

# Family events in July 2015

**Solihull Family  
Information Service**

\*All events with an asterisk require booking

As well as the events below, don't forget to check out the activities at your local children's centre for children under 11 years old [www.solihull.gov.uk/childrenscentres](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/childrenscentres) and things to do on [www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo)

## North Solihull and surrounding area

**Castle Bromwich Library, Hurst Lane North, Castle Bromwich, Solihull B36 0EY**  
Call: 0121 747 3708 Email: [libraryarts@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:libraryarts@solihull.gov.uk)

3rd, 10th, 17th	Storytime. Term time only on Fridays.	FREE	2:15pm - 2:45pm	Under Fives
6th, 13th	Rhymetime on Mondays. Either Morning or Afternoon.	FREE	10:45am - 11:05am or 2:30pm - 2:50pm	0 - 2s

**Chelmsley Wood Library, 10 West Mall, Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre, B37 5TN**  
Call: 0121 788 4380 Email: [libraryarts@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:libraryarts@solihull.gov.uk)

3rd, 10th, 17th	Rhymetimes. Term time only on Fridays	FREE	11am - 11:30am	Under Fives
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**Kingshurst Library, Marston Drive, Kingshurst, Solihull, B37 6BD**  
Call: 0121 770 3451 Email: [libraryarts@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:libraryarts@solihull.gov.uk)

2nd, 9th, 16th	Children's Story Time on Thursdays, term time only	FREE	11:00am - 11:30am	Under Fives
Call for dates	Rhyme time – 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 Fridays, term time only.	FREE	2:30pm	0 - 2 Years

**Marston Green Library, Land Lane, Solihull, B37 7DQ**  
Call: 0121 779 2131 Email: [libraryarts@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:libraryarts@solihull.gov.uk)

6th, 13th	Story Time - Stories, rhymes, songs and colouring on Mondays.	FREE	2:30pm - 3pm	Under Fives
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**Auckland Drive, Smith's Wood, Solihull, B36 0DD**  
Call: 07586 921 394

4th	Car Boot Sale.	£5 per car, £10 per van	11am to set up, 12pm open to public	All Ages
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## South Solihull

**Brueton Park, Warwick Road. Solihull B91 3EN**  
Call the Parkridge Centre to book: 0121 704 0768 or email enquiries@wkw.org.uk

3rd	*Nature Tots - 7 Spots on a Ladybird. Aims to encourage an early interest in wildlife.	£3 per child	10:30am - 12pm & 1pm - 2:30pm	4 Years and Under
5th	Family Fun Day. Activities include Pond Dipping, Minibeast Hunting, Hedgehog Activities, Bushcraft sessions, Bird Box Building and Craft activities	FREE	10:30am - 4pm	All Ages
10th	*Nature Tots - 8 Legged Hunters. Aims to encourage an early interest in wildlife.	£3 per child	10:30am - 12pm & 1pm - 2:30pm	4 Years and Under
17th	*Nature Tots - 9 Pond Skaters. Aims to encourage an early interest in wildlife.	£3 per child	10:30am - 12pm & 1pm - 2:30pm	4 Years and Under

## South Solihull Continued...

**Balsall Common Library , 283 Kenilworth Road, Balsall Common, CV7 3EL**  
**Call: 01676 532590 Email: libraryarts@solihull.gov.uk**

Call for dates	Teenage Book Swap - A fun opportunity to talk about the books you enjoy.	FREE	11am - 12:30pm	Teenagers
6th, 13th	Storytime on Mondays.	FREE	2:15pm - 2:45pm	Under Fives
7th, 14th	Baby songs and rhymes on Tuesdays.	FREE	2:15pm - 2:45pm	0 - 2 Years

**Dickens Heath Library, Old Dickens Heath Road, Dickens Heath, Solihull, B90 1SD**  
**Call: 0121 744 6078 Email: libraryarts@solihull.gov.uk**

6th, 13th	Rhymetimes on Mondays	FREE	2pm - 2:30pm	0 - 2 Years
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**Hampton in Arden Library, 39 Fentham Road, Hampton in Arden, B92 0AY**  
**Call: 01675 442629 Email: libraryarts@solihull.gov.uk**

Call for dates	Storytimes - term time only. Fortnightly sessions on Tuesdays.	FREE	1:45pm - 2:15pm	Under Fives
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**Hobs Moat Library, Ulleries Road, Solihull, B92 8EB**  
**Call: 0121 743 4592 Email: libraryarts@solihull.gov.uk**

2nd, 9th, 16th	Story Session on a Thursday - join the 'Little Hobbits' and listen to stories and enjoy colouring with your pre school child. Term time only.	FREE	10am - 10:45am	Under Fives
2nd, 9th, 16th	Homework club with designated staff to support children. Thursday - term time only	FREE	3:45pm - 5:45pm	All Ages

**Knowle Library, Chester House, 1667-1669 High Street, Knowle, Solihull, B93 0LL**  
**Call: 01564 775840 Email: libraryarts@solihull.gov.uk**

Call for dates	Jellybeans - story-time and rhymes. Come along and join in the fun. Monthly on a Thursday.	FREE	10:45am - 11:30am	Under Fives
Call for dates	Alphabet Club - Activity and story-time session. Alternate Mondays.	£1 per child	2pm - 2:30pm	Under Fives
Call for dates	Chatterbooks - Our children's reading group.	FREE	Please contact for details	9 - 11 Years

**Meriden Library, Arden Cottage, The Green, Meriden, CV7 7LN**  
**Call: 01676 522717 Email: libraryarts@solihull.gov.uk**

6th, 13th	Storytimes on Mondays. Term time only.	FREE	2:45pm - 3:15pm	Under Fives
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**Olton Library, 169A Warwick Road, Olton, Solihull, B92 7AR**  
**Call: 0121 706 3038 Email: libraryarts@solihull.gov.uk**

3rd, 10th, 17th	Storytime sessions. Come along and enjoy listening to stories for your pre-school child in the company of other children and their families on Fridays (Term time only).	FREE	2:30pm - 3pm	Under Fives
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**Solihull Central Library, Homer Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 3RG**  
**Call: 0121 704 6965 Email: libraryarts@solihull.gov.uk**

7th, 14th	Homework club with designated staff to support children on Tuesdays, term time only.	FREE	3:45pm - 5:15pm	8 Years and Over
6th, 13th	Story Times on Mondays. Term time only.	FREE	2pm - 2:30pm	Under Fives
4th, 11th	Story Times on Saturdays during the school year.	FREE	11am - 11:30am	Under Fives
1st, 3rd, 8th, 10th, 15th, 17th	Rhyme Time - Wednesdays and Fridays Term Time. An interactive session that includes finger & action rhymes and songs. Come along and meet other parents/carers.	FREE	10:15am - 10:30am	0 - 2 Years

## South Solihull Continued...

**Shirley Carnival, Shirley Park, B90 3AL**  
**Call: 0845 833 9547 Visit: [www.shirleylions.org.uk](http://www.shirleylions.org.uk)**

11th	An action packed day out for all the family with a pirate theme! With prizes for the best stall and a fancy dress competition for children.	FREE - Charity Donations Welcome	12pm - 4:30pm	All Ages
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**Octavian Droobers, Orienteering Event, Brueton Park, B91 3HA (for 1st)**  
**Octavian Droobers, Orienteering Event, Tudor Grange Park, B91 3LU (for 15th)**  
**Call: 01926 632 189**

1st, 15th	Do you and your family enjoy walking, jogging or running? Why not come along and try orienteering with the local club, Octavian Droobers? There will be courses from 1km - 6km, easy to advanced to suit all abilities! Help is available to all newcomers. A large scale map and electronic timer are provided - bring a compass if you have one.	£4 per adult, FREE for juniors, £1 for hire of timers.	6pm - 7:30pm	5 Years and Over
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**Kids Run Free, Bentley Heath Park, Widney Road, Bentley Heath, B93 9BH (for 4th)**  
**Kids Run Free, Olton Jubilee Park, Lyndon Road, Olton, B92 7RQ (for 11th)**  
**Call: 07711 349 592 Email: [carmen@kidsrunfree.co.uk](mailto:carmen@kidsrunfree.co.uk) Visit: [www.kidsrunfree.co.uk](http://www.kidsrunfree.co.uk)**

4th, 11th	All ages welcome, from toddlers to teenagers and everyone in between! No running experience required. Simply turn up and have fun!	FREE	8:45am start	All Ages
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**St Stephen's Church Centre, Coppice Road, Solihull, B92 9JY**  
**Call: 0121 705 7482 Email: [graham.stallard@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:graham.stallard@yahoo.co.uk) Visit: [www.elmdonchurch.org](http://www.elmdonchurch.org)**

27th, 28th, 30th, 31st	Summer Holiday Club. Activities graded for all ages – exploring as 'Galactic Battlers' Christian views on the 'Armour of God'.	£2.50 per session per child	10am -12pm or 2pm – 4pm	4 – 12 Years
29th	Summer Holiday Club – Fun Day	£2.50 per child	10am – 4pm	4 – 12 Years

## Other areas

**Cadbury World, Linden Rd, Bournville, Birmingham B30 2LU Call: 0844 880 7667**

4th, 5th	Heritage Weekend - Weather permitting, take a stroll around Bournville Village as we guide you through the history of our home town.	Please contact for details	9:30am - 4pm	All Ages
11th, 12th	Celebrate Cadbury's most colourful characters starring Caramel Bunny, Freddo and more!	Please contact for details	9:30am - 4pm	All Ages

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