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B O O M ...

The last issue of 2026!

I can't believe we're in November already - only two months left of 2026!

As we head towards the end of the year, this issue is all about making the most of the festive season, without putting too much pressure on ourselves to make everything magical. From looking after your own wellbeing during the busy months to discovering local festive walks and trails, there's plenty of inspiration for the months ahead. Plus, we've rounded up local events happening across November and December to help you plan some lovely days out and make memories together. Don't forget to check our website for the What's On calendar - this is updated throughout the month as more events are announced!

However you're spending the festive season, whether it's a busy one packed with plans, a chilled one spent at home, carefully sticking to a schedule or simply going with the flow, I hope it's a happy one filled with whatever matters most to you. Wishing you and your families health, happiness and plenty of lovely moments as we head into the new year.

This issue feels particularly special to me as it's the first one I've put together entirely myself, and I'm incredibly proud of how far Boom has come. Thank you for being part of the community, supporting what we do and helping Boom continue to grow. Here's to a wonderful end to 2026 and an exciting 2027 - I can't wait to see what it brings! ❤️

Steph xx

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Exciting changes for 2027!

From January, Boom Magazine will be moving to a quarterly format. This means each issue will cover three months instead of two. It's a new chapter for Boom, and something I'm really excited about!

There are lots of positives to this change. You'll have longer to pick up a copy and enjoy it, with each issue staying relevant for a little longer. It also gives me more time to plan ahead, bring you lovely content and continue shining a light on the amazing local businesses and family-friendly things to do in our area.

I'm also really conscious of the world we're leaving for our little ones, and I want to be mindful of the choices I make along the way. Printing and distributing changes is one small step towards reducing our environmental impact, while still doing what I love: bringing our community together.

Thank you for supporting Boom, picking up a copy, reading our articles and being part of this little community we're growing. I can't wait to see what 2027 brings!



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Groups & Classes for 0-11s

If you would like to be included in our class listings please email : info@boommagazineltd.co.uk

Baby Ballers (16m - 5yrs)
Alfreton Leisure Centre
Sat 9 - 9:35am - BabyBallers (16m - 2.5yrs)
Sat 9:40 - 10:15am - MiniBallers (2.5 - 3.5yrs)
Sat 10:20 - 11am - Ballers (3.5 - 5yrs)
Toddler football & multi-skills classes for girls & boys aged 16 months - 5 years. Book: www.babyballers.com

Baby Sensory (0 - 13m)
FlowMotion. Life Yoga Studio, Matlock
Mon 10 - 11am (0 - 6m)
Mon 11:30am - 12:30pm (6m - 13m)
Ripley Leisure Centre
Tue 10 - 11am (0 - 6m)
Tue 11:30am - 12:30pm (6m - 13m)
Tue 1 - 2pm (0 - 13m)
The Venue, Ashbourne
Wed 10 - 11am (0 - 6m)
Wed 11:30am - 12:30pm (6m - 13m)
Wed 1 - 2pm (0 - 13m)
Tyler's, Campbell Street, Belper
Thur 10 - 11am (0 - 6m)
Thur 11:30am - 12:30pm (6m - 13m)
Thur 1 - 2pm (0 - 13m)
Interactive, educational sensory classes which will help your baby learn and develop important skills in a supportive, friendly environment. Book: www.baby.sensory.com/centralderbyshire

Baby Sparks Sensory Class
Darley Abbey Village Hall
Wed 10 - 11am (8m - 3yrs)
Wed 11:15am - 12:15pm (6w - 8m)
Mickleover Memorial Hall
Wed 1:30 - 2:40pm Baby Massage
Mickleover Methodist Church
Fri 10 - 11am (6m - 3yrs)
Fri 11:15am - 12:15pm (6w - 6m)
Baby Sparks creates sensory adventures for babies and children which stimulate, engage and relax through singing, sensory games, instrument play, sensory play, lights and bubbles. The perfect class to nurture your baby's sensory development. Book: www.babysparks.co.uk/derbywest

Most groups are term time only - please check before you travel

Barremama (Mums & Mums to be)
St John's with Duffield Park Farm
Mon 10 - 11am - Bond
Mon 11:30am - 12:30pm - Grow
Tyler's, Belper
Tue 10 - 11am - Bond
Tue 11:30am - 12:30pm - Grow
Vanessa's School of Dance, Belper
Tue 6 - 7pm - Flow
Tue 7 - 8pm - Thrive
Ballet inspired, barre-based movement for pregnancy, birth and beyond. No leotards, no pressure.
Flow - Antenatal movement & mindset. Suitable from 14 weeks pregnant right the way through to preparing for labour.
Bond - Postnatal recovery & connection. Perfect for mums ready to return to movement after their 8 - 10 week GP sign-off. C-section mums should be at least 10 weeks postpartum.
Grow - Rebuilding strength & sharing joy. Best suited for mums who are at 6 months+ postpartum with babies who are not yet confidently walking, so everyone can move safely and peacefully together.
Thrive - Reclaiming strength and self. Best suited for mums further along in their postnatal journey (at least 9 - 12 months+), or those ready for a more advanced, higher-energy class.

Little Legs with Leanne Zumbini (6m - 5yrs)
Kilburn Village Hall
Wed 10:15am
Zumbini is an early childhood education program that uses original music and movement to promote cognitive, social, fine/gross motor skills and emotional development in children. Book: leanne.wearelittlelegs.com

Moo Music (0 - 5yrs)
Little Moo's Play Barn, Somercotes
Mon 9:20 - 10am - Mixed Moo
Mon 10:20 - 11am - Mini Moo
Tue 9:20 - 10am - Baby Moo In The Dark
Tue 10:20 - 11am - Mixed Moo
Wed 9:30 - 10:10am - Mixed Moo
Wed 10:50 - 11:30am - Baby Moo In The Dark
Wed 12:30 - 1:10pm - Mini Moo In The Dark
Thur 9:20 - 10am - Mini Moo
Thur 10:20 - 11am - Mixed Moo
Fri 10:20 - 11am - Mixed Moo
Fun, interactive music classes for babies, toddlers & pre-school age children where they sing, dance and play. Booking required.
Baby Moo - newborn to walking
Mini Moo - ages 6m to 18m
Mixed Moo - sitting - 5 years

Phonics With Robot Reg (1 - 4yrs)
Hulland Ward Village Hall
Mon 9:45 - 10:30am (1 - 3yrs)
Mon 10:45 - 11:30am (2.5 - 4yrs)
The Play Village, Ashbourne
Wed 1:30 - 2:15pm (2.5 - 4yrs)
Thur 9:45 - 10:30am (1 - 3yrs)
Thur 10:45 - 11:30am (2.5 - 4yrs)
Fun, high energy and educational sessions for toddlers and pre-school children that support the development of early language and literacy skills. Book: www.robotreg.co.uk/derbyshire

Pregnancy & Post Natal Pilates
Belper Health Hub & Pilates Studio, Old Mill House, East Mill, Belper
Thur 10 - 10:40am - Pre & Post Natal Reformer
Fri 10:20 - 11am - Pre & Post Natal Reformer
Mums and mums-to-be of all levels of fitness will benefit from safe mat or reformer Pilates instruction from trained physiotherapists. Babies are welcome at all sessions. Book: www.belperhealthhub.co.uk

Primrose Art Club (4 - 15yrs)
St Mark's Church, Openwoodgate
Wed 4:15 - 5:15pm (4 - 9yrs)
Wed 5:20 - 6:20pm (10 - 15yrs)
Fri 4:15 - 5:25pm (10 - 15yrs)
Fri 5:20 - 6:20pm (4 - 9yrs)
Arts and crafts group sessions where kids can explore their creativity and develop skills. Visit: www.primroseart.club



Groups & Classes for 0-11s

Puddle Ducks Derbyshire (0 - 10yrs)
Various Derbyshire Venues
Mon - Sun (all lessons 30mins)
Do you want your child to learn how to swim? Let's help them learn the right technique, in the right environment, with the best people. Let's give them the courage to be fearless, make friends, swim strongly and have fun. Then let's see where those skills might take them. Swim Academy. Let's do this. Book: www.puddleducks.com

Raising Rooted - Mothers Circle and Creative Play (0 - 11yrs)
Hannah Fields Community Garden, Derby
First Fri of every month
4 - 5:30pm
6th Nov & 4th Dec
A uniquely crafted group that nurtures both the mother and the child. A space to slow down, be held by nature, and unwind motherhood whilst children can partake in heart led creative activities. Book: www.raisingrooted.co.uk

SEN-FIT
Langley Mill
Mon 4:30 - 6:30pm - Tea Time Club
Thur 4:15 - 6:15pm - Girls Tea Time Club (7 - 16yrs)
Borrowash
Fri 4:30 - 6:30pm Tea Time Club
£10 per session
SEN-Fit offers children and adults opportunities in fitness that are supported and individually tailored building both physical and mental health. Visit: www.sen-fit.co.uk

Sunshine Forest School
Belper Community Hall Woodlands
Fri 10 - 11am
Play based outdoor learning through forest school sessions, holiday clubs and woodland workshops. All led by qualified practitioners. Holiday clubs available for 5 - 16yrs. Visit: www.sunshineforestschool.co.uk



Taekwondo M&M Academy (4+)
Little Eaton Village Hall
Tue 7 - 8pm (8 - 12yrs)
Sat 9 - 9:45am (4 - 7yrs)
Sat 10 - 11am (8 - 12yrs)
Improve your fitness, flexibility, balance, confidence, discipline and moral values with the Korean martial art, Taekwondo! A great sport for your little ones or even for yourself with our adult classes. £30 per calendar month. First 2 lessons free. Family discounts available. Visit: www.mandm.academy

The Little Baby Sanctuary (0 - active crawling)
JL Dance Academy, Ripley
Wed 10:30 - 11:30am - Baby Massage
Wed 1 - 2pm - Baby Yoga
Sage Yoga Studio, Belper
Thur 10:30 - 11:30am - Baby Yoga
Thur 1 - 2pm - Baby Massage
Darley Abbey Stables, Darley Abbey
Fri 10:30 - 11:30am - Baby Massage
Fri 1 - 2pm - Baby Yoga
Gentle, interactive strokes and movement supporting common ailments, concerns and baby milestones. Qualified NNEB nursery nurse, baby massage and baby yoga instructor. Visit: www.thelittlebabysanctuary.co.uk

Tiddlekicks (0 - 5yrs)
Willow Sport Centre
Mon 9:30 - 10:10am (12m - 4yrs)
Mon 10:15 - 10:55am (12m - 4yrs)
The Studio', Mighty Monsters Soft Play
Fri 10 - 10:40am (12m - 4yrs)
Springwood Leisure Centre
Fri 10 - 10:40am (12m - 4yrs)
Sat 8:45 - 9:25am (12m - 4yrs)
Sat 9:30 - 10:10am (3 - 5yrs)
Sat 10:15 - 10:55am (12m - 3yrs)
Ripley Leisure Centre
Sat 8:20 - 9am (12m - 4yrs)
Sat 9:05 - 9:45am (12m - 3yrs)
Sat 9:50 - 10:30am (3 - 5yrs)
Chester Green Community Centre
Sat 9:05 - 9:45am (12m - 3yrs)
Sat 9:50 - 10:30am (3 - 5yrs)
Sat 10:35 - 11:15am (4 - 6yrs)
Hilton Scout Hut
Sat 8:30 - 9:10am (12m - 3yrs)
Sat 9:15 - 9:55am (3 - 5yrs)
William Gregg VC , Heanor
Sat 11 - 11:40am (12m - 4yrs)
Tiddlekicks is a toddler football club with the fundamentals of football and pre-school learning blended together to create fun and interactive sessions for both parents and children. Keeping your little ones active from a young age to give them the best start in life. 3-week trial recommended. Book: www.tiddlekicks.co.uk

TinyTalk (0 - 5yrs)
St John's Methodist Church, Allestree
Mon 9:45 - 10:45am (0 - 2yrs)
Mon 11:15am - 12:15pm (18m - 4yrs)
The Church on Oakwood
Tue 9:45 - 10:45am (18m - 4yrs)
Tue 11:15am - 12:15pm (0 - 2yrs)
Book: www.tinytalk.co.uk/emilyreeve
St Mark's Church, Openwoodgate
Tue 10 - 11am (18m - 5yrs)
Tue 11:30am - 12:30pm (0 - 2yrs)
Tue 1 - 2pm (0 - 2yrs)
Fri 10 - 11am (18m - 5yrs)
Fri 11:30am - 12:30pm (0 - 2yrs)
Book: www.tinytalk.co.uk/kathgreaves
Communicate with your baby before they can speak! At TinyTalk we sign, bounce and giggle through each class, while you learn a handful of useful BSL signs with action songs, stories and familiar nursery rhymes. Enjoy social time and a nice hot cuppa and biscuits after every class.

Twistin Tots (0 - 5yrs)
Belper Community Hall
Mon 9:45 - 11:30am
Tue 9:45 - 11:30am
Darley Abbey Village Hall
Thur 9:45 - 11:30am
Music, movement and fun for 0-5 year olds. Weekly adventures with themed songs and props. With an hour of stay and play at the end for the children and tea and coffee for their grown-ups.

Vanessa's School of Dance (2 - 18yrs)
Vanessa's School of Dance, Belper
Various classes Mon - Sat
Ballet, tap, modern, contemporary, musical theatre, singing, acrobatics and street dance. Adult classes offered in tap, ballet & fitness. See full timetable at: www.vsdance.co.uk

Groups & Classes for 0-11s

UNDER £5 OR FREE

Baby and Me
Ripley Methodist Church
Thur 9:30 - 11am
Meet others in a safe environment, as you interact in your little ones early development through play. A large variety of baby toys to explore and larger toys for when they start crawling and taking those first steps. Messy play sessions approx every 6 weeks. £2.50 per family, includes a hot drink and biscuit. To book email: paulinefretwellhps@gmail.com

Baby Sparks Stay & Play (0 - 5yrs)
Darley Abbey Villlage Hall
Wed 9:30 - 10:15am
Sensory session designed for babies and young children to explore at their own pace, and for parents to enjoy a calm, welcoming space to connect. Themed play, perfect for the whole family! £5 per child, additional siblings £3, babies under 3m free with a sibling. Book: www.babysparks.co.uk/derbywest

B.E.A.R.S Breastfeeding Support Group FREE
The Community Hub, Alfreton Nursery
Mon 12:30 - 2pm
Infinite Wellbeing, Heanor
Tue 9:30 - 11am
St Marks Church, Openwoodgate
Fri 1 - 2:30pm
Refreshments, social and judgement free breastfeeding support with a chance to meet other parents! Older siblings are welcome. Term time only. Please check BEARS FB page for full details and all summer events. Support is always available over FB messenger and on the Breastfeeding Network 24hour helpline.

Bridge The Gap Family Hub Sessions (0 - 5yrs) FREE
Best Start Family Hub - Sinfin Lane
Tue 10 - 11:30am
Beckett Family Hub - Stockbrook Street
Thur 10 - 11:30am
Best Start Family Hub - Mackworth Morley
Thur 1:30 - 3pm
(alongside stay & play)
Come and spend some time at our term-time sessions for babies, young children and their families. There's space to play, connect and ask questions about your child's emotions and development. Join us for play and creative activities that help young children explore feelings and connect with the adults who care for them. www.wearebridgethegap.com

Connected Perinatal Support FREE
Beckett Family Hub, Derby
Mon 10 - 11:30am - Bump to Babies Group (pregnancy - 2yrs)
Insomnia Cafe, Littleover, Derby
Last Mon of month 4:30 - 6:30pm - Pregnancy Connections (pregnancy - 12wks)
Leisure United Derby Racecourse
Mon 7 - 9pm - Dads' Space, one hour of football & one hour of social (dads-to-be - 2yrs)
Osmaston Allenton Family Hub
Wed 12:30 - 2pm - Tea & Tots (pregnancy - 5yrs)
Audrey Drive Children's Centre, Derby
Thur 10am - 12pm - Bump to Babies Group (pregnancy - 2yrs)
Melbourne House, Derby
2nd & 4th Friday of the month 1:30 - 2:30pm - Dad Time (dads-to-be - 2yrs)
A relaxed space for a brew and meeting other dads in a supportive environment.
Spaces for mums, dads, parents and carers to meet other parents and chat with peer supporters. Tea, coffee and biscuits, toys for babies and toddlers, a warm welcome and supportive chat on all things pregnancy and early parenthood. No need to book. Visit: www.connectedperinatalsupport.org

Derbyshire Dales Mum2Mum Breastfeeding Support Group FREE
Matlock Church in the Peak
Mon 11:30am - 1pm
The Play Village, Ashbourne
2nd Wed of the month 12 - 1:30pm
Free drop-in sessions run by local mums trained in peer support. Part of the Breastfeeding Network.
For full list of groups please visit BFN Derbyshire Dales for more information.



Derbyshire Toy Libraries Stay & Play
Crich Glebe Community Centre
Mon 9:30 - 11am
Grassmoor Community Centre
Tue 9:30 - 11am
Belper Community Hall
Wed 9:30 - 11am
Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall
Thur 9:30 - 11am
Kilburn Village Hall
Thur 9:30 - 11am
£4 per session, additional siblings/adults £1, under 6m go free. Crich, Grassmoor, Holloway and Kilburn Term Time only. For school holiday sessions check social media. Visit: www.derbyshiretoylibraries.org

Ey Up Mums (0 - 1yrs) FREE
Dalby House Cafe (inside museum)
Fri 11am - 1:30pm
A new group aimed at bringing together first time mums with babies under 12 months. Come and share your experiences, have a chat, come with or without your baby and just enjoy taking some time out with our friendly and relaxed group. No booking required.

Holbrook Baby and Toddler Group
Holbrook Methodist Church
Wed 9 - 11am
A fun and friendly group for babies, pre-school children and their parents, grandparents or carers. Toys for all ages, craft activities, snacks and drinks for all. Play and make new friends in a safe and welcoming environment. £2 per child. No need to book. Contact Helen: 07980 652431.

Hulland Hippos Baby & Toddler Group (0 - 4yrs)
Hulland Ward Millennium Hall
Wed 10 - 11.30am
A range of stimulating play activities for under 5s, including a baby area. Snacks and drinks. Songs and a story at the end. Busy, friendly group. New families are welcome. £3 per family. Open during term time and school holidays. No booking required.

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Infinite Wellbeing Activities

Infinite Wellbeing, Heanor
Mon 10am - New Mum Monday's *
Mon 11:30am - Mini Wrigglers (0 - 1yrs) *
Mon 1pm - Mini Movers & Groovers (1 - 5yrs) *
Tue 9:30 - 11:30am - Tuesday Tots *
Wed 10 - 11am - Pre-School Cooking Class (2 - 5yrs)
Wed 11 am - 12pm - Pre-School Cooking Class (2 - 5yrs)
Wed 1pm - Rhyme Time *
Thur 4 - 5pm - Children's Cooking Class (2 - 11yrs)
*Included in the Role Play Area Entry. Cooking classes require pre-booking. Book: www.infinite-wellbeing.co.uk
Infinite Wellbeing Role Play Area and Cafe (0 - 8yrs)
Mon - Thur 9am - 3pm during term time
Tue - Thur 10am - 2pm during school holidays.
Enjoy time with your little ones as they play, experiment, and run off steam. Watch their imaginations light up. Plus, you can take time for a coffee and snack with other parents and carers. Booking not required for role-play area.

Little Church (0 - 4yrs)

St Peter's Church, Belper
Wed 10am - 12pm
£1 per family
Play and fun with stories, singing and craft activities - parents, grandparents and carers welcome. Term Time only.

Messy Church

Denby Bottles Methodist Church
3rd Sun of the month 10:15am
A welcoming and inclusive place where people of all ages can explore faith through fun, hands-on activities, storytelling and music.



Messy Church (all ages)

St Swithun's Church, Belper
Fri 13th Nov & 11th Dec 3:30 - 5pm (donation)
St Mark's Church, Belper
Sat 21st Nov & 19th Dec 4 - 6pm (donation)
Crafts, songs and stories - plus food! Pay what you can. Families with children of all ages are welcome.

Move Me (0 - 5yrs)

Becket Family Hub
Tue 1:30 - 3pm
Derwent Family Hub
Wed 9:30 - 11am
Osmaston / Allenton Family Hub
Thur 1 - 2:30pm
Derby Theatre
Mon 23rd Nov & 14th Dec 10 - 11:30am
Play, dance and move with your little ones, in this active early years sensory experience. FREE session. Contact Derby City Family Hubs to book or email: earlyyears@derby.ac.uk for more information.

Prams & First Shoes (0 - 3yrs)

St Mark's Church, Openwoodgate
Thur 9:30 - 11:30am
Have a cuppa and meet other parents. Lots of toys for babies and toddlers. A warm welcome to a lovely space. Term time only

Stay and Play

Marehay Methodist Church
Wed 9:30 - 11am
Waingroves Methodist Church
Wed 1:15 - 2:45pm
Free play, craft & messy play, music and singing, themed activities. £2.50 per family, includes snacks for children and a drink for parents/carers. Turn up or email: paulinefretwellhps@gmail.com

Find all class & group information online at **www.boommagazineltd.co.uk** or check out our social media for weekly updates

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Squeals on Wheels

All Saints Church, Ripley
Mon 9:15 - 11am
A happy friendly group for parents and carers with babies and toddlers. Unstructured play time with craft and puzzle tables, designated baby area and lots of toys available. Singing and dancing finished with a Bible story at the end of each session.

Toddlers Inc (0 - 5yrs)

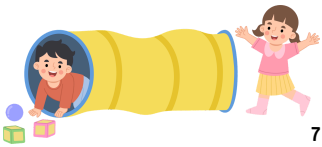
Denby Bottles Methodist Church
Tue 10am - 12pm
A group for bumps, babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their grown ups. Lots of toys for all ages, finishing with a song and rhyme time. 50p per child. Includes a snack and drink for all. Term time only. Contact Hannah: 07359778505

Whistlestop Wildlife Watch Group (5 - 11yrs)

Matlock Bath
Sun 8th Nov & 13th Dec 10am - 12pm
Details to be confirmed - please email for information
Monthly wildlife-themed activities at a different nature reserve/wild space in central and north-east Derbyshire or at the Matlock base. £2.50 for one child; siblings 50p extra. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meeting points confirmed via email. Visit Derbyshire Wildlife Trust Wildlife Watch Groups for more information. Booking essential email: whistlestop_watch@yahoo.com

Wirksworth Stay and Play Baby & Toddler Group (0 - 5yrs)

Memorial Hall, Wirksworth
Thur 9:45 - 11:45am
Volunteer-run playgroup with sensory play, a wide range of toys, and creative activities. No booking required. Includes a snack for the children. Drinks and biscuits for the adults. 0 - 6m £2; 6m+ £4 per family. More info on FB.



Library Sessions

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Alfreton Library
Story Time
Monday 11 - 11:30am
Term time only

Ashbourne Library
Story & Rhyme Time
Tuesday 10:15 - 10:45am
Bubbles & Babies
Thursday 9:45 - 11am

Bakewell Library
'Time to Play'
Monday 10 - 11:30am
Parent-led activity session
Story Time
Tuesday 10:30 - 11am
'Time to Play'
Thursday 10 - 11:30am
Parent-led activity session
Time to play sessions are term time only

Belper Library
Story & Rhyme Time
Wednesday 11 - 11:30am

Bolsover Library
Toddler Rhyme & Storytime
Monday 10 - 10:30am
Baby Rhyme Time (0 - 1yrs)
Tuesday 10 - 10:30am
Bubbles & Babies (0 - 1yrs)
Thursday 10 - 11:30am
Friday 10 - 11:30am
These sessions are generally term time only, but check with the library staff as sessions may be planned during the school holidays.
Contact: 01629 537800



Chesterfield Library
Baby Rhyme Time
Monday 9:30 - 10am
Toddler Rhyme Time
Monday 11 - 11:30am

Clay Cross Library
Story & Rhyme Time
Tuesday 10:30 - 11am



Etwall Library
Rhyme Time
Monday 2:30 - 3pm
Term time only
Bubbles & Babies
Wednesday 10:30 - 11:30am

Heanor Library
Story & Rhyme Time
Every other Monday 2 - 2:30pm
Every other Thursday 11 - 11:30am
Term time only

Ilkeston Library
Baby Sensory Play
Tuesday 10 - 11am
Rhyme Time
Wednesday 10 - 10:30am
Term time only

Long Eaton Library
Story & Rhyme Time
Wednesday 11 - 11:30am
Term time only
Sensory Play
Wednesday 10 - 11am
Term time only - last session 26th Nov

Most sessions are term time only - please check before you travel

Mansfield Central Library
Baby Rattle, Rhyme & Roll (0 - 12m)
Wednesday 10 - 10:30am
Stay & Play (0- 5yrs)
Thursday 10:30- 11:30am
Children's Craft Sessions
Second Saturday of the month
11am - 1pm
Lego Club (4+ years)
Fourth Saturday of the month
11am - 1pm

Matlock Library
Story & Rhyme Time
Thursday 10:30 - 11am
Term time only

Mickleover Library
Rhyme Time
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
11 - 11:30am
Booking is essential - 01332 647884

Pinxton Library
Sensory Baby Sessions
Thursday 2pm - 3:30pm
(0 - 3yrs)



Ripley Library
Rhyme Time
Tuesday 10 - 10:30am
Term time only

Riverside Library (Derby)
Rhyme Time
Monday 11 - 11:30am
Story Time
Wednesday 11 - 11:30am
Rhyme Time
Friday 11 - 11:30am

Sandiacre Library
Rhyme Time
Tuesday 10:30 - 11:15am
Term time only

South Normanton Library
Story Time
Tuesday 10:30 - 11am

Festive Derby

Yule love Derby
this festive season

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Fri 4 – Thu 31 Dec
Derby Arena
£38–£23

Don't miss the Christmas Lights Switch-on
Sat 28 Nov
5pm



Sat 28 Nov – Thu 31 Dec
Derby Market Place
£13–£11



Sat 28 Nov – Thu 31 Dec
Derby Market Place
Free entry



Thu 10 – Wed 23 Dec
Chapel Street Arts Centre
£15

festivederby.co.uk

Derby City Council

Erewash Borough Council

Story with Santa

5th December
12th December
19th December

£7.50 per child
(*with 2 accompanying adults maximum)

Times: 10am / 10.30am / 11am / 11.30am
1pm / 1.30pm / 2pm and 2.30pm

Step into the magic of Christmas at Erewash Museum with our special Story with Santa experience. Meet Santa Claus, listen to a festive Christmas story, and enjoy a fun seasonal craft activity. Every child will receive a special gift from Santa, and families can take part in a Christmas trail around the museum. A perfect festive treat for little ones this Christmas!

To reserve your spot, simply scan the QR code, call 0115 907 1141, or email museum@erewash.gov.uk

Erewash Museum and Gardens

SCAN ME! to book

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HOW NOT TO BURN OUT WHILST YOU'RE BUSY MAKING THE MAGIC!

By Boom Buddy Stacey
The Collis/Murray Family, Director of Create & Connect Wellbeing CIC

For families with young children this time of year gets hectic. From outfits to Festive light trails, Santa visits, to school events and, for many, that cheeky elf; if you're the one who creates the family magic, the last couple months of the year are non-stop. It can be lots of fun, but it can also be stressful, so it's important to think about what you need too. Here's my top tips to make sure you don't burn out:



1. Still make some time each week for activities that help you relax. Maybe that's your weekly exercise class or a solo coffee, or maybe it's watching your favourite TV show at the end of a long day. It's easy for these to get forgotten when everything gets busier, but it's more important than ever to have some time to switch off and focus on yourself. You can't bring your best magical self if you're completely exhausted.



2. Find something seasonal that YOU love and really enjoy it. Maybe it's a festive drink or your favourite Christmas movie, or maybe it's a Winter walk or getting cozy by a fire. It's not just about the kids. This time of year can be magical for you too.



3. Try to let go of the comparison and pressure. We don't all have the same time and budget, and we don't all enjoy the same things either. You don't have to do it all, and the simple things can be the most magical.



One of our favourite traditions is a walk around our local area counting how many Christmas lights we spot - simple, easy and doesn't cost a penny.

4. Don't forget to slow down and enjoy all the plans you do make. Take in their faces as they stare at all the lights, chat with them over their festive hot chocolate, and enjoy playing with their new toys with them.

5. Leave some free time in your calendar! Don't plan so much that you don't have a morning to just be at home or the option of a last-minute, spontaneous day out. Work out what your priorities are and then make a rough plan around those. Remember, it's ok to say no!

So absolutely make all the memories and capture all the cute photo opportunities, but look after YOU too, forget about what you think you should do, and prioritise what is important to you and your family.

Follow more of Stacey's family adventures over on Instagram!
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By Boom Buddy Laura
The Ford Family

There's something so magical about Christmas family adventures. Wrapping up warm, exploring somewhere new and finishing with a hot chocolate is one of our favourite ways to make festive memories. From twinkling light trails to Christmas sculpture hunts, here are five festive adventures we'd love to enjoy this year!

1. Wollaton Winter Light Trail ✨🦌
Wollaton Hall and its beautiful grounds are transformed into a magical world of lights, music and seasonal storytelling. With glowing displays, interactive installations, hot chocolate and marshmallow toasting, it sounds like the perfect festive evening for the whole family.

2. Peter Rabbit at Clumber Park 🐰
We absolutely loved visiting Clumber Park last year when the trail featured The Snowman! We even linked it in with a trip to the theatre to watch the show, making a whole festive day of it. This year, families can follow the Peter Rabbit sculpture trail, discovering 12 giant, colourful sculptures along the way. It's a lovely way to encourage little legs to keep walking while enjoying some fresh winter air.

3. Lights of Abraham 🚡✨
For something a little different, Lights of Abraham in Matlock Bath combines a festive light trail with a cable car ride! Expect illuminated woodland, glowing gardens, interactive displays and plenty of seasonal treats. We think the cable car journey alone would make this one a hit with the children!





4. Thoresby Festive Trail 🎄✨
Thoresby's Festive Trail is a lovely way to soak up the magic of Christmas with the family! Enjoy a festive wander through the beautiful grounds, discover seasonal surprises along the way and make special memories together. It's the perfect excuse to wrap up warm, embrace the Christmas spirit and enjoy a little festive adventure with the children. Plus, it's only £3 so perfect to keep the cost down.



5. Christmas at Belvoir Castle ✨🌙
Belvoir Castle's Christmas lights are a magical festive treat for the whole family! ✨ Wander through the beautiful castle grounds, sparkling with twinkling lights, enchanting displays and plenty of Christmas magic. It's the perfect way to get into the festive spirit, make special memories with the children and enjoy a little bit of Christmas wonder. 🎄



Whether you're chasing twinkling lights, searching for giant sculptures or simply enjoying a winter adventure together, there's something special about making memories as a family at this time of year.

So grab the wellies, wrap up warm and let the Christmas adventures begin! ❤️

Follow more of Laura's family adventures over on Instagram!
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Fireman Sam's Bonfire Bash
Hero Town | 5th Nov
Come to have a play and meet our special guest; Fireman Sam. We'll be learning all about Fire safety, taking part in some special crafts and more! All included in your standard session charges.

Midland Railway Fireworks Extravaganza
Midland Railway - Butterley | 6th & 7th Nov
Travel by heritage shuttle train to Swanwick Junction for a music-accompanied fireworks display, seasonal food and drink, and evening attractions for a memorable night out.

FREE Codnor Bonfire & Fireworks
Alfreton Road Recreation Ground 6th Nov | 6pm onwards
Children's rides, Guy Fawkes competition, BBQ, bonfire & an organised firework display to music.

Fireworks Spectacular 2026
Conkers | 6th & 7th Nov
Overseal Pyrotechnics will be lighting up the sky with 2 nights of dazzling fireworks displays, along with walkabout entertainers. Enjoy fairground rides and games, family sparkler station & safety zone and Conkachoo Train.

Lanterns of the Wild
Twycross Zoo | 6th Nov - 21st Feb
Step into an all-new route through over a mile of dazzling light, where thousands of handcrafted lanterns transform the zoo after dark. Journey through glowing jungles, frozen forests, volcanic landscapes and vivid underwater worlds, with spectacular new sights waiting around every corner. SEN Sessions available.

Breakfast with The Woodland Monster
Blossom's Play Cafe | 7th Nov 9:30am
A magical morning with a very special guest! Fun & games, singing, dancing, bubbles and photo opportunities. Breakfast for all little ones included.

Christmas at Chatsworth
Chatsworth Estate | 7th Nov - 3rd Jan 27
Chatsworth transforms the house and garden into a festive experience, inviting visitors to enjoy a beautifully decorated house, illuminated gardens and seasonal activities for all ages. Each year features a new theme inside the house, bringing festive storytelling and creativity to the historic interiors, while the garden comes alive after dark with a magical light trail set against the winter landscape.

Chatsworth Christmas Market
7th Nov - 13th Dec
Our Christmas market returns in 2026 with gifts, decorations, and seasonal food and drink.

Belper's Biggest Bonfire & Firework's Night
Belper Community Sports Centre 7th Nov | 6pm onwards
Hot food & drinks, entertainment, children's rides and lots more!

Bonfire Night Do
Electric Daisy | 7th Nov | 3pm - 8pm
Neon crafting & mud kitchen, face painting, street food & bar, fire pits & s'mores, DJ and dancing. Kids eat FREE! No fireworks

Nashville at Heart
Derby Arena | 7th Nov
Grab your cowboy boots and celebrate some of the modern Country music giants!

Random Acts of Kindness
Hero Town & Titchy Town | 11th Nov
Running every other month, it's our random acts of kindness day! Lots of freebies to be won, including: pots of bubbles, stickers, hot drinks or even a free session!

Motherhood - Oddsocks Productions
Chapel Street Arts Centre 14th Nov
A moving and hilarious autobiographical play about the chaotic joy of raising children and running a family business.

Derby Book Festival Playful Moves: The Gruffalo
Chapel Street Arts Centre | 13th Nov | 1 - 1:45pm & 2:15 - 3pm
A story-inspired music and movement workshop led by Dance with Rosy.

Bakewell Christmas Market
Market Street | 14th - 15th Nov
Browse through our incredible selection of festive stalls, delicious food and drink and not forgetting the vast selection of entertainment we have planned over the weekend.

Peppa Pig visits Infinity Parks Derby
15th Nov | 10am - 12pm or 12:30pm - 2:30pm
Includes 2 hours of play, lunch box, photo opportunities and meet & greet.

World Children's Day: Lucky Dip
Hero Town & Titchy Town | 20th Nov
Take a chance, pick a prize! Every dip is a surprise. All children visiting get to take a dive into our special prize box and receive a wonderful treat on the globally recognised 'World Children's Day".

FREE Chesterfield Christmas Market
Town Centre & Market | 20th - 22nd Nov
A Christmas market with artisan gifts, festive food, local traders and daily entertainment. Sunday's programme includes street performers, fairground rides and a chance to see the Grinch.

FREE Buxton by Lamp Light & Christmas Lights Switch-On
Pavilion Gardens & Buxton Town Centre | 21st Nov | 10am - 7pm
Festive indoor and outdoor market stalls, seasonal food, a lantern parade through the town and live music around the lights switch-on.

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Rumi VS Elsa
Little Moo's Play Barn | 21st Nov 9:30am - 11:30am
Join Elsa and Rumi for an hour of dancing, singing, party games and photo opportunities. Then enjoy an hour of themed play stations, bracelet making and plenty of time to play.

Arrival of Santa
Rufford Abbey | 21st - 22nd Nov
Step into the Christmas spirit at Rufford Abbey Country Park! Join us for a magical celebration as we welcome Santa to the park and kick off the festive season with joy and excitement!

FREE Ashbourne Christmas Market & Lights Switch-On
Market Place & Town Hall | 21st Nov | 11am - 6pm
Enjoy festive music, costumed performers, elves, a visit from Santa and Mrs Claus, plus a Christmas craft fair selling handmade gifts.

FREE Heanor Christmas Market and Lights Switch-On
Market Place | 21st Nov | From 12pm
A full family Christmas event with market, fairground rides, Santa's grotto, letters to Santa, brass bands, children's activities, local traders and a fireworks finale

Derbyshire Allergy Network - Soft Play Meetup
Mighty Monsters Soft Play | 22nd Nov | 9am - 11am
For children with food allergies and their families to meet, chat and enjoy a morning of soft play together.

FREE Ripley Christmas Market & Light Switch-On
Ripley Market Place | 22nd Nov 12pm - 6pm

FREE Buxton Dickensian Christmas Market
Pavilion Gardens | 22nd Nov 10am - 4pm
A traditional Dickensian-themed Christmas market with festive stalls, seasoning shopping and a nostalgic Christmas atmosphere.

Jingle Bell Bash Charity Family Fun Day
Stoke Bardolph Village Hall 22nd Nov | 10am - 1pm
Local makers and sellers, free kids activities, glitter and face painting, FREE raffle ticket with every admission ticket. ALL money raised goes to charity!

FREE Chesterfield Christmas Light Switch-On
Chesterfield Town Hall | 22nd Nov From 12pm
A festive celebration with a stage show, brass band performances, roaming entertainers, traditional fairground rides & Christmas-market shopping.

Crumpets & Christmas Crafts
Hero Town & Titchy Town | 23rd - 27th November
'crumpets and crafts' is back with a festive twist, come along to our morning session only and enjoy a yummy crumpet snack, along with Christmas tree decoration making and write your special letters to Santa.

Winter Light Trail
Wollaton Hall | 25th Nov - 3rd Jan
Experience a never-before-seen trail, filled with enchanting new displays, mesmerising soundscape and interactive installations for all ages! Plus Marshmallow toasting, independent food vendors, kid's funfair,accessible trail, dog friendly & more to enjoy!

The Santa Experience with Peter Rabbit
Derbion | 26th Nov - 24th Dec
Visit Santa this Christmas at Derbion and experience the brand-new tale of Peter Rabbit and Friends, in a heart warming new festive adventure!

Boom Magazine Sip & Paint
Marquis Pub & Kitchen | 26th Nov 7pm onwards | 4th Dec 7:30pm onwards
Join Steph for a festive sip & paint evening. A chance to wind down, get creative and enjoy a child-free evening before the Christmas rush!

Aardman in Concert
Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham 27th Nov | 1:30pm & 6:30pm
Sit back and enjoy much-loved moments from Wallace & Gromit, Shaun the Sheep, Timmy Time, Morph, Creature Comforts and more, all beautifully timed with live music.

Santa's Enchanted Journey
Ecclesbourne Valley Railway 28th Nov - 24th Dec
A festive welcome to our beautifully decorated platform from our jolly elves. Steam train ride from Wirksworth and return in a seasonally-decorated carriage. Festive entertainment from Mrs Claus and Santa's team of jolly elves during the journey. A visit from Santa to your seat who has a present for every child.

Cathedral Quarter Ice Rink
Derby Market Place | 28th Nov - 31st Dec
Bring the whole family into the festive spirit at Cathedral Quarter Ice Rink, whether it's little ones taking their first wobbly steps on ice or grownups reliving their childhood glory days, there's something here for everyone. Our covered rink means the fun continues whatever the weather with plenty of rink side space for anyone who'd rather watch than skate.

Christmas Grotto
Fraser Plus Designer Outlet (East Midlands) | Nov & Dec
Meet Santa, Mrs Claus and their merry team of elves, enjoy a festive activity and receive a special Christmas gift to take home. SEND Sessions available. Family photographer onsite, including 1 FREE printed photo per family. Festive sessions are; Mrs Claus Reindeer Food Making, Santa's North Pole Postal Service, Sing-a-long with Santa & His Merry Elves and Santa's Toy Testing Workshop. *A proportion of ticket proceeds will be donated to our charity partner Kids Village.*

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Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer Drone Light Show

Nottingham Racecourse | 28th Nov | 2pm - 8pm

A revolutionary event perfect for the whole family. Witness the sky come alive with the heart-warming tale of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, told through cinematic sound and light, through a spectacular drone light show.

Christmas at Bluebells

Bluebell Dairy | 28th Nov - 24th Dec

Step into a world of festive wonder this Christmas, where magical memories await around every corner. From twinkling woodland trails and cosy festive cabins to real reindeer, Christmas cuddles and a truly magical visit with Santa himself, this is a Christmas experience the whole family will treasure.

Christmas Winter Wonderland

Conkers | 28th Nov - 24th Dec

Wrap up warm and step into a magical festive adventure. With a twinkling light walk, woodland trails, Christmas crafts, festive entertainment and a very special visit to Santa with a gift for each child, it's the perfect place to make magical memories together this Christmas. SEN Sessions available.

FREE Festive Derby & Christmas Lights Switch-On

Derby Market Place | 28th Nov 5:30pm

Celebrate the start of Christmas with free live entertainment, community performances and the spectacular Season of Light lantern parade by Surtal Arts.

FREE Bolsover Christmas Market and Lantern Parade

Market Place | 28th Nov

The town centre will be transformed into a Christmas wonderland full of handmade gifts, music, and a truly breathtaking light procession.

Cathedral Quarter Santa's Grotto

Derby Market Hall | 28th Nov - 24th Dec

Snap some photos with Santa and the elves and receive a Christmas gift. All children will receive a festive trail to complete throughout the month and a small gift from Santa. Derby Market Hall will also have a range of festive treats available to purchase on the day. Booking essential.

Derby's Ethical Christmas Market

Derby Market Hall | 28th Nov 10am - 5pm

Find beautiful presents with a range of stalls, whilst supporting ethical trade and positive change.

DUDL's Christmas Market

St John's Hall, Long Eaton | 29th Nov | 1pm - 5pm

Independent stalls, food and drink vendors, live music, children's activities and much more!

Sonic The Hedgehog

Infinity Parks Derby | 29th Nov 10am - 12pm or 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Includes 2 hours of play, lunch box, photo opportunities and meet & greet.

A Holly Jolly Giggle Advent

Hero Town | 1st - 25th Dec

A jolly jam-packed month of laughter, joy and prizes awaits you come December 1st! We've got 25 doors to open, with some special guests, and lots of surprises along the way from Santa's elves. All you need to do to join the fun is visit Hero Town and follow along on our social media this festive season.

Barre, Babies & Brunch

Reform Co Pilates Studio | 2nd Dec | 10am - 11:30am

A dedicated festive event for mamas and their little ones (ideal for babies aged 8 weeks to 13 months). The session combines a signature low-impact barre and Pilates workout with dedicated social time for pastries, drinks, and chat.

Boom & Brew

Mini Donington | 2nd Dec | 11:15am

Join Steph for a festive Boom & Brew! Children's crafts, festive treats and more to be announced!

The Snowman with Live Orchestra

Derby Reach | 3rd Dec | 6:30pm - 7:30pm

A magical screening of The Snowman with a live, professional orchestra bringing the soundtrack to life right before your eyes. A wonderful way for the whole family to start the festive season.

Ashbourne Lantern Spectacular

4th Dec

A half-mile procession of candle-lit paper and willow lanterns winding through the streets. Old favourites the owl, the polar bear, the dragon and the giant gingerbread men will all be there plus some new arrivals for 2026. Street entertainment will fill the night including an amazing son-et-lumierer show.

Snow White

Derby Arena | 4th - 31st Dec

Mirror, Mirror, on the wall, don't miss the fairest panto of all! Can Snow White (CBeebies favourite Evie Pickerill) save her kingdom and somehow defeat the wicked Queen (theatre star Katie Paine), a bad apple who's rotten to the core! Starring Derby's award-winning Dame, Morgan Brind as Cilla Bang, local lad Kristian Cunningham as Keanu Leaves the Gardener and Panto favourite Roddy Peters as Hamish the Huntsman. This dazzling panto adventure is packed full of spectacle, slap stick and sparkle!

Santa Specials

Midland Railway (Butterley) | 5th - 24th Dec

Climb aboard a Santa Special and enjoy a magical Christmas train journey. Meet Santa on board, receive a gift, enjoy festive treats, a puppet show and animatronics, for a truly memorable family day out.

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Christmas Brunch
Rufford Abbey | 5th & 13th Dec | 10am - 2pm
Celebrate Christmas with Cindy Lou & the Grouch or the enchanting Ice Queen & Princess! Enjoy a festive brunch, meet our magical guests, watch a lively performance, and every child receives an Elf Garden Christmas Trail sheet and prize.

The Owl and the Pussycat
Derby Theatre | 5th Dec - 9th Jan
Join Owl and Pussy Cat as they set sail on a nonsense adventure across the high seas, armed with only some honey, some money and a runcible spoon! Packed with silly songs, babbling puppets and smaller-than-life characters, this absurd hogwash of nonsense brings the classic poem to life. All performances include integrated British Sign Language, creative captions and integrated audio description.

Sugar Plum Christmas Market
Derby Market Hall | 5th Dec 10am - 6pm
A magical celebration of all things sweet, indulgent, and handmade. Discover handcrafted goodies, seasonal specials, dessert-inspired drinks, and beautifully presented confectionery while supporting independent businesses. Live performances,interactive activities, music, photo opportunities, and sweet-inspired surprises for visitors of all ages, creating a fun-filled atmosphere from opening to close.

Tiddlekicks Christmas Party!
Springwood Leisure Centre | 5th Dec | 12:30-2:00pm
Enjoy football games, a bouncy castle and soft play, with plenty to keep little ones entertained. Every child will also receive a visit from Tiddlekicks Santa, festive snacks and a special gift to take home! Photography from Lucy E Warner Photography will also be available on the day.

Santa Specials
Peak Rail Rowsley South Station 5th - 24th Dec
Santa and his Railway Helpers invite you to get Christmas off to a magical start by riding Santa's festive steam train, through the delightful Derwent Valley. Sit back and enjoy the journey, a variety of entertainers will, Santa and his helpers will make their way through the train and meet everyone at their seat. Santa will have with him a wonderful age suitable gift for all the children.

Unwrap the magic of Christmas
Tropical Butterfly House Wildlife Conservation Park | 5th - 24th Dec
Meet Santa himself and other much-loved Christmas characters, stopping by to make your festive family day out merry and bright. From ice queens and grumps to furry favourites and frosty friends - can you help these mascots and mischief-makers make it onto Santa's naughty or nice list?

Boom Magazine Sip & Paint
DUDL, Long Eaton | 9th Dec 7pm onwards
Join Steph for a festive sip & paint evening. A chance to wind down, get creative and enjoy a child-free evening before the Christmas rush!

Help! Santa's Missing
Chapel Street Arts Centre 10th - 23rd Dec
Chapel Street Arts Centre transforms into a world of magic, mystery, and laughter as audiences of all ages are invited to join the search for Santa Claus himself. The story begins when Santa mysteriously disappears just days before Christmas. With the clock ticking and Christmas in jeopardy, two unlikely detectives are thrown together to solve the case. Their journey is filled with twists and turns as they encounter a colourful cast of villains from folklore, fairy tales and legend, each with their own secrets and motives.

Christmas Bear Workshop & Stay and Play
Little Moo's Play Barn | 12th & 22nd Dec | 9:30am
A magical Christmas workshop where little ones can create their very own festive teddy to take home and treasure - including options reindeer, gingerbread, snowman and more!

Christmas Elf Tiny Rave
Little Moo's Play Barn | 13th Dec 9:30am - 11am
Get ready for the ultimate Christmas baby & toddler rave! A fully hosted, high-energy festive party designed especially for babies, toddlers & preschoolers!

Ho-Ho-Holiday Party!
Hero Town | 14th & 18th Dec
90 minutes of Christmas fun! Interactive role-play and soft-play, mask painting and tattoos, crafts, refreshments and even a special story time with yummy 'milk and cookies' with Santa himself.

Elf Workshop!
Titchy Town | 21st - 24th Dec
Santa's Elves are causing mischief! With face paint, tattoos, crafts and more, join us for festive fun playtime with the cheeky elves.

The Tamworth Panto - Dick Whittington
Tamworth Assembly Rooms | 23 Dec - 17 Jan
The much-loved Tamworth Panto Band returns... along with a few surprises you won't want to miss!

Story with Santa
Erewash Museum | 5th, 12th & 13th Dec
Meet Santa Claus, listen to a festive story, and enjoy a fun seasonal craft activity. Every child will receive a special gift from Santa, and families can take part in a Christmas trail around the museum. A perfect festive treat for little ones this Christmas!

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MAKING SPACE FOR FAMILY LIFE: CLEVER STORAGE SOLUTIONS FOR BUSY HOMES

By Boom Buddy Rebecca
Becca & The Girls Crew

With two little ones, I've quickly learnt that family life comes with a LOT of stuff! From toys and books to outgrown clothes and endless spare bedding, finding somewhere for everything can feel like a full-time job. But you don't need a huge house or expensive storage systems to get organised. Sometimes, it's about making the most of the space you already have.

Look up, down and everywhere in between

One of my favourite tricks is using the space above wardrobes. Adding a few baskets up there is ideal for storing seasonal clothing, which you can swap around as the weather changes. Under-bed storage is another winner. We have a divan bed, so we use that hidden space for clean bedding and towels – things we need regularly but don't necessarily want taking up valuable cupboard space.

Even the space under our sofa has proved useful! Our children's obstacle course lives there, ready to slide out whenever we fancy an indoor adventure.



Make toy storage work for you

Toys can take over a house surprisingly quickly, so I like having baskets in different rooms filled with accessible toys and books. It means the girls can play wherever we are, without everything needing to live in one room. I also switch the contents around to keep things fresh and interesting.

We're big fans of IKEA KALLAX units, too. We use some of the open sections to display toys for our toy rotation system, while the pull-out boxes at the bottom hide away everything else. For smaller toys, puzzles and little bits and bobs, reusable zip-lock bags are brilliant. They keep everything together and are particularly handy for taking toys on journeys.





Clothes, clothes and more clothes!

With two children, we've been able to save lots of our eldest's clothes for her little sister. I keep these in clearly labelled boxes in the garage, making it easy to find the next size when we need it. I also have a separate 'Vinted' box for items to sell and a 'to be kept' box for sentimental pieces.

If you're short on space, vacuum storage bags are a great alternative, compressing bulky clothing and bedding. You can even use empty suitcases to store things you don't need all the time.

Don't forget the garden

Outdoor storage boxes and benches are brilliant for keeping balls, bats and other outdoor toys together. They help keep the garden tidy while making it easy for little ones to grab what they need for playtime.

Ultimately, my biggest tip is to make sure everything has a home. It doesn't have to be Pinterest-perfect, and it certainly doesn't need to cost a fortune. When everything has its own place, tidying becomes much easier – and there's less time spent searching for that one missing toy when you're already late getting out of the door!

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"DECK THE HALLS WITH BOWS OF HOLLY..." OR DON'T BECAUSE YOU HAVE TODDLERS!

By Boom Buddy Kim
The Shawver Family

Christmas is a magical time of year, but can also be very chaotic. Decorations can add more stress, because how do you decorate with tiny hand that have no concept of "breakable"?! Here are my top tips!

1. Keep those special, delicate, sentimental ornaments away for a few years! No matter how hard you try, something can happen. If you do decide you want some special decorations up, place them higher on the tree, securing them by bending the branch end over or securing with a clip.

2. Minimise household decorations at hand height or below! Cushions, throws and soft toys are child friendly and still add holiday spirit.

3. When it comes to the tree, I find it easier to set it up and put lights on without them around if possible. Make sure light cables can't be easily grabbed as well as any other tinsel, ribbons or beads. Set out some ornaments that are easily replaced and get them involved with the decorating! (I tend to let them do the bottom of the tree while I do the top and rearrange if needed that evening).

4. If they're a bit older you can invest in their own tree that they can play with an decorate over and over. We got a felt one which hangs up and comes with velcro decorations they can place wherever they like! It's great to give them something they can do themselves.
5. Don't try to do it all at once. I tend to split the decorating up so its less overwhelming for us all. I try to surprise the boys after nursery with some house decorations and then we do the tree together later as a family.



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6. Make sure you have a good sturdy tree base. If needed, secure the tree to prevent it falling.

7. Make decorations! Get crafting and make some simple decorations that they can use to decorate the house, they'll love seeing them and showing them to people.

8. Get creative with ceiling decorations! It may bring back 90's flashbacks of trailing foil decorations, but using the ceiling for lights and hanging decorations can be really magical for children. I used command hooks to hang lights and its always a simple winner!

Finally, don't get caught up in fulfilling every tradition you thought you wanted to make happen or expect the house to look how it did in Christmases past. Focus on the present and your toddler friendly festive season, and in the future things will look different again. And of course, enjoy the festivities!





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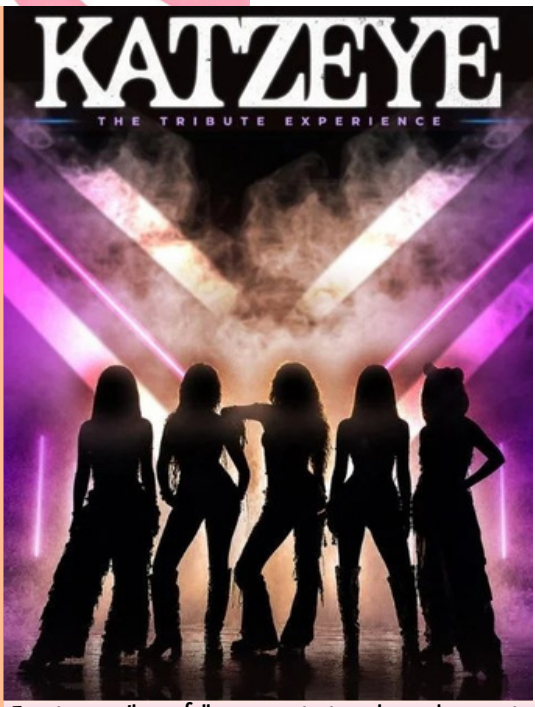

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