

# Family events - September 2017

Solihull Family  
Information Service

As well as the events below, don't forget to check out further activities and things to do on [www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo)

North Solihull (and surrounding areas)				
Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
<b>Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre</b> 33 Maple Walk, Chelmsley Wood, Solihull B37 5TS Website: <a href="http://www.chelmsleywood.co.uk/">www.chelmsleywood.co.uk/</a>				
Weds 6 Sep	<b>Wicked Wednesday!</b> Paddington Bear will be here to say hello to the little ones who aren't in school yet! This is a wonderful opportunity for pre-schoolers to meet their favourite characters and have their photo taken – and it's all for FREE!	FREE entry	All day	Under Fives
Libraries...				
Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
<b>Castle Bromwich Library</b> Hurst Lane North, Castle Bromwich, Solihull B36 0EY Tel: 0121 747 3708				
	<b>Storytime.</b> Term time only on Fridays.	FREE	2:15pm - 2:45pm	Under Fives
	<b>Rhyme time</b> on Mondays. Alternating between either a morning or afternoon session. A short interactive session for babies and very young children, which includes finger and action rhymes and songs.	FREE	10:45am - 11:05am or 2:30pm - 2:50pm	0 - 2 Years
<b>Chelmsley Wood Library</b> 10 West Mall, Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre, Solihull B37 5TN Tel: 0121 788 4380				
	<b>Wise Owls</b> Story and rhymetime drop-in session, term time only on Fridays. Followed by play and stay.	FREE	10am	Under 5s

	<b>Code Club</b> Do you have a favourite computer game? Would you like to learn how to make your own computer games? At Code Club you will learn how to make cool games, animations and websites too! Drop-in session, term time only on Mondays. Contact library staff to find out more details.	FREE	4pm - 5pm	8 - 12 Years
	<b>Owlets!</b> We are launching a new children's drop-in session. This will include a monthly rota of two play and stays, a rhymetime and a guest speaker. Term time only on Tuesdays. Contact library staff to find out more details.	FREE	10.30am	Under 3s
<b>Kingshurst Library Marston Drive, Kingshurst, Solihull B37 6BD</b> Tel: 0121 770 3451				
	<b>Story Time</b> on Fridays, term time only	FREE	10:15am - 10:45am	Under Fives
	<b>Rhyme time</b> – A short interactive session for babies and very young children that includes finger & action rhymes and songs. Also a chance to meet other mums and carers. Once a fortnight on Tuesdays.	FREE	10:15am - 10:45am	0 - 2 Years
<b>Marston Green Library Land Lane, Solihull B37 7DQ</b> Call: 0121 779 2131				
	<b>Story Time</b> - No need to book. Just pop along with your little ones for half an hour of stories, rhymes, songs and colouring on Mondays.	FREE	2:30pm - 3pm	Under Fives

## South Solihull (and surrounding areas)

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**The Core Theatre Solihull** Theatre Square, Touchwood, Homer Road Solihull B91 3RG  
 Tel: 0121 704 6962 (Box Office)  
 Website: [www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk](http://www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk)

Fri 1 Sep	<b>Mark Thompson's Spectacular Science Show</b> The brand new <i>Spectacular Science Show</i> explores the strange and magical properties of matter with exploding elephant's toothpaste, vortex-generating dustbins, dancing paste, vanishing beakers and even exploding Pringle tubes!	£10 per ticket	2:30pm – 3:30pm	7 Years and Over
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## Libraries...

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**Balsall Common Library** 283 Kenilworth Road, Balsall Common CV7 3EL  
 Tel: 01676 532590

	<b>Talented Teens</b> - A chance to meet with friends, borrow books and play board games. No need to book, just turn up. For more information please call the library.	FREE	11am - 12.30pm	11 Years and Over
	<b>Tales and Time to Play</b> - on Mondays. Bring your little ones for a story followed by a chance to play, sing, chat and relax with other young families. All pre-school children are welcome. Toys and musical instruments are provided.	FREE	2:15pm - 3pm	Under Fives
	<b>Rhyme Time</b> - on Tuesdays. Enjoy an afternoon spending time with your babies and toddlers listening to happy songs and rhymes with actions and percussion instruments.	FREE	2:15pm - 2:45pm	0 - 2 Years

**Dickens Heath Library** Old Dickens Heath Road, Dickens Heath, Solihull B90 1SD  
 Tel: 0121 744 6078

	<b>Rhymetimes</b> on Mondays, term time only. A fun session of action rhymes and songs.	FREE	2pm - 2.30pm	0 - 2 Years
	<b>Children's Board Games Club</b> - Get your children away from their computer screens. Who doesn't love a game of Guess Who?	FREE	2pm - 3pm	5 - 9 Years
	<b>Tea &amp; Tots</b> - Every other Thursday of the month A chance for mums, dads, grans and carers to meet for a cuppa and a chat whilst the toddlers play. Occasional guest speakers may also attend.	FREE	2pm - 3pm	Under Fives

**Hampton in Arden Library 39 Fentham Road, Hampton in Arden, Solihull B92 0AY**

Tel: 01675 442629

	<b>Storytimes</b> - Fortnightly on Tuesdays. Stories and crafts for all pre-school children. Please call for dates.	FREE	1:45pm - 2:15pm	Under Fives
	<b>Reading Zoo</b> - Fortnightly on Fridays. A story for under 5s about an animal, followed by painting a picture of that animal for our Reading Zoo wall display. Please call for dates.  N.B.Warm water is provided to wash hands, but wearing clothes that can get messy is recommended.	FREE	1.45pm - 2.15pm	Under Fives

**Hobs Moat Library Ulleries Road, Solihull B92 8EB**

Tel: 0121 743 4592

	<b>Under 5s Story Session 'Little Hobbits'</b> - Thursdays, term time only. Join the 'Little Hobbits' and sing along with rhymes before listening to stories and enjoying colouring with your pre school children.	FREE	10am - 10:45am	Under Fives
Sat 30 Sep	<b>Daddy Rhyme Time</b> - Monthly on Saturdays. This is a special time of enjoyment and bonding for you and your child. Come along and meet with other fathers and male carers for a chat. Refreshments are provided. Please contact for more details.	FREE	10:30am - 11am	Under Fives
	<b>Animal Antics</b> Join our new pre-school children's activity.  Every month staff will read stories about a new animal.  Children can then colour in a picture of the animal and collect them.  Every time you come to the library you can collect a paw print for your Animal Collector Card.	FREE	2pm	Under Fives

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

Tel: 01564 775840

	<b>Alphabet Club</b> - Activity and story-time session, where children can make their own alphabet scrapbook. Alternate Mondays.	£1 per child	2pm - 3:00pm	Under Fives
	<b>Rhyme Time</b> - Every Friday afternoon, term time only. Bring your little ones along for a fun half hour of songs, action rhymes and musical instruments.	FREE	2pm - 2:30pm	Under Fives
	<b>Jellybeans</b> – Once a month on a Thursday morning, story-time and rhymes. Please contact the library for more information.	FREE	Please contact the library for a time	Under Fives

**Meriden Library Arden Cottage, The Green, Meriden CV7 7LN**  
**Tel: 01676 522717**

	<b>Storytime</b> on Mondays. Term time only. A different theme each week, with a special craft to follow.	FREE	2.45pm - 3.15pm	Under Fives
	<b>Rhymetime</b> on Thursdays. Term time only. A weekly session of songs for babies and toddlers.	FREE	2.45pm - 3.15pm	Under Fives

**Olton Library 169A Warwick Road, Olton, Solihull B92 7AR**  
**Tel: 0121 706 3038**

	<b>Storytime</b> on Fridays. Term time only. Come along and enjoy listening to stories for your pre-school child in the company of other children and their families.	FREE	2:30pm - 3pm	Under Fives
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**Shirley Library 22 Parkgate, Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull B90 3GG**  
**Tel: 0121 704 6300**

	Please contact the library directly for information regarding their September activities.			
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**The Core Library Theatre Square, Touchwood, Homer Road, Solihull B91 3RG**  
**Tel: 0121 704 6965**

	<b>Homework Club</b> - Tuesdays (term time only) with designated staff to support children.	FREE	3:45pm - 5:15pm	8 Years and Over
	<b>Story Times</b> - Mondays (term time only).	FREE	2pm - 2:30pm	Under Fives
	<b>Rhyme Time</b> - Wednesdays (term time only). A short interactive session that includes finger & action rhymes and songs. Come along and meet up with other parents/carers and discover what the library can offer your child.	FREE	10:15am - 10:30am	0 - 2 Years
	<b>Meet and Play</b> - Fridays (term time only). A session for families to meet up, relax, chat, play, sing or make music together. Instruments and toys are provided.	FREE	10:15am - 11:15am	0 - 2 Years
	<b>Core Code Club</b> - Saturdays (fortnightly). To book a place, email... <a href="mailto:kjewsbury@solihull.gov.uk">kjewsbury@solihull.gov.uk</a> or call for more details.	FREE	10:30am - 11:30am	8 - 13 Years

	<b>Lego Club</b> – Monthly on a Wednesday. Meet in The Core Creative space. Call to book a place.	FREE	4pm - 5pm	Not specified
	<b>Twins Plus Storytime</b> – Last Thursday of the month, term time only. Storytime for twins and multiples. Enjoy stories and rhymes followed by time to chat and share experiences with others. No booking required, just turn up on the day.	FREE	2pm - 2:30pm	Under Fives

## Parks...

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### Damson Lane Park Solihull, B92 9JS

Sat 2 Sep	<b>Friends of Damson Parks Dog Show and Fun Day</b> Join the Friends of Damson Parks group at this popular fundraising event, where proceeds go towards improving the park. Featuring the much-loved Dogwatch dog show, children's rides, entertainment and stalls galore, the event is fun for all the family, including their four-legged friends! Meet by the car park.	FREE entrance	10:30am – 3pm	All ages
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### Dorridge Park Dorridge, Solihull, B93 8LJ

Sun 10 Sep	<b>Dorridge Day</b> Family fun day with fairground attractions, stalls and shows, organised by Knowle and Dorridge Round Table. Please check their website ( <a href="http://www.kandd.org.uk">http://www.kandd.org.uk</a> ) for more details nearer the event or more information, email Jonathan Halliday at <a href="mailto:kanddr@gmail.com">kanddr@gmail.com</a>	Entrance is £2 per person or £6 per family.	12pm - 4pm	All ages
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### Tudor Grange Park Solihull, B91 3LU

Sun 17 Sep	<b>Fun in the Park</b> The annual charity fundraising event returns. Organised by the Soroptimists and featuring entertainment including a dog show, classic car show, cycling events and an arena with shows and performances from talented local dancers and musicians, this event is fun for all the family! Local artisans and charities will also have stalls at the event. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.funinthepark-solihull.co.uk">www.funinthepark-solihull.co.uk</a> or email <a href="mailto:info@funinthepark.co.uk">info@funinthepark.co.uk</a> .	Entrance is £3 per adult, £1 per child under 16 or £6 per family.	11am - 5pm	All ages
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## Birmingham City Centre & other areas...

Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
<b>Library of Birmingham Centenary Square, Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2ND</b> Tel: 0121 242 4242 Website: <a href="http://www.libraryofbirmingham.com">http://www.libraryofbirmingham.com</a>				
Sat 2 Sep	<p><b>Marbling Workshop</b></p> <p>The use of marbled papers in bookbinding is centuries old, but these gorgeous decorative papers are still being made, and used all over the world in bookbinding and other interior design projects.</p> <p>The traditional marbling process uses water based paints, dropped onto the surface of a bath of water containing gelatine. You can then make a pretty pattern using little sticks or combs. Once your pattern is ready, you lay a sheet of A4 sized paper onto the surface of the bath and the colours will adhere to the paper. You then wash the paper under the tap and hang to dry. For each successive sheet of marbled paper, the surface of the bath is skimmed off so you can start making a fresh pattern.</p> <p>The idea of this workshop is to introduce children to the beauty of pattern and how they can make their own papers to take home and have fun learning the process.</p> <p>Book your space by emailing <a href="mailto:Childrens.Library@birmingham.gov.uk">Childrens.Library@birmingham.gov.uk</a></p>	FREE	12pm - 3pm	7 Years and Over
<b>Symphony Hall Birmingham 32 Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2EA</b> Tel: 0121 345 0600 (Box Office) Website: <a href="http://www.thsh.co.uk">www.thsh.co.uk</a>				
Sat 16 Sep	<p><b>Musical Picnic</b></p> <p>Take time out in a relaxing and friendly space with your little ones. Explore music, dance and story-telling whilst making new friends.</p> <p>Venue: Symphony Hall Café Bar</p>	FREE	10.30am	Up to 5 Years
<b>Birmingham Museum &amp; Art Gallery Chamberlain Square, Birmingham B3 3DH</b> Tel: 0121 348 8038 Website: <a href="http://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/">www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/</a>				
Sat 23 Sep	<p><b>Family Daytime Doodling</b></p> <p>Join us in the Mini Museum, grab yourself a soft drink from the Edwardian Tearooms and have a scribble! We'll be providing pens and paper. Why not take a wander through the galleries to seek your inspiration!</p>	FREE	3pm – 5pm	Not specified