



# IN THE COMMUNITY

Do you have any children under 5 years old? Your local Children's Centre's have so much on offer to help and support families. Look at our 'What's on Guide' or speak to your school Outreach Worker for more information.



***Sure Start  
Children's  
Centre's***



***Outdoors*** 

Children love to be outside...in all weathers! And Autumn is the perfect season for exploring and physical activity. Why not go on a family hunt for all things Autumnal, get down to your local park and see who can find the most pinecones, conkers, leaves, sticks, stones.... the list is endless. Whatever you collect is great for more activities...leaf rubbing, collage pictures, transient art, sorting games.

To find your local park, go to: [Parks and open spaces | Manchester City Council](#)

There are some great libraries in the local area with lots for all 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](#)



***Libraries***



***Our Services*** 

Hi, my name is Georgie, I am an Outreach Worker working with your child's school. I am here to help and support families in a range of ways and signpost you in the right direction to find what you need. If you feel that you need some help or support for you or your family, please let school know and a referral can be made. If you see me around school, please feel free to come and say hello or ask any questions. 😊

## Upcoming Events

### HALLOWEEN IN THE CITY!

There's lots of free activities happening in the city centre, from a giant rooftop monster invasion and Monster Party Procession to a brand-new family-friendly Monster-themed music festival as well as much more! – 28th-29th October, 10am-5pm

### SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY MUSEUM

The science and industry museum are hosting several events onsite and around the city as part of Manchester science festival. General entry to the museum is free and tickets for events are available with family discounts.

[October half term | Science and Industry Museum](#)

### HEATON PARK ANIMAL CENTRE

The animal centre, set in the old stables is a great free place to take the kids. With many common farmyard animals such as chickens, goats, ducks, pigs etc as well as more exotic peacocks, alpacas, and sulcate tortoises. The animal centre is open every day from 10am until 4pm. Heaton Park also has a great children's play area as well as a pop-up play area for tots open 10:00 – 3:30pm.

### SWIMMING

Swimming! There are lots of family friendly swimming sessions available across the city. Free sessions are on offer at weekends and throughout school holidays. Some pools have fun float and inflatable sessions on offer during the October half term so check out your local swimming pool for times and bookings.

### BEY BLADES CLUB – spin battle and challenge friends

Join us on the first Saturday of the month for a friendly new club for children 8-12yrs. North City Library Saturday 4 November 10.30am-12pm. Free activity, no equipment needed - just drop in!

### MANCHESTER MUSEUM

The Manchester Museum is on Oxford Road with the University of Manchester in the City Centre. There are plenty of exhibitions and going on at the Museum regularly, from Dinosaurs to Golden Mummies of Egypt. Entry to the museum and most exhibitions are free, some require pre-booking, some of the upcoming events include:

- **Autumn Workshops** - 24th - 27th October  
Free for families, drop in between 2-4pm for creative activities
- **Windrush stories** - 28th October, 11am-12pm  
A storytelling workshop for families with children aged 5 and up. Free, booking required.
- **Diwali at the Museum** - 11th November, day, and evening  
Free for everyone to learn about and get involved with Diwali celebrations.

### THE LOWRY

At the lowry, there is a new exhibition celebrating the acclaimed partnership between Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler who have created stories including the Gruffalo, Zog, Room on the broom, The smooos and most recently the baddies.

Free exhibition to book tickets go to:

[Julia and Axel – Thirty Years of Favourite Stories | What's On | The Lowry](#)

### NATIONAL FOOTBALL MUSEUM

Thanks to funding from Manchester city council, the national football museum offers free admission to visitors who pay their council tax to Manchester city council.

More info on the website:

[Plan your visit - National Football Museum](#)