



## Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London



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

### Winter Light - **FREE - no ticket required**

**South Bank Centre - Belvedere Road, SE1 8XX**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Missing the illuminations of London's Christmas Lights? The free Winter Light trail concludes this weekend, with six installations adding light and colour to the dark winter nights. Each artist uses light and colour in playful ways, at the same time exploring topics at the forefront of society, such as individual and collective identity, the environment and technology. Take them all in as you wander their site: the best time to visit, it goes without saying, is after dark, but you can see them whenever they are open. The exhibition features work by Samia Halaby, David Batchelor, Rafaël Rozendaal, France Lise McGurn, Jakob Kvist, Nathaniel Rackowe, Squire & Partners, Liz West, Otecki and Tavares Strachan.

<https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/>

### Palace Gardens - **FREE**

**Hampton Court Palace, East Molesey, surrey, KT8 1Au**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

The first gardens open day of 2026 will take place at Hampton Court Palace, giving the public free entry to parts of the gardens you'd usually have to pay to visit. The gardens of Hampton Court Palace span a staggering 800+ acres of formal gardens and historic parkland. Garden Open Days take place a handful of times a year, from spring until late autumn, and are open to anyone who wants to explore the grounds. Highlights of the open space include:

The Great Fountain Garden, The Privy Garden, The Kitchen Garden,  
The Pond Garden, The Lower Orangery and Terrace.

Gardens and the Pond Garden are among areas you can explore for free, please note that you'll still need a paid admission ticket if you want to visit the Palace itself, the Maze or the Magic Garden Playground.

<https://www.hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace/>

### Art of Doodling - **FREE - no ticket required**

**The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall, SE1 8XX**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026 1:30pm - 2:45pm**

**Ages 5 - 11 (must be accompanied on site)**

Dive into the art of doodling with artist Erdem Kuslu, as you discover that anything can be canvas and every doodle is a work of art! *Saturday Sessions* are the perfect place to start the weekend. On a monthly basis you can enjoy a piece of art, make something new along with the artists and create with other children and their families - all for free! All you need to pack is your imagination as Kuslu will show you how scribbles and scrawls can become whole worlds if you sprinkle a bit of creativity. With a showcase of the artist's work and through drawing exercises and group games to get you and your family doodling away. Born and raised in Hackney, Erdem Kuslu is a magician with a pen. With a background spanning computer science, sociology and visual arts, Kuslu uses detailed cluster drawings to explore the complexity of the everyday.

<https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/saturday-sessions-the-art-of-doodling/>

## Durning Library - Story time - **FREE**

167 Kennington Lane, SE11 4HF

Fridays until February ½ term - 10:00am - 11:30am

For children and parents. Join librarians for songs, stories, and rhyme sessions.

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## West Norwood Library - Esport Youth Club - **FREE**

1-5 Norwood High Street, SE27 9JU

Monday's until February ½ term- 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Calling all gamers! Dive into the exciting world of esports at Esport Youth Club. Enjoy thrilling gaming sessions, meet fellow enthusiasts and challenge your friends in a friendly, competitive environment. Complimentary food will be provided.

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## West Norwood Library - Young Readers Club - **FREE**

1-5 Norwood High Street, SE27 9JU

Tuesday's until February ½ term - 4:00pm - 5:00pm

A club to support children learning to read, struggling readers, and those learning English.

Sessions are led by a retired school teacher.

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## Streatham Library - Wriggle and Rhyme Baby Rhyme Time - **FREE**

63 Streatham High Road, SW16 1PN

Tuesday's until February ½ term- 10:00am - 11:00am

The session starts with 30 minutes of play and socialisation from 10am. At 10:30am

Library staff will lead with songs and rhymes, especially for babies and toddlers.

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## Upper Norwood Library - Homework Club - **FREE**

39 Westow Hill, SE19 1TQ

Thursday's until February ½ term - 4:00p - 5:00pm

For parents/carers and their children aged 5 to 11 years. Come and use library

Books and other resources for help with school homework.

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## Streatham Library - Debt Advice Kiosk - **FREE**

63 Streatham High Road, SW16 1PN

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January - 10:00am - 5:00pm

The debt advice kiosk offers free expert advice via video for individual with financial difficulties or money worries. Each kiosk is designed as a soundproof booth, ensuring conversations remain private and confidential. Walk-in service, no appointment is required.

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## **She Goat Theatre Club - FREE**

**Aged 60s - 90s**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**10:30am - 12:30pm refreshments provided.**

**Longfield Hall, 50 Knatchbull Road, SE5 9QY**

This is a free drama group for local older women. New members are welcomed to attend!

No experience is necessary. It's a friendly and relaxed space to explore making theatre -

Acting, creative writing, music movement and design - while meeting new people.

To sign up please email Shamira & Eugenie & [shegoatx@gmail.com](mailto:shegoatx@gmail.com)

## **Zumba with Melody**

**Friday evenings 7:30pm - 8:30pm from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**£8 intro, £10 per adult, £5 over 60s - pay cash on arrival**

**Longfield Hall, 50 Knatchbull Road, SE5 9QY**

Melody (aka Donna Burke) has been in the dance/performance industry for 20+ years as a professional dancer, dance teacher, casting director & choreographer in many dance genres.

She is currently a burlesque artist, belly dancer/teacher and Zumba instructor. Melody is passionate about dance and passing this on to others, helping people to keep fit

mentally and physically in the local community. For more information, please contact Melody at [donnaburke1229@gmail.com](mailto:donnaburke1229@gmail.com) or phone 07508 397 351.

## **Silver Yoga**

**Tuesdays from 10am - 11am**

**£5 per class or £30 block booking. Free for those over 66**

**Longfield Hall, 60 Knatchbull Road, SE5 9QY**

These are wonderful and gentle classes for over 50, bringing together the benefit of Yoga and Pranayama with a great element of community. Yoga classes help the over 50s by providing elasticity to the spine, firming up the skin, removing tension from the body, strengthening the abdominal muscles, and improve the quality of muscle tone and correct bad posture. These benefits are being increasingly proven by science - and arguably, those who stand to gain the most from yoga's advantages are the over-fifties. It's also an excellent way to stay fit and supple in middle age: last year. Please contact Laura directly to book.

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