

Let's Get Out and About!

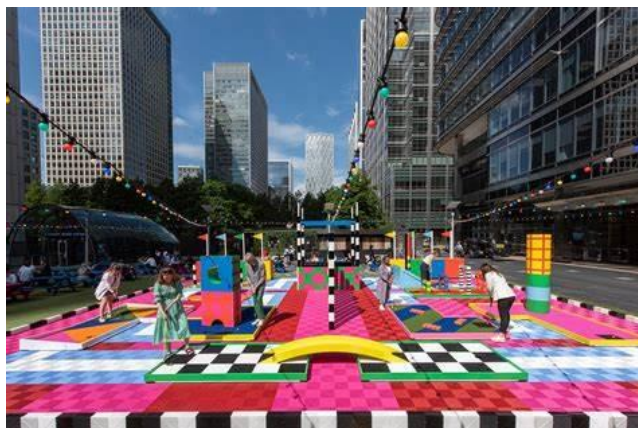
May Half Term Holiday Activity Newsletter 2023

Welcome to the **May Half Term 2023** edition of **Let's Get Out and About!** This edition gives you some ideas of places to explore along the Elizabeth Line. We also give you some information about venues where your daily admission can be converted to an annual pass at no additional cost. We hope there is something for everyone to enjoy!

SPOTLIGHT ON: The Elizabeth Line

Having recently celebrated its 1st Birthday, the **Elizabeth Line** provides travel to the West and East of London in style. The route passes through the borough stations of **Southall, Hanwell, West Ealing, Ealing Broadway** and **Acton Mainline** and stops at some amazing locations offering free and low-cost activities for your family to enjoy during May Half Term.

You can try **Free Mini Golf** [Minigolf by Craig & Karl - Canary Wharf](#), **Free Childrens' Art Trail** [Children's Art Trail - Canary Wharf](#) and a **Free Family Film Club** [Family Film Club - Canary Wharf](#) which can all be found a short walk from [Canary Wharf](#) station.



Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park has become a hub for sport, education, entertainment, and more. There's plenty to explore throughout the space, including live music, theatre, sport, and arts. Visitors can also try out sports activities throughout the park's facilities. So, whether you want to dive in the same pool Tom Daley has, or dance along to Mamma Mia with ABBA, this park has got it all. Which station? **Stratford** More info: <https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/>

Walpole Park – Free (Get off at [Ealing Broadway station](#)) For something a bit quieter and closer to home, [Walpole Park](#) is the perfect spot for a picnic, or walk, set among beautifully landscaped parkland. While you're there, you can also visit the [Pitzhanger Manor & Gallery](#), featuring work by contemporary artists, designers and architects. Check website in advance for free resident sessions and range of workshops and activities for children, families and adults. Entrance is free to Ealing residents on Sunday mornings and all day Wednesday.



Also, closer to home, **Hanwell Zoo** is a popular attraction located in Brent Lodge Park in Hanwell, London W7. The park also includes a maze, a café, play area and free (limited) car parking. [Plan your day - Hanwell Zoo](#) Child prices £2.50 (under 3 years are free) Adults £4.50 [Booking Form - Hanwell Zoo](#) Which station? **Hanwell**

Continuing the train theme, the London Transport Museum's Depot in **Acton** offers discovery tours and events. <https://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/whats-on/depot-tours/depot-discovery> for events on **Saturday 27th May 2023**. Please check the website for prices. At the other end of the **central** line, you can find the **Epping Ongar Railway** <https://www.eorailway.co.uk/>. Step back in time and experience the joy of steam travel as you pass through countryside, beautiful forest and historic towns. Child fares are just £1 when booking your standard All Day Rover tickets online, in advance, throughout 2023!



Children under 11 years can travel for free on London Underground with a paying adult. For children over 11 years, apply for a Zip Oyster card to get free bus travel and discounted train travel* <https://tfl.gov.uk/fares/free-and-discounted-travel> for information about other discounts available. *(Off Peak Travel in Zones 1-4 is capped at £1.70 per day)

Places to convert entry to annual passes.

The cost-of-living crisis is a real challenge for families. Where free activities are limited, you might be looking at venues that offer you the best value for money. Here are some ideas of locations that allow you to convert your day ticket to an annual pass at no additional cost.

Venue	Price
The Postal Museum, Phoenix Place, London WC1X Farringdon, Russell Square, King's Cross St Pancras and Chancery Lane are all less than a mile away. https://www.postalmuseum.org/visit-us/tickets/	Adult (25 year +) £16 online Young Person (16-24 years) £11 online Child (3-15 years) £9 Under 3's Free
The London Museum of Water and Steam, Brentford. Tube: Gunnersbury (District Line then 237 or 267 bus) or Kew Gardens (District Line then 391 bus from Sandycombe Road 2 mins walk from the station towards Kew Gardens), South Ealing (Piccadilly Line then 65 bus to Kew Bridge) https://waterandsteam.org.uk/	Adult tickets are £19 – valid for a whole year. Children go free.
Windsor Castle, Windsor Elizabeth Line to Slough then change to National Rail services Windsor & Eton. National Rail Fares apply. https://www.rct.uk/visit/windsor-castle	Best prices when booking in advance. Adults £28 Child £15.50 Under 5's free. Family discount applied when booking 2 adults and 2 children. Ask to convert ticket at the end of your visit to an annual pass.
London Transport Museum, Convent Garden The closest Underground stations to the Museum are Covent Garden (2 mins), Leicester Square (4 mins), Holborn (5 mins), Charing Cross (7 mins) and Embankment (8 mins). https://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/	Unlimited Annual Pass - Unlimited daytime entry to the Museum in Covent Garden for an entire year. Adults £24 / Concessions £23 / Local Resident £18 / Universal Credit £1 Off Peak Annual Pass - Access to the Museum on weekdays after 2pm in term-time and summer holidays for £22 Annual Pass Plus - Unlimited access to the Museum and our Depot Open Days for you and up to two children for £70

FREE Activities at local libraries: [Events at Ealing libraries](#) | [Events at Ealing libraries](#) | [Ealing Council Northolt Leisure Library](#) have **Chess Club** on **Saturdays, 2-4.30pm** Ages: All ages. On **Saturday 27 May, 12.30pm** Alice's Hoop Games - See how many balls you can get through the Alice in Wonderland Playing Card. Ages: 5-10 **Southall Library** offer **Elmer Day** on **Saturday 27 May, 2pm**. Make your own little colourful elephants to take home! Ages: 4-11 years



At **Watermans Art Centre** in Brentford, you can try a paper modelling workshop on **Sunday 28th May** from **12-4pm** Price: **Free**
<https://www.watermans.org.uk/events/paper-modelling-workshop-at-little-village/>

FREE Nature Events at Boston Manor Park – including half term programme and Nature Festival – Try out **Tuesday 30 May, 2pm – 3pm, Foraging family walk with Tash**: discover the edible and useful plants on your doorstep! Herbal tea included (6yrs up) – [Click Here](#) for all the details.

REMINDER - Every **Saturday morning from 9.30am** in **Spikes Bridge Park (Southall), Southall Park and Osterley Park (Hounslow)** What to expect:

ParkPlay is a **FREE** two-hour long play session of fun and games for everyone starting at 9.30am every Saturday morning. You can read all about how we #MeetMovePlay and the types of activities we do [here](#). Head to [Greater London – ParkPlay \(park-play.com\)](https://www.park-play.com) to register online.



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