

More activities for Babies, Toddlers & Pre-Schoolers near Whitchurch – these ones you pay for

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

These are bookable in advance, term time only and payable by term unless stated. Free taster sessions are often available. Contact details and class timetables are available on websites where stated. *See separate list for free activities.*

TOTS ON THE HILL

Drop-in and pay per session: first session is free. Lovely local craft/play/song session 10-11:30am on a Wednesday morning at Goring Heath Parish Hall, tea/coffee and biscuits for carers, and healthy and varied snacks for children included. For further information please email Esther at totsonthehill@yahoo.com

LITTLE DUCKLINGS www.2wild.co.uk/pre-school

Outdoor forest school crawling-to-preschool group in beautiful Hardwick woods at Path Hill Outdoors RG8 7RE. Please contact Katie on 0118 984 2333 for details.

PANGBOURNE BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Drop-in and pay per session: 10-11.30am on Monday mornings at Pangbourne Village Hall. For 0-4s. Plenty of varied toys and activities for all ages and each session ends with some singing.

FIRST PLAY-TIME www.firstplaytime.co.uk/

Innovative classes offering a 'Yes Space' for infants and toddlers (6-24 months) to grow their skills and a 'Parent Space' for carers to enjoy them as they do. Free taster session. Thursdays 10-11.30am, The Old Stables, Whitchurch.

BABY SENSORY www.babysensory.com

birth to 13 months. Award-winning baby development classes: venues include Turnhams Farm Hall in Tilehurst and Sonning Common Village Hall. Very popular, fun classes, often with a waiting list. The follow-on classes, Toddler Sense (for 13 months – 3 ½) and Mini Professors (a science-based program for 2-4s), are now available at Theale Village Hall and in Calcot respectively.

TINY TALK www.tinytalk.co.uk

birth to 1s. Baby signing classes - teaching babies pre-verbal communication. Venues include Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall where social time and a drink and a snack are provided after class ends.

SWIM KIDZ www.swimkidz.co.uk and WATER BABIES www.waterbabies.co.uk

birth to 10 years. Baby, toddler and children swimming lessons. Pools include the Oratory Senior School, Woodcote, and the warmer Oratory Preparatory School pool in Goring Heath.

LITTLE KICKERS www.littlekickers.co.uk

18 months – 7 years. Popular football classes (expect waiting lists!) Local venues in Tilehurst, Upper Basildon and Caversham.

SHAKE & MAKE CLUB

2-5yrs music, movement and messy creative play Mondays and Fridays at The Laurence Hall, Cholsey. Contact Claire on 07909 910788

MONKEY MUSIC www.monkeymusic.co.uk

3 months – 4s. Music classes available at Basildon Village Hall and Wallingford.

MINI MOVERS

18 months – 4s. Movement to music activity in Wallingford. Contact Rhonda on 07932 038836.

SKELYOGA www.skelyoga.com

3 years+ (unaccompanied) Karma kids Yoga Thursdays 4-5pm in Streatley

MRS BUN THE BAKER www.mrsbunthebaker.net

2+ years toddler cookery classes in Cholsey

BETTY BLOOM DANCE www.bettybloomdance.co.uk

2 – 15 years. Classes teaching dance styles from all over the world. Venues include Moulsoford Pavilion and Brightwell Village Hall.

REGAL PICTUREHOUSE <https://www.picturehouses.com/cinema/regal-picturehouse>

Toddler Time 1-4yrs on Tuesdays 11-11.30am. Introduction to the big screen, featuring 30-minute shows, The Regal Picturehouse, Henley

DIDDI DANCE www.diddidance.com

1.5-4.5 years dance classes Tuesdays 9.30am at the Dolphin Centre, Pangbourne.

TUMBLE TOTS www.tumbletots.com

6 months – school. Designed to develop children's physical skills. Venues include Crowmarsh Pavilion and Rivermead Leisure Centre, Reading.

KENNYLANDS GYMNASTICS www.kennylandsgymnastics.com

From walking to adults. Includes termed classes and drop-in sessions. Venues in Sonning Common and Pangbourne.

RUGBY TOTS www.rugbytots.co.uk

2-7 years. Structured rugby play sessions in Reading and Henley.

TAYLOR TUGS UNDER 5s CLUB

18 months – 5 years. Drop-in and pay per session 10-11.30am Wednesdays at the River and Rowing Museum, Henley with crafts, stories and songs.

MINI PROFESSORS <https://www.miniprofessors.com/>

Fun and interactive science classes for 2 – 5 years. Venues include Pangbourne and Englefield.

STORYTIME www.millatsonning.com/whats-on/bar

Preschoolers' storytime in the theatre followed by snacks and colouring in the bar, not to mention the water wheel "switch on". 10.30am every Wednesday at the Mill, Sonning. Book a session on 0118 969 8000

BABY COLLEGE JUNIORS <https://www.babycollege.co.uk/west-berkshire>

Range of activities to enhance childhood development 0-36 months, payable per term, Purley-On-Thames

IMAGINE MORE

storytelling, drama, music and movement for under 5s. Tuesday mornings at St. Andrews School, Pangbourne. Call 07774 264607 to book

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Keep an eye on these websites for information on events in the area:

MESS AROUND www.messarounduk.com/berkswilts

6 months – 5 years. Multi-sensory messy play experiences. Venues include Pangbourne Village Hall and Sonning Common Village Hall.

THE PALMER ENSEMBLE <http://palmerensemble.co.uk/baby-and-toddler-concerts/4592563239>

Baby and toddler concert series in Goring, giving the very young the opportunity to experience live classical music in a safe and friendly way.

BACH TO BABY www.bachtobaby.com

Classical concerts for baby and you. Venues include St. Mary's Church in Henley.

POP UP PLAY VILLAGE <https://popupplayvillage.co.uk/>

Role play areas including a supermarket, vets, construction site and hospital. Venues include Goring and Sonning Common.