



**Holiday play schemes and
things to do in the holidays and at weekends**

**Brent Children and Families Information Service
(CFIS)**

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School Term and Holiday Dates 2018/2019

The term dates below are for community schools and nurseries only.
Check the website of other schools and academies for details of their term dates.

Autumn term 2018	
Term Starts	Monday 3 September 2018
Half Term	Monday 22 October 2018 - Friday 26 October 2018
Term Ends	Friday 21 December 2018
Christmas holiday	Wednesday 24 December 2018 - Friday 4 January 2019
Bank Holidays	Tuesday 25 December 2018 Wednesday 26 December 2018 Tuesday 1 January 2019
Spring term 2019	
Term Starts	Monday 7 January 2019
Half Term	Monday 18 February 2019 - Friday 22 February 2019
Term Ends	Friday 05 April 2019
Spring holiday (Easter)	Friday 8 April 2019 to Monday 22 April 2019
Bank Holidays	Friday 19 April 2019 Monday 22 April 2019
Summer term 2019	
Term Starts	Tuesday 23 April 2019
Half Term	Half term Monday 27 May 2019 - Friday 31 May 2019
Term Ends	Friday 26 July 2019
Bank Holidays	Monday 6 May 2019 Monday 27 May 2019
Autumn term 2019	
Term Starts	Monday 2 September 2019
Half term	Monday 21 October 2019 - Friday 25 October
Term ends	Thursday 19 December 2019
Christmas holiday	Friday 20 December - Friday 3 January
Bank holidays	Wednesday 25 December 2019 Thursday 26 December 2019 Wednesday 1 January 2020

Out of School Services

Out of school services are for school-age children to play and learn and have fun in groups. In Brent they are in schools, at community centres or in parks and sports centres.

Registration with the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted)

All childcare providers must join the early years register if they care for children up to the end reception class age or the compulsory childcare register if they care for children aged 5 to under 8 years. They may join Ofsted's voluntary register if they only care for children over 8 years or they provide after school activities at do not count as childcare. They do not register with Ofsted if they are provided by a school on school premises but parents who are eligible for the childcare element of Working Tax Credit may claim for childcare at after school provision in schools.

Ask at your child's school to find out what services they provide.

Some have clubs for particular activities such as football or music even if they do not have an after school club. These activities do not count as childcare and if there is a charge you will not be able to claim childcare costs for them unless they are on Ofsted's voluntary childcare register.

How do I know my child will be safe and secure?

Out of school services registered with Ofsted are checked to make sure staff are suitable to look after children. At least half of them must be trained. The minimum staffing ratios are 1 worker, paid or

voluntary, to every 8 children aged 3 to under 8. Care for children aged 8+ must not adversely affect younger children. There must be at least two full time staff members in every group of 26 children. At least one of these must have or be working towards an appropriate qualification. Out of school services provided by schools are inspected by Ofsted as part of the school's regular education inspection.

All staff, whether paid or voluntary, full time or part time, qualified or unqualified, must have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) enhanced disclosure.

All types of out of school service on Ofsted's early years, compulsory or voluntary registers or provided by schools allow parents to claim childcare element of Working Tax Credit if they are on lower incomes. For holiday care, the provider must provide the service for at least four consecutive weeks. Call the **Tax Credits Helpline on 0845 300 3900** to find out if you can claim help with out of school childcare costs. Text phone 0845 300 3909, website www.hmrc.gov.uk and click on Tax Credits.

How many children will there be?

In Brent it varies from 10 to 150, depending on the accommodation. Higher numbers are taken at a smaller number of locations in the holidays.

What age range of children will be there?

Most children attending out of school services are aged between 5 and 11. Some services provide places for three and four year olds to fit around nursery or pre-school education. Some services provide places for children aged 10-14.

What about part-time childcare?

Many out of school services will be happy to offer you part-time childcare. You may need to book regular sessions to make sure a place is available when you need it.

School run play schemes

<p>Granville Plus Children's Centre Carlton Centre, Granville Road London NW6 5RA Tel: 020 7604 4620</p>	<p>School play scheme: Open: 1pm to 3pm, Monday - Friday Age group: 3 – 5 years Cost: £3.50 per hour + £2.75 for lunch <u>Special Needs</u>: Dependent on need Not running play scheme this half term April 2019</p>
<p>Leopold Primary School Hawkeshead Road Harlesden NW10 9UR Tel: 020 8459 5654</p>	<p>School play scheme: Open: 8:30am to 5:30pm Monday - Friday Age Group: 5 - 11 years Cost: £20 per day Only for children attending the school Play scheme from 8th to 12th April 2019</p>
<p>Mitchell Brook Primary School Bridge Road NW10 9BX Tel: 020 8459 5681/1392</p>	<p>School play scheme: Open: 8:30am - 5:30pm, Monday - Friday Age group: 5 - 11 years Cost: £15 per day if pre-booked otherwise £18 per day (10% sibling discount off total weekly booking of families with two or more children) <u>Special Needs</u>: Yes Please inform staff in advance vacancies so appropriate staffing levels and risk assessments can be completed Play scheme from 8th to 12th April 2019</p>

<p>Oakington Manor Primary School Oakington Manor Drive HA9 6NF Tel: 020 8902 2871</p>	<p>School play scheme: Open: 8.30am – 5.30pm, Monday – Friday Age group: 5 - 11 years Cost: Long day £90 p/week, £23 p/day <u>Special Needs:</u> All children are welcome (unable to offer to children who require 1 to 1 support) Not running play scheme this half term April 2019</p>
<p>Park Lane Primary School Park Lane, HA9 7RY Tel: 020 8902 5006</p>	<p>School play scheme: Open: 8am to 6pm, Monday - Friday Age group: 5 - 11 years Cost: £135 per week spenrose@parklane.brent.sch.uk <u>Special Needs:</u> Tel: 07904 468 195 To register a place contact Miss Penrose. Not running play scheme this half term April 2019</p>
<p>Princess Frederica Church Of England Primary School NW10 5TP Tel: 0208 969 7756</p>	<p>School play scheme: Open: 8am - 6pm, Monday - Friday Age group: 4 - 11 years Cost: £20 per day Children to bring in a packed lunch and a healthy snack All children welcome <u>Special Needs:</u> Only if already attend School To register contact the school on 020 8969 7756 or school website Play scheme from 8th to 18th April 2019</p>

Privately run play schemes

<p>2 DA Stage performing Arts & Childcare Club @ Ark Academy Primary School Forty Avenue Wembley HA9 9JR</p>	<p>Open: 8am - 6pm, Monday - Friday Age Group: 5 - 12 years Cost: £80 per week if paid in advance For further information or to register go to www.2dastage.com. There are no refunds – late collection charge £1 for every 1 minute Tel: 07983 747 503 Play scheme from 8th to 18th April 2019</p>
<p>Children Making a Change @ Gladstone Park Primary Sherrick Green Road Willesden NW10 1LB Tel: 020 8452 1350</p>	<p>Open: 8:30am - 5:45pm, Monday - Friday Age group: 4 - 12 years Cost: £75 per week £18 per day Children need to bring a packed lunch Tel: 07904 147 399 Play scheme from 8th to 12th April 2019</p>
<p>Energy Kidz @ Preston Park Primary School College Road HA9 8RJ</p>	<p>Open: 8am - 6pm, Monday - Friday Age group: 4 to 11 years Cost: 8am to 6pm £32.50 per day; 8am to 4pm £29; 10am to 4pm £25.50; 10am to 6pm £29.00 No registration or deposit Children need to bring a packed lunch Tel: 03335 771 533 To book you would need to set up an account online at www.energy-kidz.co.uk Play scheme from 8th to 18th April 2019</p>
<p>Kidzplay @ Northview Primary Northview Crescent London NW10 1RD</p>	<p>Open: 8am - 6pm, Monday - Friday Age group: 4 – 13 years Cost: from £50 per Week Need to bring a packed lunch Tel: 07977 681 977</p>

	Play scheme from 8th to 18th April 2019
Let me Play @ Ark Franklin Primary Harvist Road Kilburn NW6 6HJ Tel: 020 8969 3846	Open: 8am - 6pm, Monday - Friday Age Group: 3 – 11 years Cost: £30 per day £115 per week Tel: 020 3475 7511 Not running play scheme this half term April 2019
Tabot Play Centre 151 Granville Road Kilburn NW6 5RA Ofsted Report: 27/07/2016 Result: Good	Open: 8am - 6pm, Monday - Friday Age group: 4 – 12 years Cost: £25 daily £90 weekly Discount for Siblings No registration or deposit Children need to bring a packed lunch Special Needs: Tel: 020 7624 3714 / 07940 937 660 Play scheme from 8th to 18th April 2019
The Kidzclub London Ltd @ Uxendon Manor Primary School Vista Way, HA3 0UX	Open: 8.30am - 5.30pm, Monday - Friday Age Group: 4 to 11years Cost: £22 per day £95 per week £10 registration fees Special Needs: Dependent on need Register by calling or email kidsclub@gmail.com to request a registration form Tel: 07932 984 664 Not running play scheme this half term April 2019
The Play shelter Ltd @ Malorees Infant /Junior School Christchurch Avenue NW6 7PB Tel: 020 8459 3038 Ofsted report:13/06/2017 Result: Good	Open: 8.00am - 6.00pm – extended day option until 6.30pm, Infant and Junior Schools Age group: 4 -12 years Cost: £80 weekly, extended day extra £10 per week Fees and outings are payable on registration Children need to bring a packed lunch. Tuck snacks and breakfast can be booked and paid for in advance at enrolment. Special Needs: Parents should contact head office to be added to mailing list to receive enrolment information. Head office contact details are Tel 0207 407 6744 or email admin@theplaysshelter.co.uk Play scheme from 8th to 18th April 2019

Sports services play schemes

All Day Play Scheme Bridge Park Community Leisure Centre Harrow Road London NW10 0RG Tel: 020 8937 3730 bridgeparkclc@brent.gov.uk	Open: 9.00am - 5.30pm, half day 9am - 1pm or 1pm - 5.30pm, Monday - Friday Age Group: 8 - 13 years Cost: Full day £11 per day; half day £6.50. Bring packed lunch Special Needs: Activities include Badminton, Trampoline, basketball, football volleyball dodgeball and table tennis. Book at Centre Reception Last time to attend full day play scheme is 10am. Activities on the day will vary. Your child must have packed lunch: No jeans, No mobiles or other devices are allowed; Refunds will not be given for sessions which have been paid for and not cancelled. Play scheme from 8th to 18th April 2019
Fit For Sport Activity Camp at Vale Farm Watford Road	Open: 8.30am - 5.30pm, Monday - Friday Age Group: 5 -12 years Cost: 9.30am - 4.30pm, £23.69 per standard day

<p>Wembley HA0 3HG Tel: 020 8908 6545</p>	<p>8.30am - 5.30pm, £28.58 per extended day 9.30am - 13.30pm, £17.75 per half day Children bring lunch pack Activities will include football, tennis, badminton, trampoline, gymnastics, Activity Challenge, multi-sports, dodgeball, cricket, rounder's, arts & crafts and much more. Special Needs: Will accept children with additional needs – please inform when booking – Additional costs apply www.fitforsport.co.uk or call 0845 456 3233. Play scheme from 8th to 18th April 2019</p>
<p>Fit For Sport Activity Camp at Willesden Sport Centre Willesden Sports Centre Donnington Road NW10 3QX Tel: 020 8955 1120 willesden@1life.co.uk</p>	<p>Open: 8.30am - 5.30pm, Monday - Friday Age Group: 5 – 12 years Cost: 9.30am - 4.30pm. £25.75 per standard day 8.30am – 5.30pm, £30.90 per extended day 9.30am - 1.30, £19.31 per half day Activities will include “Chicken, Twin or Hero”, Frustration, Capture the Flag, Gladiator, relay racing, Fruit Corner, Cut the Cake and much more. Swimming will take place every day except Friday's. Other activities will include Arts & Crafts sessions, Parachute Games, Team Games & Sport Specific Activities - Note these activities are subject to change. Special Needs: Will accept children with additional needs – please inform when booking – Additional costs apply www.fitforsport.co.uk or call 0845 456 3233. Play scheme from 8th to 18th April 2019</p>
<p>SatH Community Sports & Wellbeing Charity Roundwood Youth Club Longstone Avenue, NW10 3UN</p>	<p>Open: 10am to 3pm Ages: 5 – 14 years Cost: £5 per day include lunch Tel: 07857 992 633 Sports and art Email: hello@sportattheheart.org.</p>

Special Needs play schemes

<p>Brent Play Association Ground Floor, Peppermint Heights Northwick Road, Alperton HA0 1LG</p>	<p>Open every day from 10 am for young people who have special needs. Most of our clients have finished school /college and attend Peppermint Heights during the day to take part in a range of activities designed to enhance their independent living skills. A few are still at school / college but are not attending full time. We are also open weekends from 10- 4pm, after school and every school Holiday. Play scheme Open: 9am - 4pm, Monday - Friday Age group: 8 years and over Cost: Dependent on need To register call 0208 998 9986 for a registration form or email julie@brentplay.org or visit website www.brentplay.org Tel: 020 8998 9986 Play scheme from 8th to 18th April 2019</p>
<p>Brent Mencap 379-381 High Road London NW10 2JR 020 8451 5278</p>	<p>Brent Mencap is the leading voluntary sector organization in Brent working with and on behalf of people of all ages with a learning disability. https://brentmencap.org.uk/ Email: Info@brentmencap.org.uk</p>

	Not running play scheme this half term April 2019
D.A.R.E. play scheme at The Village School Grove Park, Kingsbury, London, NW9 0JY Tel: 020 8204 5396	Open: 9am - 3pm from Tuesday 19 th – Thursday 21 st February Age group: 3 – 19 years Cost: £66 per day (1:1 will incur additional charges) No registration fee charged Children to bring a packed lunch Activities: Arts and Crafts, Cooking, Messy play, Water play, Table top games, Sports, Movies, Music, Outdoor activities, Local parks and Weekly trips Contact: Tunde Alabi @ THE VILLAGE SCHOOL daresaturdayplaygroup@gmail.com Tel: 07721 857 224 Play scheme running from 9th, to 11th and from 15th to 18th April 2019

Activities 0 - 19 years

Active Lifestyles team by Brent Council's Outdoor gyms For more information please visit Brent website www.brent.gov.uk/sport/services	We have several outdoor gyms in Brent in the following parks. Barham Park (HA0 2HB), Northwick Park (HA0 3TQ), Woodcock Park (HA3), Chalkhill Park (HA9), Preston Park (HA9), King Edward VII Park Wembley (HA9 7RX), Gladstone Park (NW2), Neasden Recreation Ground (NW2), South Kilburn Open Space (NW6), Roe Green Park (NW9), Roundwood Park (NW10), Gibbons Recreation Ground (NW10), Tiverton Playing Field(NW10), The outdoor gyms can be used free of charge, seven days a week and are suitable for persons aged 12 and over. The outdoor gyms have a wide variety of equipment to help you improve your cardiorespiratory fitness, your muscle strength and tone and flexibility. Each piece of equipment has instructions on how to use it as well as QR codes you can scan with your smartphone to access videos of how it works. We run free instructor led sessions by qualified gym instructors on a weekly basis at some of the outdoor gyms for those who require that little bit more motivation to exercise and those who enjoy participating in exercise with likeminded people. There is no need to book these sessions, so come along and join in.
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Park

Junior Park Run – Meet children's play area Queens Park Kilburn NW6 6SG	Junior Park Run Every Sunday 9am Age Group: 4 to 14yrs Cost: Free It is 2km – great facilities in the park – toilets, café, children's play, tennis and small animal farm. Need a barcode to run which can be downloaded from website www.parkrun.org.uk/queensparklondon-juniors/
Powerleague Yellow Car Park Engineers Way Wembley HA9 0EG	Activity Camp Run by qualified and background checked coaches Age group 5 to 12 Cost 10am - 3pm, £10: 9am - 3pm, £15: 9am - 4pm, £20. Weekly football camps with a different theme each day and daily competitions 10am to 3pm with early drop off and late pick up available Fun and safe available in our club houses, delicious food and drink, fresh Lavazza coffee. Book in advance or turn up on the day single and half days available. No registration fee and no deposit charged Book online powerleague.co.uk/kids-camps Tel: 0208 453 5300

<p>SatH – Community sports and wellbeing charity Roundwood Youth Centre Longstone Avenue London NW10 3UE</p>	<p>Multi Sports Open:Tuesdays 4:30pm to 5:30pm Age Group: 5+ Cost: Free Streetdance Class with EP Academy 4:30 to 5:30 Ages 8 to 16 Football – social 5 a side skills & matches Tuesday 5:30pm to 7pm Age: 14+ Cost: Free hello@sportattheheart.org Tel: 07857 992 633 www.sport@theheart.org</p>
<p>SatH Community Sports & Wellbeing Charity Willesden Green Library Willesden Green NW10 2SF</p>	<p>Multi Sports – Thursdays 5.15pm to 6.15pm Age group: 5+ hello@sportattheheart.org 07534 269921 / 07857 992 633</p>
<p>Vale Farm Sports Centre Willesden Sports Centre Vale farm Tel: 020 8908 6545 Willesden Tel:020 8955 1120</p>	<p>Kids Swim For Free during the holidays Vale Farm Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays) 11am - 4pm Willesden Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays) 10am – 12pm, 1:30pm - 2:30pm, 2:45pm to 4pm. Spaces are limited so arrive early. If you are aged 16 and under and live in the London Borough of Brent then during the holidays you can swim for FREE at Vale Farm Sports Centre and Willesden Sports Centre. You would need to register at www.everyoneactive.com. You will be issued with a kids swim for free card, which must be shown each time you want to enjoy a free swim. Children under the age of 8 and all non-swimmers must be accompanied in the swimming pool by an adult swimmer, with no more than 2 children per adult. Children under 8 that are not accompanied will not be allowed into the swimming pool. http://brent.gov.uk/services-for-residents/sport-leisure-and-parks/</p>

Learning Hub

	<p>Ealing Road Monday –Thursday 10am - 8pm Friday 10am-6pm Saturday 10am – 5pm Sunday 12 noon-5pm.</p> <p>Harlesden Monday to Thursday 10am-8pm Friday 10am 6pm Saturday 10am to 5pm Sunday 12 noon – 5pm</p> <p>Kilburn Monday & Thursday 10am -8pm Tuesday & Wednesday 10am to 6pm Saturday 10am-5pm Sunday 10-5pm</p> <p>Kingsbury Monday & Thursday 10am-8pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10am-6pm Saturday 10am-5pm Sunday 12 noon-5pm</p> <p>Brent Civic Centre Monday – Friday 8am-8pm Saturday & Sunday 10am-5pm</p> <p>Willesden Green Monday – Friday9am- 8pm Saturday & Sunday 10am-5pm</p>
<p>British Library 96 Euston Road London NW1 2DB</p>	<p>Open 9:30am - 8pm, Monday – Thursday, 9:30am to 6pm, Friday 9:30am - 6pm, Saturday 9:30am - 5pm, Sunday 11am - 5pm. The British Library for research, inspiration and enjoyment and is the national library of the United Kingdom and the largest national library in the world by number of items catalogued. Check the website for family events https://www.bl.uk</p>
<p>Home library and outreach services</p>	<p>If you're finding it hard to get to the library (and live in Brent), we have the ideal solution for you - we can deliver books, CDs, DVDs, magazines and</p>

Please visit brent.gov.uk website for more information. Detailed access information about Brent libraries from Disabled Go	talking books direct to your door, on a regular basis. We can also allow friends and relatives to collect books and other items on your behalf. We have a good selection of books in large print for people who find ordinary print too small plus we stock a collection of talking books - often read by famous actors and celebrities, and in many languages.
Willesden Library 95 High Road Willesden NW10 2SF	Sparkle & Boom – Creative drama workshops Thursday 4pm - 5pm Ages: 5 -11 years Cost: Free Fun Fit Families Active games and fun fitness for the whole family Thursdays term-time 5pm – 6:15pm All ages Cost: Free

Help with your childcare cost

30 Hours of Free child Care for 3 and 4 year olds of working parents:

You may be eligible if both parents, carers or the sole parent (in a lone parent family) earn on average the equivalent of 16 hours at the national minimum wage or national living wage. Each parent earns less than £100,000 per year. You live in England. All 3 and 4 years olds are entitled to 15 hours of free childcare and education for the equivalent of 38 weeks per year from the term after their third birthday. Working parents who meet the criteria could be entitled to an extra 15 hours of free early education for their 3 and 4 years olds- 30 hours in total. Parent will have the option of using more than one childcare provider. To apply please apply on line <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow> or call on 030 0123 4097.

If you are eligible you will receive an 11 digit code from the HMRC. You will present this code to the childcare provider/providers of your choice, speak to them to get advice on any potential charges they may include. Please note, families will need to have a valid code in the term before they wish to take up the place. Be aware, if your employment status changes you may lose the additional 15 hours funding. For more information please visit Brent website free.early.education@brent.gov.uk or www.brent.gov.uk/childcare.

Early years education grant (NEG) for 3 and 4 year olds:

Free nursery education is available for three and four year olds usually from the term after the third birthday who attend Brent day care settings that are part of the NEG scheme. Participating childminders are shown on this list. For further information on claiming Brent's free nursery education contact: Brent Children and Information Service on 0208 937 3010 or visit www.brent.gov.uk/childcare

Early years education grant for 2 year olds:

Some families with a child aged 2 are eligible for 15 hours free nursery education grant. Criteria such as being on Income Support, Job Seeker Allowance, An income related employment and support allowance, Child Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190.00 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (TC 602 Final Award Notice- 2012/2013). Please note you are not eligible if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit or your Child is in care or looked after, SEN is considered. For further information on NEG 2 please contact Brent Children's and Families Information Service on 0208 937 3010 or you can also contact the sufficiency team on 0208 937 2462.

NEG2@brent.gov.uk or visit website www.brent.gov.uk/neg

Tax-Free childcare:

Working parents with children under 12 (under 17 for with disabilities children) can set up an online childcare account to pay their childcare providers directly. For every £8 parents pay in the account Government will add £2, up to a maximum contribution of £2,000 per child, per year (£4,000 per year for disabled children) To qualify parents must be in work and each earning at least £115 a week and not more than £100,000 per year. For more information please visit the www.gov.uk website

Childcare element of working Tax Credits:

Working Tax credit is paid to people in work to top up low wages. Tax credit can include a childcare element, which gives help to parent with registered childcare costs. The childcare element of working tax credit can pay up to 70 % of eligible childcare costs. For more information please visit www.gov.uk website

Employer supported Childcare:

Childcare vouchers and employer-supported childcare. Some employers offer vouchers towards childcare costs for parents, often known as a “salary sacrifice” scheme. You can use the vouchers towards the cost of childcare which is registered or approved or, in some cases, school-based. Please visit www.gov.uk

Discretionary Learning support Fund:

If you're aged 19 or over and studying in a college course, the Discretionary learner Support Fund may be able to help you with a variety of costs, including childcare. The amount of funding available will vary for each college. You can apply for the Discretionary Learner Support Funding at your college. For information contact the National Careers Service on 0800100 900

Care to Learn:

If you are aged under 20 at the start of your course, Care to Learn helps with the costs of your childcare so that you can continue your education or training You can get up to £175 per child per week if you live in London. For more information please visit [www.gov.uk/care to learn](http://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn) or call helpline 080012108989.

16-19 Bursary Fund:

You could get a bursary to help with education-related costs if you're aged 16 to 19 and in further education. It can be used to pay for this like clothing, books and If you're aged 19 or over other equipment for your course and transport and lunch on days you study or train. Please visit www.gov.uk

Childcare Grant:

If you are a full-time higher education or PGCE student with dependent children aged under 15 (under 17 if your child is disabled) you may be able to get the childcare Grant through the Students Loan Company for more information please contact Student Finance England on 0300 100 0607 or visit www.gov.uk

The Parents Learning Allowance – for higher education

Full time students could get extra support with course-related cost such as travel, books, equipment and childcare, on top of the childcare Grant (see above). The amount you are awarded will depend on your circumstances. For more information please visit www.gov.uk or contact **Student Finance England** on 0300 100 0607

NHS Childcare Allowance:

If you are a health professional student and receive an NHS Bursary, you can apply for help towards your childcare costs through the NHS Childcare Allowance. The NHS childcare Allowance can pay up 85% of your childcare costs, up to maximum amount. The amount you receive will depend on your personal circumstances. For more information please contact NHS Student Bursary Helpline on 0300 330 1345

Things to do in the holidays and at weekends

Access for people with special needs is good at most of these locations.

Your children travel free on public transport in Greater London. Under 11s travelling with an adult don't even need an Oyster card. Young people aged 11 to under 18 do need one and you can get the application form at any station. It may take up to two weeks to be issued. More information:

www.tfl.gov.uk

Family Days Out

Parks

<p>Parks please visit Brent website</p>	<p>Outdoor sport facilities www.brent.gov.uk/parks</p>
<p>Acton Park London W3 7LB</p>	<p>The Park opened to the public in 1888 to commemorate the golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria. A dying Dutch Elm tree, one of the last in the borough, close to the main entrance has been transformed into a dramatic 28 foot carved statue called the Twilight Tree.</p> <p>Facilities include bowling green and pavilion, tennis courts, multi-use games area, play centre, playground, café, pond, apple art block who run community and art projects with young people, basketball/football court and climbing block.</p> <p>Entrances on Uxbridge Road (main), The Vale, East Acton Avenue and Churchfields Road.</p> <p>Bus: 207, 266, 70 E3 Tube: Acton Town Train: Acton Central</p>
<p>Brent Lodge Park Church Road, Hanwell W7 3BL Tel: 0208 825 6999</p>	<p>Brent Lodge Park is a local favourite for families.</p> <p>Modern playground facilities and the millennium maze for children. Public toilets, café animal centre, tennis courts multi use games area BLP as well as other grand trees making it a great place to spot wildlife in many forms.</p> <p>Bus: E3 and E1 on Greenford Avenue 83,92,195,207,282,427 and 607 The parks are accessible East via Church Road, South via footpath form Ealing hospital under the Wharncliffe Viaduct, North from the Ruislip Road at Greenford Bridge via public footpaths along the river, West form Greenford Road via footpath through the West Middlesex Gold Course and crossing the River Brent by bridge. Trains: Hanwell mainline</p>
<p>Fryent Country Park Fryent Way London NW9 9SE</p>	<p>Fryent County Park together with Barn Hill Open Space is a large park situated in the north of the London Borough of Brent. It covers 103 hectares of rolling fields and small woods.</p> <p>A designated nature reserve, it is also used by local conservation volunteer groups like Friends of Fryent park and the Barn Hill Conservation Group as well as recreation use.</p> <p>A small part is let on licence for grazing ponies. There is no formal organised sport.</p> <p>Bus:98 Tube: Kingsbury</p>
<p>Gladstone Park Dolis Hill Lane London NW2 6RJ</p>	<p>Gladstone Park is situated in the Dollis hill area of north-west London. The park was opened in 1901 and may of its features date from that time. It has children’s playground, walled flower garden, Abroetum, Holocaust memorial, Terraced garden, duck pond art gallery and café, wildlife area, allotments and city views.</p> <p>Bus: 232</p>
<p>Golders Hill Park North End Way London NW3 7HE 020 7332 3511</p>	<p>Golders Hill Park’s landscaped grounds contain beautiful plant displays including the peaceful Mediterranean and water gardens, a popular café and a bandstand. There is also a variety of leisure facilities including tennis courts, croquet lawn, all-weather table tennis tables, zoo and butterfly house and a children’s play area.</p> <p>Golders Hill Park is home to a free zoo, with a growing collection of rare and exotic birds and mammals such as laughing kookaburras, ring-tailed lemurs and ring-tailed coatis.</p> <p>Bus: 210 268 Tube: Golders Green</p>

<p>Holland Park Ilchester Place Kensington London W8 6LU</p>	<p>The Royal Boroughs largest park with 22.5 hectares of gardens, Facilities include children’s play facilities, sports areas a café and large areas of woodland abundant with wildlife. Contained within the park is the beautiful Kyoto Garden; a Japanese garden donated by the chamber of Commerce of Kyoto in 1991. Holland Park is also the base of the borough’s Ecology Service. The Ecology Centre at Holland Park runs a series of events, activities and educational visits and workshops for schools. They also run a wildlife club for children, holiday activities and a full programme of events for all ages Tube: Kensington High Street, Notting Hill Gate</p>
<p>Ravenscourt park Paddenswick Road W6 0UA</p>	<p>Ravenscourt Park is one of Hammersmith and Fulham borough flagship park and features a paddling pool and kid’s beach in the summer. The 13 hectare open space is well used by local residents and visitors. Facilities include 4 play areas of 0-5 year olds 1 play area for 5-13 year olds, Paddling pool, sandpit, café, tennis courts, football pitch (Astroturf) basketball courts (outdoor) netball courts (Outdoor), bowling green, garden centre and café. Main entrances to Ravenscourt Park are on King Stree, Ravenscourt Avenue Ravenscourt Road Padenswick Road and Goldhawk Road Bus: 27,190,267,391,H91,N9, N11 Tube: Ravenscourt park, Stamford Brook</p>
<p>Roundwood Park Harlesden Road London NW10</p>	<p>Roundwood Park was opened in 1895 and has always been devoted to floral displays and a relaxing environment. Facilities include Roundwood Lodge Café, toilets (located in the café) Wildlife area, aviary and children playground. Bus: 206 226</p>
<p>Welsh Harp Reservoir Birchen Grove London NW9</p>	<p>The Welsh Harp or Brent Reservoir is a 170 hectare of open water marshes, trees and grassland less than 10 miles from the centre of London. It is designated a Ste of Special Scientific Interest. The reservoir provides a valuable habitat for wildlife and an attractive recreational centre. There us a Welsh Harp conservation group and its home to the Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre Two Bird hides are on the site that are maintained by the Welsh Harp Conservation Group Bus 182</p>
<p>Sky Garden 1 Sky Garden Walk London EC3M 8AF</p>	<p>Access to the Sky Garden is free of charge. A limited number of tickets are available each day, please book them through booking system. Tickets are released three weeks in advance and can be booked up to one hour in advance. Tickets are only valid for the date and time stated on the ticket and have a time limit of 1.0 hrs from time of entry. Bus: 40 Tube: Monument Tower Hill Tower Gate Bank and Mansion House Train: Fenchurch Street Cannon Street London Bridge</p>

Galleries

<p>National Portrait Gallery St Martin’s Place London WC2H 0HE 020 7306 0055</p>	<p>Open: Daily 10:am – 18:00pm Friday Late until 21:00pm Cost: Free (Donations welcome) Explore the Gallery together and create your own 3D portrait; your own 3D portrait Gallery and have your own sketch book to draw what inspires you in the Gallery. Our exciting, free family trails can be picked up from FAB and the Information Desk. Family Activity Base – Every weekend and every day during the school holidays visit FAB – our art cart of free art materials for you to create your own portraits in the Gallery. It’s open from 11am – 4pm Tube: Charing Cross Leicester Square and Embankment Bus: 24,29 and 176</p>
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<p>National Gallery Trafalgar Square London WC2N 5DN</p>	<p>Open: Daily 10am – 6pm Friday 10am – 9pm Cost: Free The National Gallery houses one of the greatest collections of paintings in the world and offers free entrance 361 days a year. Families can get involved in art workshops, story time, songs, walk and talk events, craft sessions and more. Crafty workshops and playful activity during the holidays Bus: 3,6,9,11,13,15,23,24,87,91,139 and 176 Tube: and train Charing Cross, Leicester Square</p>
<p>Tate Britain Millbank London SW1P 4RG</p>	<p>Open: Monday to Sunday 10am to 6pm Cost: Free Costs vary depending on the exhibition. The home of British art from 1500 to the present day Tube: Pimlico Vauxhall Westminster Bus 87, 88, C10, 2, 36, 185, 436</p>
<p>Tate Modern Bankside London SE1 9TG</p>	<p>Open Sunday to Thursday 10am to 6pm Friday to Saturday 10am to 10pm Cost: Free Cost to Exhibitions range from £25- £15 Concession Prices range from £22 – £11 Family Child 12-18 years £5 Family Children under 12 years old are free(must be accompanied by an adult Home to International modern and contemporary art Tube Southwark Bus 45, 63,100</p>
<p>The Serpentine Gallery Kensington Gardens London W2 3XA Tel:020 7402 6075</p>	<p>Open: Daily 10am to 6pm Cost: Free The Serpentine Gallery situated in Kensington Gardens was established in 1970 and showcases emerging and established contemporary art and architecture. Bus: 148, 274, 390, 94 Tube Lancaster Gate Queensway Marble Arch information@serpentinegalleries.org</p>
<p>Serpentine Sackler Gallery West Carriage Drive London W2 2AR Tel:020 7402 6075</p>	<p>Open: Daily 10am to 6pm Cost: Free The Serpentine Sackler Gallery opened in 2013. It is located in a former 1805 gunpowder store, five minutes' walk from the Serpentine Gallery across the Serpentine Bridge. Tube: Lancaster Gate Queensway Marble Arch Bus: 148, 274, 390, 94 information@serpentinegalleries.org</p>

Museum

<p>British Museum Great Russell Street Bloomsbury London WC18 3DG Tel: 020 7323 8299</p>	<p>Open: Daily 10am to 5:30pm Fridays open to 8:30pm (except Good Friday) Cost: Free The British Museum was founded in 1753, the first national public museum in the world. From the beginning it granted free admission to all “studious and curious persons”. Visitor numbers have grown from around 5,000 a year in the eighteenth century to nearly 6 million today. Tube Tottenham Court Road, Holburn, Russel Square, Goodge Street Bus 1,8,19,25,38,55,98,242,10,14,24,73,134,390,59,68,X68,168,188 info@britishmuseum.org http://www.britishmuseum.org</p>
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<p>Charles Dickens Museum 48-49 Doughty Street London WC1N 2LX 020 7405 2127</p>	<p>Open: Tuesday – Sunday 10am to 5pm From January – November closed Mondays except Bank Holidays. In December open daily Cost: Adult £9.50 Child 6-16 years £4.50 Children under 6 years Free info@dickensmuseum.com https://dickensmuseum.com/ Visit the home (now a museum) where Dickens wrote Oliver Twist, The Pickwick Papers and Nicholas Nickleby. A visit to the Museum includes a free family trail for each child (best suited to children between 4 and 12 years) which takes them on a journey of discovery through No. 48 Doughty Street, where Dickens once lived with his wife and young family. Kids can explore the basement and its Victorian kitchen, full of period and replica items they can interact with, dress up and experience life in the kitchen and attic, try their hand at grinding coffee and put on their own play in a beautiful Victorian toy theatre. Bus: 7, 17, 19, 38, 46, 55, 243 Tube: Russell Square, Chancery Lane Holborn Kings Cross</p>
<p>Horniman Museum 100 London Road Forest Hill SE23 3PQ 020 8699 1872</p>	<p>Museum Open: Daily 10am to 5.30pm (Closed 24-26 December) Cost: Free There is a charge for the Butterfly House, the Aquarium, and some of the events and temporary exhibitions. Bus: 176, 185, 356, P4 – Stop outside the Museum and Gardens on London Road 122 stops on Dartmouth Road P13 Stops on Underhill Road 363 Stops on Sydenham Hill Road Main Line: Forest Hill enquiry@horniman.ac.uk https://www.horniman.ac.uk/</p>
<p>London Transport Museum Covent Garden Piazza London WC2E 7BB</p>	<p>Open: daily 10am – 6pm (last entry 5.15) Cost: Adult £17.50 children and young people under 18 go free (under 12's must be accompanied by an adult) London Transport Museum explores the story of London and its transport system over the last 200 years. Every school holiday parents, carers and children can make-and-take in craft workshops, and join their story time tales. Bus: RV1, 9, 11, 13, 15, 23, 139 Tube: Covent Garden, Leicester Square, Holborn, Embankment, Charing Cross Rail: Charing Cross Waterloo bookings@ltmuseum.co.uk www.ltmuseum.co.uk</p>
<p>London Museum of Water and Steam Green Dragon Lane Brentford TW8 0EN Tel: 020 8568 4757 Email: museum@waterandsteam.org.uk https://www.waterandsteam.org.uk</p>	<p>Open: 10:00am – 4:00pm Wednesday to Sunday Daily during school holidays Cost: Adult £12.50 Child 5-15 £5.50 Family ticket 1+2 £18.00 Family ticket 2+2 £30.50 Annual Pass Adult £16.50 Child (5-15) £9.50 Home of the world's largest collection of working Cornish engines, including the Grand Junction 90 inch, wannabe engineers can splash about and experiment in new water play features and enjoy interactive exhibits that tell the story of London and its water supply.</p>

	<p>Buses: 65, 237, 267, 391 All buses stop at Kew Bridge Station Tube: Gunnersbury(then 237 or 267) Kew Gardens (then 391) South Ealing the 65) Rail: Kew Bridge</p>
<p>Museum of London 150 London Wall EC2Y 5HN</p>	<p>Open: daily 10am to 6pm (closed 24,25,26 December) Cost Free Explore the stories of the world's greatest city & uncover the hidden treasures of our collections. The museum's entrance is located on a pedestrian high walk which can be reached by stairs, escalators or lifts from Aldersgate Street; London Wall or St Martin's-le-Grand.</p> <p>Bus: 4,8,25,56,100,172,242,521 Tube: Barbican St Paul's both 5 minutes' walk Train: Liverpool Street City Thameslink Farringdon https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/museum-london</p>
<p>Natural History Museum Cromwell Road London SW7 5BD</p>	<p>Open: Daily 10am to 5.50pm Last entry to the Museum is 5:30pm Closed 4-26 December Cost: Free There is a charge for some temporary exhibitions Find answers to your big nature questions. Delve into stories about the Museum's collections, scientists and research. Uncover the history of life on Earth, from the smallest insects to the largest mammals. Tube: South Kensington, Gloucester Road Bus: 14, 49, 70, 74, 345, 360, 414, 430, C1 http://www.nhm.ac.uk/</p>
<p>Science Museum Exhibition Road South Kensington London SW7 2DD</p>	<p>Open Daily 10am – 6:00pm last entry 5:15pm Closed 24-26 December Galleries start to close 30 minutes before the museum closes Cost Free – Donations welcome A ticket is required for some of our special events, activities, galleries and special exhibitions Bus: 9,10,52,452,70 Tube: South Kensington, Gloucester Road https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/</p>
<p>Victoria and Albert Museum Cromwell Road Knightsbridge London SW7 2RL Tel:020 7942 2000</p>	<p>Opens Daily 10am to 5:45 Fridays open till 10pm Cost: Free The Victoria and Albert Museum is the world's leading museum of art and design housing a permanent collection of over 2.3 million objects that span over 5,000 years of human creativity. The Museum holds many of the UK's national collections and houses some of the greatest resources for the study of architecture, furniture, fashion, textiles, photography, sculpture, painting, jewellery, glass, ceramics, book arts, Asian art and design, theatre and performance Tube: South Kensington, Gloucester Road, Knightsbridge Bus 14,74,414,C1 hello@vam.ac.uk https://www.vam.ac.uk/</p>

Inner City Farms

<p>Hounslow Urban Farm Faggs Road Feltham Middlesex TW14 0LZ Tel: 020 8831 9658</p>	<p>Open: Every Day except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day 10am – 5pm (last entry 4pm) Cost: Children from £6 Adults from £7.50 Hounslow Urban Farm is extremely child friendly and any visit will encompass at least one 'Animal Encounter' where families can meet and learn about some of the animals living on the farm. That might mean your typical farmyard friend or one of the slightly more exotic residents now calling the Urban Farm home. If you ever wanted to get close to a</p>
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	<p>cuddly chick or meet a loveable lamb this is the place to be. Play facilities are also available with an outdoor play area and indoor bouncy castle.</p> <p>Bus: 490 285 Tube: Hatton Cross – 10 minute walk Rail: Feltham hounslowurbanfarm@hotmail.co.uk https://hounslowurbanfarm.co.uk/</p>
<p>Vauxhall City Farm 165 Tyers Street London SE11 5HS Tel: 0207582 4204</p>	<p>Open: Tuesday to Sunday 10:30am – 4pm Cost: Free (Donations welcome) £10 charge for group visits of 10 or more people (including nursery, school and college groups and other organisations)</p> <p>Vauxhall City Farm prides itself on offering educational, recreational and therapeutic activities for all ages but with a stronger focus on engaging children. School holidays programmes include Young Farmers Activity Week (£95 pp Tuesday – Thursday) as well as riding lessons and private room hire for parties. The website lists the animals and their names so kids can know exactly who they're meeting before they arrive.</p> <p>Bus: 159, 344, 36 59, 87 Tube: Vauxhall https://vauxhallcityfarm.org</p>
<p>Freightliners City Farm Sheringham Road London NW7 8PF Tel: 020 7609 0467</p>	<p>Open: Tuesday – Sunday Summer 10am to 4:45 Winter 10am to 4pm Cost: Free –(As its charity run donations are always welcome) Freightliners City Farm brings a little bit of the countryside to inner city Islington. With picturesque gardens and a cafe, their focus is on education, therapeutic activity, community participation and outdoor recreation.</p> <p>Bus: 43, 153, 263, 271, 393 Tube: Highbury and Islington Caledonian Road Holloway administration@freighlinersfarm.org.uk https://www.freightlinersfarm.org.uk</p>
<p>Kentish Town City Farm 1 Cressfield Close (off Grafton Road) London NW5 4BN Tel: 020 7916 5421</p>	<p>Open: Every day from 9am to 5pm Cost: Free</p> <p>Kentish Town City Farm is situated on a four-acre site. With pasture areas, a riding arena, a wildlife pond and community gardens, the farm has free weekly healthy living activities for adults and children and over 50 animals on site including goats, sheep, horses, ducks, chickens, geese, a pig and a cow. During the school holidays kids can get involved in pottery, horse riding, gardening and messy play from £4 a session</p> <p>Bus: C11, 24, 46, 134, 214 C2 Tube: Kentish Town Overground: Gospel Oak http://kcityfarm.org.uk/</p>
<p>Hackney City Farm 1a Goldsmiths Row London E2 8QA Tel: 020 7729 6381</p>	<p>Open: Tuesday to Sunday 10am to 4:30pm – Closed every Monday except Bank Holidays Cost: Free</p> <p>Hackney City Farm has a range of farmyard animals including goats, sheep, chickens and donkeys as well as some small animals such as rabbits and guinea pigs. The livestock moves between a farm in Kent, the city and a working farm in the country so if there's an animal your little one really wants to see, call ahead to make sure it's there on the day of your visit. Every Saturday from 10.30 am until 12.30 pm is The Mini Farmers Club where children can learn about nature, make arts and crafts and get to know the animals, under the careful supervision of a livestock worker. This is a free session for children aged 8 to 17.</p>

	<p>Younger children can get involved in pottery (£5) and baby music classes.</p> <p>Bus: 26,48,55,394 Tube: Hoxton, Bethnal Green</p> <p>Train: Cambridge Heath</p> <p>farm@hackneycityfarm.co.uk http://hackneycityfarm.co.uk/</p>
<p>Belmont Children's Farm The Ridgeway London NW7 1QT Tel: 020 7318 4421</p>	<p>Open: Mon – Fri: 8am – 5:30pm Sat – Sun 9am – 5:30pm</p> <p>Cost: Children (Under 18mths) – Free Children (18mths - 3yrs) - £ 5.50 Children (3yrs - 12yrs) - £ 4.00 Adults / Senior Citizens - £ 7.00 2 Adults + 2 Children - £ 20.00</p> <p>Belmont Farm is home to over thirty different types of animals for visitors to see, meet and feed. Kids can join petting sessions which run throughout the day or jump on the tractor and trailer for a ride through the beautiful Belmont Estate. Children can join the Young Farmers Club where they'll get involved with rounding up and feeding animals, learning about the environment, understanding animal's basic needs and tending to the farm's vegetable patch. If you want to take a piece of the farm home with you, there are chickens (and chicken-keeping advice) for sale.</p> <p>Bus:240 Tube Mill Hill East (then 240) Totteridge and Whetstone (then 251) Train: Mill Hill Broadway(then 240)</p> <p>https://www.belmontfarm.co.uk</p>

Other

<p>London Zoo Regent's Park London NW1 4RY 020 7722 333</p>	<p>Founded in 1826, the Zoological Society of London is an international scientific, conservation and educational charity whose mission is to promote and achieve the worldwide conservation of animals and their habitats</p> <p>Bus: 274, C2 Tube: Camden Town(15 min walk) Regents park(20 min walk)Baker Street (30 min walk or catch 274) Overground Camden Road</p> <p>https://www.zsl.org/zsl-london-zoo</p>
<p>Go Ape Nearest centres Black Park Alexandra Palace Battersea Park Cockfosters Chessington world of adventures</p>	<p>Looking to discover some seriously adventurous things to do outdoors? We offer outdoor experiences and activities across 33 locations UK wide. From zip wires, to super-springy trampoline nets in the trees, to off-road Segway's, we have an adventure for everyone.</p> <p>https://goape.co.uk/days-out</p>
<p>Legoland Winkfield Road SL4 4AY Tel; 0871 222 2001</p>	<p>The park has rides, Lego sculptures and restaurants</p> <p>By car M3(junction 3) M25 Northbound (clockwise) (junction 13) M4 (junction 6)</p> <p>Train Windsor and Eton Central, Windsor and Eton Riverside – There is a shuttle bus service to the park from stops close to both rail stations – please note that this is a chargeable service and is not operated by the park.</p> <p>https://www.legoland.co.uk/</p>

Shrek's Adventure Riverside Building County Hall Westminster Bridge SE1 7PB	The whole family can step into and star in your own hilarious misadventure with Shrek and his DreamWorks friends. Bus: 12,53,59,76,148,159,211,341, 77, RV1, 77, 381,1,4,26,X68,76,168,171,172,176,188,243,507,638 Tube: Waterloo Embankment Charing Cross and Westminster
Chessington World of adventure Leatherhead Road Chessington KT9 2NE 0871 663 4477	This theme park, Zoo and aquarium with a pair of themed hotels is a mile from Chessington South train station. Bus: 465 467 Rail: Chessington South Station – 10 minute walk Car: From South take M25 junction 9 From North take M25 junction 10 From London take the A3 to Hook – Chessington is signposted on the A243

Help and advice

If you want further advice contact: Brent Children & Families Information Service, Brent Civic Centre. Engineers Way, Wembley HA9 0FJ Tel: 020 8937 3001 or visit www.brent.gov.uk.

Improvements and Complaints

If you have any suggestions for improvements or complaints about this service please contact Sasi Srinivasan Manager Early Help Service Children & Young People Brent Children and Families Information Services Brent Civics Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley HA9 0FJ. The Council has a formal 3 stage complaints procedure. A leaflet will be sent to you upon request

It may be helpful, if you live on the border of Brent, to contact other Family Information Services.

Name	Contact	Email and website
Barnet	0800 389 8312	Website: www.barnet.gov.uk/childcare Email: fyi@barnet.gov.uk
Camden	020 7974 1679	Website: www.camden.gov.uk/childcare Email:
Ealing	020 8825 5588	Website: www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk Email: children@ealing.gov.uk
Hammersmith and Fulham	0845 313 3933	Website: www.gov.uk/hammersmithandfulham/childcare Email: fis2@lbhf.gov.uk
Harrow	020 8901 2690	Website: www.harrow.gov.uk/fis Email: fis@harrow.gov.uk
Hillingdon	01895 556489	Website: https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/7203/Children-and-familie Email: fis@hillington.gov.uk
Kensington and Chelsea	020 7361 3302	Website: www.rbkc.gov.uk/family-information-service Email: fis@rbkc.gov.uk