

Things to do in the Half Term Holidays

Manchester Science Festival 2015

22nd October – 1st November 2015

Manchester

Do live experiments, see mummified animals from ancient Egypt and handle real Moon rocks. We've got stacks of activities for all ages, including the chance to fly drones, meet creepy-crawlies, chat to scientists and discover what it's like to live in space.

www.manchestersciencefestival.com

Manchester Literature Festival

12th – 25th October 2015

Manchester

Manchester Literature Festival – young readers.

Inspire a new generation of book lovers at our events aimed at schools and families.

www.manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk/

Family Arts Festival

24th October – 1st November 2015

Salford and Trafford Wide variety of special shows and activities for all the family including story telling, Milkshake! Live, mini family cruises, sing-along a Frozen, LEGO Kronki Wongi, designing your own football t-shirts, lego and live music, fairground rides and lots more.

www.familyfestival.org.uk/



Half Price Half Term at Knowsley Safari Park

Knowsley Safari Park are offering half price entry this half term. Download the voucher ...

www.knowsleysafariexperience.co.uk/oct-half-term-social-media

Elmer the Elephant With The Hallé

28th & 29th October 2015

Hallé St Peter's, Manchester

Hallé musicians and dancer will lead you through an interactive interpretation of the the children's classic story. It's a wonderful 40 minute introduction orchestral instruments for children 3-7 years.

www.bridgewater-hall.co.uk

Science Extravaganza – Be a Detective for a Day

31st October 2015

Manchester Metropolitan University

Love mysteries? Then come and be a detective for a day at this hands-on family event. Join interactive investigations and learn how to use forensic analysis, DNA sampling, code breaking and even maggots to solve crimes with science. This is a free, drop-in event. 11am – 4pm

John Dalton Building at Manchester Metropolitan University, Chester Street, Manchester, M1 5GD.

www.manchestersciencefestival.com/whatson/scienceextravaganza

Get Creative Family Arts Festival 2015

9th October – 1st November 2015

Various venues inc Manchester, Liverpool, Cheshire and Flintshire. A huge variety of exciting, innovative and interactive events for all generations of the family. Visit their website to find events near you. <http://familyartsfestival.com/>

Fright Fest - Crow Wood Spooky Trail

24th October-1st November

Seek out spooky crows and creepy crawlies this Halloween, on a self-guided trail around Crow Wood. All ages welcome. Vehicle admission applies. NT members free. 11am-3pm. Running until 1st November. Lyme Park National Trust. W: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lymepark

Ghosts in the Garden

24th October-1st November

Halloween fun from 24th October-1st November. Tatton Park, Knutsford.

W: www.tattonpark.org.uk

Half Term Activities

24th October-1st November

Free activities at IKEA Manchester every day 11am-5pm from 24th October-1st November. Includes face painters and craft activities. W: www.IKEA.co.uk/manchester

Happy Halloween

24th October-1st November

Activities include riding around the field on the barrel train, scaling the climbing wall, finding the pictures of the ghosts in the spook hunt, the inflatable pumpkin, big slide and bouncy castle. 10am-4pm. Red House Farm, Altrincham. W: www.redhousefarm.co.uk T: **0161 9413480**

Hats Off! It's The Big Draw

24th-31st October

Collect a 'Big Draw' sketch book and a pencil or charcoal and follow the A - Z of drawing to create a pictorial reminder of your visit. All ages. 10am-5pm. Running until 31st October (except Monday). The Hat Works, Stockport. W: www.stockport.gov.uk

Let's Draw

24 October 2015

Meet artist Oliver East, as he shares some top tips for creating your own Comic Art. Create your own comic strip story about the animals on display at Manchester Museum, while finding out about the comic he is creating about Maharajah's journey which will also form part of an exhibition at Manchester Museum in 2016. Part of the Big Draw. Manchester Museum. T: **0161 275 2648**

Toytopia

24th-26th October

Toytopia is a brand new, magical family experience. A truly unique day of non-stop play; with the chance to try out new toys and games, drive mini cars, whizz around on scooters, conquer the assault course, delight in Live Shows, take selfies with favourite characters and win toys to take home! The Exhibition Centre Liverpool, Kings Dock. One ticket price for all (under 3's free) - £15 pre-show with the code -**TOYTOPIA519** from www.ticketquarter.co.uk W: www.toytopiaworld.com

What a Performance

24th-25th October

Special family friendly performances dramatising stories of wartime life. 11.15am, 12.15pm, 1.15pm and 2.15pm. Imperial War Museum, North. W: www.iwmn.org.uk

Leapfrog Out & About with Scout Tour at Hamleys!

25 October 2015

Meet and play with LeapFrog's loveable puppy pal Scout and join in a magical story time like no other. Have a go on the ultimate active educational gaming system to become a LeapTV champion and win amazing LeapFrog prizes! There are plenty of LeapFrog toys to trial and win, and exclusive one day only offers. 12-4.30pm. Hamleys Manchester. W: www.hamleys.com/explore

Spooky Quiz

25th October-1st November

Have a go at the 'spooktacular' quiz and get a small prize at the end. Ordsall Hall, Salford. W: www.salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk

October Half Term: Meet the Expert

26th-30th October

Meet the scientific and engineering experts, hear about their work and quiz them about what they do. Suitable for older children and adults. T: **01477 571766** W: www.jodrellbank.net

Half-term at the Whitworth

26th-30th October

Discover, play and make together with your family this half-term. Be inspired by the wallpaper collection and get messy to create your own patterned prints. 11am-3pm. *Free, drop-in, all ages, no need to book.* The Whitworth, The University of Manchester.

W: www.manchester.ac.uk/whitworth/learn/family

Make Your Halloween!

26th-27th October

Make spooky Halloween badges, masks and decorations with a frightful footy twist! 12-1.30pm. Also on October 29th. National Football Museum. W: www.nationalfootballmuseum.com T: **0161 605 8200**

Mummifying Oranges

27th-29th October

Discover more about how and why ancient Egyptians mummified animals and the science behind mummification through this hands on activity. Manchester Museum. T: **0161 275 2648**