

enjoy summer 09 in Wolverhampton

Join the fun during the holidays



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SCHOOL'S out and summer starts here! That's the message to all Wolverhampton youngsters who can look forward to enjoying six weeks of fun and activities across the city thanks to this year's fabulous summer line-up.

Once again Wolverhampton City Council have laid on a feast of entertainment to keep children happy and busy over the summer holidays.

Inside our 4-page Summer Special you'll find full listings of all the play groups, adventure playgrounds and other

venues in Wolverhampton that are staging a huge variety of activities over the coming two months.

There's something for all ages happening every day – including a wealth of events that the whole family can join in.

Every summer Wolverhampton hosts an array of playschemes, holiday clubs, youth groups, adventure playground activities, fun days and regular arts and crafts groups – and 2009 is going to be bigger and brighter than ever.

A lot of events are free to join or attend, although some require places to be pre-booked beforehand. Full details of dates, times, costs and venues are contained inside.

So this summer there's no excuse to be bored over the holidays – turn to our full listings of events to find out what's going on in your area during July and August.

On the back page you'll also find a list of useful telephone numbers to contact participating venues for more information on events, or to pre-book your place for activities.



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Enjoy summer in Wolverhampton

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WOLVERHAMPTON has lots going on for all the family to enjoy this summer. Many of the events are free and there is a fantastic choice of places to visit, offering family facilities, family concessions and free admission.

We have made it easy for you to see what is going on already by highlighting events and activities that are taking place across the city. Why not add your own dates such as holidays, appointments, parties, days out and anything else you have in your diary?

Put your wall planner (available from the Visitor Information Centre, Queens Square) up today and start preparing for what you and your family could be doing over the school summer holidays.

Look out for our competition

It's simple. Whenever you take part in an event or visit one of the attractions included in your wall planner, colour in one of the sun shapes and write on it where you went and what you did.

Those who colour in the most sun shapes will be entered into a free prize draw to win a top prize of £50 worth of WH Smith vouchers and a family entertainment pass.



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Holiday Clubs

Are you trying to juggle work and home life? Do your children get bored in the long summer holidays?

Schools in Wolverhampton are working with local groups and agencies to provide access to a range of extended services for families – many are offering holiday activities this summer.

For more details, get in touch with your local school, children's centre or community venue. Here are some examples but check the website for up to date information.

Woodthorne Holiday Club

Running for the first four weeks of the summer holiday (we are hoping to run for the full six weeks this year). We welcome children from Reception to Year Six.

Doors are open from 8am until 5.30pm.

We charge just £15 per day – children bring their own packed lunch.

The children enjoy a wide range of activities: arts and crafts, cooking, gardening, sports, indoor & outdoor games and visits from the animal man, fire service etc.

To apply for a place, all you need to do is email pat.miles@wolverhamptoncyp.org.uk or telephone the school on 01902 558544

Warstones Holiday Club

Warstones offers youngsters a host of activities to fill up those long summer days once school term finishes, including outings, cooking, crafts and lots of play. Running from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday at Warstones Primary School, a fully trained team provides care and fun in equal amounts.

Charges are £15 for a full day, £10 for a half day and any brothers and sisters are charged at a cut rate of £12 for a full day and £8 for a half.

For more information, telephone Warstones Primary School on (01902) 558787 during school hours or 07837 268756 between 3.15pm and 6pm weekdays or during holidays.

East Park Infants School

'Amigos Holiday Club' runs at the school from Tuesday July 21 to August 14 from 8am to 6pm each day. Charge is £20 for all day or £12.50 for half a day. Contact the school office on (01902) 558899 during school hours or Jenny Church and Carol Cockayne on 07791 867329 after 3.30 pm or during holidays. Age range is 3-14 years.

St Lukes C of E Primary School, Blakenhall.

The holiday playscheme runs from 8am to 5.20 pm each day. Charge is £12.50 per day. Contact the school office on (01902) 558992 for more information.

Wilkinson Primary School, Bradley, Bilston

Wilkinson Summer Holiday Club runs from Tuesday July 21 to Wednesday September 2 from 8am to 5pm each day. Charge is £1.75 an hour. If your child stays all day then the charge is £1.50 an hour. There is also a 10 per cent discount if more than one child from a family attends. Contact during school hours is on (01902) 558973. Age range is 3-11 years

Parkfield Bilston High School, Bilston site

The summer holiday club runs from Monday July 20 to Friday August 7 from 10am to 3pm each day. Charge is £3.50 for all day. Contact Tanja Korfkamp or Michelle Hollyhead on (01902) 558794 for details. Age range is 8-13 years.

Play Service Summer 2009

Play Ranger Service

Play up with... The Play Rangers
The Play Rangers will be providing outdoor play for 5-12-year-old children in local parks and open spaces throughout the city. So come along and join in some exciting activities this summer. Have a go at den building, make a rope swing, learn how to light a fire and cook outdoors or build and launch your own rocket. Our Play Rangers have a van full of equipment to keep you busy all summer long, so keep an eye out for the Play Rangers in a play space near you.

Playday 'Make Time'

Wednesday August 5, 11am-3pm: Bantock Park.
This Playday we're asking everyone to make time for play. From parents, carers and teachers to policy makers and planners – everyone can make time to support children's right to play.
Wolverhampton will be celebrating Playday at Bantock Park, so come down and join in the fun. Let's make this year's Playday the biggest and best yet!

Play in the Parks

There's a fantastic range of open access play activities in parks and open spaces across the city this summer. With so many activities – including earth balls, juggling, giant games, face painting, puppet making, dressing up, den building, parachutes, mask making, group games, arts and crafts and much more – you'll be spoilt for choice.

- Bantock Park, Finchfield Road, Bradmore.
- Wednesfield Learning Centre, Lakefield Road, Wednesfield.
- East Park, Hickman Avenue, Bilston.
- Woodcross Park, Woodcross Lane, Woodcross.
- Ashmore Park, Ashmore Avenue, Wednesfield.
- Warstones Green, North Green, Warstones.

These venues will run Monday to Friday every week from Wednesday July 22 to Friday August 21.

- Dovecotes, Ryefield, Pendeford.
- Northwood Park, Northwood Road, Bushbury.
- Cedar Grove, St Chad's, Bilston.

These venues will run on Mondays and Tuesdays every week from Monday July 27 to Tuesday August 18.

- Rocket Pool, Rocket Pool Drive, Rocket Pool.
- Shelley Road Playing Fields, Shelley Road, Fordhouses.
- The Lunt Community Centre, Lunt Road, Bilston.

These venues will run on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from Wednesday July 22 to Friday August 21. All schemes will operate from 10am- 4pm.

Adventure Playgrounds

Ettingshall Adventure Playground

During the summer months at Ettingshall there will be lots of games and activities available. So if you would like to join us, come along – you won't regret it! Den building, face painting and challenging yourself and others on the assault course are just a few of the things on offer. You and your friends will be so busy there'll be no time for boredom. If there is something else that you want to do or play feel free to speak to one of our friendly members of staff.

When the summer fun is eventually over we hope you continue to use the playground. The fun doesn't end just because it's time to go back to school. Many more activities take place during the winter. Our camp fires when the weather starts to get chilly, are always fun, especially when we toast marshmallows over the flames or cook some tasty soup.

To find out more call (01902) 552331.

Gatis Street Adventure Playground

Gatis Street Adventure Playground provides many activities for children aged 5-12-years old to take part in. This includes various indoor and outdoor activities. You could have a go at making a wooden bench for around the fire area, help paint the play structures or build your own den. There are lots of other activities to get involved in this summer including fun and games, creative arts, cooking and sports. We will be making a huge model of the adventure playground out of Mod-Roc and junk, so come and help us if you are feeling creative.

To find out more call (01902) 552335.

Heath Town Adventure Playground

It's summer again and at Heath Town Adventure Playground we have loads of fantastic things for you to do. It's going to be a jam-packed summer this year, so cross your fingers and wish for the sun to shine. We have got lots of activities for you to join in – orienteering, den building, water games and fun on 'Wet Wednesdays' along with making your own mini camp fires. Come to the playground and tell us what you think about it and how we can make it even better. We value your opinion. Don't forget to come along to our 'End of Summer Bonanza Jam!' as well.

To find out more call (01902) 552337.

Old Fallings Adventure Playground

At Old Fallings Adventure Playground we are happy to say that our secret garden is ready and open. Included in the re-modelled Secret Garden are the following areas:

- Giant rocks in a sand pit – these can be climbed on and around.
- Planting boxes – vegetables, flowers and a sensory area.
- Storytelling area – an area of imagination and creativity.
- Fire pit area – for baking spuds and toasting marshmallows.
- Willow Dome area – a camp in side-weaved willow trees.
- Hand water pump and river – build a dam or float a mini boat.
- Pond area – has frogs galore. Come and do some pond dipping.

There is also space to do arts and crafts. Many more activities are available and we have a large amount of play equipment to play with every day.

To find out more call (01902) 552303.

Phoenix Adventure Playground

This summer holidays we have lots of fantastic activities on offer. Our theme this year is the four elements – Earth, fire, Water and Air. Each week will be packed full of fun activities for each element. We kick off with Earth, so come and make a time capsule and bury them. Or you could make a wormery? You can dig holes on the playground and get some juicy worms. Air week will hopefully see some windy days so we can make and fly kites. Fire is probably one of the most exciting elements. See if you can start a fire with a magnifying glass or cook on the open fire. For water week we plan to have lots of water fights and make some refreshing ice lollies. Come down and make this summer your best summer yet!

To find out more call (01902) 556324.



The Scotlands Adventure Playground

It's that time of year again and hopefully the sun is shining. Summer time is a time for fun and the Scotlands Adventure Playground's aim is to ensure that you have an enjoyable time while you are here. We have a fun-packed summer planned, with games, trips and much, much more. Our wide range of play structures provides you with the opportunity to participate in risky play. This helps you have a challenging physical experience within a safe play environment. So come along and join in the fun.

To find out more call (01902) 552468.

Adventure playgrounds opening times

Summer Holidays, Monday July 20 to Friday August 28:

- Monday: 10.30am-5.45 pm
- Tuesday: 10.30am-5.45 pm
- Wednesday: 10.30am-5.45 pm
- Thursday: 10.30am-5.45pm
- Friday: 10.30am-5.15 pm
- Saturday and Sunday: closed

We operate free open access adventure playgrounds throughout the year for children and young people aged 5 to 12. Under 5s are welcome but must be supervised by a responsible person of 18 years or over. Registration is necessary on arrival at the adventure playgrounds for all newcomers.

Play Space website – www.playspace.tv

playspace.tv lets you search for adventure playgrounds, playgrounds, parks and open spaces, skate parks and games areas. You can search to find out where the Play Rangers will be and have a look at the new natural play areas we are building across the city. Click on any play space to see up coming events and news. You can also leave feedback and tell us what you think about the play spaces.

Key Events at the Adventure Playgrounds Summer 2009

What's on in July

- GATIS STREET
Jul 21: It's time to look after our garden. Join in with den building out of a variety of materials and enjoy toasting marshmallows on the fire.
- Jul 22: Come along, take part and have a game of cricket or take part in a variety of sports. What are you good at?
- Jul 24: Take part in enamelling, create your own designs.
- Jul 29: It's time to show us your football skills – join us in a match.
- Jul 30: Healthy eating time. Try something different come and have breakfast – you can have cereals, toast or juice.

To find out more call (01902) 552335.

HEATH TOWN

- Jul 13: Mod Roc modelling – make a cast of your hands.
- Jul 20 onwards: various activities.
- Jul 23: Celebrating Haile Selassie's Birthday. Celebrate with food and music.
- Jul 28: Time to work together to overcome obstacles in 'Team Building Day'.
- Jul 30: Map reading and orienteering. Find your way around a map and around the playground.

To find out more call (01902) 552337.

OLD FALLINGS

- Jul 4: Children's meeting – come and have your say. What would you like to do on the playground?
- Jul 9: Enchanting melodies whistling through the playground – chance to make wind chimes for the outside play space.
- Jul 13: Let's go fly a kite – how high will yours go?
- Jul 17: Clay modelling – make a pot, an animal or a model of yourself.
- Jul 18-19: Drama Workshops. Have you got talent? Come and show us your skills.
- Jul 22-23: Giant Mod Roc modelling. Chance to join together and make a giant model.

To find out more call (01902) 552303.

PHOENIX

- Jul 5: Come and join us at Graisleys Park for the ABCD Fun Day. There's lots going on and it's all free.
- Jul 10: Cooking outdoors. We are trying out our new outdoor pots. Nettle soup on the menu today. Also come and tell us what you want to do in the summer holidays.
- Jul 16: Big Clean Up Day. We are getting ready for the summer holidays and need to cut down a dead tree. What can we do with it then?
- Jul 20-24: A week of activities involving Earth. Make a wormery or a time capsule.
- Jul 27-31: This week of activities is about Wind. These include making dream catchers, wind socks, kites and playing parachute games.

To find out more call (01902) 556324.

THE SCOTLANDS

- Jul 16-17: Garden Project – have a go at growing your own vegetables and herbs.
- Jul 20-24: Designing adventure playground structures. Swings, slides or towers to climb. What would you build?
- Jul 27-31: Building new play structures from the designs. Come and help use the tools to make the new structures.

To find out more call (01902) 552468.

ETTINGSBALL

- Jul 20: Collage pictures – Feathers, sequins and tissue paper – use all of these and more to create a picture.
- Jul 22: Puppet making. Make a puppet and put on a show.
- Jul 24: Sports day. Join in all the different races and you may even win a medal.
- Jul 28: Kite making and flying. Design and make your own kite and watch it fly.
- Jul 29: Basketball. Hotshots and one-on-one. Perfect way to stay active.
- Jul 30: Milkshake making – tasty and loads of fun to make.

To find out more call (01902) 552331.

What's on in August

- GATIS STREET
Aug 5-8: Come and create a picture out of clay. It can be of animals, flowers, the seasons (summer, autumn and winter) or your own ideas. We will also be making slab pots and coil pots.
- Aug 10-14: How would you like the playground to look? Come together and design Gatis Street Adventure Playground out of Mod-Roc and junk.
- Aug 18: Time to get wet. Bring your water guns and a towel!
- Aug 24: The big hunt. Time to search for a variety of items. How good are you at working things out?

- Aug 25: Prepare the fire bin then cook your chicken burgers, toast your toast or cook your potatoes over an open fire, or give marshmallows a turn.
- Aug 26 & 28: Create a tile mosaic picture out of tiles – it can be shapes, your name or scenery.

To find out more call (01902) 552335.

HEATH TOWN

- Aug 6: Celebrate Jamaica Independence Day with music, arts and crafts and celebrations.
- Aug 10: Fire play – create your own mini fires and keep them burning on the adventure playground.
- Aug 19: Wet Wednesday is back again. Get ready to get soaked – come over and play some of our fantastic water games.
- Aug 27: Celebrate the end of summer with our End of Summer Bonanza Jam.

To find out more call (01902) 552337.

OLD FALLINGS

- Aug 3: 101 ball games – how many different ball games do you know how to play?
- Aug 6: Fun Day event. Fun for all the family.
- Aug 10: Pond dipping – grab you jam jar and net to discover what's in the pond.
- Aug 11: It's a Knockout water games. Bring your towel for some water fun.
- Aug 14: Make a pot from clay, then help us build an underground firing kiln and fire them.
- Aug 17: Bug hunt in the secret garden. How many bugs will you discover?
- Aug 18: Woodwork – engrave or chisel your name on wood plaques.
- Aug 21: T-shirt Printing – design and make your own T-shirt.
- Aug 24: Music sessions – have a go at making your own music or just make a noise.
- Aug 25: 'Anti-Bullying' – Create a play to perform to everyone.
- Aug 26: Craft session – design and make your own pencil case just in time for school.
- Aug 28: Let's make and fly kites – whose will fly the highest?

To find out more call (01902) 552303.

PHOENIX

- 3-7: A week of Fire activities including candle making, setting things on fire using a magnifying glass, cooking projects, making bread and den building.
- 10-14: The last of the elements is Water. Activities include a waterslide, ice-lollies, water fights and den building.
- 17-21: All week we will be knocking down the old fire hut and moving it. We need your help to build a new one. We will also be making scrambling nets and rope walkways.
- 27: End of Summer Party. Join us to celebrate the end of a fantastic summer of fun at Phoenix.

To find out more call (01902) 556324.

THE SCOTLANDS

- Aug 4: Den building – build your own secret den at the playground.
- Aug 14: Bike riding – join us on a bike ride.
- Aug 17-21: Sports week. Have a go at football, basketball, tennis and much more.

To find out more call (01902) 552468.

ETTINGSBALL

- Aug 6: Bug Hunting – how many bugs can you find in the trees and bushes?
- Aug 7: Clock making – Make your own clock and you will always know the time.
- Aug 10: Den building – build your own den using hammers, nails and planks of wood.
- Aug 12: Assault course – how quickly can you tackle all the obstacles?
- Aug 17: Pavement art – let's get the chalk out and create some artwork on the floor.
- Aug 19: Mosaics – make a coloured mosaic from broken tiles.
- Aug 21: Mod Roc – Make a Mod Roc model, it may be messy!
- Aug 24: Badge making – have a go at making your own badge.
- Aug 27: Juggling and ball making – make your own balls and then learn how to juggle.

To find out more call (01902) 552331.

Youth Service Activities

Wicked Wednesdays all summer long, brought to you by Wolverhampton Youth Service

Soundz Cool!

Wednesday July 29: 12noon to 4pm, Newhampton Arts Centre, Dunkley Street, Whitmore Reans

Soundz Cool! is a citywide event dedicated to music and performing arts. There will be a wide variety of different activities for you to get involved in including computer music, African drumming, steel drumming, dance/cheerleading, DJ sessions and various activities with Zip Rock School.

All of these activities will require pre-booking and there are limited spaces available.

Talk to your local youth worker for more information.

If you don't manage to get on to any of these sessions don't worry, you will still be able to come along and participate in some of the drop-in activities.

There will be a Consoles zone with PlayStations, Xbox's and Nintendo Wii's kitted out with fun exciting music software, such as Guitar Hero, Sing Star and Wii Music.

A dance mat zone will also be available which can accommodate up to eight players at a time.

You will also be able to access the chillout zones, which will be run by your fellow young people and will have the latest sounds from different genres of popular music.

Creative Arts Day

Wednesday August 5: 11am to 3pm, Bushbury Community Centre, Northwood Park Road, Bushbury

Will include photography, drumming, ceramics and tepees. Come along and get creative at Bushbury Community Centre. This is an opportunity for you to find the creativity within you.

There are many different activities you can get involved in from creating a design with mosaic on a picture frame or mirror to ceramic painting. You can take a cup home with you with your design or customise clothes, shoes and bags with various bits of material, paints and sequins.

Have a go at graffiti art, fantasy films, painting, enamelling, photography, drumming and cake decorating to name a few of the other activities.

You could leave with a henna design and some great designs on your nails, along with all your creative work.

Sports Zone

Wednesday August 12: 11am to 4pm, Aldersley Leisure Village, Aldersley Road

The Sports Zone is a city-wide day that will give you the chance to take part in a number of current and alternative sporting activities.

On the day you will have the chance to take part in:
● A competitive football tournament

- Off-road mountain biking
- Archery
- Basketball
- Dodge ball
- Boxing
- Circus skills
- Climbing Wall
- Nintendo Wii area

You will also get the chance to try out Sumo wrestling, bungee jumping and the bouncy castles in the bouncing area, as well as street dance, aerobics and dance mats in the dance area.

Some of these activities will require pre-booking so please talk to your youth worker for more information.

It's A Knockout Challenge Wednesday August 19: 11am to 4:30pm, Bantock Park, Finchfield Road

In this team challenge over inflatable obstacle courses, the emphasis is on fun – with some competition to make it interesting.

Two rounds will be held (round one in the morning) with the winning team from each round completing a final challenge to decide an overall winner.

For spectators and supporters, a wide range of games/activities will be available for young people to test their skill – including giant Jenga, lawn darts, a mobile team challenge, Sumo wrestling and laser combat.

Only pre registered teams can take part in the Knockout challenge. Register at your local youth club and book early to avoid disappointment. Teams must be registered by July 31.



Wolverhampton Visitor Information Centre

01902 556610
www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/tourism

Family Information Service

0800 294 9939
www.wolvesfis.com

Children and Young People Services

Free centres and activities across Wolverhampton. Opening hours and time of events vary.

Local information:

www.wolverhamptoncsd.org.uk

Event information:

www.enjoysummer.info

Contact Numbers:

Aldersley Leisure Village	01902 556200
Bantock House and Park	01902 552195
Bilston Craft Gallery	01902 552507
Bilston Leisure Centre	01902 552430
Central Baths	01902 552150
Central Library	01902 552025
East Park	01902 551155
Grand Theatre	01902 429212
Hickman Park	01902 551155
Light House	01902 716055
Newhampton Arts Centre	01902 752090
Northcote Farm and Country Park	01902 397906
Pendeford Mill Nature Reserve	01902 397640
Play Services	01902 552170
Smestow Valley Local Nature Reserve	01902 552351
Wolverhampton Art Gallery	01902 552055
Youth Services	01902 551352

Youth Service

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Wolverhampton Youth Service has over thirty youth projects and clubs across the city open this summer as well as exciting, city wide, events. Our 'Wicked Wednesday' events feature full days of music, sports, creative arts and 'It's a knockout' team competitions. Full details at your local club or www.enjoysummer.info

Play Service

01902 552170

The Play Service have six fully staffed adventure playgrounds open all year, a Play Ranger Service in local parks and open spaces as well as a twelve special 'Play in the Parks' play schemes this summer. Don't forget 'PlayDay 2009' at Bantock Park on August 5.

Full details at your local playground or www.enjoysummer.info

Wolverhampton Art Gallery

Free entry, Monday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm.
01902 552055

www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk

Wolverhampton Art Gallery has dedicated family facilities including high chairs, a buggy park, colouring sheets, a family activity trail and children's area. Within the gallery there are fascinating exhibitions for your family to discover together.

Bantock House and Park

Free entry, Tuesday to Sunday, 11am to 5pm (summer only).

www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk

Explore the secrets of Wolverhampton's history at Bantock House or venture outdoors to the gardens and park where there is a children's play area, putting green, football pitches and plenty of space to walk and play games.

Bilston Craft Gallery

Free entry, Tuesday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm with late night opening on Wednesday until 7pm, early closing on Fridays at 1pm and late opening on Saturday at 11am.

www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk

Learn more about contemporary crafts and take part in a variety of family events at Bilston Craft Gallery. Wonder around the gardens and bring children to one of the many creative workshops.

West Park

Free access, 8am until dusk everyday.

www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/parks

West Park boasts many beautiful flower displays and a varied collection of trees and shrubs. There is a large children's play area, a boating lake and all-weather tennis courts, plus acres of space for walking, cycling, running and family picnics.

Hickman Park (Bilston)

Free access, 8am until dusk everyday.

www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/parks

Major restorations on East Park in 2008 have meant that the space is now a green haven for those living nearby. The park is surrounded by idyllic flowerbeds and is home to an open air theatre that hosts many family events throughout the year.

East Park

Free access, 8am until dusk everyday.

www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/parks

Now over 100 years old, many of the original features at East Park have been retained. Still standing proud is the clock tower and in addition there is now a paddling pool, children's play area and an avenue dominated by mature trees.

Northcote Farm and Country Park, Bushbury

Free access, 9am to 4pm daily.

www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/parks

With a varied selection of animals, informal walks through the country park and a historic farmhouse, Northcote provides a great day out for children and adults. The park is brimming with wildlife and the house runs regular tours for all to enjoy.

Smestow Valley Local Nature Reserve

Free access, open daily.

www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/parks

The only designated local nature reserve in Wolverhampton, Smestow is a sanctuary for wildlife with its meadows and over 150 acres of woodland. Pathways are flat and well surfaced, making it easy to take a family stroll or bike ride.

Pendeford Mill Nature Reserve

Free access. Pre-bookings only.

www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/parks

Pre-book your family visit to Pendeford Mill Nature Reserve and learn more about its 24 hectares of naturally managed countryside and endangered species with a guided walk accompanied by one of their experienced rangers.

Aldersley Leisure Village

Admission costs apply to events and sport sessions, open daily.

www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/sport

This multi-events arena offers a number of community and family facilities covering more than 20 different sports. All age groups are catered for with a variety of games programmes, fitness sessions and national, regional and local events.

Bilston Leisure Centre

Participant in the National Swim for Life campaign

Admission costs apply to events and sport sessions, open daily.

www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/sport

Both young and old can enjoy Bilston Leisure Centre's main swimming pool or take part in supervised lessons in one of the two teaching pools. Facilities also include a fitness suite, squash courts, children's play area and extensive activities programme.

Central Baths

Participant in the National Swim for Life campaign

Admission costs apply to most swim sessions, open daily.

www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/sport

Staging national, regional and local galas, Central Baths is widely used by schools and the local community. Its busy programme attracts families from across the Black Country and it has refurbished facilities including a fitness suite and steam room.

Central Library

Free entry, Monday to Thursday 9am to 7pm, and Friday to Saturday 9am to 5pm.

www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/libraries

Central Library offers a lending service for books, CDs, DVDs, videos and cassettes for adults, children and young people. Regular events for children and families take place in Central as well as at the many branch libraries found across Wolverhampton.

Newhampton Arts Centre

Free entry but admission costs apply to various activities. Facilities open daily at varying times.

www.newhamptonarts.co.uk

Newhampton is a centre specialising in performing arts and community activity. It hosts regular classes and holiday workshops in dance, drama and creative arts. There is a dedicated theatre staging a programme of family and music performances.

Light House

Free entry but admission costs apply to various activities, open daily.

www.light-house.co.uk

Wolverhampton's answer to all forms of digital art. This hub for media activity includes two cinema screens and a collection of gallery spaces for photographic exhibitions. Young adults can thrive on the creative workshops and training courses.

Grand Theatre

Admission costs apply to performances, family tickets available, box office open daily, theatre open for shows.

www.grandtheatre.co.uk

Families can enjoy leading productions or the latest kid's entertainment. The Get In! Youth Theatre Scheme is a perfect way for children and young adults to enjoy theatre and learn more about the world of performing arts.

JULY

- 21 Bilston Craft gallery summer workshops start. Call about sessions and book places for the kids. Admission cost applies.
- 22 Set a date to go and see the 'Look At Me Now' exhibition! Grand Theatre. Free.
- 22 stART (family art session), Newhampton Arts Centre, 10.30am. Admission cost applies.
- 23 History of the Valley. Smestow Valley Nature Reserve, 2pm. Free.
- 23 Soccer Coaching 2000 Programme starts. Check for all dates, Aldersley Leisure Village. Admission cost applies.
- 23 Art and Craft sessions start at Bantock House. Request a brochure on activities. Admission cost applies.
- 24 Printing Patterns. Wolverhampton Art Gallery. Free.
- 27 Wolverhampton Art Gallery summer sessions start. Contact them about times and dates.
- 27 Chitty Adventure Summer School starts. Grand Theatre. Check on times. Admission cost applies.
- 28 Mini-beasts of Smestow Valley. Smestow Valley Nature Reserve, 10am. Free.
- 29 Wicked Wednesdays. Soundz Cool! Teen music event, Newhampton Arts Centre. Free.
- 29 Opening night for Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Grand Theatre. Evenings and matinees. Admission cost applies.
- 30-31 Multi-sport programme. Aldersley Leisure Village. Admission cost applies.
- 30 stART (family art session). Newhampton Arts Centre, 10.30am, Admission cost applies.

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- 1&8 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Singalong session. Grand Theatre, Admission costs apply, 1pm.
 - 1 Saturday craft play sessions at Bilston Craft Gallery are still on. Remember to call and book sessions. Admission cost applies.
 - 1 Tennis for 50p during August. Aldersley Leisure Village.
 - 2 Late summer stroll. Northcote Farm, 2pm. Free.
 - 3 Victorian Toy Extravaganza. Wolverhampton Art Gallery. Free.
 - 3-4 Video production workshop. Light House. Admission cost applies. All day.
 - 3-7 Play in a Day. Newhampton Arts Centre. Admission cost applies. All day.
 - 3&28 Victorian Toy Extravaganza. Wolverhampton Art Gallery. 11am. Free.
 - 4-5 Bikeability course. Aldersley Leisure Village. Admission cost applies.
 - 5 Playday 2009 'Make Time'. 11am to 3pm. Bantock Park.
 - 5 Wicked Wednesdays. Creative arts day. Teen creative Arts Event. Bushbury Community Centre. Free.
 - 5 stART (family art session). Newhampton Arts Centre. 10.30am, Admission cost applies.
 - 5 Garden Party. Bilston Craft Gallery. 2pm. Free.
 - 6-7 Multi-sport programme. Aldersley Leisure Village. Admission cost applies.
 - 7 Wildflowers and Grasses. Northcote Farm, 1pm. Free.
 - 8 Kids 16 and under swim for free. Central Baths and Bilston Leisure Centre.
 - 10 Printing Patterns. Wolverhampton Art Gallery. Free.
 - 10-11 Video Production workshop. Light House. Admission cost applies. All day.
 - 11-12 Bikeability course. Graiseley Community Healthy Living Centre. Contact Aldersley to find out. Admission cost applies. All day.
 - 11 Nature's Guardians. Smestow Valley Nature Reserve, 10am. Free.
 - 12 Wicked Wednesdays. Sports Zone. Teen sports event, Aldersley Leisure Village. Free.
 - 17-18 Tweenies Live! Grand Theatre. Admission cost applies. Check for times.
 - 18-19 Parent and child Bikeability course. Aldersley Leisure Village. Admission cost applies.
 - 19 Wicked Wednesdays. It's a Knockout Challenge. Teen challenge event, Bantock Park. Free.
 - 20&21 Sports programme. Aldersley Leisure Village. Admission cost applies. All day.
 - 23 Insect Houses, Northcote Farm. 1pm. Free.
 - 25 Children's birdwatching. Smestow Valley Nature Reserve, 10am. Free.
 - 25 Make a peg doll. Bantock House Museum Free.
 - 27-28 Bikeability course. Aldersley Leisure Village. Admission cost applies. All day.
 - 27 Wetland Wildlife. Smestow Valley Nature Reserve, 2pm. Free.
 - 28 Victorian Toy Extravaganza. Wolverhampton Art Gallery. Free.
 - 29 Family Focus. Wolverhampton Art Gallery. Remember to book, 11am. Free.
- For all Central Library summer events please visit www.enjoysummer.info

