

Nottingham Parents & Carers Newsletter May 2025

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Nottingham's Cultural
Education Partnership



May Half-term Special Travel Offer

Discounted group rider rates on NCT buses

Group rider: Just £6 all day, every day for unlimited travel within the City Zone. This covers up to 5 people, at least 1 adult (aged 19 or over) and no more than two adults.

[Find out about the NCT Group Rider offer](#)

Half term & free!

Nottingham Contemporary, Play and Play Back: Tues 27 – Thurs 29 May, 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm (pre booking essential)

[Book a place at Play and Play Back](#)

Nottingham Libraries: Where's Wally? Themed activities and picture hunt.

[Find out about all library activity sessions](#)

IMPACT & BeatFeet, Family SEND art & dance sessions Sat 24 & 31 May 10.30-1pm

Contact Amanda, info@impacd-cic.org.uk

Greens Windmill: Fri 30 May / Sun 1 June

Mindmasters: interactive brain teasers

[Book a place on Mindmasters](#)



New Art Exchange, Through Our Eyes:

Scotholme & Forest Fields Primary Schools Exhibition, launch event **Sat 30 May 6pm**.

[Book a free ticket to the launch event](#)



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Parks and Open Spaces:

Vernon Park, Basford Thurs 29 May Mini Explorers (booking needed) and **Whitemoor Nature Reserve, Fri 30 May**, Well-being Walk (booking needed) [Info and booking links for activities in city parks](#)

Victoria Embankment Paddling Pool

re-opens, **Friday 23 May**. Next to the River Trent and play area, there is plenty of space to play and picnic!

More workshops...

FAMILY FEST

Nottingham Playhouse, Family Fest Early Years, 5-10, 11-16years Various costs, from £5

Tues 27th May: Sibs Family Drama / Family Acro / Play in a Day (Puss in Boots).

Weds 28 May: Multi-sensory Workshop: Welcome to the Jungle / Half-term Fun Drama Workshop.

Thurs 29 May: Toddler Disco / Play in a Day (Peter Pan)

[Info and booking for Family Fest](#)

[Find out about bursaries if cost is a barrier](#)

FESTIVALS

Green Hustle: Sat 31 May, 11am-7pm

City centre festival with live performances, workshops, talks and hands-on activities to inspire greener living! [Find out about Green Hustle](#)



CommuniTree Festival, Sounds of the City Sun 8 June, 6.30-10pm

at Squire Performing Arts Centre. Family friendly (7+ yrs) £2 per ticket + booking fee (all monies go to MacMillan Cancer Support) A celebration of world music, dance, creativity and togetherness!

[Book tickets](#)



Positively Empowered Kids Festival

Sun 22 June, 10-5pm Nottingham Castle, Entry £1 (must be pre-booked online- all activities are free)

[Book your tickets](#)

[Find out about Positively Empowered Kids](#)



Bilborough Arts Festival

Sat 28 June-Fri 4 July

Celebrating Creativity and community across Bilborough, Nottingham [Find out more](#)



Bulwell Arts Festival

Sat 5 July-Sun 13 July. A vibrant arts festival for all ages! Workshops, performances, exhibitions and more...

[Find out about Bulwell Arts Festival](#)



More places to discover and things to do!

Lakeside Arts (University Park)

Exhibitions, workshops and theatre performances various dates

Space Dissent: A family virtual reality (VR) experience retracing Tim Peake's 400 kilometre journey back to earth (7years+).

Architects of the Air return with their new Luminarium experience

Tues 27 May 2025: Needlepoint Felt Making Workshop (10 years+).

Wed 28 May 2025: Fabric Faces workshop (8-12years)

Sun 1st June Splat! A family friendly comedy about art and creativity (3- 6yrs).

Exhibitions include: Material Worlds (Djanogly Gallery) Life at an Iron Age Hill Fort (University of Nottingham Museum) Country Lives

[Book here for half term activities](#)

Nottingham City Museums and Galleries:

[Read about](#) the Dinosaurs exhibition at Wollaton Hall and the **new Rover ticket** for Nottingham Castle, Wollaton Hall and Newstead Abbey. (£30 adult ticket, pay once, visit all year, 3 children, 15 and under, go free).

Circus Hub Half term Holiday Club

Mon 26 May, 5-10, 11-16 yrs, £35 [Book here](#)

Greenway Centre, Sneinton

Play, Stay and Eat sessions, **Weds (term time) 5-6.30pm** 50p pr child, 5-10 yrs greenwaycentre@gmail.com

Nonsuch Young Company, Nottingham

Arts Theatre, Every Saturday, 10am-12noon 6-11 yrs, £12 per session, (20% discount if half term booked) [Booking link](#)

Theatre Royal and Concert Hall

BBC Concert Orchestra, CBeebies Prom Wildlife Jamboree **Sat 28 June, 11am & 2pm.** [Wide range of performances - tickets here](#)

Discover more:
www.challengenottingham.co.uk

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