Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

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

Fun Palaces Weekend – FREE

Half Moon Theatre Fun Palace, White Horse Road, London E1 0ND

Saturday 3rd October, 10am – 4pm

Half Moon Theatre will be hosting a Fun Palace on Saturday with art and craft all day in our foyer space. In the theatre, we will have new sessions of either storytelling, movement or music taking place every 20 minutes. We also have activities and refreshments in our garden all day. All events are free. Refreshments are available to buy during the day. Find other Fun Palaces across London all this weekend at:
https://funpalaces.co.uk/find-a-fun-palace/

The Big Draw – FREE

Quentin Blake Centre for Illustration, 1 Myddelton Passage, EC1R 1AG

Saturday 3rd October, 11am – 4pm

Join us for the official launch celebration of The Big Draw Festival 2026 at Quentin Blake Centre for Illustration. Throughout the day, visitors of all ages are invited to get involved with a joyful and jam-packed programme of artist-led workshops and activities. Across Quentin Blake Centre you'll find plenty of opportunities to experiment, play and create with an exciting line-up of artists, illustrators, and creative facilitators. With a mix of free drop-in activities, bookable workshops and exhibition tours, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Check out the full programme here.

Chelsea Physic Garden – FREE

Chelsea Physic Garden, 66 Royal Hospital Road, SW3 4HS

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th October, 10am – 5pm (last entry 4.30pm)

Step into Chelsea Physic Garden and travel back in time at London's oldest botanical garden. Across the weekend of the Chelsea History Festival, the whole family can get hands-on with nature and history. Try pond dipping, craft activities, and enjoy lively storytelling sessions.
https://www.chelseaphysicgarden.co.uk/event/open-weekend/

Horniman Museum – Octonauts Adventure - FREE

100 London Road, Forest Hill, SE23 3PQ

Pick up a free trail and join the Octonauts crew on mini-missions throughout the Museum, and discover some fun Octofacts along the way. Then head outside to the Sound Garden for a bonus adventure 10am – 5.30pm
https://www.horniman.ac.uk/event/octonauts-adventure-at-the-horniman/

Cosy Craft (Crea8tive Arts) FREE

Brixton Tate Library, Brixton Oval, SW2 1JQ

Sunday 4th October, 12.30 – 2.30pm

Explore and learn both old and new crafts. Enjoy various weekly workshops, including drawing, painting, flower pressing and more with materials provided. https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/events/cosy-craft-cre8tive-arts#event-location

Dr Bike - FREE

Voltaire Road, Stockwell, SW4 7UR

Saturday 3rd October, 10am – 2pm

Experienced mechanics check everything on your bike from wheels, brakes, gears, tyre pressure and more
https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/events/dr-bike-voltaire-road

Black History Month events

Family-friendly Black History Month events in London include cultural fairs, interactive music workshops, and community festivals taking place throughout October 2026

The Brixton Experience Black History Month Tour: Explore Brixton's Black history, Windrush legacy, and Caribbean culture at Windrush Square on Saturday, 3 October 2026 at 11:00 AM (ages 14+) Tickets @£20 (2 for 1 deal) https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-brixton-experience-black-history-month-2026-registration-2000004863385?aff=ebdiglgoogleliveevents

Exhibition of artist Josyln Walker Peart - FREE

'Crossing Time' from 1st Oct– 30th Oct at Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Crossing Time is an exhibition celebrating the work of the late Jamaican artist Joslyn Walker Peart

An evening with Grantley Haynes: From Windrush to British Reggae FREE

Thursday 1st October, 6.30pm at Brixton Library SW2 1JQ

Join us for a lively talk and audience Q& A with Grantley Haynes, a pioneering voice in British reggae, and author of *The British Reggae Music Industry* and his current title *From Windrush to British Reggae*

Free event but reserve a ticket:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-with-grantley-haynes-from-windrush-to-british-reggae-tickets-1998534958861

Black Culture Market

Assembly Hall, Lambeth Town Hall, 1 Brixton Hill, SW2 1RW

Saturday 3rd October and Sunday 4th October, 12.00 – 5.00pm

Black Culture Market returns to Brixton for another vibrant weekend celebrating African and Caribbean culture, creativity and commerce. Taking place over two days at Lambeth Town Hall, this popular indoor market brings together more than 40 Black-owned businesses, offering visitors the opportunity to discover unique products while supporting independent entrepreneurs from across the UK

Tickets & Information: https://www.blackculturemarket.co.uk

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