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A photograph of two young children in winter clothing. The child in the foreground is wearing a blue and black patterned jacket and a grey and blue knit hat, looking directly at the camera. The child behind them is wearing a blue jacket with white stars and a green knit hat, smiling. They are standing in a snowy environment.

Christmas wish list

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## A word from the editor

The tinsel may still be tangled, but the festive spirit at M&D is already in full swing! It's that time of year again when wish lists begin to grow, little voices start humming carols, and families everywhere are dusting off the decorations. The hunt for the perfect Christmas tree may even have begun - though ours is still waiting patiently in the garden for its moment to shine!

This issue of M&D is filled with ideas to help you make the most of the season. Our Gift Guide Wish List (pages 4-5) is brimming with thoughtful finds for children of all interests - from creative playthings to cosy treats. Shows and Pantos Galore (page 7) rounds up all the festive fun on stage, promising giggles, gasps, and maybe a bit of fairy dust.

If you're planning to get out and about, Events Watch (pages 8-9) has plenty of inspiration for family adventures, big and small. And for those brisk, stay-indoors kind of days, Active Inside (page 10) offers clever ways to keep kids moving and minds busy without stepping into the cold. Finally, Charities Corner (page 14) reminds us what this season is truly about - kindness, community, and giving a little back.

So pour yourself a mug of something warm, settle by the twinkling tree, the cosy fireplace, or around the family kitchen table, and enjoy this festive edition filled with cheer, community spirit, and good ideas.

Merry Christmas from all of us at M&D - and here's to a joyful New Year! **Zoe x**

The M&D Out and About listings are always carefully selected to offer our readers useful information. Although every effort is made to ensure that information is correct M&D cannot be held liable for any errors or omissions. We strongly advise you to check details with the event organisers.

# Toys and treats for festive wish lists

Ever noticed that finding that perfect present can feel like searching for a needle in a haystack of tinsel? Fear not! In this curated Christmas gift guide, Paul Wojnicki rounds up inspiration for every wish list - from gaming gadgets to innovative toys for creative souls, with a couple of timeless classics thrown in for good measure. Let the gifting season begin!



## • Pop it, twist it, 3Doodler it

3D printing is great fun for older children, giving them the chance to learn about coding and see how manufacturing works, but actually using your hands to create objects is much more satisfying for smaller children. The 3Doodler pen uses the same basic technology as a 3D printer, but without all the need for coding or a computer. It's direct, hands-on, fun, and there's no limit to what they can create. The eco-friendly filament is warmed inside the pen and comes out ready to let their imagination run riot. The 3Doodler is designed to have no hot external pieces, with a mess-free tip and filament that's safe to touch.

Available in Smyths, John Lewis and The Range for £39.99

## • Pad up the fun with Redmi Pad 2

Tablet computers can be powerful tools for children's learning and development when used responsibly and in moderation. Interactive and educational apps, games, and videos help children build essential skills in areas like maths, reading, and problem-solving. Their portability also makes them valuable for learning on the go, turning travel or waiting times into productive, educational moments. The Redmi Pad 2 is possibly the best value budget tablet on the market, with a sleek metal unibody design that looks and feels more expensive than it is. The 11-inch screen has a 2.5K display and a 90Hz refresh rate, which makes it perfect for little gamers or watching the latest animated movies.

There's also a compatible smart pen that turns it into an e-ink tablet with palm rejection, so it's also great for budding artists. Best of all - because kids never remember to charge anything - is the massive battery life. It's the perfect, affordable option for streaming, browsing, doodling and casual use. Available on Amazon for £165



## • Brace yourself for Loopedoo

This Loopedoo Friendship Bracelet Maker is an award-winning spinning loom kit that transforms the traditional art of knotting threads into a quick, fun activity for kids of all ages. Even dads can join in the fun, because the days of finger-tangling frustration will be a thing of the past with this in your little one's armoury. Users simply select their embroidery colours, thread them through the adjustable loom, and crank the handle to weave patterns in seconds. The result? Customisable bracelets, headbands, anklets, and zipper pulls galore. The only limit is their imagination... oh, and the amount of thread. The kit does include over 30 feet of colourful threads though, as well as the portable loom with built-in storage. It's perfect for sleepovers, solo crafting sessions, and making gifts; all while fostering creativity and developing fine motor skills. Available from Amazon for £20.99



## • Marble mayhem with GraviTrax

Germans know a thing or two about construction, which might be why Ravensburger's GraviTrax marble runs have ruled the roost in the market for years now. Built on interlocking baseplates, these sets combine tracks, curves, loops, and magnetic elements to create endless gravity-fuelled paths. What sets GraviTrax apart from lesser marble runs is the engineering depth; magnets propel marbles uphill, while kinetic converters add thrilling boosts, teaching concepts like momentum and energy transfer without feeling like homework. These sets are more than just a fun toy; they're a gateway to problem-solving too. Highly recommended for curious minds.

Starter sets are available for £39.95 on Amazon



• **Huggable friends from Squishmallows**

Forget those scary-looking Labubu toys, which will most likely be long forgotten by next year anyway. Squishmallow plushies have been the go-to ultra-soft plush toys since 2017, thanks to their blend of charming stuffed characters and pillow-like comfort. Crafted from stretchy, huggable fabric, they feature adorable characters like animals, foods, and fantasy creatures in sizes from key-chain minis to 24-inch giants. Our daughter fell in love with them when they surged in popularity during the pandemic and still sleeps with them now.

*Prices vary by size, but 12-inch versions are available from Argos for just £7*



• **Paw Patrol tennis rackets serve up aces**

Tennis rackets aren't just toys; they're a passport to physical fitness, improving coordination and turning holiday downtime into laughter-filled tournaments. But it helps if they're cute as well, right? Luckily, leading tennis brand, Head, has designed these adorable Paw Patrol rackets, which come in two sizes, for kids aged 4-6 (21 inch) and 6-8 (23 inch). Lightweight and easy to handle, these are perfect for little beginners and are balanced in a way that puts most of the weight at the handle, giving better control and manoeuvrability for younger players. The Paw Patrol rackets also have a special 16/19 string pattern, which allows the strings to move more freely and generate more power when hitting the ball. So don't be surprised if they smash a few aces past you once they get the 'swing' of things. *Available on Amazon for £23.99*



• **An evergreen LEGO Christmas tree**

We say it every year, but there's no more evergreen gift than Lego. We've built countless Lego sets in our house, from Star Wars characters to Harry Potter and from sprawling cities to intricate flowers. Our ten-year-old daughter particularly enjoys building the Botanical range that is designed for adults. I can't say what we've got for her this year, in case she reads this before Christmas, but I would recommend this Lego Christmas Tree as the perfect gift, or even to open on the first of December, and start building in anticipation of the big day.

*Available in Smyths for £36.99*



• **Keep control with the Razer Kishi**



Unless you're a hard-core gamer, there's no need whatsoever to spend hundreds of pounds on a console when you can simply pay for a Game Pass subscription and use cloud gaming to play hundreds of high-quality games on any PC, iPhone or Android device. True, gaming on a phone can feel a little fiddly, but the Razer Kishi mobile gaming controller brings console-level control to your mobile device at a fraction of the cost of a console. Playing Minecraft or Hogwarts Legacy on the Kishi feels great, but it's not restricted to Game Pass games; users can enjoy many of their favourite iPhone and Android games using the Razer Kishi too. Pair it with the powerful, yet affordable POCO F7 Pro that we reviewed earlier in the year, and you've got yourself the ultimate mobile console. *Available on Amazon for £49.95*

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Shaun the Sheep

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# Shows and Pantos



4 - 27 December

## Raymond Briggs' Father Christmas

Step inside the bloom-in' brilliant world of Raymond Briggs' Father Christmas this winter! Children of all ages will delight in Briggs' grumpy but loveable Father Christmas as he gets ready for his busiest day of the year: Christmas Eve. Watch as he prepares his Christmas deliveries, feeds his reindeer and finally takes flight into the snowy night. But things don't run smoothly and he soon encounters soot-covered chimneys to squeeze through and treacherous weather conditions, all while plenty of mischief is had by his cheeky pets, Cat and Dog.

With plenty of live music, songs and playful puppetry, this critically acclaimed adaptation of Raymond Briggs' much loved book is a delightful festive treat for children and families to enjoy. Waterside Arts Centre, 1 Waterside Plaza Sale, M33 7ZF

Tel: 0161 912 5616 [www.watersidearts.org](http://www.watersidearts.org)

5 December - 1 January 2026

## Aladdin

When the charming but poor Aladdin meets a Princess, he thinks all his dreams have come true, until he comes across a magical lamp and a Genie who grants him three wishes. However, this is panto, and the course of true love never did run smooth... Will Aladdin outsmart evil Aveajaffa and what will his meddlesome Mother Dame Twankey have to say?

Expect masterful music, mesmerising costumes, and all the pantomime mayhem you know and love!

Buxton Opera House  
Water Street, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 6XN  
Tel: 0845 127 2190  
[www.buxtonoperahouse.org.uk](http://www.buxtonoperahouse.org.uk)

5 December - 4 January, 14 January

(Relaxed Performance)

## Goldilocks & The Three Bears

Dame Gertie Dollop runs a Circus show with her son - Silly Billy, but they have fallen on hard times particularly with the dastardly Ringmaster Heinkel, owner of the rival 'Circus of Horrors' up to his devious old tricks. Goldilocks dreams of running away with the circus but her father, the debt-collecting Baron Wasteland, won't allow it and demands the overdue pitch fees from Gertie and Billy. They need a miracle after their honey-pot full of money is taken in the middle of the night by three porridge hungry, talking bears. Could the bears be the new star attraction Dame Gertie has been searching for? And can Mystic Sharon with her crystal ball see a future for the Circus and save the day?

Relaxed Performance on the 13th January will provide the same fantastical Pantomime but with

an atmosphere and attitude in the auditorium that makes everyone feel comfortable and safe:

- Come and go from the auditorium as you wish, even during the show
- Express yourself as loudly as you like, or with physical movement, without judgement
- Access the Theatre and auditorium early. The sound and lighting will be reduced to lessen sensory overload, and no pyrotechnics or loud bangs will appear in the performance.

Altrincham Garrick Playhouse, Barrington Rd, Altrincham WA14 1HZ. Tel: 0161 928 1677 [www.altrinchamgarrick.co.uk](http://www.altrinchamgarrick.co.uk)

5 December - 4 January 2026

## Aladdin

Take a magical carpet ride to the North West's home of sensational pantomime entertainment for their glittering production of Aladdin.

Starring Brian Capron, star of Coronation Street and many TV and stage presentations who makes a welcome return as the really evil Abanazar, and Karim Zeroual, best known for anchoring CBBC as a presenter for 8 years and reaching the final of Strictly Come Dancing in 2019, who will be appearing as Aladdin. Plus full supporting cast including the much loved Scott Gallagher who returns as Wishee Washee. BSL interpreted performances  
Saturday 6 December at 7:30pm  
Thursday 11 December at 10:30am and 2:30pm  
The Plaza, Mersey Square, Stockport, SK1 1SP. Tel: 0161 477 7779 [www.stockportplaza.co.uk](http://www.stockportplaza.co.uk)

9 December 13:00 and 19:00

## Dick Whittington

Planet Ice presents a spectacular rendition of Dick Whittington, brought to life by the Show & Skate class of amateur skaters and supported by their Professional on Tour cast. This timeless tale of adventure and discovery will transport you to the bustling streets of London and beyond, with some of your favourite songs and breathtaking ice skating performances.

A must-see event that captures the spirit of adventure and holiday cheer, perfect for the festive season. This show features amateur local skaters who have honed their skills through Planet Ice's Learn To Skate program, providing them with a truly unforgettable experience in the spotlight.

Planet Ice Altrincham, Oakfield Road, Station Site, Altrincham, WA15 8EW  
Tel: 0161 926 8782 [www.planet-ice.co.uk](http://www.planet-ice.co.uk)

10 - 24 December

## Mrs Claus Saves Christmas

Step into Mrs Claus' kitchen for a festive bake-off like no other!

As she prepares holiday treats, things spiral into a recipe-tangling disaster. With everything

going wrong, she'll need help from the children in the audience! A fun-filled, magical adventure where kids join the action to save Christmas.

Age: Recommended for 3-7 years.

Octagon Theatre (situated in the heart of Bolton), Howell Croft South BL1 1SB  
Tel: 01204 520661  
[www.octagonbolton.co.uk](http://www.octagonbolton.co.uk)

11 December - 4 January 2026

## Shaun The Sheep's Circus Show

Two worlds gleefully collide in Shaun the Sheep's Circus Show - brought to the stage by the internationally-acclaimed Australian circus ensemble Circa and Academy Award®-winning, independent studio Aardman - now making its UK premiere in Manchester.

Shaun the Sheep's Circus Show combines the extreme physicality and awe-inspiring feats of Circa and the playful charm of the multi-award-winning, globally successful Shaun the Sheep. Expect a visual spectacle for the entire family, packed full of Aardman's signature comedy and outright hilarity, as the Circa ensemble continues to blur the lines between movement, dance, theatre and circus. Watch Shaun and the Flock entertain the audience through incredible feats of daredevil acrobatics and vibrant circus skills. Aviva Studios, Water Street Manchester M3 4JQ  
[www.factoryinternational.org](http://www.factoryinternational.org)



13 December 14:30

(Tots Show - age 6 and under), 16:30 & 18:30  
(Juniors Show - age 7 plus)

## ComedySportz Improvised Panto (Tots)

Bored of the same pantomimes every year? The award-winning Totally Improvised Company present The Totally Improvised Pantomime! Heroes, villains, songs and silliness are guaranteed this December as the gang create brand-new pantomime adventures using audience suggestions and a sprinkling of fairy dust. Oh yes they do!

The team behind crowd-pleasing comedy show ComedySportz are back with a show that is sure to delight audiences of all ages. The cast lovingly remix familiar pantomime tropes and characters to create a show where anything can happen. The performers don't know their roles beforehand, and audiences might even get involved in the action! The story and songs are all composed on the spot with live music, games and plenty of festive fun for all.

The Plaza, Mersey Square  
Stockport, SK1 1SP  
Tel: 0161 477 7779 [www.stockportplaza.co.uk](http://www.stockportplaza.co.uk)

13 - 15 December

## Fantastic Mr Fox

by ROALD DAHL adapted by DAVID WOOD  
When Mr Fox steals one chicken too many, three farmers, just about the meanest men you will ever encounter, decide the only cure is to rid themselves of Mr Fox by any means possible.

Outwitted at every turn, the farmers' ploys backfire and all the animals celebrate a feast at their expense.

This is a hilarious tale of ingenuity and trickery presented by Stockport Garrick Youth Theatre. Stockport Garrick Theatre  
Exchange Street, Wellington Road South  
Stockport SK3 0EJ [www.stockportgarrick.co.uk](http://www.stockportgarrick.co.uk)

14 December 15:00 - 17:30

## Gaspard the Fox: a family matinee with Stockport Symphony Orchestra



An orchestral adventure from Zeb Sloane and Jonathan Dove with James Mayhew's original illustrations from the book projected on the big screen at the town hall, narrated by Emma Cunliffe. With some festive music and fun it's another SSO family matinee concert  
Town Hall, Edward Street, Stockport, SK1 3XE  
[www.stockportsymphony.co.uk](http://www.stockportsymphony.co.uk)

20, 21 December 11.30, 13.30 & 15.00

## Goofus Theatre: All in a Mouse's Night

A curious mouse, about in the house, could lead to all sorts of strange, magical, and fantastical adventures...

This winter at Jodrell, Goofus Theatre present this non-verbal, marvellous, mousey tale packed with puppetry, play, and heart. Join mouse on a journey into the vastness of space, where there's plenty of adventure, moon cheese, and friends to be found! Recommended for families with children under 7 (though older mice can come and join the fun, too). Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre  
The University of Manchester  
Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 9DL  
Tel: 01477 571 766 [www.jodrellbank.net](http://www.jodrellbank.net)

20 December 16:00

21 December 11:00 and 13:30

## The Hallé orchestra at The Bridgewater Hall - The Snowman & Shaun the Sheep

The Snowman will be walking in the air, followed by a 'ewe'-nique performance from Shaun the Sheep, as the Hallé brings the captivating music of these beloved characters to life in this enthralling concert.

Sit back and enjoy the films on The Bridgewater Hall Big Screen whilst the talented musicians of the Hallé accompany The Snowman as he soars through the wintry sky and Shaun the Sheep gets up to festive mischief in *The Flight Before Christmas!* For fans of Wallace & Gromit, Julian Nott's Theme and Chase will bring the beloved duo's adventurous spirit to the stage, adding to this unmissable family-friendly celebration of music and storytelling. A concert for all ages to enjoy.  
Hallé Concerts Society, The Bridgewater Hall, Lower Mosley Street, Manchester M1 5HA  
[halle.co.uk/venues/the-bridgewater-hall](http://halle.co.uk/venues/the-bridgewater-hall)



# Guide to events for Christmas and beyond



**Until 4 January 2026**

## Outdoor ice rink

Skate Manchester is back, transforming Cathedral Gardens into the city's ultimate winter destination! Set in a beautiful covered and weatherproof location, this premier ice rink guarantees a magical skating experience whatever the weather. As one of the UK's most sustainable rinks, it's partially powered by the impressive Octopus Energy wind turbine that proudly stands beside it. Step into the magic of the season with themed nights, contests, and live programming, or explore the enchanting Snow Globe, featuring a charming animated winter village. With discounted student nights, quiet skates, £5 community sessions, and special offers for Blue Light workers and parents & toddlers, Skate Manchester is the perfect festive outing for everyone. The Cathedral Gardens, Manchester, Greater Manchester M4 3BG. [www.skatemanchester.com](http://www.skatemanchester.com)

**15 November - 23 December**

## What Santa Sees - Space Dome Show

It's Christmas Eve and Santa has an important job to do – travel the globe to deliver presents before the night is through... Join the reindeers on the journey and discover the night sky through Santa's eyes: from the shining moon to the changing constellations, see shooting stars and follow Polaris! This enchanting Space Dome Show brings together storytelling and astronomy to take you on an immersive festive journey in Santa's sleigh. 15 minute runtime. Suitable for families with older and younger children alike! Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre, The University of Manchester, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 9DL Tel: 01477 571 766 [www.jodrellbank.net](http://www.jodrellbank.net)

**14 November - 3 January 16:30 - 20:00**

## Lanterns and Light at Chester Zoo - Christmas lights trail.

This winter, Chester Zoo will transform after dark into a glowing winter wonderland of light, colour and sound. So much more than just a Christmas light trail, Lanterns & Light is an outdoor light experience that will amaze and delight you at every turn. Interact with playful puppets, drift through the Ribbon Tunnel, gaze at kaleidoscope stars and explore the Laser Garden - plus discover new installations, including Airquarium, Bubble Walk and Submergence. Enjoy seasonal street food, warming drinks and make magical Christmas memories with loved ones. Chester Zoo, Upton-by-Chester, Chester, CH2 1EU [www.chesterzoo.org](http://www.chesterzoo.org)

**26 November - 30 December 16:30-21:00**

## Garden Glow 2025 at RHS Bridgewater

Experience the sparkle of the season! As twilight falls, RHS Garden Bridgewater is transformed into a world of magical winter wonders. Step into an enchanted world like no other. Wander through winter landscapes that come alive with twinkling lights, seasonal sounds and captivating installations. Follow a brand-new trail for 2025, where every path reveals hidden wonders and picture-perfect photo opportunities capture the wonder of the season. Journey through the spectacular Weston Walled Garden, where each garden space is transformed into a glowing gallery of light and shadow. For the very first time, see the community gardens brought to life with festive colour, and prepare to be dazzled by brand-new experiences in the Paradise Garden. RHS Garden Bridgewater, Occupation Road Off Leigh Road, Worsley, Salford, Greater Manchester M28 2LJ. [www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk)

**All December - 4 January 2026**

## Operation Ouch! Brains, Bogies and You

Get stuck in to super-sized science and brilliant biology with Operation Ouch! Brains, Bogies and You Journey through an ear canal covered in gooey wax, squeeze past sticky snot and plunge headfirst into the incredible world of our senses. Get shrunk down to microscopic size and set out on a medical mission into Dr Chris's brain headquarters. Venture through the five familiar senses of touch, sight, hearing, smell and taste, as well as lesser-known secret senses that help you stay balanced, tell you when you need a wee and when it's time to sleep. From sight to sound, mini medics and curious kids can get stuck in to sense-sational science through interactive games, challenges and lots of fun facts guided by videos and illustrations of *Operation Ouch!* hosts Dr Chris, Dr Xand and Dr Ronx. Science and Industry Museum, Liverpool Road, Manchester M3 4FP. Tel: 033 0058 0058 [www.scienceandindustrymuseum.org.uk](http://www.scienceandindustrymuseum.org.uk)

**1 - 24 December 11:00 - 16:00**

## Animal Crackers III: Christmas at Lyme

The third year of Animal Crackers sees Fox returning with his host of wild and wonderful friends, alongside a mystery guest. Join in the theatrical fun as Animal Crackers takes you on a self-guided journey of mischievous merrymaking through the house, designed by artist Sophie Tyrell. Have a dance party with King Stag, perform a puppet show, and do karaoke with the badgers. With larger-than-life installations and a traditional Christmas theme, it's an immersive and festive experience for all the family. Lyme Park, Disley, Stockport, Cheshire, SK12 2NR Tel: 01663 762023 [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyme](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyme)

**Every day December 16:30- 20:00**

**1-3 January 2026 16:30 -20:00**

## Christmas at Dunham Massey

Step into a world of festive magic at Dunham Massey. Firmly positioned as one of the best Christmas events in the UK, this unmissable after-dark illuminated trail promises a breathtaking experience for all ages. Brand-new light installations transforming the historic grounds, wander through a magical illuminated trail filled with festive wonder, catch a glimpse of Father Christmas along the way, enjoy seasonal treats and winter warmers from hand-picked vendors. Dunham Massey, Altrincham, Greater Manchester, WA14 4SJ Tel: 01619411025 [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunham-massey](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunham-massey)

**Every day December, January & February 2026, 10:00 - 16:00**

## Winter Family Trail with Speechly the Pineapple

Express delivery! Speechly the Pineapple is posting letters around the estate while the house is closed. Collect stamps and discover seasonal surprises along the trail, all while helping Speechly with the 'pineapple post'. Follow the frosty trail through ancient woodland and sleeping garden, uncovering clues of the season with surprises along the way. Perfect for young explorers. Dunham Massey, Altrincham, Greater Manchester, WA14 4SJ Tel: 01619411025 [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunham-massey](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunham-massey)

**3, 9 December 16:00 - 18:00 16:15 - 18:15**

## Christmas at Dunham Massey - Quiet sessions

Quiet access sessions with reduced stimuli are available for adults and young people this Christmas at Dunham Massey. The session will begin at twilight before the illuminated trail opens to the public, making the transition into the dark much easier. Dunham Massey Altrincham, Greater Manchester, WA14 4SJ Tel: 01619411025 [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunham-massey](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunham-massey)

**4 December 9:30 to 12:00**

## Sleep seminar for parents and carers

Online by Start Well Stockport Do you have a child aged 2 to 10 years of age and struggle with their disrupted sleep? If yes, join Star Well Parenting Team for this session. [www.stockport.gov.uk](http://www.stockport.gov.uk)

**4 December 11:00 - 16:30**

## Bramall Hall Christmas Elf Trail

The elves are back at Bramall Hall and up to their tricks again!

Bramall Hall is beautifully decorated for Christmas, which means the cheeky elves have moved in once again! Search the Hall and discover Bramall's cheeky elves, they are both naughty and nice. On completion of this spotting trail you'll earn yourself a festive prize. Festive fun for all the family! Bramall Hall, Hall Road, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 3NX. [www.stockport.gov.uk](http://www.stockport.gov.uk)

**4 December 11:00 - 16:30**

## Lego Club

Lego Club at Hazel Grove Library for children aged 4 plus and their families. This is a free event. Hazel Grove Library, Beech Avenue, Hazel Grove Stockport, SK7 4QP. [www.stockport.gov.uk](http://www.stockport.gov.uk)

**5, 6, 12, 14, 21 December 11:00 - 14:45**

(15 min slot sessions)

## Father Christmas meet and greet - Family day out

As part of your winter visit to Quarry Bank, step into the festive spirit with a magical encounter in the upper garden, where Father Christmas is busy preparing for the big day. Share your wish list, have your photo taken, and enjoy a special moment with him. Every child will receive a sticker and a small treat to take home. Quarry Bank, Styal, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 4LA Tel: 01625 527468 [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/quarry-bank](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/quarry-bank)

**6 December 10:30 13:45**

## Kids Paint Christmas Decorations

One ticket entitles one small person to 3 small Christmas decorations and all the materials needed to paint them! Once you're done, decorations will be fired in the kiln and will be ready to collect before The Centre close for Christmas. Accompanying adults do not need to buy a ticket, but are asked to stay for the duration of the activity. Feel free to purchase a second ticket if accompanying adult would like to paint some decorations of their own! If you'd like to paint more decorations on the day, these will cost £2.50 per additional decoration. Merseyway Shopping Centre, Unit 6 Deanery Way, Stockport, SK1 1PP [www.merseywayworkshop.com](http://www.merseywayworkshop.com)

**6 December 10:00**

## Nether Alderley Village Hall Christmas Fair

Get into the holiday spirit at the Nether Alderley Village Hall Christmas Fair. Come to a the newly refurbished cosy Nether Alderley Village Hall for a festive celebration to remember. Get into the holiday spirit with local vendors offering unique gifts, delicious treats, and handmade crafts. Enjoy some Christmas carol singing from the local school kids, some tombola and maybe even a



Christmas at Bramhall

out and about

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visit from Santa himself! It's the perfect opportunity to support small businesses and find special presents for everyone on your Christmas list. Nether Alderley Village Hall, Church Lane Nether Alderley SK10 4TW [www.netheralderleyparish.com](http://www.netheralderleyparish.com)

**6 December**

## Carnival of Light Parade - begins at 17:00 at Waterside Plaza

This December Stanley Square, Our Kids Social and Waterside Arts are hosting a magical lantern parade led by some very intriguing characters. Celebrate the mysterious world of nocturnal animals at the Carnival of Light Parade – a glowing tribute to the creatures that thrive under moonlight. Marvel at illuminated magical moths, a giant beaming badger and more. Wrap up warm and join the local community to follow this wonderful festive sight. Enjoy community performances from 13:00 and a DJ from 16:00 in Stanley Square. Waterside Arts Centre, 1 Waterside Plaza, Sale, M33 7ZF. Tel: 0161 912 5616 [www.watersidearts.org](http://www.watersidearts.org)

**6, 7, 13, 14, 20 - 24 December**

## Santa Specials

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**6 - 8, 13 - 14, 20 - 23 December**

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**6 - 7, 13 - 14, 20 - 24 December**

Timeslots available from 10:30am - 2:30pm

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**6, 7 December 10:30-11:30**

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**6, 18 December 16:10 - 16:20**

## Enchanted winter walk quiet sessions at Quarry Bank

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**9 December 16:30 - 20:00, last entry 19:00**

## RHS Glow SEN night

A special RHS Glow evening adapted to have fewer visitors, minimal noise and less distractions for those with sensory needs. Up to two accompanying carers go free. Please only book these sessions if you or a member of your party have additional sensory needs, as spaces are limited. RHS Garden Bridgewater, Occupation Road, Off Leigh Road, Worsley, Salford, Greater Manchester M28 2LJ [www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/bridgewater](http://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/bridgewater)

**10 December 18:00 - 19:00**

## Fostering and supported lodgings information sharing event

Come along and meet local foster carers, the fostering team and the supported lodgings team. You can find out more about fostering local children and young people in Stockport and find more about the supported lodgings scheme. You can email: [fosteringstockport@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:fosteringstockport@stockport.gov.uk) for more information about fostering and supported lodgings@stockport.gov.uk for more information about supported lodgings Room 206, Stockport Town Hall, Edward Street, Stockport, SK1 3NG

**12 December 15:30 and 19:00**

## NCO Christmas Concert

Step into a world of festive storytelling and seasonal magic as the Northern Chamber Orchestra returns to Tenant's Hall at Tatton Park for a concert filled with musical charm. The Orchestra will be joined by the talented Choir of St Nicholas Catholic High School, as they bring to life the sounds of the season through classic carols and winter favourites. The evening performance also includes a magical tour of Tatton Park's Winter Stories themed Christmas Mansion, glowing with twinkling lights and festive finery. Let the music tell the story, and let the magic of winter fill your heart. Create lasting memories with the Northern Chamber Orchestra this Christmas - a story you'll want to return to year after year. Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6QN Tel: 01625 374400 [www.tattonpark.org.uk](http://www.tattonpark.org.uk)

**16 December**

## Deer Feed Safari

Join our expert ranger team for an exclusive opportunity to view Tatton's ancient deer herd and learn about them. Find out how the Red and Fallow deer are cared for, watch them eating, help serve them their breakfast of crunchy carrots and learn how their diet helps them stay healthy. Our Rangers are happy to answer any questions during this unique 1 hour experience and you will have plenty of opportunities to take some memorable photos and videos during the safari. This

event includes a workshop with our expert Rangers, an opportunity to experience the deer feed (not normally seen by the public) This event has a minimum participation age of 4 years old. Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6QN Tel: 01625 374400 [www.tattonpark.org.uk](http://www.tattonpark.org.uk)

**21 December 15:00 - 16:00**

## Stableyard Carols

Meet friends and family, pick up a song sheet and sing along to classics in the twinkling Stableyard. Free event. Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6QN Tel: 01625 374400 [www.tattonpark.org.uk](http://www.tattonpark.org.uk)

**28, 30 December 10:15**

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# Active inside - family fun vs winter blues



When the Christmas festivities are over, the sunny days of spring still feel far away, and the long, gloomy nights and chilly weather tempt children toward screens, keeping them active can feel like an uphill battle. But while it's easy for activity levels to drop once the new year begins, experts remind us that movement remains just as important for children's energy, mood, and overall wellbeing.

Chris Sharman, founder of Kidztivity and a children's activity expert who has worked in the leisure industry since 1995, says parents need to rethink what 'active' looks like during these darker, colder months.

Chris believes that just because the holidays are over and the days are shorter doesn't mean it has to be all screens and sitting still. He explains, "Children need movement, and the darker evenings are an opportunity to get creative with it. It doesn't need to look like formal sport. The point is kids should feel that movement is fun, not a chore, even when the weather or light isn't on their side."

So how can parents keep children active and engaged during these long winter nights?

Chris Sharman teamed up with M&D Magazine to share top tips for keeping children active this winter.

## Make indoor play the new winter adventure

The long, dark evenings of January don't have to mean boredom. With a little creativity, your home can become a space for active play, even when outdoor adventures feel far away. Building indoor obstacle courses, playing balloon volleyball, or setting up a mini scavenger hunt gets kids moving without them even realising it's "exercise." These activities stimulate their imagination as well as their bodies, turning indoor play into a fun winter adventure rather than a second-best option to the park.

You can also involve the whole family in building challenges or "missions," such as a pretend jungle expedition or a space adventure. Not only does this get children moving, but it encourages problem-solving and teamwork, making active play more meaningful. Even younger children can join in by crawling through tunnels made of cushions or balancing along a taped line on the floor, while older kids can set up more elaborate obstacle courses with timers and point systems.

**Top tip** Use cushions, chairs, blankets, and toys to create obstacle courses or missions. Rotate them every few days to keep things fresh and exciting during the winter months.

## Music and dance to beat the winter blues

Music is a brilliant motivator for children, and turning up the volume for a family dance session is a surefire way to lift spirits and get everyone's heart rates up. Dancing allows kids to burn energy, express themselves, and boost their mood - all within the warmth of your home. You don't need to be a natural performer to make it fun; letting children choose the songs or choreograph 'routines' can make the whole family part of the action.

For an extra boost, combine dancing with simple fitness moves like jumping jacks, hopping, or stretching. You can even create themed dance sessions: a "snow day disco" with winter-themed songs, or a "musical journey" where children dance like different animals or characters. These imaginative additions make exercise feel playful and allow kids to express creativity while staying active.

**Top tip** Create a "winter dance jar" filled with slips of paper that have different songs or dance styles written on them. Let the kids pick one at random for a spontaneous mini dance party to brighten gloomy evenings.

## Bring back the joy of traditional indoor games

Classic games like hide-and-seek, musical chairs, or Simon Says might sound simple, but they're surprisingly effective at keeping children active during the winter months. They get kids moving, reacting quickly, and laughing, while creating a sense of shared family fun. Sometimes the most straightforward games are the ones children remember most fondly because they feel spontaneous and silly rather than organised.

You can also adapt board games or card games to include movement. For example, every time someone rolls a dice, they might do a mini exercise like hopping, stretching, or spinning around. This keeps children engaged and gives them extra bursts of physical activity without needing large spaces. Seasonal twists, such as turning a scavenger hunt into a 'find the winter treasure' game, can also make familiar games feel new and exciting.

**Top tip** Dedicate one "family game night" each week to these activities. The consistency helps children look forward to it, and it becomes a cheerful winter routine.

## Make the most of community indoor spaces

Not every home has room for active play, which is why local leisure centres, sports halls, and community clubs are a lifeline during the colder months. Whether it's swimming lessons, indoor football, climbing walls, or martial arts, these spaces give children the chance to stay active in a safe, social setting. They also help kids stay connected with friends outside of school, reducing the temptation to stay glued to devices during the long winter evenings.

Even short visits to local indoor playgrounds, trampoline parks, or gymnastic classes can break up the monotony of winter and provide structured activity that children enjoy.

**Top tip:** Check your local council or leisure centre websites for free or discounted kids' sessions. Many venues run low-cost activities specifically designed to keep children moving through and winter.

## Turn chores into movement

It might not sound exciting, but everyday tasks like tidying up, sorting laundry, or helping prepare dinner can be transformed into playful mini workouts. Making these activities into timed challenges or races turns them from dull chores into active games. This approach teaches children that movement doesn't have to mean 'exercise' - it can be woven into daily life in fun and productive ways, even during the long winter evenings.

For extra winter motivation, you can add a seasonal twist: 'Snowflake sorting' for laundry, 'Santa's kitchen dash' for meal prep, or 'Elf obstacle clean-up' for tidying toys.

**Top tip** Try setting a kitchen timer and turning tidying up into a "beat the clock" challenge. Adding music makes it even more engaging, and everyone can join in for a burst of winter energy.



# Game changer: new sports pavilion in Macclesfield



for sport and celebration alike. A large spectators' balcony will provide stunning views across the playing fields, creating a true centrepiece for school and community sport.

Accessibility and sustainability are also at the forefront of the design. The building will be fully accessible, featuring a lift and dedicated changing facilities. Its roof will host an array of solar panels, reinforcing the school's commitment to environmental responsibility and complementing the solar installations already powering the academic buildings and sports centre.

Set to open in September 2026, the Forster Pavilion will offer flexible, high-quality facilities for both sport and events - a much-needed boost for the local community.



Endorsing the investment, Dame Sarah Storey shared her enthusiasm:

*"I'm excited to see the plans for the new King's sports pavilion. Sport has played a huge role in my life, and is a really important part of the holistic development of children. Sport plays a powerful role in children's development of a wide range of life skills that go far beyond physical fitness, including teamwork, cooperation, confidence, resilience, and respect. This new sports pavilion will be a fantastic addition to what is already an incredible campus at King's, benefitting both King's pupils and the many local sports clubs that regularly train and hold fixtures on King's Astro pitches and netball courts."*

With its modern design, community focus, and lasting legacy, the Forster Pavilion promises to be a game-changer for sport in Macclesfield community - and a proud new landmark for The King's School and inspire others in their future endeavours.

**The King's School has announced an exciting new addition to its campus - the Forster Pavilion, a state-of-the-art sports hub set to open in 2026. This first-class facility will not only serve King's pupils but also strengthen the school's partnerships with the wider community.**

Thanks to a generous legacy left by former pupil Roy Forster, the £5 million Forster Pavilion will stand as a fitting tribute to his enduring connection with the school. Forming a key part of King's ongoing strategic development plan, the impressive new building will be located at the heart of the school's hockey, netball, and junior football pitches.

The two-storey pavilion will include a spacious 250-square-metre open-plan hospitality suite on the first floor, complete with full audio-visual capability, two dedicated meeting rooms, and comprehensive catering facilities. Whether for formal dinners or relaxed gatherings, it promises to be a vibrant venue

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# Children's Mental Health Week: well-being in focus



At Bowdon Prep, well-being isn't reserved for special occasions – it's woven into the fabric of our school day. From morning greetings and circle times to mindfulness breaks and acts of kindness, our core value Care for All guides everything we do. We care for ourselves, for one another, and for our wider community.

During Children's Mental Health Week, in partnership with Place2Be, the UK's leading children's mental health charity, and taking place from February 9th, 2026 we will explore this year's theme: *Know Yourself, Grow Yourself*. It's a powerful message that encourages children to build self-awareness and feel empowered to speak openly about their mental health.

by Kim Powell, Head of Wellbeing,  
Bowdon Preparatory School

Understanding who we are is the first step in growing into confident, resilient individuals. At BPS, we are proud to nurture an environment where emotional well-being is at the heart of everything we do. This year, we were delighted to open our new Calm Space – a dedicated retreat for quiet reflection, meditation, or simply a moment of stillness. In a busy school setting, it serves as a gentle reminder of the importance of rest and balance for both staff and pupils.

Our philosophy is simple: children learn best when they feel calm, safe, and happy. As educational psychologist Daniel Goleman reminds us, "Emotional well-being is not just a side benefit to education; it is the foundation of learning itself." Research from the Mental Health Foundation also shows that positive mental health enhances motivation, concentration, and social connection – all vital for effective learning.

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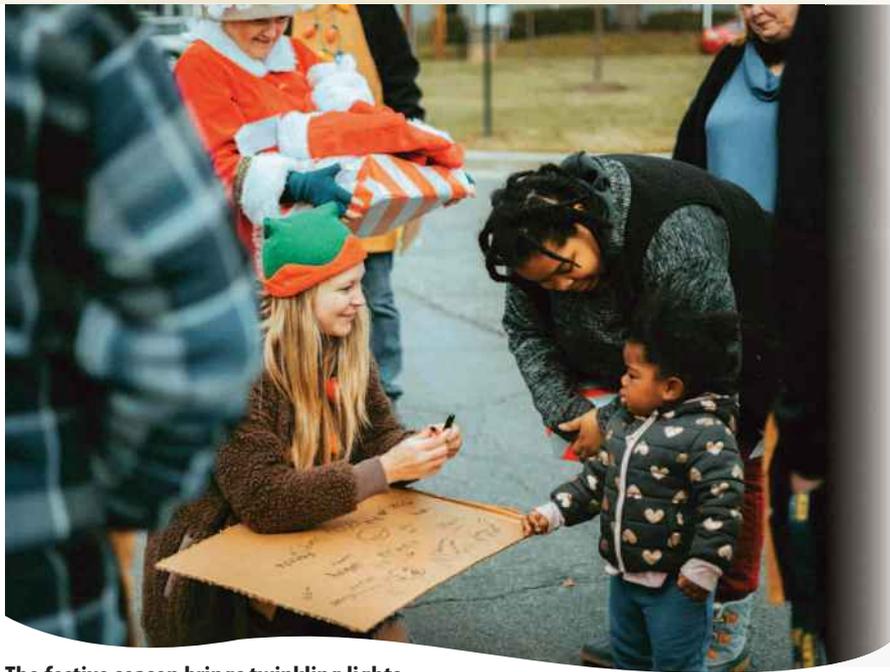
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# Local gifts of kindness



The festive season brings twinkling lights, scrumptious food, presents under the tree, cosy gatherings with family, and noisy celebrations with friends. Yet for many families, it can also be a time of stress, isolation, and financial strain - whether due to sudden loss, long-term illness, or household costs that are impossible to meet.

*The Charity Commission this year "has published its annual public and trustee research, revealing a stark long-term rise in people seeking charitable support" (gov.uk).*

While big national charities may get the support they need and deserve, many community organisations just around the corner are struggling. That's why we've put together a list of local charities helping families and children in our area.

Christmas is a perfect chance for all of us to spread a little kindness and show our kids what it actually means to care - don't miss out on this opportunity.

- **Wood Street Mission (Manchester & Salford)**

Wood Street Mission has been brightening the lives of families in Manchester and Salford for decades. This Christmas, they're offering a "Christmas toy shop" where parents referred through local agencies can pick new toys for children aged 0-14, along with essentials like school uniforms and baby equipment. Donations of unwrapped toys, clothes, and funds are warmly welcomed.

[www.woodstreetmission.org.uk](http://www.woodstreetmission.org.uk)

- **Manchester Christmas Relief (Greater Manchester)**

Manchester Christmas Relief spreads festive cheer by providing food parcels and presents for children. In 2024, the charity delivered over 1,600 presents to more than 500 children. They're looking for donations of toys, festive food items, and volunteers to help pack and deliver parcels.

[www.manchesterchristmasrelief.org](http://www.manchesterchristmasrelief.org)

- **The Spearhead Foundation - Manchester Christmas Miracle (Greater Manchester)**

The Spearhead Foundation's 'Manchester Christmas Miracle!' supports families who might otherwise struggle during the festive season, delivering food parcels and gifts. Families, including veterans facing energy hardship, benefit from this initiative.

Donations of gifts and food items, as well as financial support, are highly appreciated.

[www.thespearheadfoundation.com/mcm](http://www.thespearheadfoundation.com/mcm)

- **My CWA (Cheshire East)**

My CWA's Christmas Gift Appeal supports adults and children affected by domestic abuse. From toys for children to gifts for tweens, teens, and adult survivors, donations help ensure everyone experiences some festive joy. Gifts can be donated in person or via their Amazon Wish List, with early December being the ideal time for contributions.

[www.mycwa.org.uk/christmas](http://www.mycwa.org.uk/christmas)

- **Ruby's Fund (Cheshire East)**

Ruby's Fund supports children and young people with SEND and their families. While their Christmas program details are less public, donations help provide gifts and activities for children in their care.

Contact the charity to learn how to contribute.

[www.rubysfund.co.uk](http://www.rubysfund.co.uk)

- **Just Drop In (Cheshire East)**

Based in Cheshire East and serving Macclesfield, Bollington, Wilmslow, Knutsford & Poynton, Just Drop In supports children and young people aged 11-25 and their families with free counselling, mentoring, and wellbeing services. While they don't run a traditional "toy appeal," they offer crucial emotional support during the festive period, when some young people may feel isolated or under pressure. Donations can help fund holiday wellbeing workshops and activity packs, while volunteers can assist with sessions or peer support.

[www.justdropin.co.uk](http://www.justdropin.co.uk)

- **Francis House Children's Hospice (Greater Manchester)**

Francis House provides respite and home care for children with lifelimiting conditions and their families. Their Christmas campaign encourages donations of gifts or funds to support these families during the festive season. [www.francishouse.org.uk](http://www.francishouse.org.uk)

- **Ronald McDonald House Manchester**

This charity provides accommodation for families whose children are in hospital, ensuring they can stay close to their child's care. At Christmas, they invite donations of gifts to help families enjoy a festive spirit despite the challenging circumstances of having their children in hospital and being away from home. [www.rmhc.org.uk](http://www.rmhc.org.uk)

- **The Christie Charity (Manchester)**

The Christie Charity supports The Christie NHS Foundation Trust, a specialist cancer centre. During the festive season, they host familyfriendly fundraising events and initiatives such as the 'Christie Children's Christmas Party' and the Garden of Hope, where donors can dedicate roses in memory of loved ones. Donations help fund vital equipment, patient support, and activities for children of patients, ensuring families can experience some festive joy despite challenging circumstances.

[www.christie.nhs.uk/the-christie-charity/get-involved/christmas](http://www.christie.nhs.uk/the-christie-charity/get-involved/christmas)

- **Mellor Country House Charity (Mellor / Stockport / Greater Manchester)**

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[www.mellorcountryhouse.co.uk](http://www.mellorcountryhouse.co.uk)

- **Friends of Rosie / Children's Cancer Research Fund (Manchester)**

Friends of Rosie, now also known as the Children's Cancer Research Fund (CCRF), supports research into childhood cancers and the care of children with cancer. While the charity's focus is on funding research rather than direct gifts or hampers, donations help support children undergoing cancer treatment and their families. The charity also hosts seasonal campaigns and fundraising events to engage the community. Contributions go directly toward vital research projects and initiatives that improve outcomes for children with cancer.

[www.childrencancerresearchfund.co.uk](http://www.childrencancerresearchfund.co.uk)

  
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