

University of Cambridge Holiday Playscheme

Planned Activities: Summer 2016

Over the holiday there will be a wide variety of planned activities available, shown in the timetable below. If children do not wish to participate in these then there are many other play opportunities available. Some children prefer to play and organise their own games with friends, and there are always other activities on offer such as arts and crafts, sports, rollerblading, board games, construction, den building, woodwork, music, role play, fancy dress, cooking, reading, messy play, water play, group games and much, much more! Please note that occasionally activities may change with no prior warning. Activities can also get rather messy so please bring appropriate clothing.

Tuesday and Wednesday Trips

There will be trips scheduled every Tuesday during the summer. All of these are optional except for the Cherry Hinton Hall trip on 9 August which all children who are booked on that day will be attending. Some of these trips are specifically for children aged under eight; on these days there will be an additional trip on the Wednesday for children aged eight and over. There will also be three Wednesday trips for children aged 11 and over across the holiday. Please see the timetable below for more information.

We ask for a £2 contribution per child for each trip they attend.

Wednesday Yoga

There will be a yoga session led by Sue Orphin, our popular Tatty Bumpkin specialist, at each site on alternating Wednesdays of the holiday. These are always lots of fun and appeal to all ages. Please see the timetable below for exact dates and times at each site.

Themed Thursdays

Each Thursday we will be having a themed day in which the activities explore the theme and a visitor will come in to lead a special activity with the children. Children and staff are welcome to dress up to suit the theme! The themes are: Time Travel, Murder Mystery, World Foods, Fairy Tales, Olympic Mayhem and Lost on Adventure Island. On the final Thursday we will be celebrating our 21st Birthday! More information can be found in the timetable below.

Friday Film Club

Each Friday we will be showing a film that is in some way connected to Thursday's theme. These films all have a 'U' rating which means that they are suitable for all ages. The over 11s will have the option to watch a different film on these days more suited to their age. Some of these are rated 'PG' and others '12'. Please see the timetable below for more information. The film watching is optional, and children may continue with the usual play opportunities if they wish.

Your child will need to bring to Playscheme:

- Clothing suitable for messy and water play, and spare clothing to change into when necessary (all items named please)
- Coats for cold or wet days (named please)
- Packed lunch (with cool pack & named)
- Swimming costume & towel for swimming trips (8yrs +)
- Backpack/bag that your child can use for trips
- Water bottles (named)
- Sunscreen and sun hat

Contact numbers during Playscheme:

Red team (Chesterton) Site: 07977 306137
Blue Team (St Mary's) Site: 07794588405
Playscheme Co-ordinator: 07985 735725
Deputy Co-ordinator: 07980 919108

If your call is urgent and you cannot get through to the venues, please contact the Playscheme Co-ordinator during Playscheme hours.

Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices:

For safeguarding purposes, your child will not be allowed to have a mobile phone or other electronic device with them at Playscheme. If you want to provide them with a mobile phone then this needs to be given to the staff on site to store safely. Children will be able to access it for appropriate reasons. Children aged 11 and over may sign in an electronic device and keep this in their bag, however, these are only to be used in the over 11s room or if special permission has been given.

WEEK 1

<p>Monday 11 July</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Capture the Flag Superhero Masks Dot Art Sand Sculptures</p>	<p>Today we can play the tactical team game of capture the flag, design our own superhero masks, make paintings using dots and other simple mark-making techniques and build sand castles and other sandy structures.</p>
<p><u>Tuesday Trip: River Walk</u></p>		
<p>Tuesday 12 July</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cardboard Tunnels Hand Painted Stones Croquet Miniature Catapults</p>	<p>Today we can build a network of tunnels out of cardboard to explore, paint directly onto small stones to make an ideal gift, play a fun game of croquet, and design and make miniature catapults.</p> <p>We also have the option to go on a trip to explore the Granta River and Paradise Nature Reserve near St Mary's school. We will be out from 11:00-15:00.</p>
<p>Wednesday 13 July</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Gingerbread Creations Stick Monsters Personal Passports Ultimo 4-Square</p>	<p>Today we can make gingerbread snacks in any shape we like, turn sticks and twigs into ferocious monsters, design our own passports and share stories about where we have grown up and travelled to, and play the fun playground ball game of 4-Square.</p>
<p><u>Themed Thursday: Time Travel Adventure</u> <u>Visitor: Marion Leeper – Magic Carpet Storytelling Adventure</u></p>		
<p>Thursday 14 July</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cave Painting Ancient Egyptian Mummies Scooter Jousting Cardboard Castles</p>	<p>Today we will be going on a time travel adventure! We will start in prehistoric times and create our own cave paintings using sandpaper, then travel to Ancient Egypt to play a hilarious game where we pretend to be mummies come back to life. We will then explore Medieval times by conducting our own jousting tournament on scooters and building castles out of cardboard. Dress up as any character you might find if you travelled back in time: a Neanderthal, a knight, a Roman soldier, or even a dinosaur! Our visitor, Marion, will take us on a magical storytelling tour through Cambridge's past, featuring highwaymen, ghosts, and robbers.</p>
<p><u>Friday Film Club: Mr Peabody and Sherman (U)</u> <u>(or Back to the Future (PG) for over 11s)</u></p>		
<p>Friday 15 July</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Laboratory Experiments Gymnastics Dodgeball Tribal Masks</p>	<p>Today we can pretend to be mad scientists and create a role play laboratory. We can also put our bodies to the test as we try out various gymnastics exercises and play the fun team game of dodgeball. We can also make and decorate masks inspired by various cultures around the world.</p>

WEEK 2

Monday 18 July	Sponge Sculptures Tightrope Walking Boomerang Designs Volleyball	<p>Today we can make sculptures and structures out of sponge, test our balance on a tight rope between trees, design our own boomerangs, and play a fun game of volleyball.</p>
<u>Tuesday Trip: Newnham Park</u>		
Tuesday 19 July	Shaving Foam Marbling Box Costumes Musical Games The Great Chase	<p>Today we can make incredible patterns by combining shaving foam and marbling inks, make our own cardboard box costumes, play a variety of games with musical instruments, and get tired out playing different group chasing games.</p> <p>We also have the option to go on a trip to explore the amazing playground equipment at Newnham Park. The trip will be from 11:00 to 15:00.</p>
Wednesday 20 July	Newspaper Skyscraper Hockey Obstacle Course Miniature Tipi Village Swamp Escape	<p>Today we can see how high a structure we can make using only newspaper and tape, test our hockey skills in a challenging obstacle course, build and decorate miniature tipis, and play a fun role play game where we try to traverse an imaginary swamp.</p>
<i>Yoga at St Mary's, 11:00-12:30</i>		
<u>Themed Thursday: Murder Mystery</u> <u>Visitor: Sherlock and Batman – On the Case!</u>		
Thursday 21 July	Detective Games Poisonous Cakes Crime Scene Investigation Cops and Robbers	<p>Murder Mystery Day! Can you help us solve the crime? Today we can play a variety of detective games such as wink murder. We can also bake pretend poisonous cakes, find clues at a crime scene to help solve a mystery, and play a fun chasing game of cops and robbers. Also, the awesome mystery solving and crime fighting duo of Sherlock Holmes and Batman will be on site to help us solve a crime! Feel free to dress up as detectives, police officers, burglars or other criminal masterminds!</p>
<u>Friday Film Club: Inspector Gadget (U)</u> <u>(or Sherlock Holmes (12) for over 11s)</u>		
Friday 22 July	Spaghetti Play Lego Civilisation Elemental Process Art Rip Tag Games	<p>Today we can get messy and explore the textures of cooked spaghetti. We can also work collaboratively to build a Lego civilisation, use nature and the elements to create imaginative artwork, and play various chasing games using rip tags.</p>

WEEK 3

Monday 25 July	Crazy Bread Rolls Safari Chase Playscheme Lacrosse Summer Banner	<p>Today we can bake bread rolls in any shape we like and play a fun game where we pretend to be escaped safari animals. We can also play our own version of the game Lacrosse and paint a big summer banner to decorate the Playscheme walls with.</p>
<u>Tuesday Trip for under 8s: Picnic at the Park</u>		
Tuesday 26 July	Newspaper Fashion Show Paper Aeroplanes Potions and Charms Skating Slalom	<p>Today we can design our own fashion accessories out of newspaper and parade them down the catwalk. We can also create a wide variety of paper aeroplanes, experiment with mixing ingredients to make magical potions and charms, and test our skating agility in a slalom obstacle course.</p> <p>The under 8s will also have the option to go on a trip to the local park to play in the playground and have a picnic. St Mary's children will go to Newnham Park and Chesterton children will go to Jesus Green from 11:00-15:00.</p>
<u>Wednesday Trip for over 8s: Swimming at Parkside Pools</u>		
Wednesday 27 July	Cat Cushions Beyblade Spinners Sumo Wrestling Water Games	<p>Today we can make stuffed cushions and pillows designed to look like cats. We can also make Beyblade spinners out of Knex, test our strength in a friendly wrestling contest inspired by Japanese Sumo, and have fun getting soaked in a water fight and other water-based games.</p> <p>Children aged 8 and over will have the option to go swimming at Parkside Pools. Children need to be signed in by 09:00 for this trip and we will be back by 13:00.</p>
<u>Yoga at Chesterton, 14:30-16:00</u>		
<u>Themed Thursday: Foods from around the World</u>		
<u>Visitor: Cambridge Cookery School – Around the World in 20 Minutes!</u>		
Thursday 28 July	Nachos Baguette Pizzas West African Fruit Salad Plum Sauce	<p>Today we get to explore food from all over the world! We will be making nachos, pizzas with a French influence, a tasty salad of West African fruits, and make our own plum sauce to eat with prawn crackers and rice cakes. We will also be visited by the Cambridge Cookery School who will give us a tour of the world's foods in 20 minutes! Feel free to come dressed up as your favourite food!</p>
<u>Friday Film Club: Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs (U)</u>		
<u>(or Julie and Julia (12) for over 11s)</u>		
Friday 29 July	Make a Scarecrow Woodwork Graffiti Banner Bulldog	<p>Today we will be making our own scarecrows, learning some practical woodwork skills, using spray paints to make a graffiti banner, and playing the fun playground game of British Bulldog.</p>

WEEK 4

<p>Monday 1 August</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Minecraft Keyrings Parkour Obstacle Course Hands and Feet Banner Painting Cupcake Decorating</p>	<p>Today we can make key rings inspired by Minecraft using Hama beads, push our bodies to the limit in a parkour obstacle course, get messy by painting with our hands and feet, and decorate some tasty cupcakes.</p>
<p>Tuesday 2 August</p>	<p><u>Tuesday Trip: Milton Country Park Scavenger Hunt</u></p>	
<p>Wednesday 3 August</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Playscheme Lego Movie Zen Gardens Dodgeball Hide and Seek</p>	<p>Today we can make Lego models and film them to create our own Lego movie, make our own miniature ornamental gardens inspired by Japanese rock gardens, play the fast paced, action packed game of dodgeball, and play an epic game of hide and seek.</p> <p>Children aged 11 and over can go on a trip to the cinema to watch a film decided upon earlier in the week. Timings TBC.</p>
	<p><u>Yoga at St Mary's, 14:30-16:00</u></p>	
<p>Thursday 4 August</p>	<p><u>Themed Thursday: Fairy Tales Forever</u></p>	
	<p><u>Visitor: Stardust Entertainment</u></p>	
<p>Friday 5 August</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Origami Bottle Rockets Bowls Angry Birds</p>	<p>Today we can make sculptures out of paper using the Japanese art of origami, build rockets out of plastic bottles and launch them into the sky, play the fun game of bowls (or boules de pétanque), and play our own life size version of the computer game, Angry Birds.</p>

WEEK 5

**Monday
8 August**

**The Incredible Edible Sludge
Spilikins
Water Games
Skipping Games**

Today we can get messy by creating a disgusting yet edible sludge! We can also decorate kebab skewers to make our own version of the game spilikins, have fun getting soaked in a water fight and other water-based games, and play a variety of skipping games.

**Tuesday
9 August**

Tuesday Whole of Playscheme Trip: Cherry Hinton Hall

Today, all children will be going on a trip to Cherry Hinton Hall where we will organise activities such as treasure hunts, duck feeding, den building, manhunt and other field games, as well as arts and crafts activities using natural materials and allowing time for children to play in the paddling pool and playground.

All children need to be on site by 09:30 and can be collected from 17:00.

**Wednesday
10 August**

Wednesday Trip for over 11s: Punting

**Star Wars Battle
Snowballs
Photography Show
World Map Painting**

Today we can make our own light sabres and take part in an epic Star Wars battle! We can also play the fun game of snowballs, take photos and display our favourite ones around Playscheme, and work together to create a massive painting of the world.

Yoga at Chesterton, 14:30-16:00

Children aged 11 and over can go punting on the river from 11:00-15:30.

**Thursday
11 August**

Themed Thursday: Olympic Mayhem Visitor: Sue Orpin – Olympic Mayhem!

**Olympic Medals
Flag Making
Wacky Races
Blindfolded Olympics**

Today's theme will be celebrating the Olympics in Rio! We can make Olympic medals and design flags from around the world. We can also take part in a selection of wacky races and blindfolded Olympic events. Feel free to dress up in your sporty clothes or in the colours of a country's flag. Not only that, but the Rio Olympics are in a state of chaos - medals, uniforms and valuable letters have gone missing! Our regular visitor, Sue from Tatty Bumpkin Yoga, will be coming in to help us find them.

**Friday
12 August**

Friday Film Club: Space Jam (U) (or Cool Runnings (PG) for over 11s)

**Cardboard Mariokart
Zombie Tag
Clay Figures
Playscheme Lego Movie: 2**

Today we can design our own cardboard racing cars inspired by Mariokart and race around the playground. We can also play the terrifying game of Zombie tag, make figures and sculptures out of clay, and make the sequel to our Lego Movie from earlier in the summer!

WEEK 6

**Monday
15 August**

**Badge Making
Capture The Flag
Mud People
Music Video**

Today we can make and decorate our own badges, play the tactical team game of capture the flag, build mud sculptures in the shape of people, and choreograph and record our own music video.

**Tuesday
16 August**

Tuesday Trip for under 8s: Picnic in the Park

**Blind Trail
Kite Making
Croquet
Miniature Forests**

Today we can traverse a string-led obstacle course wearing a blindfold, make and fly our own kites, play a fun game of croquet on the lawn, and create our own miniature forests using a mixture of natural and man-made materials.

The under 8s will also have the option to go on a trip to the local park to play in the playground and have a picnic. St Mary's children will go to Newnham Park and Chesterton children will go to Jesus Green from 11:00-15:00.

**Wednesday
17 August**

Wednesday Trip for over 8s: Cambridge Mystery Trail

**Mehndi Painting
Crazy Golf
Make Your Own Board Games
Ultimo 4-Square**

Today we can use face paints to decorate our hands and feet with intricate patterns inspired by Mehndi painting. We can also set up and play on our own crazy golf course, design and play our own board games, and play the fun playground ball game of 4-Square.

Children aged 8 and over can go on a walking mystery trail round Cambridge's colleges from 11:00-15:30.

Yoga at St Mary's, 14:30-16:00

**Thursday
18 August**

Themed Thursday: Lost on Desert Island! Visitor: The Animal Experience

**Scavenger Hunt
Dens and Shelters
Fire Pit S'Mores
Water Channelling Challenge**

Today's theme is all about survival! Our survival instincts will be put to the test as we take part in a challenging scavenger hunt, make dens to keep us sheltered, cook s'mores over a fire, and channel water as far as we can. We will also be visited by a group of animals from the Animal Experience to learn about how they are adapted to survive. Feel free to dress up as adventurers, explorers or survivors of a shipwreck!

**Friday
19 August**

Friday Film Club: Madagascar (U) (or Cast Away (12) for over 11s)

**Ninja Turtle Pizzas
Masked Masquerade
Things That Float
Champions League Challenge**

Today we can make our own weird and wonderful pizzas inspired by the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, make our own masks to wear at a masquerade ball, build miniature boats and other floating structures, and test our skills in a variety of football challenges.

WEEK 7

<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 22 August</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Treasure Maps Playground Squash Bug Hunt Musical Den</p>	<p>Today we can design our own treasure maps, play the racket and ball game of squash against a playground wall, investigate in the garden to see what bugs we can find, and build a den filled with musical instruments.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 23 August</p>	<p><u>Tuesday Trip: Milton Country Park Nature Trail</u></p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Table Tennis Tournament Paper Lanterns Crazy Rainbow Cakes Minecraft Chalkcraft</p>	<p>Today we can play the fast paced game of table tennis, create decorative paper lanterns, bake weird and colourful cakes, and play our own version of Minecraft on the playground floor using chalks.</p> <p>Children can also go on a trip to Milton Country Park where we will go on a nature trail and see if we can pick some blackberries! The trip will be from 10:00-16:00.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 24 August</p>	<p><u>Wednesday Trip for over 11s: Cinema</u></p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Bird Feeders Loom Band Shop Bows and Arrows Volleyball</p>	<p>Today we can make our own bird feeders to hang in our gardens at home, make and trade loom band creations in a role play shop, pretend to be archers by creating bows and arrows, and play a fun game of volleyball.</p> <p>Children aged 11 and over can go on a trip to the cinema to watch a film decided upon earlier in the week. Timings TBC.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 25 August</p>	<p><u>Playscheme's 21st Birthday Party Celebration!!!</u></p>	
	<p>Today we will be celebrating Playscheme's 21st Birthday with a big party!!! There will be a bouncy castle, magic show, live music, ice cream van, fancy dress photo booth, Tatty Bumpkin yoga session, as well as lots of party games.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 26 August (Half Day)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Massive Marble Run Ultimate SPOT! Children's Choice</p>	<p>The end of the summer has arrived! 😊</p> <p>This morning we can build a massive marble run and play an epic version of the ball game, SPOT before we say our farewells. If children have any special requests for activities we will do our best to make them happen!</p>