - Saturday 18 February.** During Half term, read 6 books to win a medal. Ages: 5-10

KidsYogaFlo returns to Hanwell Library - Free event on **Thursday 16th February**

Emma Hoddy @kidsyogaflo will run 2 Free yoga sessions on Thursday 16th February. She is running a parent/carer and child (ages 3-5 years) from 10-10:40am. 11-11:50am a session for children aged 6-10 years (parents must remain on site). There are limited places and booking is essential via:

<https://bookwhen.com/kidsyogaflo> If you book a place we kindly ask that you inform Emma if you are no longer able to attend so she can offer the space to someone on the waiting list. If you are unable to get a place, then please email Emma at kidsyogaflo@gmail.com and she will place you on a waiting list.

PITZHANGER

MANOR & GALLERY

FREE Drop-in Drawing Workshop for all ages and abilities on Friday 17th February 2023 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm. No booking required.

Come and practice your drawings skills with

artist [Lucia Ferguson](#) in a FREE drop-in drawing workshop for families and people of all ages and abilities in Sir John Soane's Pitzhanger Manor. This is a drop-in session, so participants may come and go as they please over the course of the session, space permitting. Children must be accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian.

<https://www.pitzhanger.org.uk/whatson/drop-in-drawing-workshop/>

This newsletter was compiled by the School Partnerships and Enrichment Team, Ealing Council. All information was correct at the time of compilation but please use the weblinks provided to check dates and times before joining an activity. Please contact sthompson@ealing.gov.uk for any suggestions or feedback.