

Lindsworth School

Summer 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

As summer approaches and the excitement builds for well-earned time together, we at Lindsworth School are thrilled to share a handpicked selection of free and budget-friendly activities available throughout Birmingham and the Midlands - perfect for families seeking enriching experiences without stretching the purse strings.

We've gathered a selection of free and low-cost activities, events, and dining options across Birmingham and the Midlands that may be helpful over the summer. Whether it's exploring new places, enjoying creative experiences, or simply finding ways to stretch the budget a little further, we hope this guidance proves useful and inspiring.

Multiple national eateries are offering 'kids eat free' or £1 deals to support families over the summer. Highlights include Bill's, Yo! Sushi, Bella Italia, TGI Fridays, Ikea, and more. These offers vary by location and may require an adult meal purchase, so we encourage you to check the details before dining.

For even more ideas, visit: [Free Things to Do in Birmingham](#)

We hope this guide brings joyful moments to your summer, encourages exploration, and helps make lasting memories with loved ones.

Warmest regards,

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Free Things to Do in Birmingham

Free Art and Culture

- Ikon Gallery in Birmingham offers free contemporary art exhibitions in a striking Victorian building.
- -New Art Gallery Walsall hosts family-friendly workshops and interactive exhibits — all free of charge.
- Library of Birmingham isn't just for books. Explore rooftop gardens, storytelling spaces, and the Shakespeare Memorial Room with panoramic city views.

Parks and Outdoor Play

- Cannon Hill Park features play areas, boating lakes, and beautiful gardens — ideal for picnics and playtime.
- Sutton Park, one of Europe's largest urban parks, offers woodlands, lakes, and wildlife spotting.
- Martineau Gardens is a tranquil, community-run green space with nature trails and sensory gardens.

Museums That Spark Curiosity

- Lapworth Museum of Geology at the University of Birmingham showcases fossils, minerals, and interactive exhibits — all free.
- Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery is reopening with exciting new displays and family activities.
- Sarehole Mill, famously linked to J.R.R. Tolkien, offers free outdoor exploration and storytelling inspiration.

Walks and Trails

- Wander Birmingham's historic canals, from Brindleyplace to the Mailbox, spotting narrowboats and city landmarks.
- Follow the Bear Hunt Trail in Birmingham city centre — ten colourful bear sculptures await discovery.
- Explore the Sutton Coldfield Heritage Trail or the Sandwell Valley Country Park for nature walks and wildlife encounters.



Free Events and Festivals

- **Symphony Hall** hosts free concerts throughout the summer, including jazz and family-friendly performances.
- **Street Theatre Festival in Wolverhampton (10 August)** brings stilt walkers, pirate acts, and face painting to the streets.

From art galleries to green spaces, Birmingham and the wider Midlands offer a treasure trove of free experiences for families. For even more ideas, check out Visit Birmingham's guide to free attractions. <https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/attractions/free-things-to-do-in-birmingham/>

Kids Eat Free or for £1 This Summer: A Helping Hand



With the summer holidays stretching family budgets thin, a host of UK restaurants and cafes have launched generous offers to help ease the pressure - letting children eat free or for just £1 at dozens of popular chains and local eateries.

Big Savers for Small Diners

From casual chains to hotel eateries, more than 30 places across the UK are serving up budget-friendly deals. While some require an adult main to unlock the offer, others - like Asda and Ikea - don't, making dining out more accessible to all.

Highlights Include:

- **Bill's:** Two children eat free per adult main meal, weekdays only
- **Yo! Sushi:** One free kids' meal (under 10) per adult spending £10+
- **TGI Fridays:** Free kids' meal for Stripes Rewards App members daily
- **Bella Italia:** Kids eat free Thursdays or for £1 Sun–Wed until 6pm
- **Morrisons Café:** Free kid's meal with any adult meal over £4.50
- **Purezza:** Mini pizza free for children under 10
- **Ikea:** Kids' meals start at just 95p

Good to Know

Most offers require the purchase of an adult main dish, and terms vary by location - so it's worth checking ahead. Age limits, weekdays only policies, and app-based reward schemes can all play a part. Whether you're planning day trips or looking for affordable family dining, these deals make feeding your little ones a touch easier this summer.