

# SUMMER FUN

2023



Monday 24 July

## summer s'cool

📍 Various locations  
🕒 Various times  
👤 Ages 8-16  
FREE creative learning activity for young people. Become a Podcaster! Digital Explorer! Music Producer!  
Runs throughout the holidays in many locations. Bookable event. See [wfdsummers.cool](http://wfdsummers.cool)



Tuesday 25 July

## Circus Skills

📍 Horbury Library  
🕒 11am-12pm  
👤 Age 5+  
Roll up! Roll up! Join Malteser the Clown to learn some fantastic circus skills.  
Bookable event. See [expwake.co/libraries](http://expwake.co/libraries)



Wednesday 26 July

## Hemsworth Water Park & Playworld

📍 Hemsworth Water Park  
🕒 9.30am-6pm  
👤 All ages  
Build sandcastles on the beach or go jumping, sliding and swinging in the adventure playground.  
Water Park is free, Playworld £3 per child. See [expwake.co/HWP](http://expwake.co/HWP)



Thursday 27 July

## Summer Fun - Amazing Archaeology

📍 Castleford Museum  
🕒 10am-3pm  
👤 All ages  
Learn to record information and piece the past together through hands-on archaeology activities.  
Runs 24, 25, 27 July with SEND session on 28 July



Friday 28 July

## Farmer Copleys Strawberry Experience

📍 Farmer Copleys  
🕒 10am-4pm  
👤 All ages  
Spend a day in the fresh air picking your own strawberries and learning all about them!  
Runs all summer. Bookable event. For details and ticket prices, see [farmercopleys.co.uk/strawberry-experience](http://farmercopleys.co.uk/strawberry-experience)



Saturday 29 July

## Summer Garden Party

📍 The Art House  
🕒 2pm-4pm  
👤 All ages  
Pot plants, make mini gardens, learn about the environment, and make sanctuaries for wildlife!



Sunday 30 July

## Clarence Golden Spirit Festival

📍 Clarence Park  
🕒 12pm-9pm  
👤 All ages  
Free music festival with 22 bands and DJs, plus bar, food vendors, and craft stalls.  
Runs 29 & 30 July



Monday 31 July

## Imagination Gaming

📍 Hemsworth Library  
🕒 10am-2pm  
👤 All ages  
Enjoy a free family fun day filled with all sorts of gaming. Lunch included.  
Runs over other dates and locations. Bookable event. See [expwake.co/libraries](http://expwake.co/libraries)



Tuesday 1 August

## Yorkshire Day

📍 Pontefract Castle  
🕒 10am - 3pm  
👤 All ages  
Celebrate all things Yorkshire with drop-in crafts and activities for all the family.



Wednesday 2 August

## 50 Things to do Before You're Five Birthday Fun

📍 Pontefract Castle  
🕒 10am-2pm  
👤 Under 5s  
Loads of fun 50 Things activities and games for you to come and try!



Thursday 3 August

## Love Exploring

📍 Wakefield district parks  
🕒 Any time  
👤 All ages  
Download the FREE Love Exploring app and go on a Dino Safari or a Space Walk!  
In parks around the district, see [expwake.co/LoveExploring](http://expwake.co/LoveExploring)



Friday 4 August

## Summer of Play

📍 National Trust Nostell  
🕒 11am-3pm  
👤 All ages  
Enjoy free games and activities on the lawn, including badminton, hoopla and football.  
Runs Weds-Sun all summer holiday, no admission required



Saturday 5 August

## Stanley Gala

📍 St Peter's Church Centre field  
🕒 From 12pm  
👤 All ages  
Enjoy a family day out with food, drink and gifts to buy, plus loads of games for kids to play!



Sunday 6 August

## Pugneys Light Railway

📍 Pugneys Country Park  
🕒 11am-4pm  
👤 All ages  
All aboard these mini trains as they take a loop around the lake and back!  
Open every day in the summer holidays. Tickets £2



Monday 7 August

## Wii Sports

📍 Normanton Library  
🕒 10am-11am  
👤 Ages 5+  
Enjoy a morning of gaming. Test your skills against friends and family and see who can score more!  
Bookable event. See [expwake.co/libraries](http://expwake.co/libraries)



Tuesday 8 August

## Medieval Melee

📍 Pontefract Castle  
🕒 10am-3pm  
👤 All ages  
Want to become a medieval champion? Play jousting, medieval games and creative craft activities.  
Runs 7-12 August



Wednesday 9 August

## Summer of Mystery - The Mysterious Monk

📍 Pontefract Museum  
🕒 10am-3pm  
👤 All ages  
Try to solve mysteries linked with Pontefract's history and discover tales about the mysterious monk!



Thursday 10 August

## Calderbricks

📍 Featherstone Library  
🕒 1pm-2pm  
👤 All ages  
Always a favourite! Let the kids' imaginations run wild in this Lego workshop.  
Runs over other dates and locations. Bookable event. See [expwake.co/libraries](http://expwake.co/libraries)



Friday 11 August

## A Grand Day Out - Castleford

📍 Castleford Town Centre  
🕒 10am-4pm  
👤 All ages  
Play crazy golf, build a sand castle in the giant sandpit and enjoy outdoor creative play!  
Runs 11 & 12 August



Saturday 12 August

## Friarwood Festival

📍 Friarwood Valley Gardens  
🕒 10am-4pm  
👤 All ages  
A fun, family music festival with local bands and artists, street food, bars and kids entertainment.  
Bookable event. For details and ticket prices, see [expwake.co/Friarwood](http://expwake.co/Friarwood)



Sunday 13 August

## Wakefield Pride

📍 Wakefield City Centre  
🕒 10am-10pm  
👤 All ages  
Grab your rainbow flag and enjoy the parade, plus spectacular entertainment on the big stage.



The increasing cost of living is a concern for everyone. There is help and support on offer. For money saving tips, free activities and support this summer visit [www.wakefield.gov.uk/summer-tips](http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/summer-tips)

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<p><b>Monday 14 August</b></p>  <p><b>STEM Session</b>        South Elmsall Library        10am-12pm        All ages        Have fun and learn STEM skills! Enjoy technology toys like Sphero and Ozobot coding robots.        Bookable event. See <a href="http://expwake.co/libraries">expwake.co/libraries</a></p>	<p><b>Tuesday 15 August</b></p>  <p><b>What's In Our Garden?</b>        The Hepworth Wakefield Garden        10am-5pm        All ages        Pick up a FREE sketch book full of activities to help you discover what lives in the Hepworth Garden.        Runs every Tues-Sun.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 16 August</b></p>  <p><b>Summer of Mystery - The Missing Word</b>        Pontefract Museum        10am-3pm        All ages        This week's Pontefract Museum history mystery involves a missing word - can you solve the puzzle?</p>	<p><b>Thursday 17 August</b></p>  <p><b>STEAM Club - Chocolate Rock</b>        National Coal Mining Museum        11am-12pm        Ages 11-16        Unearth and classify various rocks, and use chocolate to investigate formations!        STEAM Club runs on various dates through the summer holidays. For details and ticket prices see <a href="http://expwake.co/STEAM">expwake.co/STEAM</a></p>	<p><b>Friday 18 August</b></p>  <p><b>A Grand Day Out - South Elmsall</b>        Minsthorpe Recreation Ground        10am-4pm        All ages        Enjoy seaside fun in the giant sandpit, creative outdoor play and crazy golf!        Runs 18-19 August</p>	<p><b>Saturday 19 August</b></p>  <p><b>Tomfoolery</b>        Pontefract Castle        10am-3pm        All ages        Enjoy a week of tomfoolery with Pontefract Castle's silly Jester. Tricks, crafts, games, and more!        Runs 14-19 August</p>	<p><b>Sunday 20 August</b></p>  <p><b>Rescue! Exhibition</b>        National Coal Mining Museum        10am-5pm        All ages        Discover how the Mines Rescue service operates with state-of-the-art equipment!        National Coal Mining Museum is open Wed-Sun</p>
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<p><b>Monday 21 August</b></p>  <p><b>Summer Fun - Terrific Transport</b>        Castleford Museum        10am-3pm        All ages        Chariots, horses and bicycles! Discover how people in history travelled and make transport toys to take away.        Runs 21, 22, 24 August with SEND session on 25 August</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 22 August</b></p>  <p><b>Greta's Glorious Garden</b>        Featherstone Library        10am-2pm        Ages 3-7        Take a peek at what happens in the garden at night in this interactive puppet show.        Runs over other dates and locations. Bookable event. See <a href="http://expwake.co/libraries">expwake.co/libraries</a></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 23 August</b></p>  <p><b>Castle Attack and Defence</b>        Pontefract Castle        10am-3pm        All ages        Learn how to be a Civil War soldier and have fun with games and creative crafts.        Runs 21-26 August</p>	<p><b>Thursday 24 August</b></p>  <p><b>Gnome Roam</b>        Newmillerdam Country Park        Any time        All ages        A bear has scared the gnomes! Use signs and clues to find them all on this simple walking trail.        Newmillerdam Country Park is open all day, 7 days a week</p>	<p><b>Friday 25 August</b></p>  <p><b>A Grand Day Out - Wakefield</b>        Wakefield City Centre        10am-4pm        All ages        All the fun of the beach with the giant sandpit, plus crazy golf and outdoor play activities.        Runs 25 &amp; 26 August</p>	<p><b>Saturday 26 August</b></p>  <p><b>Craft Activity</b>        Castleford Library        10am-3pm        All ages        Drop in and create your own sports visor! Wear it to your favourite football match or just keep out the sun.        Runs 29 July &amp; 5, 19 &amp; 26 August</p>	<p><b>Sunday 27 August</b></p>  <p><b>SESKU Pride</b>        South Kirkby Miners Welfare Club        1pm-7pm        All ages        Have fun and show your support at this family-friendly Pride event, featuring non-stop entertainment!</p>
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<p><b>Monday 28 August</b></p>  <p><b>Discovery Trail</b>        RSPB Fairburn Ings        9.30am-4pm        All ages        Take a relaxed walk with all the family and spot nature in a beautiful landscape.        RSPB Fairburn Ings is open 7 days a week</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 29 August</b></p>  <p><b>Garden Play</b>        The Hepworth Wakefield Garden        11am-4pm        Ages 0-12        Stack, build, experiment, draw and imagine with your family in the open air!        Runs every Tues-Sun during school holidays</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 30 August</b></p>  <p><b>Summer of Mystery - Lost Letters</b>        Pontefract Museum        10am-3pm        All ages        Join the Museum's team to solve a history mystery - what secrets do the lost letters hold?</p>	<p><b>Thursday 31 August</b></p>  <p><b>Sports Day at the Library</b>        Hemsworth Library        2pm-3pm        All ages        An afternoon of indoor sports fun - try the ring toss and see how long you can keep hula hooping!        Runs 27 July &amp; 31 August. Bookable event, see <a href="http://expwake.co/libraries">expwake.co/libraries</a></p>	<p><b>Friday 1 September</b></p>  <p><b>Room on the Broom Trail</b>        Anglers Country Park        Any time        All ages        Drop in and take part in a special themed walk based on the bestselling children's picture book.        Anglers Country Park is open all day, 7 days a week</p>	<p><b>Saturday 2 September</b></p>  <p><b>Dino Walk @ Trinity Walk</b>        Trinity Walk        10am-4pm        All ages        Get hands on and up claws to dinosaurs and everything prehistoric this summer holiday!        Runs 29 July - 2 September</p>	<p><b>Sunday 3 September</b></p>  <p><b>Junior Parkrun</b>        Thornes Park        9am        Ages 4-14        A fun 2K run for children. Free, safe and easy to take part in.        Register at <a href="http://Parkrun.org.uk">Parkrun.org.uk</a>        Runs every Sunday</p>
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Find even more to do at [experiencewakefield.co.uk](http://experiencewakefield.co.uk)



**Moving Stories**  
 Wakefield Museum  
 Now - 22 December 2023  
 Moving Stories is a vibrant, interactive exhibition. Look back at the stories the museum has told over the last 100 years. Discover new stories and tell your own story. Plus, find out how an empty, old department store is going to be turned into awe-inspiring museum galleries.  
 Free admission



**50 Things To Do Before You're Five**  
 All across the Wakefield district  
 Download the FREE '50 Things To Do Before You're Five' app and try some activities over the summer!  
 The app has lots of ideas for you to do with under 5s, including Local Links and Events sections.  
 Here's an idea! Add all the activities into a jar and pick out 3 to complete each week! Maybe start with these: #24 Hop, Skip and Jump, #26 Splish, Splash, Splosh and #34 Woodland Wandering



**Summer Reading Challenge 2023**  
 Your local library  
 Cross the finish line with Wakefield Council Libraries this summer and join Ready, Set, Read! the 2023 Summer Reading Challenge.  
 From 8th July all summer long in Wakefield district libraries, pick up a free collector pack, then all you have to do is read 6 library books over the summer and win prizes!  
 It's fun and FREE to take part. Contact your local library to find out more!