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WELCOME TO THE AUTUMN EDITION!



And just like that, autumn is here! The flip-flops have disappeared, the evenings are getting darker and somehow we're already talking about Christmas.

For us, the next few months are all about **family traditions, old and new**. We'll be heading out pumpkin picking, squeezing in multiple panto trips and, once December arrives, there will definitely be a compulsory mulled wine or two!

Bonfire Night is always a favourite for me too. In a past life, I actually worked professionally with fireworks, so I probably get a little more excited about 5th November than most grown adults should.

Then there's Christmas. Emily would happily put the decorations up ridiculously early and, if the rest of us didn't intervene, I'm fairly sure they'd stay up all year. And to celebrate the festive season, we've got some **amazing competitions** for you.

Inside this issue, we've packed in plenty to help you enjoy the next three months. Our **Daily Activity Planner** is back to help you find things to do each week, plus keep an eye out for **Where's Santa?**, helping you track down the big man himself this Christmas.

And there's one more big date for the diary: **Toddle About LIVE!** returns to **Sherfield School on 21st November!** We can't wait to bring our community together again.

However you celebrate the season, we hope this issue helps you discover something new and make some brilliant memories together.

Enjoy the issue!

Bill & Emily

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PS. Have you used the Toddle About website yet? Simply pop in your postcode, and you will be shown all the different things on offer for little ones near you. Head there now: www.toddleabout.co.uk

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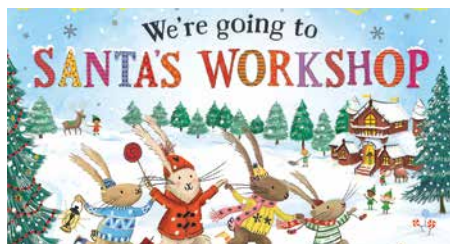
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Celebrate 10 Years with a New Christmas Adventure

Come and join the fun as the bunnies set off on the Christmas adventure of a lifetime! The toys have all gone MISSING from Santa's Workshop, and it's up to the bunnies to find them.

The new release marks a decade of the much-loved series, bringing another interactive lift-the-flap adventure for our littlest readers and families to enjoy together.

Get your copy now in time for Christmas or explore the range in bookstores now [See P.11](#)



Award Winning Sleep Support

Congratulations to Sleep Nanny Melanie Hastings, named Infant Sleep Consultant of the Year 2026/27 at the Prestige Awards! The judges praised Melanie's gentle, responsive approach, helping families build healthier sleep routines without leaving little ones to cry. With 20 years' childcare experience, Melanie offers personalised support for babies, toddlers and preschoolers, helping parents tackle naps, overtiredness and sleepless nights while building confidence around sleep.

Find out how Melanie can help your family sleep better at www.melaniehastings.sleepnanny.co.uk [See P.11](#)



Awaken Your Imagination

As the hallway lights dim and the familiar weight of small, sleepy limbs settles into bed, a quiet revolution is taking place in children's literature. With vibrant picture books like *Bedtime for Ella*, the whimsical realm of Giggly Furbottom is transforming the chaotic twilight hours. Through gentle monster magic and vibrant storytelling, the books turn everyday stumbles into stepping stones of confidence - offering families a much-needed sanctuary where young imaginations can safely learn the art of growing up.

To get your copy now, visit www.GigglyFurbottom.com. [See P.28](#)

Party Season Sorted!

From spooky Halloween costumes to festive decorations, balloons and Christmas fancy dress, Pageant Party in Newbury is a brilliant local one-stop shop for the season ahead.

This independent business has been serving the local community since 1997, with costumes for children and adults, accessories, party decorations and some seriously impressive balloon displays. So before heading online, why not shop local and let Pageant Party help make your next celebration extra special.

Pop into their Newbury shop or browse the range online at www.pageantparty.co.uk. [See P.36](#)



Welcome Aboard to Bekonscot's New Chief Executive!

This September Bekonscot welcomed Craig Bennett as their new Chief Executive.

Craig brings a rich mix of experience from the world of theatre, set design and lighting to the role, alongside a passion for gardening, puppetry, storytelling and immersive visitor experiences. We look forward to seeing how his creativity and expertise help to shape the next chapter for Bekonscot.

Read their latest blog at www.bekonscot.co.uk to find out more! [See P26 & 38](#)





New Season New Us!

The Toddle About Show podcast is back and with more of a focus on the challenges of parenting and life with kids. Bill and Emily tackle topics including getting your little ones to sleep better, starting school and the things we wish we knew. This is not a show that will fix all your problems but hopefully it will help you feel like you are not alone in navigating day to day life as parents.

Visit www.youtube.com/@TheToddleAboutShow to subscribe and listen to all episodes or search The Toddle About Show on Spotify or Apple Podcasts



Pop Up Play Village Celebrates 10 Years of Play!

This October, Pop Up Play Village celebrates its 10th anniversary! Founded in 2016, Pop Up Play Village has grown from one local role play village into a nationwide network supporting thousands of children through play. From role play sessions, events and parties to schools and early years visits, the mission remains the same: helping children build confidence, communication, creativity and wellbeing through the power of play.

Find out more here: www.popupplayvillage.co.uk
See P.23

Oh What A Newbury Show

Every September Newbury puts on its amazing annual agricultural show, and this year was no different. With plenty of food, craft and shopping stalls, live demos and shows, activities and entertainment, and of course, best in show farm animals. And not forgetting, the fabulous dancing diggers!! There is so much to do for the whole family that 2 days almost don't seem enough.

Newbury Show will be back on 18th/19th September 2027 at Newbury Showground. Tickets will go on sale in 2027.



A Hoppity Halloween Adventure

The Bunnies of Hoppity Hill are heading to National Trust properties across Berkshire and Hampshire this Halloween for a spook-tacular family adventure!



Perfect for preschoolers and young children, little bunnies can hunt for hidden ghosts, choose their bunny name, play Halloween hoopla, race broomsticks and brave the warty toad stepping stones before joining the celebration party and collecting a sticker.

Check out www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/whats-on/halloween-adventures to find out what's on near you.

No More Nappy-Change Wrestling Matches

Got a little roller, wriggler or escape artist? The Turning Tot is an award-winning anti-roll changing mat designed to make nappy changes calmer and easier. Created by a mum who experienced those wriggly changes first-hand, its clever design helps keep babies and toddlers comfortably in place. It's also wipe-clean, portable and folds neatly into your changing bag – perfect for home or adventures.



The mat is designed particularly for wriggly little ones aged around 6 months to 2 years and won Silver for Best Changing Mat at the 2025 MadeForMums Awards.

Discover more at www.theturningtottot.com See P.8

TODDLE MODELS

Baby and Toddler Photo Competition Winner

Thank you to everyone who entered our Summer Toddler Models competition!

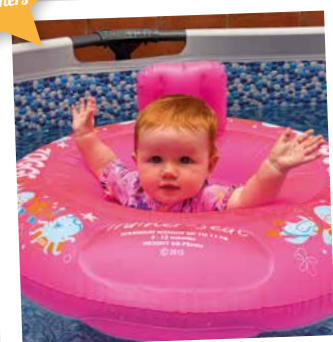
Congratulations to little Olivia and Barnaby, who both won a **Personalised Summer Bundle from My 1st Years**, worth £181!

We received so many gorgeous entries - we hope you enjoy looking through them as much as we have and that this gives all our entrants a lovely keepsake.



Barnaby, 7 months old

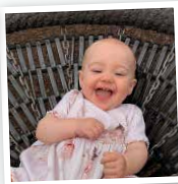
Winners



Olivia, 10 months old



Adaline, 2 years



Amelia, 8 months



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Annie, 4 months



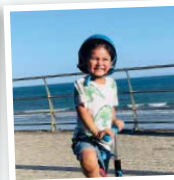
Astrid, 3 years



Athena, 3 years



Ava, 3 years



Avyansh, 3 yrs 10 mths



Barney, 5 months



Billie, 2.5 years



Charlotte & Emily, 6&3 yrs



Dylan, 3 years



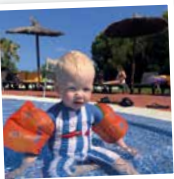
Ella, 2 yrs 6 months



Hudson, 4 months



Jude, 4 years



Leo, 2 years



Louie, 4 years



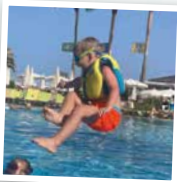
Matilda, 3 yrs 6 mths



Minnie, 2 yrs 2 mths



Nancy, 3 years



Nate, 3 yrs 8 mths



Nico, 6 months



Ottilie, 3 yrs 2 mths



Percy, 2 yrs 4 mths



Radleigh, 2 yrs 10 mths



Ralph, 9 months



Robin, 3 yrs 6 mths



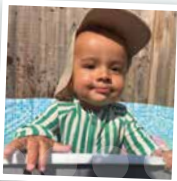
Rosie, 1 yr 10 mths



Sophia, 3 yrs 9 mths



Summer, 22 months



Theodore, 10 months



Tilly, 2 yrs 2 months



Wesley & Arthur,
3mths & 5 yrs

COMPETITION

TODDLE MODELS

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Send us a photo of your little one all dressed up for Halloween or Christmas, or anything else! We will print as many entries as possible in the next magazine to give you a lovely keepsake.

Enter by **Sun 29th Nov 2026**.

ENTER AT:

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HALLOWEEN QUESADILLAS

These cheesy cauliflower quesadillas are a fun, hands-on way to sneak extra veg into mealtimes this Halloween.

METHOD:

STEP 1: Half fill a large saucepan with water and bring to the boil. Add the cauliflower florets and boil for 10-12 minutes, until soft. Drain and set aside.

STEP 2: Blitz the cauliflower until smooth in a food processor.

STEP 3: Melt the butter in a saucepan over a low heat, then whisk in the flour until it forms a smooth paste. Cook, whisking constantly, for 30 seconds.

STEP 4: Gradually whisk in the milk a little at a time, bringing the mixture to a gentle simmer and letting it thicken after each addition. Continue stirring until all the milk is incorporated and the sauce coats the back of a spoon (about 6-8 minutes).

INGREDIENTS:

- 150ml milk
- 75g mature cheddar, finely grated
- 15g tomato puree
- Salt and pepper
- 3-4 tortillas
- Splash of oil
- Pumpkin cookie cutters or a knife

STEP 5: Stir in the cheese and tomato puree, then season with salt and pepper. Fold the cauliflower puree into the cheese sauce.

STEP 6: Cut 24 pumpkin shapes from the tortillas. On 12 of these, cut out spooky eyes and a mouth with a knife.

STEP 7: Lay the 12 plain pumpkin tortillas on a tray. Spoon a teaspoon of cheese sauce onto each, then top with a face tortilla to sandwich together. Repeat for all.

STEP 8: Heat a splash of oil in a frying pan and cook the quesadillas in batches, both sides, until crisp and lightly golden.



RECIPE courtesy of Louise Slope, Child Nutritional Therapist from Nourished Nest. www.nourishednest.co.uk.

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For families with one parent earning over **£100,000**, how income is structured matters more than the income itself. Cross the threshold by even a pound and **you lose 30 funded hours and Tax-Free Childcare** entirely for any child under school age. Most parents don't realise how much that costs until they examine the numbers.

The chart shows two versions of the same higher-earning household. On the left: a standard **5% auto-enrolment pension**, two full nursery bills with no government support, and a hefty tax bill as the personal allowance tapers away. On the right, one change: **pension contributions rise from 5% to just over 13%**. That brings adjusted net income back under £100,000, which **restores funded hours and Tax-Free Childcare in full, recovers the lost personal allowance**, and channels much more into the pension. **Take-home pay goes up significantly, not down.**

One date for your diary: funded hours for the Spring term need to be **applied for or reconfirmed by 31st December**, and it's worth getting the code to your nursery a couple of weeks early. If a pension change is what gets you back under £100,000, **make that decision in good time**, not in the last week of December.

The catch is that the **right approach depends on your family's circumstances**. Children's ages, your nursery's rates and discounts, and your default pension contribution affect the numbers. And this is not only a concern for the highest earners: plenty of families well under £100,000 are **missing funded hours, Tax-Free Childcare or child benefit they already qualify for**, simply because the rules are so complex.

That's the bit I love helping people with. Whatever your income, at milkandmoney.co.uk you'll find **a calculator that models exactly this for your family**, or if you'd rather have someone do the maths with you, you can **book a consultation directly**.

Catherine is the founder of **Milk & Money**, helping families in England understand exactly what they're entitled to.



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THERE ARE 10 TO FIND!

ANSWERS ON P.39



YOUR CHILD IS POORLY. YOUR ROUTINE ISN'T THE PRIORITY. THEY ARE.

by Norland Nanny and
Sleep Consultant
Melanie

Norland nanny and sleep consultant Melanie on why the “perfect” sleep routine should be the first thing to go this cold and flu season and how to get it back once they’re well.

It’s that time of year again.

Nursery is a revolving door of coughs, temperatures and “*just one more bug.*”

The parents I speak to at this point are often **more panicked about the sleep than the illness itself.**

Let me put your mind at ease: no. A poorly child needing more comfort, more contact, more of you, is not a habit forming. It’s a child who feels rubbish and wants their person.

That instinct in you to go to them, to hold them a little longer, to let the routine slide for a few nights, that’s not weakness, **that’s exactly the right call.**

Where I see families come unstuck isn’t during the illness. **It’s after.** They’re so relieved to be through it that they either cling to the “extras” or they yank everything back to exactly how it was overnight and wonder why their child is confused and resisting.

Once your child is on the mend, give it **two or three nights of gently stepping back** what you added. If you were rocking to sleep, start with a hand on their back instead. Children take their cue from your certainty far more than your words.

Illness season is relentless when you have little ones in nursery or school. **You are not failing** because your carefully built routine had a wobble in November. That’s not a sleep regression. That’s just parenting through a cough.

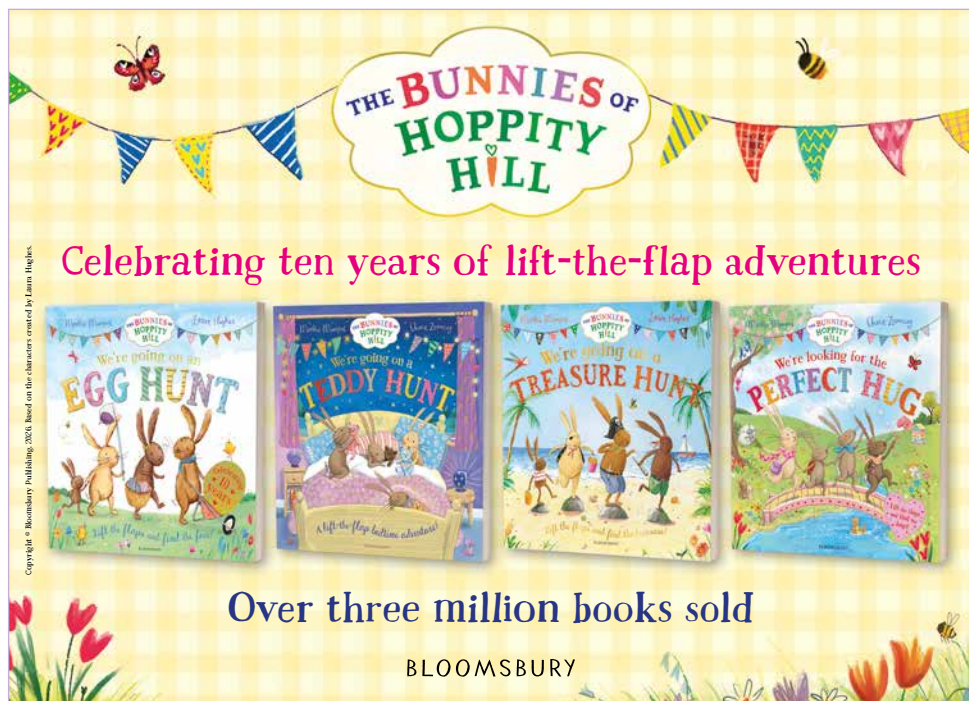
The routine will hold. It always does, when you know how to guide them back to it.

Melanie is a Norland Nanny and sleep consultant. Scan the QR code to access the dedicated sleep library, packed with expert advice, videos, and practical tips.

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WHY WON'T MY CHILD APOLOGISE?

Teaching Empathy Instead of Empty 'Sorrys'

By Rachel Johnson



"Say sorry." Two little words that can turn into the longest ten seconds of your day. Your toddler crosses their arms. Clamps their mouth shut. Or mutters a "sorry" so quietly or quickly that it means nothing at all. Sound familiar?

Here's the reassuring truth: you may feel your child is being defiant, rude, or badly behaved, but they are also being what they are: very young humans who haven't learned how to be a fully functioning person yet. It's our job to teach them.

Why Little Ones Struggle To Say Sorry

Saying a genuine sorry requires something quite sophisticated: understanding that another person has feelings separate from your own, and that your actions caused them. This skill is still under construction in the under-5 brain. Right now, they are the main character in their own story. Awareness of others grows gradually, through hundreds of small, everyday moments.

So when we demand an instant, word-perfect apology from a two or three-year-old, we're often asking for something they're not developmentally ready to give. And when children learn that "sorry" is just a magic word that ends the telling-off, they say it but they don't always feel it. We end up teaching performance, not empathy.

What To Do Instead

The good news is there's plenty we can do to nurture real empathy, even before children can express it in words.

1. NARRATE THE FEELINGS, DON'T SCRIPT THE APOLOGY.

Instead of, "Say sorry to Freddie," try: "Look at Freddie's face. He's crying because you took his digger. That felt sad for him." Naming feelings out loud, calmly and often, is how children slowly learn to notice them.



Rachel Johnson is the author of *Connected: Focusing on Me and We*, a new book for young people, their parents and educators. She is also Chief Executive of PiXL, the UK's largest school leadership network, and a parent of three.

2. MODEL IT YOURSELF.

Children learn far more from watching us than from our instructions. If you snap at your toddler and then say, "I'm sorry I used a cross voice, that wasn't kind," you're showing them what a real apology sounds like: regret, ownership, and repair.

3. OFFER REPAIR INSTEAD OF REQUIRING WORDS.

For little ones, actions often say more than "sorry" ever could. "Shall we help Freddie build his digger back up?" or "Let's get Amelia a tissue," gives your child a way to put things right without relying on language they may not have yet.

4. KEEP YOUR EXPECTATIONS AGE-APPROPRIATE.

A three-year-old grabbing a toy back isn't always them plotting unkindness, they're testing boundaries and learning the relationship between cause and effect.

We can insist on a word, but what we really want them to understand is that other people have feelings too and sometimes we make mistakes and hurt them.

The Seeds Are Being Planted

You won't see instant results, and that's absolutely normal. Empathy isn't taught in a single conversation; it's built slowly, apology by apology, cuddle by cuddle, explanation and modelling over years.

Every time you name a feeling, model a genuine "sorry," or help your child make things right, you're laying the groundwork for a child who, one day, won't need reminding to say sorry, because they'll truly understand why it matters.



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by Rod Campbell



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www.westberkshireheritage.org/shaw-house



SPOOKY OWL WEEK

Hawk Conservancy Trust
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Children's NUTRITION

WHY EARLY ALLERGIES & INTOLERANCES CAN OCCUR

by Suzannah Winsor MSc PNPD mBANT AFMCP

Your birth story, early diet, early exposures and medications can all play a role in shaping your microbiome and, therefore, your immune health.

The first 1,000 days (from conception through to a child's second birthday) are a critical window for establishing the foundations of the microbiome. During this time, the air we breathe, the milk we drink, the medications we take and the foods we're weaned onto all influence the composition of our microbiome.

THE MICROBIOME-IMMUNE CONNECTION

It may come as a surprise that an adult is made of approximately 30 trillion human cells and 38 trillion bacterial cells.

Your microbiome helps to train, develop and regulate your immune system.

The bacteria that live on us and inside us – our skin microbiome, our lung microbiome, the sinus microbiome and the gut microbiome – all work together to build the foundations of our immune system, alongside important nutrients such as vitamin D and zinc.

Immune-mediated reactions can include IgE food allergies, intolerances or food sensitivities. Inflammatory responses to foods such as lactose (dairy), histamine (aged foods), gluten (wheat), eggs, nuts and soy can be accompanied by digestive issues, asthmatic symptoms, skin irritation, constipation and mood changes. Lesser-known food sensitivities, such as reactions to oranges and potatoes, can also occur and may be easily overlooked.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GUT

Up to 70% - 80% of the body's immune cells live in the gut, where they interact with your bacteria.

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Microbes also have the job of turning our foods into beneficial short-chain fatty acids, which nourish the cells lining your colon and help reduce allergies by strengthening your gut wall and calming down overactive immune cells. Microbes even make some vitamins, including vitamin K, B12 and B9 (folate).

WHERE TO START?

Navigating increasing food restrictions, an unhappy child and "magic answer" supplement marketing can be confusing, expensive and tiring.

It can be helpful to take a step back and look at the beginning of your child's health story.

Consider: when was your child last well? Have they been exposed to antibiotics at a young age? What has helped so far? Is there mould in your home? What was their early diet like? Is constipation, bloating or IBS part of your child's health story? Are important nutrients such as vitamin D and zinc part of your child's diet?

These are just some of the questions that can help build a bigger picture of what may be contributing to your child's allergies, intolerances or food sensitivities.

Everyone is different, and what works for one may not work for another.

MICROBIOME TESTING

One option is a paediatric microbiome test. This report shows which of the good bugs need a helping hand, if any bad bugs are thriving and even if there are too many of the good bugs. Seeing a snapshot of your child's gut microbiome allows for a more effective and personalised approach to supporting their immune system and gut health.



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Written by Tanya Barroso, Toddle About Subscriber

This enchanting wooden lighthouse playset is perfect for imaginative seaside adventures. With a rotating gem at the top, a removable rock pool and a charming collection of sea creatures, it encourages little ones to explore coastal life, weather and storytelling through play. £49.99 from www.tickit.co.uk.

We were so excited to be given the chance to review the Lighthouse Island by Tickit. It is absolutely beautiful and such a lovely quality toy. The attention to detail is wonderful with little wooden shells, rocks, a sweet seal, dolphin and charming lighthouse keeper that my little boy enjoyed playing with.

Everything is beautifully made, smooth and sturdy making it perfect for little hands and it is fantastic for imaginative play.

My little boy was creating his own seaside adventures.

I also love the natural wooden finish and thoughtful design making it a lovely display piece when not being played with.

The only bit my boy struggled with was keeping the red wooden platform on as it came off easily when being played with. However overall, it's a fantastic toy. Highly recommend - 4 Stars.



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FAMILY Date Nights

THE TRADITION I HOPE MY CHILDREN NEVER OUTGROW

by Sophie David



If you asked me what I hope my children remember about their childhood, it wouldn't be the expensive holidays, the days out or even the beautifully planned birthday parties. Of course, I hope those memories stay with them too, but when I really stop to think about it, they're not the moments I hope define their childhood.

Instead, I hope they remember Friday nights around our kitchen table.

Every Friday, our family has a date. Not the kind that needs booking months in advance or costs a fortune, but a few hours that belong entirely to us. We put our phones away, leave the washing where it is, ignore the emails until tomorrow and choose to be together. Some weeks we're making homemade pizzas, other weeks we're laughing through a giant game of Battleships over dinner, painting ridiculous portraits of one another or creating fairy doors for the garden. Occasionally we'll make fresh pasta from scratch, host a family spa evening or transform the kitchen into our own little ice cream parlour.

The activity changes every week, but the reason behind it never does.

We're making time for each other.

We didn't start family date nights because I thought we needed another thing to add to our calendar. In fact, it was quite the opposite. Like so many families, life had quietly become busy. Between school, work, clubs, homework, birthday parties and all the little jobs that somehow fill every spare moment, we realised we were spending plenty of time together but very little *intentional* time together. We were sharing a house, but often just passing one another in the

rush from one commitment to the next.

So we made a decision.

No matter what the week looked like, *one evening would belong to our family.*

That one small decision has become one of the best things we've ever done.

Now, by Monday morning, one of my children will usually ask, "What's our date night this week?" It's become something they look forward to, not because they know exactly what we'll be doing, but because they know we'll all be there. It has become part of our family's rhythm, and I think children find enormous comfort in those rhythms. In a world that changes quickly, where weeks often disappear before we've noticed them, traditions offer children something wonderfully dependable. They tell them, *"This matters. You matter."*

As parents, I think many of us carry an invisible pressure to create magical childhoods. Social media doesn't always help. We see beautifully styled playrooms, extravagant days out and endless bucket lists that leave us wondering whether we're doing enough. It's easy to believe that making memories requires grand gestures or expensive experiences.

But I don't think childhood is built from highlights.

I think it's built from *repetition.*

The bedtime story read every night.

The pancakes every Sunday morning.

The walk home from school.

The way you always sing the same song in the car.

These are the moments children come to expect, the traditions they grow up inside, and often the

memories they carry long after the bigger occasions have faded.

Family date nights have become one of those traditions for us. They aren't extraordinary because of what we do. They're extraordinary because *we keep choosing them, week after week.*

People often ask me for activity ideas, but I honestly think that's the least important part. We've spent almost nothing on some of our favourite evenings. A blanket on the lounge floor, homemade popcorn and a board game have created just as much laughter as evenings where we've bought ingredients for homemade pizzas or craft supplies for a creative project.

The activity is simply the vehicle.

Connection is the destination.

When I watch my children during these evenings, I realise they're learning so much more than I ever intended. They're negotiating whose turn comes next. They're solving problems together, learning to compromise, celebrating each other's ideas and discovering that losing a game isn't the end of the world. They're building relationships with one another that I hope will still be there long after Adam and I are gone.

Most importantly, they're experiencing something every child deserves to feel.

That someone thinks they're worth making time for.

I don't think we talk enough about that.

In a world where we're constantly distracted by notifications, overflowing calendars and endless jobs that seem too important to wait until tomorrow, making uninterrupted time for someone has become one of the greatest expressions of love we can offer.

Children notice it.

They notice when we're listening without looking at our phones. They notice when we laugh with them instead of watching from the sidelines. They notice when we've carved out time that belongs only to them.

Connection rarely happens by accident.

It happens because we protect it.

That's why family date nights have become non-negotiable in our home. Not because I think one evening a week makes me a better parent, but because I've realised that relationships aren't built in the spaces left over after everything else is done. They're built when we decide they're important enough to come first.

One day, these Friday nights will change.

There won't always be three little chairs squeezed around our kitchen table. There will come a time when Friday evenings are spent with friends, at university, at work or with families of their own. One day, my children will stop asking what our family date night will be because they'll be busy creating lives that no longer revolve around ours.

And that's exactly as it should be.

But I hope that somewhere, years from now, they'll remember how those evenings felt.

Not necessarily what we made or what game we played, but the feeling of belonging. The laughter that filled the kitchen. The conversations that somehow lasted longer than we'd planned. The certainty that, however busy life became, there would always be time set aside just for us.

My greatest hope isn't that they recreate every activity we've ever done.

It's that they recreate the feeling.

Perhaps one day, without even realising why, they'll find themselves saying to their own children, *"Shall we have a family date night this Friday?"*

Not because they read it in a parenting book or saw it on social media, but because it feels familiar.

Because somewhere deep inside them they learnt that *connection isn't something we stumble across when life gets quieter.*

It's something we choose.

And if my children grow up believing that the people they love are always worth making time for, then I think our Friday nights will have given them something far more valuable than a collection of happy memories. They'll have given them a way of building a family of their own.

Sophie David is a qualified teacher, early years expert and mum of three. She is the founder of Little Happy Learners and author of How to Create Little Happy Learners and Read, Write, Play. Through her books and online community, Sophie shares simple, play-based ideas that help families connect, learn and make childhood feel a little more magical. Find her at @littlehappy learners and www.littlehappy learners.co.uk



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- Glitter
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- Glue Gun

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2. Fill the jar halfway full of distilled water and then squirt in some clear glue and stir it into the water.
3. Add 1-2 teaspoons of glitter.
4. Fill the jar up almost full with more distilled water, leaving enough space in the jar for the focal point object so the jar doesn't overflow.
5. Screw the lid tightly onto the jar so that the focal point object fits nicely inside.
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Chineham, Basingstoke, RG24 8LT. 01256 474280.

www.christchurchchineham.org.uk.

- Sparklers: 10:00 - 11:30.

Cost: £1.50 per session (*must book*).

Dates: 5 Oct - 19 Oct & 2 Nov - 14 Dec.

Home-Start Basingstoke & Deane

The Sarum Hill Centre, Sarum Hill, Basingstoke, RG21 8SR.

01256 325793. www.homestart-basingstokedeane.org.uk.

- Wellbeing Circle: 9:45 - 11:00. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.
- Wellbeing Course (5 weeks): 11:30 - 12:30. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.
- Wellbeing 5 Week Course: 11:30 - 12:30. **Ages:** 0 - 99 yrs.

Cost: Free (*must book*). **Dates:** 5 Oct - 28 Dec.

Oakley with Wootton

St Leonard's Centre, Rectory Road, Oakley, RG23 7ED.

01256 782724. www.oakleywithwootton.org.uk.

- Pippins: 13:30 - 15:00. **Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs.

Cost: Free (*drop in*). **Dates:** 5 Oct - 14 Dec.

Tadley Library

Mulfords Hill, Tadley, RG26 3JE. www.hants.gov.uk.

- Stay and Play: 10:30 - 11:00. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.
- U3A Cribb: 14:00 - 16:00.

Cost: Free (*must book*). **Dates:** 5 Oct - 28 Dec.

The Salvation Army

6 Mulfords Hill, Tadley, RG26 3LJ. 020 7367 4500.

www.salvationarmy.org.uk.

- Pebbles, Salvation Army at Tadley: 10:00 - 11:30.

Ages: 0 - 4 yrs. **Cost:** £1.50 per session (*drop in*).

Dates: 5 Oct - 19 Oct & 2 Nov - 14 Dec.

The Roger Morris Community Centre

Eastrop Way, Basingstoke, RG21 4QE. 01256 473634.

www.viables.org.uk.

- Tiny Town - role-play village (walking-5): 9:30 - 10:30.

Cost: £4 per session (*must book*). **Dates:** 5 Oct - 28 Dec.

CREATIVE

Pop Up Play Village Basingstoke

iFLY Indoor Skydiving, Basingstoke Leisure Park, Euskirchen

Way, Basingstoke, RG22 6PG. 07789 717076.

www.popupplayvillage.co.uk.

- Visit Our Village: 9:00 - 17:00. **Ages:** 0 - 8 yrs.

Cost: £9 per session (*must book*). **Dates:** 5 Oct - 28 Dec.

DANCE & DRAMA

Petite School of Dancing

Pamber Memorial Hall, Pamber Heath Road, Pamber Heath,

Tadley, RG26 3TQ. www.petiteschoolofdancing.com.

- Grown Up & Me: 10:30 - 11:15. **Ages:** 1 yrs 6 mths - 3 yrs.

Cost: £6 per session (*must book*).

Dates: 5 Oct - 19 Oct & 2 Nov - 7 Dec.

SWIMMING

Basingstoke Sports Centre

Festival Place, Basingstoke, RG21 7LE. 01256 326331.

- Pre School: 11:00 - 12:00.

Dates: 5 Oct - 14 Dec.

PHYSICAL FUN

Wellington Country Park

Odiham Road, Riseley, Reading, RG7 1SP. 0118 932 6444.
www.wellingtoncountrypark.co.uk.

- **Storytime: 10:30 - 11:00. Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

Cost: £21.95 per session (*must book*). **Dates:** 5 Oct - 21 Oct.

TUESDAY

PARENTS & TOTS

Alton Library

Vicarage Hill, Alton, GU34 1HT. www.hants.gov.uk.

- **Storytime: 10:30 - 11:00. Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

Cost: Free. **Dates:** 6 Oct - 29 Dec.

Basingstoke Discovery Centre

Festival Place, Basingstoke, RG21 7LS. www.hants.gov.uk.

- **Baby Rhymetime: 10:30 - 11:00. Ages:** 0 - 2 yrs.

Cost: £1 per session (*must book*). **Dates:** 6 Oct - 29 Dec.

Home-Start Basingstoke & Deane

Rucstall Community Centre, Holbein Close, Basingstoke, RG21 3QN. 01256 325793.

www.homestart-basingstokedeane.org.uk.

- **Multiple Birth Group: 10:00 - 11:30.**

Ages: 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** Free (*drop in*). **Dates:** 6 Oct - 29 Dec.

Lychpit Village Hall

Great Binfields Rd, Lychpit, Basingstoke, RG24 8TF.

- **Basing Beans: 10:00 - 11:30. Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

Cost: £3 (*must book*). **Dates:** 6 - 20 Oct, 3 Nov - 15 Dec.

Melrose Community Association

Melrose Community Hall, 597 Abbey Road, Popley, RG24 9ES.

01256 420676. www.melrosecommunityassociation.co.uk.

- **Popley Little People: 9:30 - 12:15.**

Cost: £2.50 per session (*drop in*).

Dates: 6 Oct - 20 Oct & 3 Nov - 15 Dec.

Oakley with Wootton

St Leonard's Centre, Rectory Road, Oakley, RG23 7ED.

01256 782724. www.oakleywithwootton.org.uk.

- **New Life: 10:00 - 11:30. Ages:** 0 - 1 yrs.

Cost: Free (*drop in*). **Dates:** 6 Oct - 15 Dec.

Sherfield Park Community Centre

Sunwood Dr, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0FP.

01256 883 967. www.sherfieldparkcommunity.co.uk.

- **Sherfield 0-5's: 10:00 - 11:30.**

Cost: £2.50 per session (*must book*).

Dates: 6 Oct - 20 Oct & 3 Nov - 15 Dec.

St Mary's Basingstoke

St Mary's Church, Goat Ln, Eastrop Ln, Basingstoke, RG21 7PZ.

01256 464249. www.stmarys-basingstoke.org.uk.

- **Toddler Group: 10:00 - 11:30. Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

Cost: £2.50 per session (*must book*).

Dates: 6 Oct - 20 Oct & 3 Nov - 15 Dec.

Tadley Library

Mulfords Hill, Tadley, RG26 3JE. www.hants.gov.uk.

- **Boardgames & Colouring: 10:00 - 12:30. Ages:** 3 - 12 yrs.

- **Baby Rhymetime: 10:30 - 11:00. Ages:** 0 - 1 yrs.

Cost: Free (*must book*). **Dates:** 6 Oct - 29 Dec.

Treasure Island Parent & Toddler Group

Popley Fields Community Centre, Carpenters Down, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9AE. 01256 414014.

Times: 9:00 - 11:00. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

Cost: £2 per session (*drop in*). **Dates:** 6-20 Oct & 3 Nov-15 Dec.

Viabes Community Centre

The Harrow Way, Basingstoke, RG22 4BJ. 01256 473634.

www.viabes.org.uk.

- **Barn Tots: 10:00 - 11:45.**

Cost: £2 per session (*must book*). **Dates:** 6 Oct - 29 Dec.

SENSORY & DEVELOPMENT

Chineham Library

Chineham District Centre, Basingstoke, RG24 8BQ.

www.hants.gov.uk.

- **Storytime: 10:30 - 11:00. Ages:** 3 - 5 yrs.

- **Construction Club: 15:15 - 16:45. Ages:** 5 - 12 yrs.

Cost: Free (*must book*). **Dates:** 6 Oct - 29 Dec.

CREATIVE

Pop Up Play Village Basingstoke

iFLY Indoor Skydiving, Basingstoke Leisure Park, Euskirchen

Way, Basingstoke, RG22 6PG. 07789 717076.

www.popupplayvillage.co.uk.

- **Visit Our Village: 9:00 - 17:00. Ages:** 0 - 8 yrs.

Cost: £9 per session (*must book*). **Dates:** 6 Oct - 29 Dec.

PHYSICAL FUN

Tots Play Basingstoke

Chineham Village Hall, Thornhill Way, Chineham, RG24 8YE.

07843 479359. www.totsplay.co.uk.

- **Baby Development 6 week Course: 12:30 - 13:30.**

A Strong Foundation for Your Baby's Growth and Development

Ages: 0 - 6 mths. **Dates:** 6 Oct - 16 Oct.

SWIMMING

Basingstoke Sports Centre

Festival Place, Basingstoke, RG21 7LE. 01256 326331.

www.better.org.uk.

- **Pre School: 11:30 - 12:30. Preschoolers' swimming skills**

- **Dippers: 9:30 - 10:00. Baby water fun with parents**

- **Splashers: 10:00 - 10:30. Toddler water fun with parents**

- **Paddlers: 10:30 - 11:00 & 11:00 - 11:30. Toddler basics**

Dates: 6 Oct - 15 Dec.

WEDNESDAY

PARENTS & TOTS

Basingstoke Discovery Centre

Festival Place, Basingstoke, RG21 7LS. www.hants.gov.uk.

- **Rhymetime: 10:30 - 11:00. Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

Cost: £1 per session (*must book*). **Dates:** 7 Oct - 30 Dec.

Hatch Warren Community Centre

Long Cross Ln, Basingstoke, RG22 4XF. 01256 811262.

www.hatchwarren.org.

- **Warren Tots Pre-Play Sessions: 10:00 - 11:30. Ages:** 0-4 yrs.

Cost: £3.50 (*must book*). **Dates:** 7 - 21 Oct & 4 Nov - 16 Dec.

Home-Start Basingstoke & Deane

Fairfields Primary School, Council Road, Basingstoke, RG21 3DH. 01256 325793.

www.homestart-basingstokedeane.org.uk.

• **The Little Welly Club!**: 9:20 - 10:30.

Ages: 0 - 4 yrs. **Cost:** Free (drop in).

Dates: 7 Oct - 30 Dec.

Home-Start Basingstoke & Deane

The Sarum Hill Centre, Sarum Hill, Basingstoke, RG21 8SR. 01256 325793. www.homestart-basingstokedeane.org.uk.

• **Bumps to Newborn & Beyond:** 9:30 - 11:00.

Ages: 0 - 4 yrs. **Cost:** Free (drop in).

Dates: 7 Oct - 30 Dec.

Melrose Community Association

Melrose Community Hall, 597 Abbey Road, Popley, Basingstoke, RG24 9ES. 01256 420676.

www.melrosecommunityassociation.co.uk.

• **Popley Little People:** 9:30 - 12:15.

Cost: £2.50 per session (drop in).

Dates: 7 Oct - 21 Oct & 4 Nov - 16 Dec.

The Roger Morris Community Centre

Eastrop Way, Basingstoke, RG21 4QE. 01256 473634. www.viables.org.uk.

• **Weigh and play:** 9:30 - 11:00.

Cost: Free (must book). **Dates:** 7 Oct - 30 Dec.

Tadley & District Community Association

The Point, Newchurch Road, Tadley, RG26 4HN.

0118 981 4538. www.tadleycommunitycentre.org.uk.

• **Cheeky Chimps:** 9:30 - 11:00. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

Cost: £3 per session (must book). **Dates:** 7 Oct - 16 Dec.

CREATIVE

Pop Up Play Village Basingstoke

iFLY Indoor Skydiving, Basingstoke Leisure Park, Euskirchen Way, Basingstoke, RG22 6PG. 07789 717076.

www.popupplayvillage.co.uk.

• **Visit Our Village:** 9:00 - 17:00. **Ages:** 0 - 8 yrs.

Cost: £9 per session (must book). **Dates:** 7 Oct - 30 Dec.

Wellington Country Park

Odiham Road, Riseley, Reading, RG7 1SP. 0118 932 6444. www.wellingtoncountrypark.co.uk.

• **Welly Wednesdays - Autumn Term:** 9:30 - 11:00.

Ages: 1 - 8 yrs. **Cost:** £21.95 per session (must book).

Dates: 7 Oct - 21 Oct.

PHYSICAL FUN

Tots Play Basingstoke

Chineham Village Hall, Thornhill Way, Chineham, RG24 8YE. 07843 479359. www.totsplay.co.uk.

• **Action Tots:** 9:45 - 10:30. **Ages:** 2 yrs 6 mths - 4 yrs.

• **Social Tots:** 10:40 - 11:20. **Ages:** 8 mths - 2 yrs 6 mths.

• **Discovery Tots:** 11:35 - 12:15. **Ages:** 2 - 9 mths.

Dates: 7 Oct - 21 Oct & 11 Nov - 9 Dec.

• **Baby Development 6 week Course:** 12:30 - 13:30.

Ages: 0 - 6 mths. **Dates:** 11 Nov - 16 Dec.



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SWIMMING

Basingstoke Sports Centre

Festival Place, Basingstoke, RG21 7LE. 01256 326331.

• **Pre School:** 11:30 - 12:00, 12:00 - 12:30 & 15:30 - 16:00.

Preschoolers' swimming skills

• **Dippers:** 10:00 - 10:30. **Baby water fun with parents**

• **Splashers:** 9:30 - 10:00 & 10:30 - 11:00.

Toddler water fun with parents

• **Paddlers:** 11:00 - 11:30. **Toddlers' swimming basics**

Dates: 7 Oct - 16 Dec.

THEATRES AND DAYS OUT

Anvil Arts

The Haymarket, Wote Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7NW. 01256 844244. www.anvilarts.org.uk.

• **The Dinosaur That Pooped - A Rock Show!**: 13:00 - 14:00 & 15:30 - 16:30.

Cost: £21 (must book). **Dates:** 28 Oct.

• **Dear Santa Live:** 10:30 - 11:10 & 13:30 - 14:10.

Ages: 2 - 6 yrs. **Cost:** £20 (must book). **Dates:** 2 Dec.

THURSDAY

PARENTS & TOTS

Alton Library

Vicarage Hill, Alton, GU34 1HT. www.hants.gov.uk.

• **Rhymetime:** 10:30 - 11:00. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

Cost: Free (must book). **Dates:** 8 Oct - 24 Dec.





Basingstoke Discovery Centre

Festival Place, Basingstoke, RG21 7LS. www.hants.gov.uk.

- Rhymetime: 10:30 - 11:00. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

Cost: £1 per session (*must book*). **Dates:** 8 Oct - 24 Dec.

Beggarwood Babies

Beggarwood Community Centre, Broadmere Road, Basingstoke, RG22 4QZ. 07709 036647.

- Beggarwood Babies Group: 11:30 - 14:00.

Ages: 0 - 1 yrs. **Cost:** Free (*must book*). **Dates:** 8 Oct - 17 Dec.

Christ Church

Chineham, Basingstoke, RG24 8LT. 01256 474280. www.christchurchchineham.org.uk.

- Sparklers: 10:00 - 11:30.

Cost: £1.50 per session (*must book*).

Dates: 8 Oct - 22 Oct & 5 Nov - 17 Dec.

Home-Start Basingstoke & Deane

Oakridge Hall For All, Forsythia Walk, Basingstoke, RG21 5RL. 01256 325793. www.homestart-basingstokedeane.org.uk.

- Multiple Birth Group: 10:00 - 11:30. **Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs.

Cost: Free (*must book*). **Dates:** 8 Oct - 24 Dec.

Melrose Community Association

Melrose Community Hall, 597 Abbey Road, Popley, Basingstoke, RG24 9ES. 01256 420676. www.melrosecommunityassociation.co.uk.

- Popley Little People: 9:30 - 12:15.

Cost: £2.50 per session (*drop in*).

Dates: 8 Oct - 22 Oct & 5 Nov - 17 Dec.

Oakley with Wootton

St Leonard's Centre, Rectory Road, Oakley, RG23 7ED. 01256 782724. www.oakleywithwootton.org.uk.

- Quackers: 10:00 - 11:30.

Ages: 0 - 3 yrs. **Cost:** Free (*drop in*). **Dates:** 8 Oct - 17 Dec.

Sycamore Community Halls

Sycamore Halls Community Centre, Sycamore Way, Basingstoke, RG23 8AB. 01256 474660. www.sycamorehalls.co.uk.

- Munchkins: 10:00 - 11:30. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

Cost: £1.50 per session (*must book*).

Dates: 8 Oct - 22 Oct & 5 Nov - 17 Dec.

Tadley Library

Mulfords Hill, Tadley, RG26 3JE. www.hants.gov.uk.

- Storytime: 10:30 - 11:00. **Ages:** 3 - 5 yrs.

Cost: Free (*must book*). **Dates:** 8 Oct - 24 Dec.

The Roger Morris Community Centre

Eastrop Way, Basingstoke, RG21 4QE. 01256 473634. www.viables.org.uk.

- Park Tots: 9:45 - 11:30. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

Cost: £2.50 per session (*must book*). **Dates:** 8 Oct - 24 Dec.

Viables Community Centre

The Harrow Way, Basingstoke, RG22 4BJ. 01256 473634. www.viables.org.uk.

- Toot Toot Play: 13:00 - 14:45. **Ages:** 1 - 5 yrs.

Cost: Free (*must book*). **Dates:** 8 Oct - 24 Dec.

CREATIVE

Pop Up Play Village Basingstoke

iFLY Indoor Skydiving, Basingstoke Leisure Park, Euskirchen Way, Basingstoke, RG22 6PG. 07789 717076. www.popupplayvillage.co.uk.

- Visit Our Village: 9:00 - 17:00. **Ages:** 0 - 8 yrs.

Cost: £9 per session (*must book*). **Dates:** 8 Oct - 31 Dec.

DANCE & DRAMA

Petite School of Dancing

Brocas Hall, Minchens Lane, Bramley, RG26 5BH. www.petiteschoolofdancing.com.

- Grown Up & Me: 10:00 - 10:45. **Ages:** 1.5 - 3 yrs.

Cost: £6 per session (*must book*).

Dates: 8 Oct, 22 Oct & 5 Nov - 10 Dec.

SWIMMING

Basingstoke Sports Centre

Festival Place, Basingstoke, RG21 7LE. 01256 326331. www.better.org.uk.

- Pre School: 11:00 - 13:00. *Preschoolers' swimming skills*

Dates: 8 Oct - 17 Dec.

THEATRES AND DAYS OUT

Anvil Arts

The Haymarket, Wote Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7NW. 01256 844244. www.anvilarts.org.uk.

- Dear Santa Live: 10:30 - 11:10 & 13:30 - 14:10.

Ages: 2 - 6 yrs. **Cost:** £20 (*must book*). **Dates:** 3 Dec.

FRIDAY

PARENTS & TOTS

Alton Library

Vicarage Hill, Alton, GU34 1HT. www.hants.gov.uk.

- Board Games Club at Alton Library: 15:30 - 16:45.

Ages: 5 - 12 yrs. **Cost:** Free. **Dates:** 9 Oct - 18 Dec.

Basingstoke Discovery Centre

Festival Place, Basingstoke, RG21 7LS. www.hants.gov.uk.

- Community Connections: 10:00 - 12:00.

Cost: Free (*must book*).

- Storytime: 10:30 - 11:00. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

Cost: £1 per session (*must book*).

Dates: 9 Oct - 18 Dec.

Hope Community Church

Hope Community Church, Sarum Hill Centre, The Sarum Hill, Basingstoke, RG21 8SR.

- **Bouncing Beans:** 10:00 - 12:00. **Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs.

Cost: £0.50 per session (*must book*).

Dates: 9 Oct - 23 Oct & 6 Nov - 18 Dec.

Melrose Community Association

Melrose Community Hall, 597 Abbey Road, Popley, RG24 9ES. 01256 420676. www.melrosecommunityassociation.co.uk.

- **Popley Little People:** 9:30 - 12:15.

Cost: £2.50 per session (*drop in*).

Dates: 9 Oct - 23 Oct & 6 Nov - 18 Dec.

NCT Basingstoke

Brookvale Village Hall, Lower Brook Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7RP. www.nct.org.uk.

- **Basingstoke Bumps and Babies:** 10:00 - 11:30.

Ages: 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** Free (*must book*).

Dates: 9 Oct - 23 Oct & 6 Nov - 18 Dec.

St Luke's Church

Pamber Heath, Tadley, RG26 3DZ. 07759 151576.

- **St Luke's Baby And Toddler Group:** 10:00 - 11:30.

Ages: 0 - 4 yrs. **Cost:** Free (*must book*).

Dates: 9 Oct - 23 Oct & 6 Nov - 18 Dec.

Tadley Library

Mulfords Hill, Tadley, RG26 3JE. www.hants.gov.uk.

- **Toddler Rhymetime:** 10:30 - 11:00. **Ages:** 1 - 3 yrs.

- **New Parents Meet:** 14:00 - 15:00. **Ages:** 0 - 2 yrs.

Cost: Free (*must book*). **Dates:** 9 Oct - 18 Dec.

Viables Community Centre

The Harrow Way, Basingstoke, RG22 4BJ. 01256 473634. www.viables.org.uk.

- **Little Seedlings Music:** 10:00 - 10:45.

Cost: £3 per session (*must book*). **Dates:** 9 Oct - 18 Dec.

SENSORY & DEVELOPMENT

Chineham Library

Chineham District Centre, Basingstoke, RG24 8BQ. www.hants.gov.uk.

- **Rhymetime for Under 1's:** 10:00 - 10:30. **Ages:** 0 - 1 yrs.

- **Rhymetime for Over 1's:** 11:00 - 11:30. **Ages:** 1 - 5 yrs.

Cost: Free (*must book*). **Dates:** 9 Oct - 18 Dec.

CREATIVE

Pop Up Play Village Basingstoke

iFLY Indoor Skydiving, Basingstoke Leisure Park, Euskirchen Way, Basingstoke, RG22 6PG. 07789 717076. www.popupplayvillage.co.uk.

- **Visit Our Village:** 9:00 - 17:00. **Ages:** 0 - 8 yrs.

Cost: £9 per session (*must book*). **Dates:** 9 Oct - 18 Dec.

THEATRES AND DAYS OUT

Anvil Arts

The Haymarket, Wote Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7NW. 01256 844244. www.anvilarts.org.uk.

- **Dear Santa Live:** 10:30 - 11:10 & 13:30 - 14:10.

Ages: 2 - 6 yrs. **Cost:** £20 (*must book*). **Dates:** 4 Dec.

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SWIMMING

Basingstoke Sports Centre

Festival Place, Basingstoke, RG21 7LE. 01256 326331. www.better.org.uk.

- **Pre School:** 11:30 - 12:00 & 12:00 - 12:30.

Preschoolers' swimming skills

- **Dippers:** 9:30 - 10:00. *Baby water fun with parents*
- **Splashers:** 10:00 - 10:30. *Toddler water fun with parents*
- **Paddlers:** 10:30 - 11:00 & 11:00 - 11:30.

Toddlers' swimming basics

Dates: 9 Oct - 18 Dec.

SATURDAY

PARENTS & TOTS

Alton Library

Vicarage Hill, Alton, GU34 1HT. www.hants.gov.uk.

- **Community Connections:** 13:00 - 15:00.

- **Construction Club:** 14:00 - 16:00. **Ages:** 5 - 12 yrs.

Cost: Free (*must book*). **Dates:** 10 Oct - 19 Dec.

Tadley Library

Mulfords Hill, Tadley, RG26 3JE. www.hants.gov.uk.

- **Dad's Rhymetime & Craft:** 10:30 - 12:00.

Ages: 3 - 8 yrs. **Cost:** £0.50 per session (*must book*).

- **Family Fun Board Games Tadley:** 14:00 - 16:00.

- **Construction Club at Tadley Library:** 14:00 - 16:00.

Cost: Free (*must book*). **Dates:** 10 Oct - 19 Dec.



Basingstoke Discovery Centre

Festival Place, Basingstoke, RG21 7LS. www.hants.gov.uk.

• **Construction Club:** 10:00 - 13:00. **Ages:** 5 - 12 yrs.

Cost: £1 per session (*must book*). **Dates:** 10 Oct - 19 Dec.

THEATRES AND DAYS OUT

Toddle About North Hampshire & West Berks

Sherfield School, South Drive, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0HU. 07359 162124. www.toddleabout.co.uk.

• **Toddle About Live!** 10:00 - 15:00.

Cost: Free (*must book*). **Dates:** 21 Nov.

CREATIVE

Pop Up Play Village Basingstoke

iFLY Indoor Skydiving, Basingstoke Leisure Park, Euskirchen Way, Basingstoke, RG22 6PG. 07789 717076.

www.popupplayvillage.co.uk.

• **Visit Our Village:** 9:00 - 17:00. **Ages:** 0 - 8 yrs.

Cost: £9 per session (*must book*).

Dates: 10 Oct - 19 Dec.

PHYSICAL FUN

Tots Play Basingstoke

Chineham Village Hall, Thornhill Way, Chineham, RG24 8YE. 07843 479359. www.totsplay.co.uk.

• **Christmas Party Sessions:** 9:30 - 10:45, 11:00 - 12:15 & 12:30 - 13:45. **Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs.

Cost: £13.50 per session (*must book*). **Dates:** 12 Dec.



WEST BERKS AREA

MONDAY

PARENTS & TOTS

Rocket Propelled Games

150-151 Bartholomew Street, Newbury, RG14 5HB. 01635 885655.

• **Baby, Toddler & Parent Meet up:** 12:00 - 14:00.

Ages: 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** Free (*drop in*).

• **Home Ed social session:** 12:00 - 14:00.

Ages: 5 - 16 yrs. **Cost:** £3 per session (*drop in*).

Dates: 5 Oct - 19 Oct.

St Mary's Greenham

St Mary's Church, New Road, Greenham, RG19 8RZ. www.stmarysgreenham.org.

• **Teas, Toys and Tots Playgroup in Greenham:** 9:30 - 11:00.

Cost: £1 per session (*must book*).

Dates: 5 Oct - 19 Oct & 2 Nov - 14 Dec.

SWIMMING

Basingstoke Sports Centre

Festival Place, Basingstoke, RG21 7LE. 01256 326331. www.better.org.uk.

• **Pre School:** 9:00 - 9:30, 9:30 - 11:30 & 13:00 - 13:30.

Preschoolers' swimming skills

• **Paddlers:** 8:00 - 8:30 & 8:30 - 9:00.

Toddlers' swimming basics

Dates: 10 Oct - 19 Dec.

THEATRES AND DAYS OUT

Anvil Arts

The Haymarket, Wote Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7NW. 01256 844244. www.anvilarts.org.uk.

• **Dear Santa Live:** 10:30 - 11:10, 13:30 - 14:10 & 16:00 - 16:40. **Ages:** 2 - 6 yrs.

Cost: £20 (*must book*). **Dates:** 5 Dec.

SUNDAY

CREATIVE

Pop Up Play Village Basingstoke

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www.popupplayvillage.co.uk.

• **Visit Our Village:** 9:00 - 17:00. **Ages:** 0 - 8 yrs.

Cost: £9 per session (*must book*).

Dates: 11 Oct - 27 Dec.

THEATRES AND DAYS OUT

Anvil Arts

The Haymarket, Wote Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7NW. 01256 844244. www.anvilarts.org.uk.

• **Dear Santa Live:** 10:30 - 11:10 & 13:30 - 14:10.

Ages: 2 - 6 yrs. **Cost:** £20 (*must book*). **Dates:** 6 Dec.

St Nicolas Church, Newbury

West Mills, Newbury, RG14 5HG. 01635 47018.

• **Hidden Treasures:** 10:00 - 11:15.

Ages: 0 - 4 yrs. **Cost:** £1 per session (*must book*).

Dates: 5 Oct - 19 Oct & 2 Nov - 14 Dec.

Tilehurst Methodist Church

26 School Road, Tilehurst, RG31 5AN. 0118 942 7128. www.tilehurstmethodist.org.uk.

• **Tots at TMC - Under 5's:** 10:00 - 11:30.

Cost: £4 per session (*must book*). **Dates:** 5 Oct - 14 Dec.

Tiny Town Café

34 Market Place, Newbury, RG14 5AG. 01635 947036. www.tinytownnewbury.co.uk.

• **General Play Sessions:** 9:30 - 11:30 & 12:00 - 14:00.

Ages: 0 - 6 yrs. **Cost:** £8.50 per session.

Dates: 5 Oct - 28 Dec.

Great Shefford Village Hall

Station Road, Great Shefford, RG17 7DR. 07765 508 867.
www.greatsheffordunderfives.co.uk.

- Great Shefford Under 5's: 9:30 - 11:00.

Cost: £3 per session (*must book*).

Dates: 5 Oct - 19 Oct & 2 Nov - 14 Dec.

TUESDAY**PARENTS & TOTS****Aldermaston Parish Hall**

The Street, Aldermaston, RG7 4LN. 07748 791544.
www.aldermastonparishhall.co.uk.

- Aldermaston Toddlers: 9:30 - 11:30.

Cost: £3 per session (*must book*).

Dates: 6 Oct - 20 Oct & 3 Nov - 15 Dec.

Kennet Christian Centre

Enborne Road, Newbury, RG14 6AH. 01635 580346.
www.thekcc.co.uk.

- Rainbow Activity Centre: Rainbow Toddlers: 10:00 - 11:30.

Ages: 0 - 4 yrs. **Cost:** £1.50 per session (*must book*).

Dates: 6 Oct - 15 Dec.

Kingsclere Village Club

George St, Kingsclere, Newbury, RG20 5NH. 01635 297913.
www.kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk.

- Kingsclere Village Bunnies - Baby and Toddler Group: 9:00 - 11:00. **Cost:** £2 per session (*drop in*). **Dates:** 6 Oct - 15 Dec.

Saint Mary's Church, Shaw

Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, RG14 2DR. 01635 40450.
www.shawchurch.org.

- Meeting Point: 9:45 - 11:15. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

Cost: Free (*must book*). **Dates:** 6-20 Oct & 3 Nov-15 Dec.

St John's Church

St John's Road, Newbury, RG14 7PY. 01635 41249.
www.stg-stj.org.uk.

- St John's Newbury Baby & Toddler Group: 9:30 - 11:15.

Cost: £2 per session (*drop in*).

Dates: 6 Oct - 20 Oct & 3 Nov - 15 Dec.

The Lambourn Centre

Close End, Lambourn, RG17 8NJ. 01488 73690.
www.lambourn.org.

- Under 5's Parent & Toddler Group: 10:00 - 12:00.

Ages: 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** Free (*must book*).

Dates: 6 Oct - 20 Oct & 3 Nov - 15 Dec.

Tiny Town Café

34 Market Place, Newbury, RG14 5AG. 01635 947036.
www.tinytownnewbury.co.uk.

- General Play Sessions: 9:30 - 11:30 & 12:00 - 14:00.

Ages: 0 - 6 yrs. **Cost:** £8.50 per session.

Dates: 6 Oct - 20 Oct & 3 Nov - 29 Dec.

WEDNESDAY**PARENTS & TOTS****The Parent Village at Educafe**

Newbury Central Library, The Wharf, Newbury, RG14 5AU.
01635 936211. www.educafeuk.co.uk. **Times:** 11:00 - 14:00.

Cost: Free (*drop in*). **Dates:** 7 Oct - 16 Dec.

Kennet Christian Centre

Enborne Road, Newbury, RG14 6AH. 01635 580346.
www.thekcc.co.uk.

- Rainbow Activity Centre: Rainbow Toddlers: 10:00 - 11:30.

Ages: 0 - 4 yrs. **Cost:** £1.50 per session (*must book*).

Dates: 7 Oct - 16 Dec.

The Salvation Army

Northcroft Lane, Newbury, RG14 1BU. +44 20 7367 4500.
www.salvationarmy.org.uk.

- Stay and Play - Newbury: 10:00 - 11:30. **Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs.

Cost: £1.50 (*drop in*). **Dates:** 7-21 Oct & 4 Nov-16 Dec.

Tilehurst Methodist Church

26 School Road, Tilehurst, RG31 5AN. 0118 942 7128.
www.tilehurstmethodist.org.uk.

- Tots at TMC - Under 5's: 10:00 - 11:30.

Cost: £4 per session (*must book*). **Dates:** 7 Oct - 16 Dec.

Tiny Town Café

34 Market Place, Newbury, RG14 5AG. 01635 947036.
www.tinytownnewbury.co.uk.

- General Play Sessions: 9:30 - 11:00, 11:30 - 13:00 & 13:30 - 15:00. **Ages:** 0 - 6 yrs.

Cost: £8.50 per session. **Dates:** 7 Oct - 30 Dec.

- Demon Hunter Party: 17:00 - 18:30. **Ages:** 0 - 6 yrs.

Cost: £20 per session. **Dates:** 28 Oct.

THURSDAY**PARENTS & TOTS****Brightwalton Village Hall**

Common Lane, Brightwalton, RG20 7BN.

- Brightwalton Toddler Group: 9:00 - 10:45.

Ages: 0 - 4 yrs. **Cost:** £3 per session (*must book*).

Dates: 8 Oct - 22 Oct & 5 Nov - 17 Dec.

Kennet Christian Centre

Enborne Road, Newbury, RG14 6AH. 01635 580346.
www.thekcc.co.uk.

- Rainbow Activity Centre: Rainbow Toddlers: 10:00 - 11:30.

Ages: 0 - 4 yrs. **Cost:** £1.50 per session (*must book*).

Dates: 8 Oct - 17 Dec.

The Lambourn Centre

The Lambourn Centre, Close End, Lambourn, RG17 8NJ.
01488 73690. www.lambourn.org.

- Under 5's Parent & Toddler Group: 10:00 - 12:00.

Cost: Free (*must book*). **Dates:** 8 - 22 Oct & 5 Nov - 17 Dec.

Tilehurst Methodist Church

26 School Road, Tilehurst, RG31 5AN. 0118 942 7128.
www.tilehurstmethodist.org.uk.

- Tots at TMC - Under 5's: 10:00 - 11:30.

Cost: £4 per session (*must book*). **Dates:** 8 Oct - 17 Dec.

Tiny Town Café

34 Market Place, Newbury, RG14 5AG. 01635 947036.
www.tinytownnewbury.co.uk.

- General Play Sessions: 9:30 - 11:30 & 12:00 - 14:00.

Ages: 0 - 6 yrs. **Cost:** £8.50 per session.

Dates: 8 Oct - 17 Dec.

- New Years Eve Party: 11:30 - 13:00. **Ages:** 0 - 6 yrs.

Dates: 31 Dec.

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FRIDAY

PARENTS & TOTS

Burghfield Common Village Hall

Recreation Road, Burghfield Common, RG7 3EN.
0118 909 0838. www.burghfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk.
• **Burghfield Common Toddler Group:** 10:00 - 11:30.
Cost: £2.50 (*must book*). **Dates:** 9 - 23 Oct & 6 Nov - 18 Dec.

Glendale Church

The Well, Green Lane, Thatcham, RG19 3RG.
www.glendale-church.com.
• **Replenish Baby & Toddler Group:** 10:00 - 12:00.
Cost: £2 (*drop in*). **Dates:** 9 Oct - 23 Oct & 6 Nov - 18 Dec.

Hungerford Youth & Community Centre

Priory Road, Hungerford, RG17 0AL. 07999 053744.
www.hungerfordyc.org.uk.
• **Ladybugs Playgroup (Hungerford):** 9:30 - 11:00.
£2.50 per family - snacks included.
Ages: 0 - 5 yrs. **Dates:** 9 Oct - 23 Oct & 6 Nov - 18 Dec.

Newbury Baptist Church

Cheap Street, Newbury, RG14 5DD. 07901 795987.
www.newburybaptistchurch.org.
• **Giggles and Wiggles Toddler Group:** 9:30 - 10:45.
Cost: £1.50 (*must book*). **Dates:** 9 - 23 Oct & 6 Nov - 18 Dec.

Tilehurst Methodist Church

26 School Road, Tilehurst, RG31 5AN. 0118 942 7128.
• **Tots at TMC - Under 5's:** 10:00 - 11:30.
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Close End, Lambourn, RG17 8NJ. 01488 73690.
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Dates: 9 Oct - 23 Oct & 6 Nov - 18 Dec.

Tiny Town Café

34 Market Place, Newbury, RG14 5AG. 01635 947036.
www.tinytownnewbury.co.uk.
• **General Play Sessions:** 9:30 - 11:00, 11:30 - 13:00 & 13:30 - 15:00. **Ages:** 0 - 6 yrs.
Cost: £8.50 per session. **Dates:** 9 Oct - 18 Dec.
• **Thriller Party:** 17:30 - 19:30. **Ages:** 0 - 6 yrs.
Cost: £14 per session. **Dates:** 30 Oct.

Upper Bucklebury Memorial Hall

Broad Lane, Upper Bucklebury, RG7 6QH.
www.buckleburymemorialhall.org.uk.
• **Bucklebury Baby & Toddler Group:** 9:30 - 11:00.
Cost: £1 per session (*must book*).
Dates: 9 Oct - 23 Oct & 6 Nov - 18 Dec.

SATURDAY

PARENTS & TOTS

Tiny Town Café

34 Market Place, Newbury, RG14 5AG. 01635 947036.
www.tinytownnewbury.co.uk.
• **General Play Sessions:** 9:30 - 11:00, 11:30 - 13:00, 13:30 - 15:00. **Ages:** 0 - 6 yrs.
Dates: 10 Oct - 19 Dec. **Cost:** £8.50 per session.

DANCE & DRAMA

Stagecoach Reading & Burghfield Common

The Willink School, School Lane, Burghfield Common, RG7 3ZJ. 07890 191695. www.stagecoach.co.uk.
• **Mini Stages:** 9:00 - 9:45.
Ages: 2 - 4 yrs. **Cost:** £10 per session (*must book*).
• **Early Stages:** 9:45 - 11:15.
Ages: 4 - 6 yrs. **Cost:** £15.50 per session (*must book*).
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- Little Kickers: 7:45 - 8:30. **Ages:** 3 - 7 yrs.
- Junior Kickers: 9:35 - 10:20. **Ages:** 1 yrs 6 mths - 5 yrs.
- Mighty Kickers: 10:25 - 11:10. **Ages:** 3 yrs 6 mths - 5 yrs.
- Mega Kickers: 11:15 - 12:00. **Ages:** 5 - 7 yrs.

Cost: £8.30 per session (*must book*). **Dates:** 10 Oct - 19 Dec.

Rugbytots West Berkshire and Wantage

St Gabriel's School, Sandleford Priory, Newtown Rd, Newbury, RG20 9BD. 0345 313 0805. www.rugbytots.co.uk.

- Rugbytots 3.5 - 5 yrs: 8:30 - 9:15 & 9:55 - 10:40.
- Rugbytots 2 - 3.5 yrs: 9:20 - 9:50 & 9:55 - 10:25

Dates: 10 - 17 Oct, 31 Oct - 12 Dec. **Cost:** £8.95 (*must book*).



WINCHESTER & ANDOVER AREA

MONDAY

PARENTS & TOTS

St Catherine's Church

Littleton Church Room, Church Lane, Littleton, SO22 6QY.

- Littleton Church Toddler Group: 10:00-11:30. **Ages:** 0-5yrs.

Cost: Free (*drop in*). **Dates:** 5 Oct - 19 Oct & 2 Nov - 14 Dec.

Winchester Library

Jewry St, Winchester, SO23 8SB. www.hants.gov.uk.

- Home Education Club Winchester: 13:00 - 15:00.

Cost: Free (*must book*). **Dates:** 5 Oct - 28 Dec.

CREATIVE

Baskets of Play

Tidworth Civic Centre, Wyllye Road, Tidworth, SP9 7QE. 07468 602917. www.bookwhen.com.

- Baby Boppers (non-walkers): 9:45 - 10:45 & 13:00 - 14:00.
- Mini Boppers (mixed age): 11:15 - 12:15. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

Cost: £8 per session (*must book*). **Dates:** 5 Oct - 12 Oct.

Rugbytots West Berkshire and Wantage

Francis Baily Primary School, Skillman Dr, Thatcham, RG19 4GG. 0345 313 0805. www.rugbytots.co.uk.

- Rugbytots 2 - 3.5 yrs: 9:20 - 9:50.
- Rugbytots 3.5 - 5 yrs: 10:00 - 10:45.

Cost: £8.95 (*must book*). **Dates:** 10 - 17 Oct & 31 Oct - 12 Dec.

OTHER

W Berks Mum2Mum Market

Thatcham Catholic Hall, 7 Bath Road, Thatcham, RG18 3AG. www.mum2mummarket.co.uk.

- Nearly New Sale : 14:00 - 16:00.

Cost: Free (*must book*). **Dates:** 17 Oct.

SUNDAY

PARENTS & TOTS

Tiny Town Café

34 Market Place, Newbury, RG14 5AG. 01635 947036.

www.tinytownnewbury.co.uk.

- General Play Sessions: 10:00 - 11:30, 12:00 - 13:30 & 14:00 - 15:30. **Ages:** 0 - 6 yrs.

Dates: 11 Oct - 29 Nov. **Cost:** £8.50 per session.

PHYSICAL FUN

Rugbytots West Berkshire and Wantage

Pangbourne Recreation Ground, Thames Ave, Pangbourne, Reading, RG8 7DA. 0345 313 0805. www.rugbytots.co.uk.

- Rugbytots: 8:30 - 9:15 & 9:55 - 10:40. **Ages:** 3.5 - 5 yrs.
- Rugbytots: 9:20 - 9:50. **Ages:** 2 - 3.5 yrs.

Cost: £8.95 per session (*must book*).

Dates: 11 Oct - 18 Oct, 1 Nov - 6 Dec & 13 Dec.

TUESDAY

PARENTS & TOTS

Christ Church - Winchester

Christchurch Road, Winchester, SO23 9SR. 01962 854454.

www.ccwinch.org.uk.

- Bumps and Babies: 10:00-11:30. **Ages:** 0 - 2 yrs. **Cost:** Free
- Toddlers: 10:00 - 11:30. **Ages:** 3 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £1 per session

Dates: 6 Oct - 15 Dec (*must book*).

CREATIVE

Baskets of Play

Ludgershall Memorial Hall, Andover Road, Ludgershall, SP11 9LZ. 07468 602917. www.bookwhen.com.

- Baby Boppers (non-walkers): 9:45 - 10:45.
- Mini Boppers (mixed age): 11:15 - 12:15. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

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WEDNESDAY

PARENTS & TOTS

Picket Twenty Community Centre

Picket Twenty Way, Andover, SP11 6TY. 0808 164 0909. www.pickettwenty.org.uk

- Baby & Toddler Group: 10:30 - 12:00.

Ages: 0 - 4 yrs. **Cost:** Free (drop in). **Dates:** 7 Oct - 30 Dec.

Whitchurch Library

Gill Nethercott Centre, Whitchurch, RG28 7HP.

- Sociable Stitching at Whitchurch: 13:30 - 15:30.

Cost: Free (must book). **Dates:** 7 Oct - 30 Dec.

Winchester Library

Jewry St, Winchester, SO23 8SB. www.hants.gov.uk.

- Read Aloud at Winchester Library: 10:30 - 12:30.

Cost: Free (must book). **Dates:** 7 Oct - 30 Dec.

THURSDAY

PARENTS & TOTS

Alresford Library

20 Broad Street, New Alresford, SO24 9AQ. www.hants.gov.uk.

- Rhymetime at Alresford Library: 11:15 - 11:45.

Cost: Free (must book). **Dates:** 8 Oct - 24 Dec.

St Paul's Church

St Paul's Hill, Winchester, SO22 5AB. 01962 844878.

stmatthewstpaul.org.

- Bumps & Babies: 9:15 - 10:30.

Cost: £1 (must book). **Dates:** 8 - 22 Oct & 5 Nov - 17 Dec.

Winchester Library

Jewry St, Winchester, SO23 8SB. www.hants.gov.uk.

- Rhymetime: 10:00 - 10:30 & 11:00 - 11:30.

Ages: 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** Free (must book). **Dates:** 8 Oct - 24 Dec.

FRIDAY

PARENTS & TOTS

St Barnabas Church, Winchester

Fromond Rd, Winchester, SO22 6EF. 01962 886629.

www.stb.church.

- Tiddlywinks: 10:00 - 11:30.

Ages: 0 - 4 yrs. **Cost:** Free (drop in). **Dates:** 9 Oct - 18 Dec.

St Paul's Church

St Paul's Hill, Winchester, SO22 5AB. 01962 844878.

stmatthewstpaul.org.

- Toddler Group: 9:30 - 11:00.

Cost: £1 (must book). **Dates:** 9 Oct - 23 Oct & 6 Nov - 18 Dec.

Whitchurch Library

Gill Nethercott Centre, Whitchurch, RG28 7HP.

- Rhymetime at Whitchurch Library: 10:30 - 11:00.

Ages: 0 - 2 yrs. **Cost:** Free (must book). **Dates:** 9 Oct - 18 Dec.

SATURDAY

PARENTS & TOTS

Alresford Library

20 Broad Street, New Alresford, SO24 9AQ. www.hants.gov.uk.

- Construction Club at Alresford Library: 10:00 - 13:00.

Cost: Free (must book). **Dates:** 10 Oct - 19 Dec.

Whitchurch Library

Gill Nethercott Centre, Whitchurch, RG28 7HP.

- Construction Club: 10:00 - 13:00. **Cost:** £1 (must book).

- Saturday Storytime: 10:30 - 11:00. **Cost:** Free (must book)

Ages: 3 - 8 yrs. **Dates:** 10 Oct - 19 Dec.

Winchester Library

Jewry St, Winchester, SO23 8SB. www.hants.gov.uk.

- Family Fun: 14:00 - 16:00. **Ages:** 3 - 12 yrs.

Cost: Free (must book). **Dates:** 10 Oct - 19 Dec.



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