

October Half Term

24–31 October 2026 • Explore. Create. Discover.



FREE & LOW-COST ADVENTURES

For local families, with more options across Birmingham. Half term: 26–30 October.

EVERY DAY • Handsworth Stories

FREE local-history exhibition at Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, B3 3DH. Guided entry 2pm; meet 1.50pm. Suggested for secondary pupils. No booking.

24 Saturday OCTOBER

Noori: dance & puppetry >

2.30pm | Handsworth Library, B21 9DP

5+ • **FREE** | Ask library about booking

A story of friendship and feelings.

25 Sunday OCTOBER

Music Maze >

10am–2.30pm | CBSO Centre, B1 2LF

7–11 • **FREE** | Book ahead; donation optional

Make music – no instrument skills needed.

26 Monday OCTOBER

Giant Cardboard City >

11am–3pm | St Martin in the Bull Ring, B5 5BB

Primary / families • **FREE** | Ask organiser about group visits

Art Club: clay leaves • 11am or 1pm

Primary | £3.50/child | Museum & Art Gallery | Book

The Great Big Bug Show >

11.30am or 2.30pm | Ward End Library, B8 2HF

4–11 • **FREE** | Book ahead

27 Tuesday OCTOBER

CastAway: aerial theatre >

11.30am or 2.30pm | Ward End Park courts

All ages • **FREE** | See festival page; under-16s with adult

An outdoor show about waste and waterways.

28 Wednesday OCTOBER

Young Bunch: outdoor club >

10am–4pm | Edgbaston Reservoir, B16 0SL

12–15 • Pay what you can | Book ahead; drop-off session

Fossils and Fiction >

10am–4pm | Lapworth Museum, B15 2TT

Primary / secondary • **FREE** | Mask-making needs a separate booking

Art Club: clay leaves • 11am or 1pm

Primary | £3.50/child | Museum & Art Gallery | Book

Play in a Week • 10am–4.30pm

8–11 | **FREE** | Ward End Fire Station

29 Thursday OCTOBER

Let's Do Lego! >

10am–noon | Moor Pool Hall, Harborne, B17 9DY

Children / teens • **FREE** | No booking; stay-and-play

Build, design and create together.

Play in a Week • 10am–1pm

8–11 | **FREE** | Ward End Fire Station

30 Friday OCTOBER

Noori: dance & puppetry >

10.30am | Perry Common Library, B44 0HH

5+ • **FREE** | Ask library about booking

Art Club: clay leaves • 11am or 1pm

Primary | £3.50/child | Museum & Art Gallery | Book

Play in a Week • 11am–2pm

8–11 | **FREE** | Ward End Wellbeing Centre

Inclusive Multisports Festival >

1.30–4.30pm | Billesley Tennis Centre, B13 0ST

5–25; SEND* • **FREE** | Register each young person

31 Saturday OCTOBER

Thrive: nature & autumn crafts >

10am–noon | Kings Heath Park, B14 7TQ

Families / primary • **FREE** | No booking

Leaf art, pumpkin printing and bug discovery.

Play in a Week • 10am–1pm

8–11 | **FREE** | Ward End Wellbeing Centre | Sharing 12.30pm

BEFORE YOU GO

Tap activity names for details and booking. Play in a Week: book all 4 days; drop-off allowed; bring lunch on Wednesday. Family sessions may need an adult to stay.

*SEND sport: d/Deaf, disabled and neurodivergent young people. Listings checked 19 Oct 2026; places may fill.

Choose your next adventure

Scan a QR code or tap a card for details and booking.

BOOKING DIRECTORY • OCTOBER HALF TERM 2026



Noori: dance & puppetry

Handsworth: 24 Oct. Perry Common: 30 Oct.
Contact the library about booking.



Music Maze

Ages 7-11. Reserve a free place online; the £6 suggested donation is optional.



Giant Cardboard City

Family creativity at St Martin's. Ask Act on Energy about arrangements for groups.



Young Bunch

Ages 12-15. Pay what you can; enter a donation amount when booking. Drop-off 10am.



Handsworth Stories

Free daily guided access at 2pm. Meet at 1.50pm in the museum Round Room.



Art Club: clay leaves

26, 28 and 30 Oct. £3.50 per child; book ahead. Under-3s free, activity for older children.



Fossils and Fiction

Free family day. Book mask-making for 11am, 1pm or 3pm through the event page.



Ward End arts festival

Bug Show, CastAway and Play in a Week. Play in a Week requires all four sessions.



Let's Do Lego!

Free drop-in at Moor Pool Hall.
Stay-and-play: an adult stays with the child.



Inclusive Multisports

For d/Deaf, disabled and neurodivergent ages 5-25. Register each participant.



Thrive family activities

Free nature crafts at Kings Heath Park. No booking required; families welcome.



Museum & Art Gallery

Free general admission, daily 10am-5pm during half term. Some extras are charged.

SEND sport: d/Deaf, disabled and neurodivergent children and young people.

Listings checked 19 October 2026. Age-stage recommendations are indicative where the provider gives no age. Times, costs and availability may change; check the provider page before travelling.