

Summer of fun

FOR SANDWELL'S CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

A summer full of fun, friendship and new experiences awaits

Sandwell Council's Youth Service is gearing up for another exciting summer, delivering a wide range of free activities for young people across all six towns.

With support from the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, there will be plenty of opportunities for young people aged 11 to 19 (up to 25 for those with SEND) to stay active, try something new and connect with others.

This year's programme includes a mix of outdoor and on-the-move activities, from multi-sports and creative sessions to gaming, street art and much more. The Youth Bus will be out in communities, offering a safe and engaging space packed with technology and interactive experiences. We will also have popular features such as skate park coaching and competitions (at Brunswick Park, Britannia Park and Victoria Park, Tipton) alongside the mobile climbing wall for those looking for a challenge.



Activity days in parks

- 📍 **Wed 22 July and Thu 23 July, 4pm-8pm:**
Brunswick Park, Wednesbury WS10 9HH
- 📍 **Wed 29 July and Thu 30 July, 4pm-8pm:**
Red House Park, Great Barr B43 6NA
- 📍 **Wed 5 Aug and Thu 6 Aug, 4pm-8pm:**
Britannia Park, Rowley Regis B65 9HH
- 📍 **Wed 12 Aug and Thu 13 Aug, 4pm-8pm:**
Victoria Park, Smethwick B66 3QB
- 📍 **Wed 19 Aug and Thu 20 Aug, 4pm-8pm:**
Lion Farm Playing Fields, Oldbury B69 1EA
- 📍 **Wed 26 Aug and Thu 27 Aug, 4pm-8pm:**
Victoria Park, Tipton DY4 8SW

Go to www.justyouth.org.uk for full details.

Alongside the summer programme, youth workers will continue to be out in neighbourhoods, parks and open spaces, providing support, advice and positive opportunities. Evening youth clubs will remain open, offering safe places for young people to meet, develop skills and build confidence.



Bigger adventures await those seeking a challenge!

For those wanting a bigger adventure, young people can take part in activity days and residential experiences at Malthouse Outdoor Activity Centre in Tipton, where they can try canoeing, climbing, abseiling and archery in a supportive environment.

Celebrating young women

As part of our wider offer, a special young women's event will take place at Oak House Museum in West Bromwich on **Thursday 20 August**. This event will provide a safe and welcoming space for young women to join together, celebrate their achievements and take part in creative and wellbeing-focused activities.

It will also offer the chance to meet support services and connect with the 'Girl Code' group, which meets regularly to build confidence, friendships and support networks.

Memories, Friendship, Fun

ACTIVITIES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN



Explore, Create, Connect

ACTIVITIES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Welcoming, Accessible, Fun

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES



Families can look forward to an exciting summer with the Sandwell Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, offering free holiday activities across Sandwell. From sports and games to arts, drama and family sessions, there is something for everyone along with nutritious meals to keep children fuelled for the fun.

HAF is all about helping children and young people stay active, try new things, build confidence and make new friends during the school holidays. With safe, welcoming activities designed for different ages, interests and needs, every child can feel included and have a great time.

Parents and carers can feel confident knowing their children are safe, supported, learning new skills and making happy summer memories.

To find out more about eligibility, local providers and how to book a place, visit the HAF website. Don't miss the chance to be part of a fun, active, HAFtastic summer in Sandwell.



Scan for info



holidayactivities.sandwell.gov.uk

This summer, we're celebrating the power of play in everyday life.

Play can happen anywhere and it transforms children's happiness and wellbeing.

Join in with Go Play sessions for fun, **free** activities all summer, to spark imagination and turn everyday spaces into places to play. Help us create inclusive, child-friendly communities where every child belongs.

Get involved and be part of a more playful Sandwell. Give children the time, space and freedom to play – here, there and everywhere.

Ready to play?

Scan the QR code to check out our **free** summer events.



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Provided By Sandwell Council Play Service

FREE activities

for Sandwell families with children aged 5-12

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WITH
Choices



Nature walks, arts and crafts, growing food and gardening, cooking, fishing, sports games and lots more!

LIMITED SPACES, BOOK NOW!

www.healthysandwell.co.uk/choices



READ to the BEAT

Summer fun at Sandwell libraries

Sandwell Libraries celebrate in style this summer with our Read to the Beat Summer Reading Challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages repeated visits to libraries across the summer holidays, with fun incentives and stickers for taking part and a certificate and medal for all children who complete the challenge. Aimed at children aged 4+, Read the Beat incorporates the magic of music with the joy of reading.

For younger audiences, all libraries will be holding interactive Play, Talk, Read sessions and, if you are lucky, you may see our very own Sandy Bear as he tours around the libraries. We will also be running a special Summer Reading Challenge for under 4s.

Every library will have a packed programme of storytelling, games and crafts – fun for all the family.

Contact your local library for their full programme – find out more at www.sandwell.gov.uk/librariesonline and www.visitsandwell.com and search 'Sandwell Libraries' on Facebook.

Read to the Beat artwork © The Reading Agency 2026



Visit www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk for more information on the Summer Reading Challenge.

Visit www.sandwell.gov.uk/librariesonline to find out more.

Summer fun at Sandwell Museums

Sandwell Museums has a season of great family fun this August with free and affordable activities – from getting dirty with archaeology fun to arts and crafts, dancing, drumming, star spotting and loads more.

Find full details and listings at www.sandwell.gov.uk/joininmuseums and follow us on social media @sandwellmuseums.



Visit www.sandwell.gov.uk/joininmuseums to find out more.

Highlights include:

- National Playday event with Go Play: Bromwich Hall** – Monday 3 August, 12 noon to 4pm
- African Drumming Workshop: Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery** – Wednesday 5 August, 11am to 3pm (booking essential)
- Bollywood Dance Workshop: Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery** – Wednesday 12 August, 11am to 3pm (booking essential)
- Wonder Dome Planetarium: Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery** – Thursday 20 August, 11am to 3pm with shows throughout the day (booking essential)
- Big Family Performance Showcase: Haden Hill House and Park** – Sunday 16 August, 12 noon to 4pm

Sandwell Best Start Family Hubs

Families can make the most of the summer holidays with a wide range of free activities offered through Best Start Family Hubs, including support for expectant parents and families with babies.

Designed to support children, young people and parents, the programme includes fun sessions such as arts and crafts, stay and play, storytelling, baby groups and family fun days.

Friendly staff and partner agencies are on hand to provide advice on pregnancy, early development, childcare, health and family wellbeing, helping parents feel supported throughout the school break.

Whether you're looking to keep little ones entertained, connect with other parents-to-be, meet local families or access practical support, there's something for everyone. Sessions are welcoming, inclusive and tailored to all stages of family life, making it easy to drop in and join the fun.

To find out what's happening near you, visit your local Best Start Family Hub or Family Hub Spoke.

Visit www.sandwellfamilyhubs.com to find out more.

Information for families

Sandwell Family Information Service (FIS) offers free, impartial information to families with children from birth to 19 years (or up to 25 years with a special educational need or disability), young people and professionals.

FIS can support you to help find the right childcare provider, help with childcare applications and answer any other childcare-related queries.

Visit the FIS Hub fis.sandwell.gov.uk for national and local services, activities and advice pages.

The hub includes the Sandwell All Age Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Directory which provides a wide range of local, regional and national support services for children, young people and their families.



SANDWELL Summer Festival

INCLUDING NATIONAL PLAYDAY

Stage performances

Sports Field

National Playday Zone

Blind Dave's Colour Run

Theatre Shows

Food Village

Meet Sandwell Hub

Youth Zone

SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2026 | 11AM TO 5PM
SANDWELL VALLEY COUNTRY PARK, B71 4BG

Sandwell Summer Festival is a FREE, family-friendly day for all – bringing our community together to connect, celebrate and enjoy a great day out. Come along, get involved and be part of the fun!

Scan the QR code for more info and to book your place

Visit Sandwell.com/sandwellsummerfest

A great day out in Sandwell

Visit Forge Mill Farm and Sandwell Valley Country Park this summer.

Enjoy local outdoor fun and make lasting memories at Sandwell Valley Country Park, which spans over 1,800 acres.

Follow us at @SandwellValleyCountryPark and @ForgeMillFarm for the latest updates, news and events.

Explore attractions such as Forge Mill Farm, the Sandwell Valley Visitor Centre, an adventure playground, cycling trails and scenic walks.

Meet the animals, explore and play at Forge Mill Farm with four new 'Have a Go' zones and a summer full of fun!

It's a fantastic educational destination for families and school groups, offering farm trails, interactive activities, Rare breed animal including sheep, donkeys, alpacas and Highland cows and a farm shop.



Go to www.visitsandwell.com to check out all the activities and events on offer at Sandwell Valley Country Park and across Sandwell.

Leisure centres and free swimming

There's lots of summer fun on offer at our leisure centres – with Kore Sandwell (formerly Sandwell Leisure Trust) and Places Leisure.

Check out a wide range of children's activities, including free swimming – which is available for Sandwell children aged 18 and under during designated sessions in school holidays. For Kore Sandwell centres – Sandwell Aquatics Centre, Tipton Leisure Centre and Wednesbury Leisure Centre – go to www.korewellness.co.uk or call 0300 012 0121.

For West Bromwich Leisure Centre, go to www.placesleisure.org and search 'West Bromwich Leisure Centre' or call 0121 580 6430.



WHATEVER THE EXAM RESULTS, WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Not sure what to do next? Better or worse results than you expected?

Get specialised careers information, advice and guidance on weekdays: Thursday 13 August to Friday 28 August, 10am to 4pm Not including Bank Holiday Monday 24 August www.sandwell.gov.uk/CareersService careers_service@sandwell.gov.uk 0121 569 2955

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