NEWSLETTER

**IN THE COMMUNITY**

**Libraries**

***MANCHESTER CENTRAL LIBRARY***

**Christmas Extravaganza! 14 December 2024- 10:00am - 4:00pm (Free – drop in)**

Join us for this free fun-packed day of Christmas entertainment, featuring music, crafts, refreshments and special guests.

**Classic Christmas Film Marathon! 18 December 2024- 11:00am - 7:00pm (Free-drop in)**

Have we got the ultimate selection box for you! Escape from the shops and join us for a magical day of festive films. Suitable for families.

**There are some great libraries in the local area with lots to do for all ages including digital skill up workshops, story time for under 5s, age friendly hours. To find your local library visit:**

[***Libraries | Manchester City Council***](https://www.manchester.gov.uk/directory/14/libraries)

**Sure Start Children’s Centre**

Do you have any children under 5? The Sure Start Centres offer groups and services to support families and pregnant people.

**MOUNT ROAD –** 18 Mount Road, M18 7BG

**LONGSIGHT FAMILY HUB**– 1a Farrer Road, Longsight, M13 0QX

**SACRED HEART FAMILY HUB-** Glencastle Road, Gorton, M18 7NE

**LEVENSHULME-** 1 Broom Avenue, M19 2UH

**ST JAMES- Stelling** Street, M18 8LW

**Clayton Sure Start –** 101 North Road M114NE

Have a look at your local [*Children’s Centre’s ‘What’s on’*](https://hsm.manchester.gov.uk/kb5/manchester/directory/results.page?directorychannel=1-2-4) Guide for more information.

**Things to know…**

[***Hide Out Youth Zone***](https://www.hideoutyouthzone.org/) ***Located in Belle Vue***

***Somewhere safe to go- Something positive to do- Someone trusted to talk to…***

Youth Zone dedicated to providing opportunities and experiences to all local young people. The Youth Zone is open to young people aged 8-19 and up to 25 for those with additional needs. It offers a place where young people can make new friends, take part in activities, chill out, play sports, or try something new.

[***Manchester Active Free School Holiday Activity****.*](file:///%5C%5Cmcc.local%5Cusers%24%5C003%5Chajazia%5CMy%20Documents%5CKSOW%5CSchools%5CNewsletter%5CManchester%20Active%20Free%20School%20Holiday%20Activity)

Manchester Active are offering FREE school holiday activities from sport and physical activities, arts and crafts and sometimes can include a variety of day trips. Places are available for children eligible for free school meals and those with no recourse to public funds. **For information on what’s available visit the website.**

[***FREE SWIMMING***](https://loadstodo.co.uk/events/free-swimming-in-manchester/)

There are lots of family friendly swimming sessions across the city. There are free sessions during the school holidays for children under 16 when with a paying adult (£2.90 with a MCR Active card).

[***SCIENCE & INDUSTRY MUSEUM***](https://www.scienceandindustrymuseum.org.uk/whats-on?page=0)

**40 things to see, do and discover-**

**12:00pm - 5:00pm (Free)**

Discover 40 of the highlights available to explore every day at the Science and Industry Museum. Take a look at the objects in the museum’s collection and have a go at hands-on activities.

Whether you’ve got a couple of hours or a full day – there’s plenty to do, see and discover for all ages.

**UPCOMING EVENTS IN**

**CITY CENTRE**

***The National Football Museum***

*Don’t forget, it's free for City of Manchester residents, or if you’ve bought a ticket in the past year, you can use your season ticket to get in for free this half term.*

 **Jodrell Bank**

Every day, from February 15 to 23, immerse yourself in an action-packed space adventure. Follow the ‘Star Hunter’ trail and get creative with hands-on space crafts. Pop along to a 'Telescope Talk' and learn all about the Lovell and how it maps the skies above.

Plus, don’t forget to explore the rest of the UNESCO World Heritage site including pavilions, interactive exhibitions, planetarium shows, a playground and cafes – there’s an entire universe waiting to be discovered.

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO!

Cinema tickets

At £2.75\* a ticket, that's small prices for BIG adventures

There’s no better way to entertain the kids than with a trip to the cinema. Bring them to our special ODEON Kids screenings to see the most spellbinding fairy tales and animated films.

Best of all, adults pay kids prices, and with tickets for just £2.75\*, you can enjoy more big-screen adventures together at ODEON.

Bee Sanctuary Movement

1 January 2023 - 3 August 2025

9:00am - 6:00pm

At Highfield Country Park

The Bee Sanctuary Movement can help local parks and communities create wildlife friendly spaces.

To find out more and how you can get involved, please visit www. beesanctuarymovement.org.

**Upcoming Events in the Area**

 

Sunday 23rd Feb 14.00 check the website to book tickets.

Venue – Stockport Plaza

The venue

You will find the Bricktastic LEGO® exhibition & convention in the centre of Manchester in North West England. Come and play with us at:

Manchester Central – Central Hall

Petersfield

Manchester

M2 3GX

Manchester Central, 22nd - 23rd February 2025

Use the Charter Foyer entrance, once inside you will find Bricktastic in Central Hall 2. Find parking and travel information on the Manchester Central website.

The Super-Duper Family Festival

15 - 18 February Across the city for more info check this event out online 😊

Looking to get outdoors this February half-term? Discover the brand-new four-day Family Festival, featuring unique play zones scattered across Manchester’s most iconic spaces. From giant mazes and steam-powered carousels to retro video games and family raves. Best of all? The event is completely free.