



## Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London



Please look at the organisations' websites to double check times and arrangements

### **Brixton Chamber Orchestra - FREE**

**18<sup>th</sup> July - 20<sup>th</sup> July & 25<sup>th</sup> July - 27<sup>th</sup> July**

**11 Free shows across 11 Lambeth Estates!**

The Brixton Chamber Orchestra (BCO) is back on the road this summer, turning neighbour outdoor spaces into pop-up stages.

This year's tour will bring a genre-blending soundtrack for summer, with an hour-long set mixing classical music with grime, jazz, R&B, pop and more. Performance by

BCO's 30-piece orchestra made up of young, dynamic and diverse musicians, each concert is full of energy and will be electric.

For more information, please visit BCO's Summer Estates Tour 2025 webpage:

<https://brixchamber.com/gigs/Summer-Estates-Tour-2025>

For their website: [www.brixchamber.com](http://www.brixchamber.com)

### **Nature Vibezzz School Summer Holidays Activities - FREE**

**West Norwood Family Nature Trail - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August**

Meeting at 2:30pm at West Norwood Library Entrance

This is a Free event part of Charity Nature Vibezzz's project 'Family Nature Activities' and the Summer Reading Challenge 2025 themed Summer Explorers: Story Garden - Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors

**Epping Forest Full Moon Walk - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August**

Meeting at 6:30pm at Brixton Underground Station

plus site meeting point 8pm at Chigford Railway Station

**Dulwich Woods Family Day Trip - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

Meeting at 10am at Nature Vibezzz Hub in Portobello Community Garden

**Family day Trip - site to be confirmed - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

Meeting at 10am at Nature Vibezzz Hub in Portobello Community Garden

**Epping Forest Family Day Trip - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

Meeting at 10am at Nature Vibezzz Hub in Portobello Community

Garden, plus site meeting point 12:15pm Chigford Railway Station.

Other free family activities may also be scheduled during the Summer School Holiday include a nature walk with London Wildlife Trust

Email [info@naturevibezzz.org](mailto:info@naturevibezzz.org) for more information

For latest updates on Nature Vibezzz Free activity schedule visit <https://naturevibezzznewsletter.wordpress.com/project-sessions/>

### **Brixton Windmill - Art in the Park - FREE**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 1pm - 5pm**

Free art and craft workshops for families. This year's workshops include jewellery weaving. T-shirt painting and paper marbling. Brixton Windmill is also open for guided tours and their café and shop will also be open. All workshops are drop in - no need to book.

Brixton Windmill Gardens, Blenheim Gardens SW2 5DA

<https://www.brixtonwindmill.org/events/art-in-the-park/>

## Connecting U 2025 Boot Camp

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 10am – 4pm (aged 7 – 16)**

SHARP (School Holidays Active & Recreation Programme) is a youth-led co-production @CDEFLyncx runs six weeks during school holidays offering young people in Lambeth a safe space filled with pure active, recreation, fun learning, positive networking, while they engage in structured activities.

Brixton Windmill Gardens, Blenheim Gardens SW2 5DA

To register your child visit <https://www.cefi.org.uk/our-sharp-offer>

## Moving Matters Summer Holiday Camps

### Camps right across the summer

Their holiday camps provide children the opportunity to stay active over summer. With multiple camps running at our sites including **Mini Movers** for Reception & Year 1, **Multi Sports** for children in Year 2 to Year 8 and **Soccer School** for children in Year 1 to Year 9.

Camps are at the following sites, The Elmgreen School, SE27 9BZ, The Archbishop Lanfranc Academy, CR9 3AS & Bishop Thomas Grand School, SW16 2HY

They also offer an extended day option to help support parents with their childcare needs.

For more information, contact their team via email at [enquiriesmovingmatters@gmail.com](mailto:enquiriesmovingmatters@gmail.com) or call 0208 325455.

## Play in a Week! Longfield Hall - **FREE**

### Devise a play in just a few days

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Aug, 10am – 1pm – ages 6 – 8, 2pm – 5pm – ages 9 – 11**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Aug – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Aug, 10am – 1pm – ages 6 – 8, 2pm – 5pm – ages 9 – 11**

Your child will create a play from scratch that they can share with friends and family at the end of the project! A fun-filled week with all their favourite drama games and a whole lot of creativity!

Longfield Hall, 50 Knatchbull Road, SE5 9QY

For further information contact [youthmanager@longfieldhall.org.uk](mailto:youthmanager@longfieldhall.org.uk) or call 07988629697

## Summer Family Festival – National Portrait Gallery - **FREE**

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August

Join the gallery for a week of family fun with creative activities inspired by portraits of people in the Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer Portrait Award 2025 exhibition. Take part in fun family workshops throughout the Gallery and Learning Centre – explore poses, facial features, feelings, colours and patterns through a range of creative artist-led activities including collage, 3D paper sculpting, painting, drawing, zine making and photography – creating their own unique artworks to take home. Free drop-in. Limited capacity, first come first served!

National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, WC2H 0HE

<https://www.npg.org.uk/whatson/event-root/august/summer-family-festival-2025>

## PARKSfest Family Fun Day - **FREE**

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 12noon – 5pm

The friends of Mycenae Gardens present a FREE Family Fun Day as part of PARKSfest 2025, set in the beautiful grounds of Mycenae House & Gardens and ancient woodland hidden in South East London. With children's activities, live music, dance performances, demonstrations, face painting, arts & crafts, stalls, magic shows and more.

Mycenae House, 90 The Woodlands, Mycenae, SE3 7SE

<https://mycenaehouse.co.uk/events/parksfest/>

## **The Boury Academy - Workshops Weekends**

**July 28<sup>th</sup> - August 1<sup>st</sup> - Variety Show**

**August 11<sup>th</sup> - August 15<sup>th</sup> - Show in a Week**

Join them this summer for an amazing two workshops with their incredible professional teaching team!

Mini B's (for ages 4-7 / reception - year 2), 10 am - 1 pm each day

Performance at midday on the Friday of each week

Main School (for ages 8-16) 10am - 4 pm each day

Performance at 3pm on the Friday of each week.

HAF (Holiday Activities and Food Programme) government-funded initiative is available for Lambeth resident and attend a Lambeth School. There is a 15% discrepancy allowed for those who either live or attend outside Lambeth allocated by the Council on a first come first served basis. For more information contact [info@thebouryacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@thebouryacademy.co.uk)

## **Parks - Facilities & Services**

### **Archbishop's Park**

**7:30am - 15 minutes before sunset - Carlisle Lane, SE1 7LE**

A popular medium-sized open space in the heart of Waterloo. The park has a large children's playground and an extensive set of bookable sports facilities, including artificial grass sports pitches, cricket nets and tennis courts, along with changing rooms and toilets.

### **Hillside Gardens Park**

**7:30am - 15 minutes before sunset - Hillside Road, SW2 3HL**

A medium-sized but popular park situated between Streatham Hill and Tulse Hill.

It contains a children's playground and open games space, as well as a dog-free picnic area, a dog exercise area, and open lawns.

### **Knights Hill Wood Nature Reserve**

**7:30am - 15 minutes before sunset - Cedar Tree Grove, SE27 0SP**

A small yet valuable pocket of woodland in Lambeth, and is managed for both its wildlife interest and as an educational resource for local schools and residents. It has a wide range of fungi and insects, including the larvae of Stag Beetles.

### **The Rookery, Streatham**

**7:30am until 30 minutes before dusk - Covington Way, SW16 3BX**

An attractive formal garden located between Streatham, Norbury and West Norwood.

The Rookery, a Grade 11 Listed Historic Garden, contains a cascade of ornamental ponds, planted herbaceous and wildflower beds, including an Old English Garden and a White Garden

For more information about parks in Lambeth telephone 020 7926 900 or email [parks@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:parks@lambeth.gov.uk)

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