

SUMMER FUN

2024



Monday 22 July



Room on the Broom Trail

- 📍 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

Tuesday 23 July



Escape The Dungeon

- 📍 Pontefract Castle
- 🕒 10:30am-3:30pm
- 👤 Age 12-16

Test your skills in a brand-new escape room for teenagers!

Tickets £2.50. Bookable event. See expwake.co/EscapeDungeon



Wednesday 24 July



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 each day in the summer holidays. Tickets £2

Thursday 25 July



BUILD Club

- 📍 Stanley Library
- 🕒 3:30pm-5pm
- 👤 All ages

Create anything you want using engineering toys and games: LEGO, K'NEX, marble runs and more!

Runs every Saturday

Friday 26 July



Hidden Forest Friday

- 📍 Yorkshire Sculpture Park
- 🕒 10:30am - 4pm
- 👤 All ages

Drop into the Hidden Forest and take part in activities linked to nature and the Park's sculptures.

Runs every Friday in the summer holidays. Free, admission charges apply.

Saturday 27 July



Family Fun

- 📍 Castleford Museum
- 🕒 11am-3pm
- 👤 All ages

Join the Castleford Museum team, rain or shine, for free fun craft activities!

Runs every Saturday



Sunday 28 July



Clarence Park Festival

- 📍 Clarence Park
- 🕒 12pm-9pm
- 👤 All ages

Free music festival with 22 bands and DJs, plus bar, food vendors, and craft stalls.

Runs 29 and 30 July

Monday 29 July



Summer of Play

- 📍 National Trust Nostell
- 🕒 11am-3pm
- 👤 All ages

Enjoy free play sessions with Featherstone Rovers!

Runs every Monday and Thursday 22 July-29 August, no admission required. Bookable event, see nationaltrust.org.uk/nostell

Tuesday 30 July



Blown Away

- 📍 Pugneys Country Park
- 🕒 Any time
- 👤 All ages

Drop in to this special walking trail: solve the puzzles, sail the boat and hunt down the wind!



Wednesday 31 July



Discovering Pond Creatures

- 📍 Anglers Country Park
- 🕒 10:30am-12:30pm
- 👤 All ages

Go pond dipping to discover watery creatures then create crafty critters of your own.

£2 per child. Bookable event. Call 01924 860280

Thursday 1 August



Yorkshire Day

- 📍 Wakefield Cathedral
- 🕒 10am-3pm
- 👤 All ages

Drop in to a family fun day of free crafts and activities in the Cathedral especially for Yorkshire Day.

Friday 2 August



A Grand Day Out - Castleford

- 📍 Castleford Town Centre
- 🕒 10am-4pm
- 👤 All ages

Build a sandcastle in the giant sand pit, ride the funfair rides and enjoy outdoor creative play!

Runs 2 and 3 August

Saturday 3 August



Fun Saturday

- 📍 Horbury Library
- 🕒 10am-12pm
- 👤 All ages

Enjoy a morning of free family fun with games and Lego!

Runs every Saturday

Sunday 4 August



Farmer Copleys Strawberry Experience

- 📍 Farmer Copleys
- 🕒 10am - 4pm
- 👤 All ages

Pick your own strawberries and learn all about them!

Runs all summer. Bookable event. See farmercopleys.co.uk/strawberry-experience

Monday 5 August



Love Exploring

- 📍 Wakefield district parks
- 🕒 Any time
- 👤 All ages

Download the FREE Love Exploring app and go on a Dino Safari or find the Enchanted Tree Fairies!

In parks around the district, see expwake.co/LoveExploring

Tuesday 6 August



Creative Crafts with Renewi

- 📍 South Elmsall Library
- 🕒 2pm-3pm
- 👤 Age 5-11

Make something using recycled materials in this craft workshop!

Bookable event. See expwake.co/libraries

Wednesday 7 August



National Play Day

- 📍 The Hepworth Wakefield
- 🕒 11am-4pm
- 👤 All ages

Get creative as a family while you explore the galleries and garden.

Free for Wakefield district residents and under 18s.

Thursday 8 August



Jesters and Juggling

- 📍 Pontefract Castle
- 🕒 11am-3pm
- 👤 All ages

Join the jolly jester for jokes and juggling skills!

Part of Summer of Discovery. Runs 30 July-2 August

Friday 9 August



A Grand Day Out - Wakefield

- 📍 Wakefield City Centre
- 🕒 10am-4pm
- 👤 All ages

Enjoy all the fun of the beach, the giant sand pit, funfair rides, face painting and more!

Runs 9 and 10 August

Saturday 10 August



Printing for Pride

- 📍 The Art House
- 🕒 10:30am-3pm
- 👤 Ages 7+

Drop-in to a screen-printing workshop to make your own colourful printed flag or small banner for Pride!

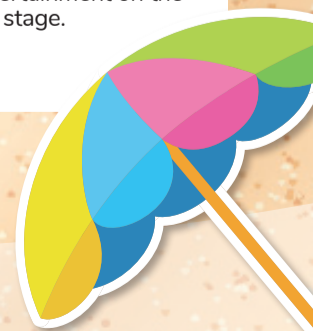
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Wakefield Pride

- 📍 Wakefield City Centre
- 🕒 10am-10pm
- 👤 All ages

Grab your rainbow flag and enjoy the parade, plus spectacular entertainment on the big stage.



OUR YEAR
Wakefield District 2024



To find even more things to do across the summer in Wakefield, check out expwake.co/Summer

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Monday 12 August



Yorkshire Owl Experience

📍 Normanton Library
🕒 10:30am-11:30am
👤 All ages

Enjoy a morning up close and personal with some beautiful owls.

Bookable event. See expwake.co/libraries

Tuesday 13 August



Garden Play

📍 The Hepworth Wakefield Garden
🕒 11am-4pm
👤 Ages 0-12

Stack, build, experiment, draw and imagine with your family in the open air!

Runs every day during Wakefield school holidays



Wednesday 14 August



Minibeast Magic

📍 Anglers Country Park
🕒 10:30am-12:30pm
👤 All ages

Enjoy a fun morning hunting for mini beasts, followed by a craft activity in the visitor centre.

Bookable event, call 01924 860280. Tickets £2

Thursday 15 August



Dino Walk

📍 Trinity Walk
🕒 10am-4pm
👤 All ages

Get hands on and up "claws" to dinosaurs and everything prehistoric this summer holiday!

Dino Walk is happening every Thursday, Friday and Saturday throughout the summer holidays.

Friday 16 August



Amazing Artists

📍 Castleford Museum
🕒 10am-3pm
👤 All ages

Get inspired by the stories and work of local artists, then create your own masterpiece.

Runs 12, 13, 15 August with SEND session on 16 August

Saturday 17 August



A Grand Day Out - South Elmsall

📍 Minsthorpe Recreation Ground
🕒 10am-4pm
👤 All ages

Enjoy seaside fun in the giant sandpit, creative outdoor play and crazy golf!

Runs 16 and 17 August

Sunday 18 August



Peter's Lost Peregrine

📍 Pontefract Park
🕒 Any time
👤 All ages

Peter has lost his peregrine! Follow the signs and clues around the park to try and reunite them.

Pontefract Park is open all day, 7 days a week

Monday 19 August



Teddy Bear's Picnic

📍 Airedale Library
🕒 10:30am-12:30pm
👤 Under 5s

Bring the kids to the Teddy Bear's Picnic and enjoy a story session, trail around the garden along and delicious picnic.

Bookable event, call 01977 724040

Tuesday 20 August



Wildlife Explorer

📍 RSPB Fairburn Ings
🕒 9:30am-4pm
👤 All ages

Discover the fascinating world of insects with a hireable wildlife explorer backpack.

Fairburn Ings is open 7 days a week. Backpacks £3

Wednesday 21 August



Scavenger Hunt

📍 Pontefract Museum
🕒 10am-3pm
👤 All ages

Go on a fun scavenger hunt around the museum and discover various mysterious objects.



Thursday 22 August



Story Time

📍 Featherstone Library
🕒 10am-10:30am
👤 Under 5s

Enjoy an entertaining story and rhyme time with a fun, simple craft activity.

Friday 23 - Sunday 25 August

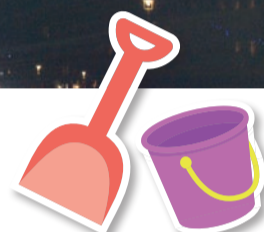


The Hatchling

📍 Wakefield City Centre and Pugneys Country Park
🕒 Various times
👤 All ages

Hatching from an egg at Wakefield Cathedral, the dragon will build herself a nest and explore the city centre on Friday and Saturday, culminating with a breath-taking finale on Sunday as she takes flight over Pugneys Country Park.

See expwake.co/TheHatchling



Monday 26 August



Gnome Roam

📍 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

Tuesday 27 August



Family Workshop: Summer Drawing

📍 The Hepworth Wakefield
🕒 11am-4pm
👤 Ages 2-12

Create a whole garden of drawings!

Runs 1, 25, 27, 28 and 29 August. Free for Wakefield district residents and under 18s.

Wednesday 28 August



Summer Holidays - Helping Hands

📍 National Coal Mining Museum for England
🕒 10am-5pm
👤 All ages

Have fun at the beach and lots more this summer!

Runs every Weds-Sun, 23 July-1 September.

Thursday 29 August



Texture Time

📍 Wakefield Museum
🕒 10:30am-2pm
👤 Ages 2-5

Discover familiar and unusual textures then make a mini materials monster friend to take home.

Bookable event, see expwake.co/WMCTickets Tickets £2.50

Friday 30 August



Circus Skills

📍 South Elmsall Library
🕒 10am-11pm
👤 Ages 5-11

Roll up! Roll up! Join Rapide Entertainment to learn some fantastic circus skills.

Bookable event. See expwake.co/libraries

Saturday 31 August



LEGO Club

📍 Hemsworth Library
🕒 10am-11am
👤 All ages

Build LEGO masterpieces, design LEGO cars to race, or just let your imagination run wild.

Sunday 1 September



Junior Parkrun

📍 Thornes Park
🕒 9am
👤 Ages 4-14

A fun 2K run for children. Free, safe and easy to take part in.

Register at Parkrun.org.uk Runs every Sunday

➔ Find even more to do at experiencewakefield.co.uk



summer s'cool

📍 Various locations, dates and times

Join this year's summer s'cool for an exciting creative programme led by award-winning mentors across the district! Young people aged 8-16 years old can learn a whole range of skills including video game-making, music production, podcasting and more!

For the full programme, visit wfdsummers.cool



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, Splish and #34 Woodland Wandering.



Summer Reading Challenge 2024

📍 Your local library

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is about getting creative! Music, photography, dancing, story-writing... the possibilities are endless!

From 6th 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 to unlock rewards!

It's fun and FREE to take part. Contact your local library to find out more!