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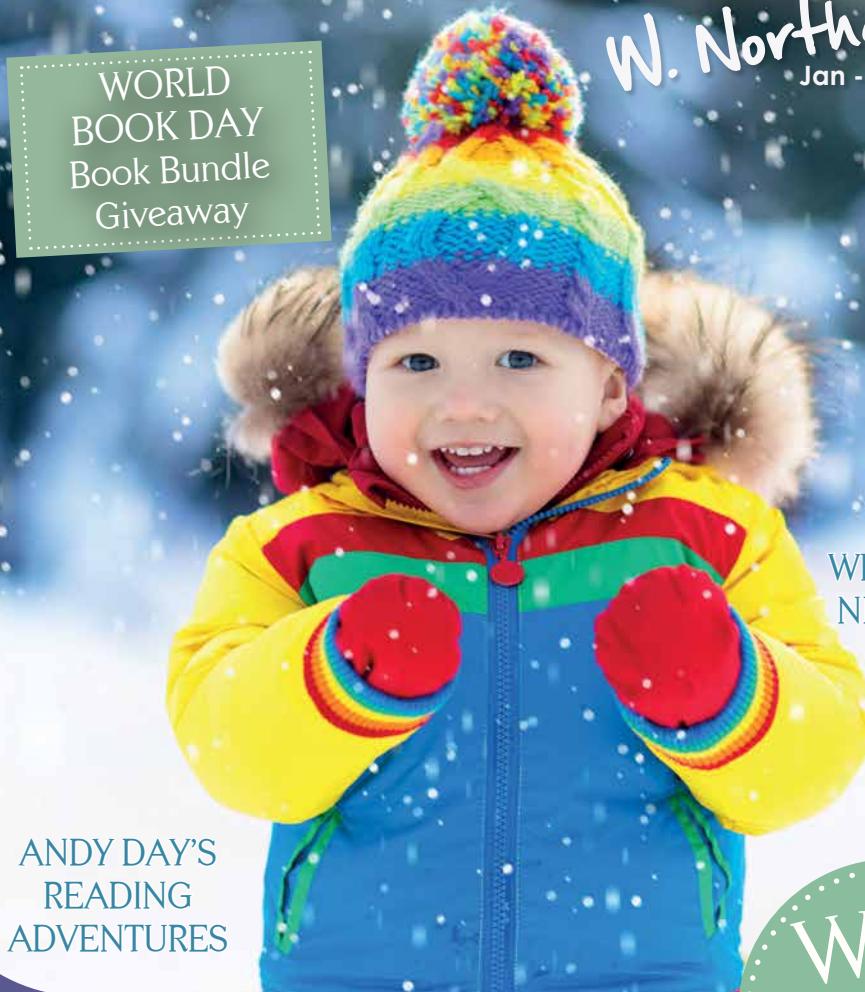
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- Join us for a **fun-filled** session including perfume making, flower painting, and card making.
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# WELCOME



## TO THE NEW YEAR 2026 EDITION!

The new-ness of a New Year brings the chance to try something different, focus on some goals (even if that's just to find a mini pocket of time for self care!) and leave the last year behind. I'm not sure about you, but being able to set new goals (if that's just making it to the next January with your sanity, that's ok!) is always a positive thing!

This issue, we have some great ideas for getting out and about if the weather is a little changeable (P.7), a fabulous recipe to make with your little ones for Valentines Day (P.6) and an easy craft for a rainy weekend in the lead up to Mother's Day (P.17).

As is tradition, we have a great competition (P.7) and it's that time of year again when the littlest ones get to dress up as their favourite characters for World Book Day (there's a great competition there too...P.14 - 15). We have a special article on reading by Andy Day (P.22 - 23).

So, start to make some plans for adventures with your little ones and make this brand new shiny year a great one.

Wishing you a very happy new year!

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### Northants Group

If you would like to hear about upcoming local events, competitions and news, join our WhatsApp group: scan the QR code to join.



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# Bite SIZED NEWS



## Choosing the Perfect Early Years Foundation For Your Daughter!

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[www.northamptonhigh.co.uk/admissions/open-events](http://www.northamptonhigh.co.uk/admissions/open-events)  
See P.21



## NEW Classes With Krystle Jayne!

Exciting News! Krystle Jayne's Dance Academy are adding new classes to the timetable! From January, they have 2 new Pre-Primary Ballet & Tap classes starting:

Tuesdays at St. Mary's Church Hall, Roade

4:15-5:00pm

Fridays at Grange Park Community Centre,  
4:30-5:10pm

These classes are suitable for 4-6 years. They also have a new mini moves street dance at Grange Park, Wednesdays 5:30-6:00pm suitable for children 5-8 years. First class is always a FREE trial. Contact Krystle for more information 07791852891, [krystlejaynedance@gmail.com](mailto:krystlejaynedance@gmail.com).

[www.krystlejaynedanceacademy.co.uk](http://www.krystlejaynedanceacademy.co.uk) See P.30



## New Year, New Term at Rhythm Time!

Rhythm Time begins its new term in West Northants, offering award-winning music sessions for babies and toddlers. This warm, welcoming community gives parents the chance to connect, have fun, and support their little ones' development. The upcoming term includes Valentines celebrations, World Book Week, and beautifully themed Easter sessions. If you're looking for a new activity for your little one, head to their website to find out more and book your space. Sessions run at Watford Village Hall on Tuesday mornings from 7th January.

**Offer:** Free 1st class when you sign up with a monthly plan

You can find us at [www.Rhythmtimetime.net/coventry-rugby](http://www.Rhythmtimetime.net/coventry-rugby) See P.40

## Independent Education for 3 - 18!

In 2025, Ashfold prep school near Bicester joined Stowe, Swanbourne House and Winchester House as part of The Stowe Group. Together, the schools provide independent education for ages 3-18 across more than 800 acres of exceptional facilities, including Stowe's Worsley Science Centre, Roxburgh Theatre, Chung Music School, athletics track, gym, equestrian centre, competition pool and golf course. Regular Change Maker Days bring pupils together for inspiring workshops and adventures.

Find out more at [www.stowe.co.uk](http://www.stowe.co.uk) See P.8



## 'Most Loved' Award For Kidslingo!

Yet again, Kidslingo Spanish Northampton & Milton Keynes was proud to be named Most Loved Academic/Creative Activity at the prestigious national What's On 4 Kids Awards in November 2025. This award recognises the program's success in inspiring children (birth-12 years) to discover a love for languages through songs, storytelling, and play. With expert linguists leading the way, Kidslingo continues to deliver an engaging, award-winning experience. Email [isabel.rd@kidslingo.co.uk](mailto:isabel.rd@kidslingo.co.uk) and quote 'Toddle about' to claim your exclusive free taster.

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## Mums Go FREE This Mother's Day at NLR!

The Northampton & Lamport Railway re-opens to the public on Sunday 15th March (Mother's Day), with steam train rides where Mums go FREE! Also, for that extra special Mother's Day treat, we're offering 'Cream Tea Specials'. Other up-coming special events include: 5th/6th Apr – Easter Egg Specials; 3rd/4th May – Teddy Bear Weekend; 10th May – Heritage Transport Day. Trains run most Sundays from 29th Mar to 4th Oct. See website for full information, event details and online tickets. You can also follow them on Facebook, Instagram and X.

[www.nlr.org.uk](http://www.nlr.org.uk). See P.5

## Reclaim A Confident New You!

Reclaim Your Self – The 6-Week Confidence Reset for Mums If you're overwhelmed, running on empty, or wondering where you went in the middle of motherhood, you're not alone — and you don't have to stay here. Reclaim Your Self is a powerful six-week self-led reset that helps you rebuild confidence, identity and self-worth without guilt or burnout. Move at your own pace, or upgrade to VIP for personalised coaching. This is your moment to step back into yourself — with support, clarity and direction.



[www.theconfidentmumsclub.com](http://www.theconfidentmumsclub.com). See P.17



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# Valentine's Day Recipe LOVE BUGS BISCUITS



These chocolate cookies are great fun to make and are delicious!

## INGREDIENTS:

50g Soft Butter  
50g Caster Sugar  
15g Beaten Egg  
85g Plain Flour  
15g Cocoa Powder

## FILLING

15g Chocolate Chips  
25g Soft Butter  
40g Icing Sugar  
15g Soft Brown Sugar  
5g Cocoa Powder

## DECORATION

50g Icing Sugar  
Red Food Colour

Sugar Eyes &  
Sprinkles

## TUTORIAL:

1. Put butter and caster sugar in a bowl & beat together until just creamy.
2. Pour in the beaten egg and combine. Then add the flour & cocoa powder and mix into a ball of dough.
3. Wrap in cling-film and refrigerate for 1 hour.
4. Gently knead on a floured surface. Using a rolling pin, roll out the dough to an even thickness of about 5-7mm.
5. Use a heart shape cutter to cut out 12-14 biscuits.

6. Place your biscuits on a baking tray lined with greaseproof paper. Chill in the fridge for 30 mins. Preheat the oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas 4.
7. Bake for 12-15 minutes, turning halfway. Leave to cool.
8. Meanwhile, make the chocolate filling. Melt the choc chips in sealed bag in a mug of hot water. Put the butter in a bowl and beat until soft and creamy. Add the icing sugar and brown sugar, mixing until fluffy. Add the cocoa powder and melted chocolate & stir.
9. Spread the filling on a heart. Pop a heart on top. Repeat.
10. Mix icing sugar with cold water until toothpaste consistency. Add red colouring to desired shade. Pipe onto each cookie to make wings. Stick on eyes with icing, add sprinkles. Leave to harden and enjoy!

Recipe by Rebecca Honeywell-Ward, founder of Honeywell Bakes, and author of *Planet Friendly Baking* - available at [www.honeywellbakes.com](http://www.honeywellbakes.com) and good book stores.



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# FAMILY Days Out

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[www.northamptonmuseums.com](http://www.northamptonmuseums.com)

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## BUGS AND BEASTIES TRAIL

Canons Ashby, Nr Daventry

As part of your visit to Canons Ashby, wrap up warm and get outside in the fresh air for the Bugs and Beasties Trail. Pick up a free trail at Visitor Reception and enjoy some nature fun whilst making memories with your little ones. Don't 'frogs' your wellies! Normal admission prices apply.

Canons Ashby, Northants, NN11 3SD  
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/leicestershire-northamptonshire/canons-ashby>

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## MOTHER'S DAY EXPERIENCES

Whilton Locks Garden Village

From Afternoon Tea to marvellous meals and Makes with Mums – Whilton Locks Garden Village is the perfect destination for Mum's every day – with this one day just being extra, extra special.

Whilton Locks, Whilton, Daventry, NN11 2NH  
[www.whiltonlocksgardenvillage.com/mothers-day](http://www.whiltonlocksgardenvillage.com/mothers-day)

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West Lodge Rural Centre, Back Lane, Desborough, Northants, NN14 2SH

[www.westlodergeruralcentre.co.uk](http://www.westlodergeruralcentre.co.uk)

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## THE GRUFFALO'S CHILD

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[www.royalandderngate.co.uk/whats-on/the-gruffalos-child/](http://www.royalandderngate.co.uk/whats-on/the-gruffalos-child/)

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## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

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### SENSORY SCREENINGS

Arc Cinema, Daventry  
Booking Required

These sensory-friendly screenings feature a diverse selection of family-friendly films once a month.

These sensory-friendly screenings provide a safe and supportive space where guests of all ages and abilities can feel welcome and at ease. We understand that traditional movie screenings can be overwhelming for individuals with sensory sensitivities, so they've carefully curated these events to ensure a more comfortable and enjoyable experience for everyone.

(showings change monthly, check with Arc for up to date info)

**The Arc Cinema, Mulberry Place, Daventry NN11 4GH**  
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[www.daventry.arcinema.co.uk/whatson/sensory](http://www.daventry.arcinema.co.uk/whatson/sensory)

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### SEND SESSIONS

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# TODDLE MODELS



Winner



Stanley, 3 years old

## Baby and Toddler Photo Competition Winner

Thank you to everyone who entered our Autumn Toddle Models competition!

Congratulations to little Stanley and Amber who **both** won a **Family Ticket to Disney On Ice**, worth £220!

We received so many gorgeous entries - we hope you enjoy looking through them as much as we have and that this gives all our entrants a lovely keepsake.



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Winner



Alaya, 9 months



Alfie, 15 months



Alfie, 4 years



Caleb, 1 year



Carter, 3 years



Dolcie Jean, 3 years



Eleanor, 4 years



Elena, 1 year



Elwin, 3 years



Elyana Grace, 22 months



Evelyn, 3 months



Oisin and Finn, 8 months & 4 years



Frankie, 3 years



George, 7 weeks



Hallie, 2 years



Harry, 4 years



Hazel, 3 years



Isabella, 3 years



Isaiah, 7 months



Josephine, 2 years



Kaiya, 22 months



Lilly, 2 years



Mabel, 1 year



Margot, 3 years



Marnie, 2 years



Maxwell, 4 years



Myles, 3 years



Pearl, 4 years



Reya, 6 months



Robin and Zack,  
3 years & 3 months



Rosetta, 2 years



Sidney, 3 years



Tristan, 1 year



William, 8 months



Willow, 3 years

## COMPETITION

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[uk.bbox.com](http://uk.bbox.com)



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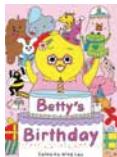
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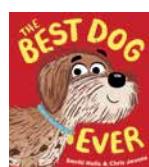


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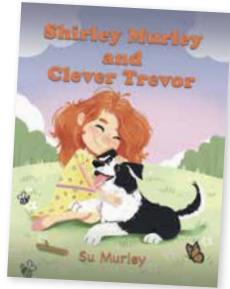


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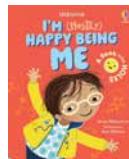


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# WHEN POSTNATAL RECOVERY MEETS PERIMENOPAUSE

## The Overlooked Overlap

by Rose Constantine RNutr

Since the 1990s, the number of women having babies in their 40s has more than doubled. Whilst there are many benefits to having children later in life, including potentially living to a greater age, it can create a doubling up effect where a woman is navigating postnatal recovery alongside the onset of perimenopause.

What no one is telling you is that **you are not broken**. Your body is carrying a huge load, such as...

- nutrient depletion from pregnancy
- sleep disruption
- breastfeeding demands
- physical healing
- the mental load of caring for a young child

All things new mums experience, plus reducing progesterone levels (your calming and sleep supporting hormone), and a greater sensitivity to everyday stress (in part due to perimenopausal hormone fluctuations).

### **So how can you support yourself through this phase?**

This is not about bouncing back, it is about providing realistic and kind support for your body.

#### **1 Concentrate on what to include, not avoid**

Your body needs more nutrients now than at almost any other life stage, so build meals with:

- Protein to stabilise blood sugar and support hormone production
- Healthy fats for mood and brain health
- Leafy greens and colourful vegetables for minerals and antioxidants
- Whole carbohydrates (potatoes, lentils and beans) for slow-release energy.

**TIP:** Many women benefit from checking iron, B vitamins and magnesium, as they're commonly depleted postnatally and important in perimenopause.



Rose Constantine RNutr is a Nutritionist specialising in hormone health. She supports women who feel overwhelmed by mood swings, anxiety or PMDD-type symptoms, helping them understand their bodies and feel calmer, clearer and in control. [@the.womensnutritionist](http://www.roseconstantine.co.uk)



Add to this the stresses and strains of motherhood and it becomes the perfect storm for anxiety, low mood, fatigue and constant brain fog.

Sadly, these symptoms are often placed under the label "motherhood", giving a sense of needing to just get on with it. When in actual fact, mothers are confused, frustrated and feeling broken and alone.

#### **2 Stabilise blood sugar**

Blood sugar swings can worsen anxiety and fatigue. Eating regularly and balancing meals can make a big difference.

**TIP:** Eat within an hour of eating (even just a little)

#### **3 Support your nervous system**

Complete the stress cycle. Often a stress response is triggered but never switched off, leaving you in a heightened state. You can complete the cycle by:

- Shaking your body
- Taking deep breaths
- Belly laughs
- Being creative (writing, drawing or music)
- Having a positive conversation with a friend

#### **4 Track your cycle and mood**

Charting helps you spot patterns, understand symptoms and identify whether changes are postnatal, perimenopausal or both. It also helps you track where things are improving.

#### **5 Seek support**

You do not need to wait until things feel unmanageable. A women's health specialist can help you understand what is going on and what you need. The amount of information available online is overwhelming and confusing. Remember you are unique and your needs may be different to others.

**But always remember:** You are not broken.

MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT

# CHOCOLATE PRETZEL FLOWERS

## EQUIPMENT:

- Oven Dish
- Paper straws
- Spatula, fork & spoon
- Cut-out paper leaves
- Parchment paper
- Mixing bowl
- Glue
- 200g White chocolate
- Food colouring
- Pretzels

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Lay two sheets of parchment paper on your work surface and prepare your equipment.
2. Place a wrapped chocolate bar in a heatproof dish, cover with boiling water and allow it to melt until smooth.
3. Pour half the melted chocolate into a bowl, add yellow food colouring and mix. Spoon a small amount onto the parchment and spread into a circle (about the size of a 10p) – this will be the flower centre.
4. Melt more chocolate and add your chosen colours for the petals.
5. Dip a pretzel into the coloured chocolate, press it down with a fork to coat fully, then lift and gently tap on the bowl's edge to remove excess.
6. Place on the parchment and repeat until you have four pretzels. Arrange them in a circle with the tops facing out and touching, then place your yellow centre on top.
7. Chill in the fridge for 5–10 minutes to set. Repeat to make more flowers, using different colours if you like.
8. To add a stem, dab melted chocolate onto one end of a straw, press the flower onto it and chill again to set.
9. Once dry, use a toothpick or sharp knife tip to clean holes of any excess chocolate..
10. Optional: Add paper leaves to the straw.

*This craft was lovingly prepared for you by Toddle About's very own Lou Holmes. Thanks Lou!*

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# MAKE POO-DOH!

## Crack Potty Training the Fun Way

By Children's Nurse & Potty Learning Expert, **Rebecca Mottram**



Potty training can feel like one of the trickiest milestones of early childhood, but what if you could turn it into play? Research shows that many parents hit roadblocks such as refusal, anxiety, or difficulty adapting from nappies to the potty. The good news is, there's a playful way through: **Poo-Doh**.

This delightfully fun activity uses homemade play-doh (yes, brown if you like!) to help children explore how their bodies work and teach them the basics of how to manage poo and wee whilst building their confidence.

### 1. MAKE THE POO-DOH

Children love sensory play with something squishy and hand squeezing activities such as the motion of forming “poo” from dough are also beneficial for their fine motor development.

My favourite is to make it brown, but you can also make glitter poo, rainbow poo, even dinosaur poo! Making the poo gives you a chance to show them what healthy poo should look like.



### 2. NORMALISE AND TALK ABOUT POO

When you roll and squeeze the poo doh with a bit of humour and giggles, conversations about bodily functions become natural.

You can playfully introduce the character of Mr Poo, who always wants to find his way to Pooland, down the toilet. Using play like this allows children to explore the topic safely and provides a powerful antidote to the pressure they may feel when learning to use the toilet.

Sensory activities like rolling and squeezing dough help children with emotional regulation, helping to create a beneficial learning environment for your child.



*Rebecca Mottram is a children's nurse, researcher and potty learning specialist. She's the author of *Positively Potty* from Bloomsbury, and hosts the Go Potty Podcast. Find more evidence-based, child-centred toilet training resources at [rebeccamottram.com](http://rebeccamottram.com).*

### 3. ROLE-PLAY TO PRACTICE AND BUILD SKILLS

Once you've made your Poo-Doh, you can use it to act out what happens at toilet time: plop poo in the potty, tip it into the loo, flush, and wash hands. Let dolly or teddy have a go too.

Modelling each step gives children structure and predictability; two key ingredients for toileting success. At this stage of development, children live in their imagination so delivering information through play meets them where they are in a child-centred way.

### 4. A HANDS-ON BIOLOGY LESSON

Make your hand into a fist and gently push the dough through to show how poo moves through the body. Children can see and feel what's happening, helping them recognise those “tummy tickles” as signals to go. Understanding the process reduces fear and builds trust in their bodies.

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# ANDY'S READING ADVENTURES

by Andy Day



Andy Day, much-loved CBeebies presenter, frontman of *Andy & The Odd Socks* and author of the *Dino Dad* book series, shares how becoming a father has shaped his storytelling, what television taught him about writing for children and why sparking a love of reading is more important than ever.

## HOW HAS FATHERHOOD INSPIRED YOUR WRITING?

Becoming a dad has been one of, if not the most, important jobs of my life. I've always loved entertaining children – on screen, on stage and in person – but it's an entirely new level when those children call you 'dad'. My three kids have really inspired me as I've gone on my writing journey, first with the *Dino Dad* series, then with *Dylan the Dino Boy Saves Christmas*, and now with my next few projects.

Of course, I try to encourage my own little ones to love reading as much as I did when I was younger so, when I write, I am keeping them in mind. I always want to write something that they will really enjoy reading. I don't want it to feel like a slog or a chore for any of my young readers (or parents reading to their little ones) to get through my books – I want the stories to be engaging and entertaining, make them laugh out loud if possible and make reading fun.

Having young children definitely impacts the stories I choose to write and the way I write them as well. When writing the *Dino Dad* books for example, I could hear my eldest daughter's voice in my head (and my youngest's, with her cheeky ways!) Those

books are for five to eight year-olds and my own daughter fell within that age range while I was working on that project. So I tried to see the world through her eyes and to capture that world-view in my writing.

Not only that, but I based the characters in *Dino Dad* on my own children. Ruby – the protagonist of the *Dino Dad* series – is also the name of my eldest daughter. Both my daughter and the Ruby in the books are sweet, sensitive souls, but with huge appetites for adventure. Little Indie is based on my younger daughter, also called Indie, with heaps of energy and a knack for getting up to mischief. My little boy Luca is only a baby still, but even he made it into the *Dino Dad* series, with an appearance in *Dino Dad: Mystery of the Missing Egg* – I couldn't leave him out!

## HAS YOUR WORK IN CHILDREN'S TV INFLUENCED YOUR WRITING?

People often ask whether working as a children's television presenter helps with writing for children and I think it must. When you spend years creating content aimed at children through a camera lens, you get a pretty good idea of what appeals to them.

TV presenting trains you to think about energy and engagement. Children tune out if something doesn't grab them, and they're not shy about letting you know. That's the great thing about them – they are brutally honest with you all the time: they can't be any different. So I think by now, I've developed a fairly strong sense of what will keep their attention and what won't.

In my job as a presenter, I have to ask myself: Is this fun enough? Is it too complicated? Or not complicated enough? Does it encourage them to join in? Am I teaching them something? Will this spark their imagination? And these are all questions that I apply to my writing too. If you imagine you are reading aloud to a room full of children, it's not all that different from presenting TV for them.

I think that working in kids' TV has also helped to keep me young-minded. There is a wonder in the way that young people view the world that we can lose as we get older, and I think that it's really important to try to reconnect with that hopeful way of viewing the world, where everything is exciting and everything is an opportunity to learn.

And, of course, my role as a TV presenter has helped to launch the opportunity to write children's books for a built-in audience that I love and to reach new audiences as well. For that, I'm very grateful.

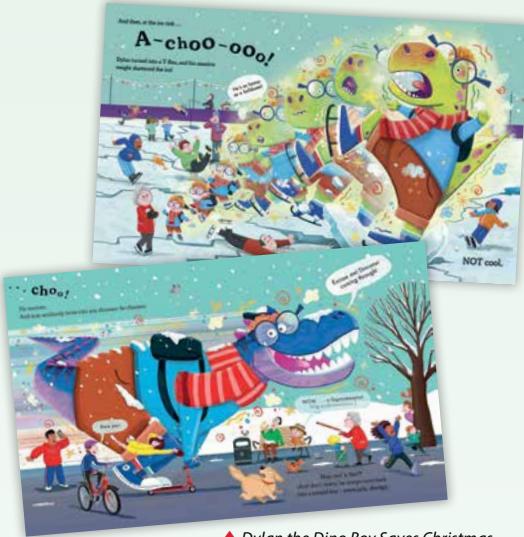
## DO YOU HAVE ANY TIPS FOR GETTING RELUCTANT READERS INTO BOOKS?

I know that for a lot of parents today, it feels harder and harder to encourage children to pick up a book over an iPad or a tablet. We are living in a period that is so oversaturated by technology – which of course also has its benefits – that it can be surprising to see the power that a good old-fashioned book can still hold.

The fight to encourage a love of reading is a cause which is close to my heart, both as an author and as a father. The statistics on reading for pleasure are shocking and can be discouraging, but I firmly believe there's a book for every child, and a way to help even the most reluctant readers discover the joy of stories.



*Hello! Andy here. If you've enjoyed reading about my storytelling adventures, you might enjoy my books too – the Dino Dad series and Dylan the Dino Boy Saves Christmas are available to purchase now and are chock full of adventure, energy, and dino-fun! Creating stories is one of my greatest joys, and I hope that my books bring plenty of joy to you too!*



↑ Dylan the Dino Boy Saves Christmas

I'm no expert, but a couple of tips I've learned are:

### 1 Lean into their interests

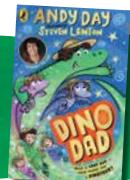
If your child is obsessed with trains, fairies, sharks, outer space, dogs or DINOSAURS – there is a book for that! Start with those books. When children see themselves or their passions in a story, they're more likely to go back to books for more, in my experience.

### 2 Get them involved

Nobody likes being talked AT! When reading with your children, give them the chance to really get involved, to immerse themselves in the story. Give characters silly voices to bring them to life. Add sound effects. Pause dramatically. Invite your child to join in by asking them questions about the story or having them take on the role of one of the characters. The more interactive, the better!

### 3 Don't make it a chore

If reading turns into a battle, take a step back. It's important to keep the fun alive! Not everyone comes to reading at the same pace. Offer up a book as a fun alternative to other modes of entertainment, rather than something they *have* to do. If they feel forced, chances are they will resist the wonder that is reading! Let them choose the book (even if it's the same book for the twentieth night in a row) and let them come to it in their own time.





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## PHYSICAL FUN

### Northampton Gymnastics Academy

10 North Portway Close, Round Spinney Industrial Estate, Northampton, NN3 8RQ. 01604 461242. [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).

- **Explore & Play @ NGA:** 9:30 - 11:00.

*Swing, jump, bounce and enjoy gym equipment!*

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £6.50 (book).

**Dates:** 5 Jan - 9 Feb & 23 Feb - 23 Mar.

### Aqualight Swim School - Headlands

Headlands Primary School, Bushland Road, Northampton, NN3 2NS. 01604 830405. [www.aqualight.co.uk](http://www.aqualight.co.uk).

- **1-2 years:** 9:30 - 10:00 & 11:00 - 11:30.

- **2-3 years:** 10:00 - 10:30 & 11:30 - 12:00.

- **3-4 years:** 10:30 - 11:00.

**Cost:** £12.35 (book).

**Dates:** 12 Jan - 9 Feb & 23 Feb - 16 Mar.

### Turtle Tots Northamptonshire, Milton Keynes & Bedford

Turtle Tots Swim Centre, Finedon Road, Wellingborough, NN8 4BW. 01604 372747. [www.turtletots.com](http://www.turtletots.com).

- **Turtle Tots Swim Centre:** 9:00 - 12:30.

**Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs.

**Cost:** £15 (book).

**Dates:** 12 Jan - 9 Feb & 23 Feb - 16 Mar.

## SEND ACTIVITIES

### Autism East Midlands

Kingsthorpe Baptist Church, High Street, Northampton, NN2 7BD. 01909506678. [www.autismedastmidlands.org.uk](http://www.autismedastmidlands.org.uk).

- **FAMILY SUPPORT HUB:** 16:00 - 19:00.

**Cost:** Free (book). **Dates:** 5 Jan, 2 Feb & 2 Mar.

## TUESDAY

### PARENTS & TOTS

#### Duston Library

Duston Library, Pendle Road, Northampton, NN5 6DT. 0300 126 7000.

[www.westnorthants.gov.uk](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk).

• **Rhymetime:** 10:30 - 11:00.

Introduce your children to rhymes and songs

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** Free (drop in).

**Dates:** 6 Jan - 31 Mar.

#### Mini Springers

The Life Centre, 9 Tower Street, Northampton, NN1 2SN. 01604 630457.

**Times:** 9:30 - 11:30. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

**Cost:** £1 (drop in).

**Dates:** 6 Jan - 10 Feb & 24 Feb - 24 Mar.

#### Moulton Library

Moulton Community Centre, Reedings, Moulton, NN3 7AX.

[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk).

• **Stay & Play under 1s:** 9:30 - 11:30.

**Ages:** 0 - 1 yrs.

• **Construction Club:** 13:30 - 15:30.

**Ages:** 1 - 5 yrs.

**Cost:** Free (book).

**Dates:** 6 Jan - 10 Feb & 24 Feb - 24 Mar.

#### St Gregory's Toddler Group

St Gregory's Catholic Church, Birchfield Road East, Abington, Northampton, NN3 2HS. 01604 713015.

**Times:** 9:30 - 11:30. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

**Cost:** £0.50 (drop in).

**Dates:** 6 Jan - 10 Feb & 24 Feb - 24 Mar.

#### The Spring Charity

The Spring Charity - Annex Community Centre, Spring Lane, Northampton, NN1 2JW. 07465231663. [www.thespringcharity.org](http://www.thespringcharity.org).

• **Stay and Play:** 9:00 - 11:00.

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £1 (drop in).

**Dates:** 6 Jan - 10 Feb & 24 Feb - 24 Mar.

#### Toddle In

St Giles Church Centre, St Giles Terrace, Northampton, NN1 2BN. 01604 628623. [www.stgilesnorthampton.org.uk](http://www.stgilesnorthampton.org.uk).

• **St Giles Toddle In:** 10:00 - 11:00.

Parent and Tots group with crafts, play and singing.

**Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs. **Cost:** Free (drop in).

**Dates:** 6 Jan - 10 Feb & 24 Feb - 24 Mar.



## MUSIC & SIGNING

### Boogie Beanies

Wootton Community Centre, Curtlee Hill, Wootton, Northampton, NN4 6ED.

07766 731542. [www.boogiebeanies.com](http://www.boogiebeanies.com).

**Times:** 10:00 - 11:00. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

**Cost:** £5 (book).

**Dates:** 6 Jan - 10 Feb & 24 Feb - 24 Mar.

### Cha Char Chimps - Northampton

Parklands Community Centre (Tuesdays), Devon Way, Northampton, NN3 6DX. 07917683330. [www.ccchimps.com](http://www.ccchimps.com).

• **Parklands:** 10:00 - 11:00.

**Dates:** 6 Jan, 13 Jan, 20 Jan & 27 Jan.

### Hunsbury Library

Hunsbury Library, Overslade Close, Hunsbury, NN4 0RZ. 01604 702691.

[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk).

• **Rhymetime:** 10:30 - 11:00.

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** Free (book).

**Dates:** 6 Jan - 10 Feb & 24 Feb - 24 Mar.

### Music Bugs Northampton

Hardingstone, Hardingstone Village Hall, High Street, Northampton, NN4 6DA. 07811 771480. [www.musicbugs.co.uk](http://www.musicbugs.co.uk).

• **Family Bugs:** 10:00 - 10:40.

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Dates:** 6 Jan - 7 Apr.

• **Baby Bugs:** 11:00 - 11:40.

**Ages:** 0 - 10 mths. **Dates:** 6 Jan - 7 Apr.

**Cost:** £7.50 (book).

## SENSORY & DEVELOPMENT

### Baby Sensory Northampton

The Baby Sensory Centre, Green Lodge Barn, Nobottle, Northampton, NN7 4HD. 07512 469881. [www.babysensory.com](http://www.babysensory.com).

• **Baby Sensory (6 - 13mths):** 10:00 - 11:00.

• **Baby Sensory (0 - 13mths):** 13:00 - 14:00.

• **Baby Sensory (0 - 6mths):** 11:30 - 12:30.

**Cost:** £8 (book).

**Dates:** 6 Jan - 10 Feb & 24 Feb - 24 Mar.

*Baby development classes inc. signing, massage, music & play*

### Hartbeeps Kettering

Desborough Youth Centre, Desborough, Kettering, NN14 2LZ. 07506700451. [www.hartbeeps.com](http://www.hartbeeps.com).

• **Happy House:** 9:45 - 10:30.

**Ages:** 15 mths - 4 yrs 11 mths.

• **Baby Beeps:** 10:50 - 11:35. **Ages:** 7 - 15mths.

• **Baby Bells:** 12:00 - 12:45. **Ages:** 2 - 7 mths.

**Cost:** £8 (book). **Dates:** 6 Jan - 31 Mar.



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## Oncore Dance Academy

Oncore Studios, Footshape House, Kingsthorpe Road, Northampton, NN2 6HT. 07971 824 759 or 07894 667 333.

[www.oncoredanceacademy.co.uk](http://www.oncoredanceacademy.co.uk).

**• Baby Ballet: 10:00 - 10:45.**

Free trial class. Quote 'Toddle About' when booking.

**Ages: 3 - 4 yrs.**

**Dates: 6 Jan - 10 Feb & 24 Feb - 24 Mar.**

## Wootton Community Library

Wootton Community Centre, Curtlee Hill, Wootton, NN4 6ED. 01604 526363.

[www.woottonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.woottonparishcouncil.gov.uk).

**• Storytime: 11:15 - 11:35.**

**Ages: 0 - 4 yrs. Cost: Free (drop in).**

**Dates: 6 Jan - 10 Feb & 24 Feb - 24 Mar.**

## CREATIVE

### Eat Sleep Bake Repeat

Summerfields, West Hunsbury, Northampton, NN4 9YN. 07457 410822.

[www.Eat-sleep-bake-repeat.newzenler.com](http://www.Eat-sleep-bake-repeat.newzenler.com).

**• Preschool classes: 10:00 - 10:45.**

**Ages: 2 - 4 yrs.**

**Dates: 13 Jan - 10 Feb & 24 Feb - 17 Mar.**

**• Childminder Preschool classes: 11:30 - 12:30.**

**Ages: 2 - 4 yrs. Dates: 13 Jan - 10 Feb.**

## DANCE & DRAMA

### Krystle Jayne's Dance Academy

Grange Park Community Centre, School Lane Grange Park, NN4 5FZ. Krystle: 07791 852891. [www.krystlejaynedanceacademy.co.uk](http://www.krystlejaynedanceacademy.co.uk).

**• Baby Ballet: 15:45 - 16:15. Ages: 2 - 4 yrs.**

**• Pre-Primary Ballet & Tap: 16:15 - 17:00.**

**Ages: 4 - 5 yrs. Cost: £4 (book).**

**Dates: 6 Jan - 10 Feb & 24 Feb - 24 Mar.**

## PHYSICAL FUN

### Northampton Gymnastics Academy

Northampton Gymnastics Academy, 10 North Portway Close, Round Spinney Industrial Estate, Northampton, NN3 8RQ. 01604 461242.

**• Explore & Play @ NGA: 10:30 - 12:00 & 13:00 - 14:29.**

*Swing, jump, bounce and enjoy gym equipment!*

**Ages: 0 - 5 yrs. Cost: £6.50 (book).**

**Dates: 6 Jan - 10 Feb & 24 Feb - 24 Mar.**

### Aqualight Swim School - Headlands

Headlands Primary School, Bushland Road, Northampton, NN3 2NS. 01604 830405.

[www.aqualight.co.uk](http://www.aqualight.co.uk).

**• 3-4 years: 10:00 - 10:30.**

**• 2-3 years: 10:30 - 11:00.**

**• 1-2 years: 11:00 - 11:30.**

**Cost: £12.35 (book).**

**Dates: 6 Jan - 24 Mar.**

## Turtle Tots Northamptonshire, Milton Keynes & Bedford

Turtle Tots Swim Centre, Finedon Road, Wellingborough, NN8 4BW. 01604 372747. [www.turtle-tots.com](http://www.turtle-tots.com) .

- **Turtle Tots Swim Centre:** 9:00 - 12:30.

**Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs.

**Cost:** £15 (book).

**Dates:** 6 Jan - 24 Mar.

## SEND ACTIVITIES

### DEAF CONNECT Northampton

Spencer Dallington Community Centre, Tintern Avenue, Northampton, NN5 7BZ. 07875140561. [www.deafconnect.org.uk](http://www.deafconnect.org.uk).

- **Coffee Morning:** 10:00 - 12:00.

**Cost:** Free. **Dates:** 27 Jan, 24 Feb, 31 Mar, 28 Apr.

## WEDNESDAY

### PARENTS & TOTS

#### Chatterbox

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, 147-155 Kettering Road, Northampton, NN1 4BS. 01604 516809. [www.mountpleasantchurch.com](http://www.mountpleasantchurch.com).

**Times:** 9:30 - 11:15. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

**Cost:** £1.50 (drop in).

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 25 Mar.

#### Earls Barton Library

Broad Street, Earls Barton, NN6 0ND. 0300 126 1000. [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk).

- **Play & Learn Under 5s:** 10:30 - 12:00.

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** Free (book).

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 25 Mar.

#### Emmanuel Family Tots

Emmanuel Church, Weston Favell Centre, Billing Brook Road, Northampton, NN3 8JR. 07812508711.

**Times:** 10:00 - 11:30. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

**Cost:** £1 (drop in). **Dates:** 7 Jan - 8 Apr.

#### Rainbow Tots - toddler group

The Salvation Army, 8 Tower Street, Northampton, NN1 2SN. 01603 624841. [www.salvationarmy.org.uk](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk).

**Times:** 10:30 - 12:00. **Cost:** £1.50 (book).

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 25 Mar.

#### Storehouse Church

Lodge Farm Community Centre, Crestwood Road, Northampton, NN3 8JJ. 07853 765517. [www.storehousechurch.co.uk](http://www.storehousechurch.co.uk).

- **Tiny Tadpoles:** 9:30 - 11:00.

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £2 (drop in).

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 25 Mar.

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#### Upton Tots

The Elgar Centre, 1 High St, Upton, NN5 4EN. [www.gracechurchupton.com](http://www.gracechurchupton.com).

**Times:** 10:00 - 11:30. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

**Cost:** £3 (drop in).

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 25 Mar.

## MUSIC & SIGNING

### Hunsbury Library

Hunsbury Library, Overslade Close, Hunsbury, NN4 0RZ. 01604 702691.

- **Babystyle:** 10:30 - 11:30.

**Ages:** 0 - 1 yrs. **Cost:** Free (drop in).

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 25 Mar.

### Music Bugs Northampton

Moulton Community Centre, Sandy Hill Lane, Reedings, NN3 7AX. 07811 771480. [www.musicbugs.co.uk](http://www.musicbugs.co.uk).

- **Family Bugs:** 10:15 - 11:00. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

- **Mini Bugs:** 11:15 - 12:00. **Ages:** 6 mths - 2 yrs.

- **Baby Bugs:** 12:15 - 13:00. **Ages:** 0 - 10 mths.

**Cost:** £7.50 (book).

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 25 Mar.

## SENSORY & DEVELOPMENT

### Baby Sensory Northampton

The Baby Sensory Centre, Green Lodge Barn, Nobottle, Northampton, NN7 4HD.

07512 46988. [www.babysensory.com](http://www.babysensory.com).

- **Baby Sensory (0 - 13mths):** 10:00 - 11:00 & 13:00 - 14:00.

- **Baby Sensory (0 - 6mths):** 11:30 - 12:30.

**Cost:** £8 (book).

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 25 Mar.

### Kingsthorpe Community Library

Welford Road, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, NN28AG. 03001267000.

- **Storytime followed by Stay and Play:** 10:00 - 10:30.

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** Free (drop in).

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 25 Mar.

### St Peter's Church Tiny Tots and Mum and Baby group

Church Hall, 76 High Street, Weston Favell, Northampton, NN3 3JX. 07742587128.

[www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com).

- **Mums, Baby and Tots group:** 13:30 - 15:00.

**Ages:** 1 mths - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £1 (drop in).

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 25 Mar.

## CREATIVE

### Busy Tots

Walgrave Village Hall, 1 Newland Road, Northampton, NN6 9PZ. 07891503899.

- **Busy Tots Messy Play:** 10:30 - 11:30.

**Ages:** 6 mths - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £7.50 (book).

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 25 Mar.

### Eat Sleep Bake Repeat

Summerfields, West Hunsbury, Northampton, NN4 9YN. 07457 410822.

[www.Eat-sleep-bake-repeat.newzenler.com](http://www.Eat-sleep-bake-repeat.newzenler.com).

- **Preschool cookery classes:** 10:00 - 10:45.

**Ages:** 2 - 4 yrs.

**Dates:** 14 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 18 Mar.

### Northampton High School

Newport Pagnell Road, Hardingshore, Northampton, NN4 6UU. 01604 765765.

[www.northamptonhigh.co.uk](http://www.northamptonhigh.co.uk).

- **Stay and Play:** 10:15 - 11:15.

**Ages:** 1 - 3 yrs. **Cost:** Free (book). **Dates:** 14 Jan.

## DANCE & DRAMA

### Krystle Jayne's Dance Academy

Grange Park Community Centre, School Lane Grange Park, NN4 5FZ. Krystle: 07791 852891. [www.krystlejaynedanceacademy.co.uk](http://www.krystlejaynedanceacademy.co.uk).

- **Baby Ballet:** 16:00 - 16:30. **Ages:** 2 - 4 yrs.
- **Pre-Primary Ballet & Tap:** 16:30 - 17:15.

**Ages:** 4 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £4 (book)

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 25 Mar.



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[www.oncoredanceacademy.co.uk](http://www.oncoredanceacademy.co.uk).

Free trial class. Quote 'Toddle About' when booking.

- **Groovy Movers:** 16:15 - 17:00.

**Ages:** 3 - 5 yrs.

- **Junior Street Dance:** 17:00 - 17:45 & 17:45 - 18:30.

**Ages:** 4 - 5 yrs.

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 25 Mar.

## PHYSICAL FUN

### Northampton Gymnastics Academy

Northampton Gymnastics Academy, 10 North Portway Close, Round Spinney Industrial Estate, Northampton, NN3 8RQ. 01604 461242. [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).

- **Explore & Play @ NGA:** 10:00 - 11:30.

*Swing, jump, bounce and enjoy gym equipment!*

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £6.50 (book).

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 25 Mar.

## SWIMMING

### Aqualight Swim School - Headlands

Headlands Primary School, Bushland Road, Northampton, NN3 2NS. 01604 830405. [www.aqualight.co.uk](http://www.aqualight.co.uk).

- **1-2 years:** 9:30 - 10:00.
- **2-3 years:** 10:00 - 10:30.
- **3-4 years:** 10:30 - 11:00 & 11:00 - 11:30.

**Cost:** £12.35 (book).

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 25 Mar.

### Turtle Tots Northamptonshire, Milton Keynes & Bedford

Turtle Tots Swim Centre, Finedon Road, Wellingborough, NN8 4BW. 01604 372747. [www.turtletots.com](http://www.turtletots.com).

- **Turtle Tots Swim Centre:** 9:00 - 12:30.

**Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs. **Cost:** £15 (book).

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 25 Mar.

## THURSDAY

### PARENTS & TOTS

#### Abbey Centre Baptist Church Baby & Toddler Group

Abbey Centre Baptist Church, Overslade Close, Hunsbury, Northampton, NN4 0RZ. 01604 767568. [www.abbeycentre.org.uk](http://www.abbeycentre.org.uk).

**Times:** 9:30 - 11:30. **Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs.

**Cost:** £2 (drop in).

**Dates:** 8 Jan - 29 Jan, 12 Feb, 26 Feb & 12 Mar - 26 Mar.

#### Duston Library

Pendle Road, Northampton, NN5 6DT. 0300 126 7000. [www.westnorhants.gov.uk](http://www.westnorhants.gov.uk).

- **Stay and Play:** 10:00 - 11:30.

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** Free (drop in).

**Dates:** 8 Jan - 26 Mar.

#### Kislingbury & Upton Community Church

Kislingbury & Upton Community Church, Mill Lane, Kislingbury, NN7 4BB. 07432881576. [www.kucc.co.uk](http://www.kucc.co.uk).

- **Kizzle Tots and Babies:** 10:00 - 12:00.

*Contact [totsgroup@kucc.co.uk](mailto:totsgroup@kucc.co.uk) for updates and bookings*

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £3 (drop in).

**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 26 Mar.

#### Moulton Library

Moulton Library, Moulton Community Centre, Reedings, Moulton, NN3 7AX. [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk).

- **Sling Library Thursday:** 10:00 - 11:30.

**Ages:** 1 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** Free (book).

**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 26 Mar.

### St Matthew's Minis

St Matthew's Church Hall, 27A The Drive, Kingsley, Northampton, NN1 4RY. 01604 791251. [www.stmatthews-northampton.org.uk](http://www.stmatthews-northampton.org.uk).

**Times:** 9:45 - 11:30. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

**Cost:** £1.50 (drop in).

**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 26 Mar.

### Sunbeams

Duston United Reformed Church, Main Road, Duston, NN5 6JF. 07751522303.

**Times:** 9:30 - 11:30. **Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs.

**Cost:** £1 (drop in).

**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 26 Mar.

### The Spring Charity

The Spring Charity - Annex Community Centre, Spring Lane, Northampton, NN1 2JW. 07465231663. [www.thespringcharity.org](http://www.thespringcharity.org).

- **Stay and Play:** 9:00 - 11:00.

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £1 (drop in).

**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 26 Mar.

### Toddlers Group

Park Avenue Methodist Church, Park Avenue North, Northampton, NN3 2HT. 01604 633436. [www.parkavenue.org.uk](http://www.parkavenue.org.uk).

**Times:** 13:15 - 15:00. **Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs.

**Cost:** £1 (drop in).

**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 26 Mar.

### MUSIC & SIGNING

#### Music Bugs Northampton

Hardingstone, Hardingstone Village Hall, High Street, Northampton, NN4 6DA. 07811 771480. [www.musicbugs.co.uk](http://www.musicbugs.co.uk).

- **Family Bugs:** 10:00 - 10:40 & 11:00 - 11:40.

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £7.50 (book).

**Dates:** 8 Jan - 9 Apr.

### SENSORY & DEVELOPMENT

#### Baby Sensory Northampton

The Baby Sensory Centre, Green Lodge Barn, Nobottle, Northampton, NN7 4HD. 07512 469881. [www.babysensory.com](http://www.babysensory.com).

*Baby development classes inc. signing, massage, music & play*

- **Baby Sensory (0 - 13mths):** 10:00 - 11:00 & 13:00 - 14:00.

- **Baby Sensory (0 - 6mths):** 11:30 - 12:30.

**Cost:** £8 (book).

**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 26 Mar.

## PHYSICAL FUN

### Little Kickers Northampton Daventry & Rugby

Moulton Community Centre, Sandy Hill, Reedings, Moulton, Northampton, NN3 7AX. 01327 705915. [www.littlekickers.co.uk](http://www.littlekickers.co.uk).

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**Times:** 9:30 - 10:10. **Ages:** 1 1/2 - 2 1/2 yrs.

**Times:** 10:20 - 11:05. **Ages:** 2 1/2 - 3 1/2 yrs.

**Times:** 11:10 - 11:55. **Ages:** 3 1/2 - 5 yrs.

**Cost:** £8.50 (book).

**Dates:** 1 Jan - 9 Apr.

### Northampton Gymnastics Academy

Northampton Gymnastics Academy, 10 North Portway Close, Round Spinney Industrial Estate, Northampton, NN3 8RQ. 01604 461242.

- **Explore & Play @ NGA:** 10:00 - 11:30.

Swing, jump, bounce and enjoy gym equipment!

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £6.50 (book).

**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 26 Mar.

## SWIMMING

### Aqualight Swim School - Headlands

Headlands Primary School, Bushland Road, Northampton, NN3 2NS. 01604 830405. [www.aqualight.co.uk](http://www.aqualight.co.uk).

- **1-2 years:** 9:30 - 10:00 & 10:30 - 11:00.

- **2-3 years:** 10:00 - 10:30.

- **3-4 years:** 11:00 - 11:30.

**Cost:** £12.35 per session (book).

**Dates:** 8 Jan - 26 Mar.

### Aqualight Swim School - The Beehive

The Beehive, Harborough Road, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, NN2 8LR. 01604 830405.

[www.aqualight.co.uk](http://www.aqualight.co.uk).

- **8 - 12 months:** 9:30 - 10:00 & 11:00 - 11:30.

- **4 - 8 months:** 10:00 - 10:30 & 10:30 - 11:00.

- **0 - 4 months:** 11:30 - 12:00 & 12:30 - 13:00.

- **6 - 12 months:** 12:00 - 12:30.

**Ages:** 0 - 4 mths.

**Cost:** £13.40 (book).

**Dates:** 8 Jan - 26 Mar.

### Turtle Tots Northamptonshire

Turtle Tots Swim Centre, Finedon Road, Wellingborough, NN8 4BW. 01604 372747. [www.turtle-tots.com](http://www.turtle-tots.com).

- **Turtle Tots Swim Centre:** 9:00 - 12:30.

**Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs.

**Cost:** £15 (book). **Dates:** 8 Jan - 26 Mar



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## FRIDAY

### PARENTS & TOTS

#### Duston Library

Duston Library, Pendle Road, Northampton, NN5 6DT. 0300 126 7000.

[www.westnorthants.gov.uk](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk).

- **Children's Craft Hour:** 10:30 - 11:30.

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £1 (drop in).

- **Board Game Club:** 15:30 - 16:30.

**Ages:** 8 - 17 yrs. **Cost:** Free (drop in).

**Dates:** 9 Jan - 27 Mar.

#### Earls Barton Library

Earls Barton Library, Broad Street, Earls Barton, NN6 0ND. 0300 126 1000.

[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk).

- **Rhymetime:** 14:30 - 15:00.

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** Free (drop in).

**Dates:** 9 Jan - 27 Mar.

#### Moulton Library

Moulton Community Centre, Moulton, NN3 7AX. [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk).

- **Bounce and Rhyme (0-1 yrs):** 13:15 - 13:45.

- **Rhymetime (0-5 yrs):** 14:00 - 14:30.

- **Homework Club (4-10 yrs):** 15:00 - 16:30.

**Cost:** Free (book). **Dates:** 9 Jan - 27 Mar.

## Toddle In

St Giles Church Centre, St Giles Terrace, Northampton, NN1 2BN. 01604 628623. stgilesnorthampton.org.uk.

- **St Giles Toddle In:** 10:00 - 11:00.

Parent and Tots group with crafts, play and singing.

**Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs. **Cost:** Free (drop in).

**Dates:** 9 Jan - 13 Feb & 27 Feb - 27 Mar.

## MUSIC & SIGNING

### Cha Char Chimps - Northampton

Wootton Community and Sports Centre (Fridays), Curtlee Hill, Northampton, Northampton, NN4 6ED. 07917683330. www.ccchimps.com.

- **Wootton Community Centre:** 10:00 - 11:00.

**Dates:** 2 Jan, 9 Jan, 16 Jan, 23 Jan & 30 Jan.

### Music Bugs Northampton

Pineham Barns Primary School, Dragonfly Way, Pineham, Northampton, NN4 9FF. 07811 771480. www.musicbugs.co.uk.

- **Family Bugs:** 10:00 - 10:40.

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

- **Baby Bugs:** 11:00 - 11:40.

**Ages:** 0 - 1 yrs.

**Cost:** £7.50 (book).

**Dates:** 9 Jan - 13 Feb & 27 Feb - 27 Mar.

## SENSORY & DEVELOPMENT

### Baby Sensory Northampton

The Baby Sensory Centre, Green Lodge Barn, Nobottle, Northampton, NN7 4HD. 07512 469881. www.babysensory.com.

- **Baby Sensory (0 - 13mths):** 10:00 - 11:00.

- **Baby Sensory (0 - 9 mths):** 11:30 - 12:30.

Baby development classes inc. signing, massage, music & play

**Cost:** £8 (book).

**Dates:** 9 Jan - 13 Feb & 27 Feb - 27 Mar.

### Hartbeeps Kettering

Orlingbury Village Hall, Orlingbury, Kettering, NN14 1JH. 07506700451. www.hartbeeps.com.

- **Happy House:** 9:45 - 10:30.

**Ages:** 15 mths - 4 yrs 11 mths.

- **Baby Beeps:** 10:50 - 11:35. **Ages:** 7 - 15mths.
- **Baby Bells:** 12:00 - 12:45. **Ages:** 2 - 7 mths.

**Cost:** £8 (book).

**Dates:** 2 Jan - 3 Apr.

### Wootton Community Library

Wootton Community Centre, Curtlee Hill, Wootton, Northampton, NN4 6ED. 01604 526363.

www.woottonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

- **Rhymetime:** 11:00 - 11:30.

Rhymetime baby and toddler singing session.

**Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs. **Cost:** Free (drop in).

**Dates:** 2 Jan - 3 Apr.

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## CREATIVE

### Busy Tots

Kingsthorpe Community Centre, Mill Lane, Northampton, NN2 6RQ. 07891503899. www.bookwhen.com.

- **Messy Play:** 10:00 - 11:00.

**Ages:** 6 mths - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £7.50 (book).

**Dates:** 2 Jan - 13 Feb & 27 Feb - 27 Mar.

### Eat Sleep Bake Repeat

Summerfields, West Hunsbury, Northampton, NN4 9YN. 07457 410822. www.Eat-sleep-bake-repeat.newzenler.com.

- **AFTER SCHOOL:** 16:30 - 17:15.

**Ages:** 4 - 11 yrs.

**Dates:** 16 Jan - 13 Feb & 27 Feb - 20 Mar.

### Weston Favell Library

Unit 35, Weston Favell Shopping Centre, NN4 8JZ. www.westnorthants.gov.uk.

- **Rhyme Time:** 10:00 - 10:30.

**Ages:** 1 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** Free (book).

**Dates:** 16 Jan - 13 Feb & 27 Feb - 20 Mar.

## DANCE & DRAMA

### Krystle Jayne's Dance Academy

Grange Park Community Centre, School Lane Grange Park, NN4 5FZ. Krystle: 07791 852891. www.krystlejaynedanceacademy.co.uk.

- **Pre-Primary Ballet & Tap:** 16:30 - 17:15.

**Ages:** 4 - 6 yrs. **Cost:** £4 (book)

**Dates:** 9 Jan - 13 Feb & 27 Feb - 27 Mar.

## PHYSICAL FUN

### Northampton County Lawn Tennis Club

Northampton County Lawn Tennis Club, 54b Church Way, Weston Favell, Northampton, NN3 3BX. 07766557122.

- **Tiny Tots Tennis:** 13:30 - 14:15.

**Ages:** 2 1/2 yrs - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £5 (drop in).

**Dates:** 9 Jan - 10 Apr.

## Northampton Gymnastics Academy

10 North Portway Close, Round Spinney Industrial Estate, NN3 8RQ. 01604 461242.

- **Explore & Play @ NGA:** 10:00 - 11:30.

*Swing, jump, bounce and enjoy gym equipment!*

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £6.50 (book).

**Dates:** 9 Jan - 13 Feb & 27 Feb - 27 Mar.

## Aqualight Swim School - Barry Road

Barry Road Swimming Pool, 24-2 Covington Street, Northampton, NN1 5JU. 01604 830405. [www.aqualight.co.uk](http://www.aqualight.co.uk).

- **4 - 5 years:** 16:00 - 16:30

- **3 - 5 years:** 16:30 - 17:00 & 17:00 - 17:30

**Cost:** £12.35 (book). **Dates:** 9 Jan - 27 Mar.

## Aqualight Swim School - Headlands

Headlands Primary School, Bushland Road, Northampton, NN3 2NS. 01604 830405. [www.aqualight.co.uk](http://www.aqualight.co.uk).

- **2.5 - 4 years:** 11:15 - 11:45.

- **1-2 years:** 11:45 - 12:15

**Cost:** £12.35 (book). **Dates:** 9 Jan - 27 Mar.

## Turtle Tots Northamptonshire

The Bee Hive, Harborough Road, Kingsthorpe, NN2 8LR. 01604 372747. [www.turtletots.com](http://www.turtletots.com).

**Times:** 9:00 - 13:00. **Ages:** 0 - 2 yrs.

**Cost:** £15 (book). **Dates:** 9 Jan - 27 Mar.

## Turtle Tots Northamptonshire

Turtle Tots Swim Centre, Finedon Road, Wellingborough, NN8 4BW. 01604 372747. [www.turtletots.com](http://www.turtletots.com).

- **Turtle Tots Swim Centre:** 9:00 - 12:30.

**Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs. **Cost:** £15 (book).

**Dates:** 9 Jan - 27 Mar.

## SATURDAY

### PARENTS & TOTS

#### Duston Library

Duston Library, Pendle Road, Northampton, NN5 6DT. 0300 126 7000.

[www.westnorthants.gov.uk](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk).

- **Construction Club:** 11:00 - 13:00.

*Construction Club*

**Ages:** 0 - 17 yrs. **Cost:** Free (drop in).

**Dates:** 10 Jan - 28 Mar.

### SENSORY & DEVELOPMENT

#### Kingsthorpe Community Library

Welford Road, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, NN28AG. 03001267000. [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).

- **Craft Club:** 12:30 - 14:00.

**Ages:** 5 - 99 yrs. **Cost:** Free (drop in).

**Dates:** 3 Jan, 7 Feb, 7 Mar & 4 Apr.

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**Friday:** 1:30 - 2.15pm (term time).

**Saturday:** 9:15 - 10am

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54b Church Way, Weston Favell, Northampton.*

[lauramineards@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lauramineards@yahoo.co.uk)



## CREATIVE

### Eat Sleep Bake Repeat

Summerfields, West Hunsbury, Northampton, NN4 9YN. 07457 410822.

[www.Eat-sleep-bake-repeat.newzenler.com](http://www.Eat-sleep-bake-repeat.newzenler.com).

- **Saturday Kitchen:** 10:00 - 10:45 & 11:30 - 12:15.

**Ages:** 2 - 11 yrs. **Dates:** 31 Jan, 28 Feb & 28 Mar.

## DANCE & DRAMA

### Oncore Dance Academy

Oncore Studios, Footshape House, Kingsthorpe Road, Northampton, NN2 6HT. 07971 824 759 or 07894 667 333.

[www.oncoredanceacademy.co.uk](http://www.oncoredanceacademy.co.uk).

*Free trial class. Quote 'Toddle About' when booking.*

- **Baby Ballet:** 9:00 - 9:45. **Ages:** 3 - 4 yrs.

- **Pre-Primary 1 Ballet:** 9:45 - 10:30.

**Ages:** 4 - 5 yrs.

- **Tip Tap Toe Beginners Tap:** 10:30 - 11:15.

**Ages:** 4 - 5 yrs. **Dates:** 10 Jan - 7 Feb & 28 Feb - 21 Mar.

## PHYSICAL FUN

### Northampton County Lawn Tennis Club

Northampton County Lawn Tennis Club, 54b Church Way, Weston Favell, Northampton, NN3 3BX. 07766557122.

- **Tiny Tots Tennis:** 9:15 - 10:00.

**Ages:** 2 ½ - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £5 (drop in).

**Dates:** 10 Jan - 11 Apr.

## SWIMMING

### Aqualight Swim School - Barry Road

Barry Road Swimming Pool, 24-2 Covington Street, Northampton, NN1 5JU. 01604 830405.

[www.aqualight.co.uk](http://www.aqualight.co.uk).

- **3 - 4 years:** 12:00 - 12:30.

- **3 - 5 years:** 12:30 - 13:00.

- **2 - 3 years:** 13:30 - 14:00 & 15:00 - 15:30.

- **18 mths - 2 years:** 14:00 - 14:30 & 15:30 - 16:00.

- **1 - 1½ years:** 14:30 - 15:00

**Cost:** £12.35 (book). **Dates:** 10 Jan - 21 Mar.

## Aqualight Swim School - Headlands

Headlands Primary School, Bushland Road, Northampton, NN3 2NS. 01604 830405. [www.aqualight.co.uk](http://www.aqualight.co.uk).

- **2-3 years:** 10:00 - 10:30 & 11:00 - 11:30.
- **3-4 years:** 9:30 - 10:00, 10:30 - 11:00 & 11:30 - 12:00

**Cost:** £12.35 (book). **Dates:** 10 Jan - 21 Mar.

## Aqualight Swim School - NSG

Northampton School for Girls, Spinney Hill Road, NN3 6DG. 01604 830405. [www.aqualight.co.uk](http://www.aqualight.co.uk).

- **3 - 4 years:** 13:00 - 13:30 & 16:15 - 16:45
- **0 - 5 years:** 13:30 - 14:00, 14:30 - 15:00, 15:15 - 15:45 & 15:45 - 16:15.
- **3 - 4 years:** 14:00 - 14:30.

**Cost:** £12.35 (book). **Dates:** 10 Jan - 21 Mar.

## Aqualight Swim School - The Beehive

Harborough Road, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, NN2 8LR. 01604 830405. [www.aqualight.co.uk](http://www.aqualight.co.uk).

- **8-12 months:** 8:30 - 9:00 & 10:30 - 11:00.
- **4 - 8 months:** 9:00 - 9:30 & 10:00 - 10:30.
- **6-12 months:** 9:30 - 10:00.
- **0-4 months:** 11:00 - 11:30 & 11:30 - 12:00.

**Cost:** £13.40 (book). **Dates:** 10 Jan - 21 Mar.

## Turtle Tots Northamptonshire

Turtle Tots Swim Centre, Finedon Road, Wellingborough, NN8 4BW. 01604 372747. [www.turtletots.com](http://www.turtletots.com).

- **Turtle Tots Swim Centre:** 9:00 - 12:30.

**Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs. **Cost:** £15. **Dates:** 11 Oct - 13 Dec.

## SUNDAY

### SENSORY & DEVELOPMENT

#### Kidslingo Spanish Northants, Towcester & Olney

Caroline Chisholm School, Wooldale Rd, NN4 6TP. 07772536338. [www.kidslingo.co.uk](http://www.kidslingo.co.uk).

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**Times:** 9:00 - 9:30. **Ages:** 1½ - 4 yrs 11 mths.

**Times:** 9:40 - 10:10. **Ages:** 4 - 7 yrs.

**Times:** 10:20 - 10:50. **Ages:** 3 - 5 yrs.

**Times:** 11:05 - 11:45. **Ages:** 7 - 11 yrs.

**Cost:** £5 (book).

**Dates:** 11 Jan - 8 Feb & 1 Mar - 22 Mar.

## PHYSICAL FUN

#### Little Kickers Northampton

Kingsthorpe College, Boughton Green Road, Northampton, NN2 7HR. 01327 705915. [www.littlekickers.co.uk](http://www.littlekickers.co.uk).

- **1½ - 2½ years:** 8:30 - 9:10 & 9:30 - 10:10.
- **3½ - 5 years:** 8:30 - 9:15, 9:25 - 10:10 & 11:15 - 12:00
- **2½ - 3½ years:** 9:25 - 10:10, 10:20 - 11:05, 11:15 - 12:00
- **5 - 7 years:** 9:25 - 10:10, 10:20 - 11:05 & 11:15 - 12:00.

**Cost:** £9.50 (book). **Dates:** 4 Jan - 5 Apr.



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## SOUTH NORTHANTS AREA

## MONDAY

#### Towcester Library

The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester, NN12 6AD. 0300 126 7000. [www.westnorthants.gov.uk](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk).

- **Bounce & Rhyme:** 10:00 - 10:30.

**Ages:** 0 - 1 yrs. **Cost:** Free (book).

**Dates:** 5 Jan - 6 Apr.

## DANCE & DRAMA

#### Cha Char Chimps - Towcester

Syresham Village Hall, Main Road, Syresham, NN13 5HE. [www.ccchimps.com](http://www.ccchimps.com).

- **Cha Char Chimps (0-5yrs):** 10:00 - 11:00. **Cost:** £8

- **Baby Chimps (0-1½yrs):** 11:30 - 12:30. **Cost:** £8.50

**Dates:** 5 Jan - 6 Apr.

## PHYSICAL FUN

#### Beanz Barn

Beanz Barn, Unit 1 Hollandstone Farm, High Street, Flore, NN7 4LP. 01604 345964. [www.beanzbarn.co.uk](http://www.beanzbarn.co.uk).

- **Soft Play Sessions:** 10:00 - 12:00, 12:30 - 14:30 & 15:30 - 17:30.

*Prices vary according to age and timing of session*

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £10 (drop in).

**Dates:** 5 Jan - 6 Apr.

## TUESDAY

### PARENTS & TOTS

#### Litchborough Play Time Group

Litchborough Village Hall, Northampton Road, Litchborough, NN12 8JA. 01327 830364.

**Times:** 9:30 - 11:30. **Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs.

**Cost:** £2 (drop in).

**Dates:** 6 Jan - 10 Feb & 24 Feb - 24 Mar.

### MUSIC & SIGNING

#### Brackley Library

Manor Road, Brackley, NN13 6AJ. 0300 126 7000.

• **Rhymetime:** 10:00 - 10:30 & 11:00 - 11:30.

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** Free (book).

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 25 Mar.

#### Towcester Library

The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester, NN12 6AD. 0300 126 7000.

• **Explore-a-Story:** 10:00 - 10:30.

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** Free (book).

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 25 Mar.

### CREATIVE

#### Little Lambs Baby & Toddler Group

St Nicholas Church, Church Lane, Potterspury, Towcester, NN12 7PU.

• **Little Lambs Babies & Toddlers:** 9:00 - 11:15.

**Ages:** 1 - 4 yrs. **Cost:** Free (drop in).

**Dates:** 6 Jan - 10 Feb & 24 Feb - 24 Mar.

### DANCE & DRAMA

#### Cha Char Chimps - Towcester

Greens Norton Community Centre, Towcester Road, Greens Norton, NN12 8BL. www.ccchimps.com.

• **Main Chimps:** 10:00 - 11:00. **Cost:** £8 (book).

**Dates:** 6 Jan - 10 Feb & 24 Feb - 24 Mar.

#### Krystle Jayne's Dance Academy

St Mary's Church Hall, Roade, NN7 2NT. Krystle: 07791 852891. www.krystlejaynedanceacademy.co.uk.

• **Pre-Primary Ballet & Tap:** 16:15 - 17:00.

**Ages:** 4 - 6 yrs. **Cost:** £4 (book)

**Dates:** 6 Jan - 10 Feb & 24 Feb - 24 Mar.

### PHYSICAL FUN

#### Beanz Barn

Unit 1 Hollandstone Farm, High Street, Flore, NN7 4LP. 01604 345964. www.beanzbarn.co.uk.

• **Soft Play Sessions:** 10:00 - 12:00, 12:30 - 14:30 & 15:30 - 17:30.

Prices vary according to age and timing of session

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £10 (drop in).

**Dates:** 6 Jan - 7 Apr.

## WEDNESDAY

### PARENTS & TOTS

#### Little Fishes Playtime

Baptist Church, Waynflete Close, Brackley, NN13 6AE. www.brackleybaptist.org.uk.

**Times:** 9:15 - 11:00. **Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs.

**Cost:** Free (drop in).

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 25 Mar.

#### Tots @ TVC

Tove Valley Centre, Northampton Road, Towcester, NN12 7AH. Jane: 07713034845.

**Times:** 9:30 - 11:00. **Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs.

**Cost:** £2 (drop in).

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 25 Mar.

### MUSIC & SIGNING

#### Roade Library

Roade Library, High Street, Roade, Northampton, NN7 2NW. 0300 1261000. www.northamptonshire.gov.uk.

• **Rhymetime:** 11:00 - 11:30.

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** Free (book).

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 25 Mar.

#### Rhythm Time

Barchester - Juniper House Care Home, Candleford Close, Brackley, NN13 6JZ. www.rhythmtime.net

• **Family Class:** 10:30 - 11:10.

**Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs. **Cost:** £3 (book).

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 25 Mar.

### SENSORY & DEVELOPMENT

#### Hartbeeps Kettering

Thrapston Plaza, Cosy Nook, Thrapston, NN14 4PS. 07506700451. www.hartbeeps.com.

• **Happy House (15mths - 5yrs):** 9:45 - 10:30.

• **Baby Beeps (7 - 15mths):** 10:50 - 11:35.

• **Baby Bells (2 - 7mths):** 12:00 - 12:45.

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 1 Apr. **Cost:** £8 (book).

### PHYSICAL FUN

#### Beanz Barn

Beanz Barn, Unit 1 Hollandstone Farm, High Street, Flore, NN7 4LP. 01604 345964. www.beanzbarn.co.uk.

• **Soft Play Sessions:** 10:00 - 12:00, 12:30 - 14:30 & 15:30 - 17:30.

Prices vary according to age and timing of session

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £10 (drop in).

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 8 Apr.



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## GLK GYMNASTICS

Bugbrooke Community Centre, Camp Close, Bugbrooke, Northampton, NN7 3RW. 07565 878908. [www.glkgymnastics.com](http://www.glkgymnastics.com).

- **Rising 5's: 10:00 - 10:45. Ages: 3 - 5 yrs.**
- **Rising 3's: 10:45 - 11:30. Ages: 1 - 3 yrs.**

**Cost:** £7 (book).

**Dates:** 7 Jan - 11 Feb & 25 Feb - 25 Mar.

## HEALTH

### Flourish360 - Flourish kids

Home Farm, Bugbrooke, Northampton, NN7 3PD. 07850281390. [www.flourish360.co.uk](http://www.flourish360.co.uk).

- **Flourish Kids in the Wild - Winter Warmers:** 9:30 - 10:15 & 11:00 - 11:45.

**Cost:** £10 (book). **Dates:** 14 Jan - 4 Feb.

## THURSDAY

### PARENTS & TOTS

#### Denton Village Tots

Denton Village Hall, Vicarage Lane, Denton, Northampton, NN7 1DT.

**Times:** 9:30 - 11:30. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

**Cost:** £2.50 (drop in).

**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 26 Mar.

## Tove Benefice - St Bartholomew's

St Bartholomew's Church, Church View, Greens Norton, NN12 8DL. 01327 350459. [www.tovebenefice.org.uk](http://www.tovebenefice.org.uk).

- **Tots Own Tea and Toast : 9:00 - 10:30.**

*Our parent and child group for under 5's*

**Ages:** Pregnancy - 5 yrs. **Cost:** Free (drop in).

**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 26 Mar.

## Tove Benefice- St Lawrence

St Lawrence Church, Moat Lane, Towcester, NN12 6YY. 01327 350459.

[www.tovebenefice.org.uk](http://www.tovebenefice.org.uk).

- **Little Sprouts : 9:30 - 11:00.**

*Parent and child group for under 5's*

**Ages:** Pregnancy - 5 yrs. **Cost:** Free (drop in).

**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 26 Mar.

## MUSIC & SIGNING

### Brackley Library

Brackley Library, Manor Road, Brackley, NN13 6AJ. 0300 126 7000.

[www.westnorthants.gov.uk](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk).

- **Explore A Story: 10:00 - 10:30.**

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** Free (book).

**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 26 Mar.

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## Sing and Sign - Towcester

Pattishall Parish Hall, 44 School Road, Astcote, Towcester, NN12 8NN. 07506257073.  
www.singandsign.co.uk.

• **Babes Classes - up to 6 mths:** 12:00 - 12:30.  
**Cost:** £6 (book).  
**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 9 Apr.

## Sing and Sign - Brackley

Brackley - Egerton Hall, Juno Crescent, Brackley, NN13 6GN. 07771550335.  
www.singandsign.co.uk.

• **Stage 2:** 9:45 - 10:30.  
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**Ages:** 1 yrs 2 mths - 2 yrs 6 mths.

• **Stage 1:** 10:45 - 11:30.  
An engaging music class for babies 6-14 months

**Ages:** 6 mths - 1 yrs 2 mths.

**Cost:** £8.50 (book).

**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 26 Mar.

## Sing and Sign - Bicester, Brackley

Charlton - The Old Farmyard, The Old Farmyard, Charlton, NN13 5PJ. 07771550335. www.singandsign.co.uk.

• **Sing and Sign Babes:** 12:30 - 13:15.  
A gentle music and sensory class for babies from birth

**Ages:** 0 - 6 mths. **Cost:** £8.50 (book).

**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 26 Mar.

## Towcester Library

The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester, NN12 6AD. 0300 126 7000.

• **Rhymetime:** 10:30 - 11:00.

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** Free (book).

**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 26 Mar.

## DANCE & DRAMA

### Cha Char Chimps - Towcester

Thursdays - Whittlebury Village Hall, High Street, Whittlebury, NN12 8XJ.

www.ccchimps.com.

• **Main Chimps:** 10:00 - 11:00.

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £8 (book)

**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 26 Mar.

## PHYSICAL FUN

### Beanz Barn

Beanz Barn, Unit 1 Hollandstone Farm, High Street, Flore, NN7 4LP. 01604 345964.

www.beanzbarn.co.uk.

• **Soft Play Sessions:** 10:00 - 12:00, 12:30 - 14:30 & 15:30 - 17:30.

*Prices vary according to age and timing of session*

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £10 (drop in).

**Dates:** 8 Jan - 9 Apr.

## FRIDAY

## PARENTS & TOTS

### Blisworth Baptist Church

Chapel Lane, Blisworth, Northampton, NN7 3BU. 01604918405.

www.blisworthbaptistchurch.org.

• **Toddlers & Tea:** 10:00 - 12:00.

*FREE group. 10-12 Fridays.*

**Ages:** 5 mths. **Cost:** Free (drop in).

**Dates:** 17 Oct - 19 Dec.

### Silverstone Tiggers

Silverstone Methodist Chapel, Murswell Lane, Silverstone, NN12 8UT.

• **Tiggers:** 9:15 - 11:00.

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £2 (drop in).

**Dates:** 9 Jan - 13 Feb & 27 Feb - 27 Mar.

## DANCE & DRAMA

### Cha Char Chimps - Towcester

Tove Valley Centre, Towcester, Northampton Road, NN12 7AH. www.ccchimps.com.

• **Main Chimps (0-5yrs):** 10:00 - 11:00.

**Cost:** £8 (book)

• **Baby Chimps (0-1½yrs):** 11:30 - 12:30.

**Cost:** £8.50 (book)

**Dates:** 9 Jan - 13 Feb & 27 Feb - 27 Mar.

## PHYSICAL FUN

### Beanz Barn

Unit 1 Hollandstone Farm, High Street, Flore, NN7 4LP. 01604 345964.

[www.beanzbarn.co.uk](http://www.beanzbarn.co.uk).

- **Soft Play Sessions:** 10:00 - 12:00, 12:30 - 14:30 & 15:30 - 17:30.

Prices vary according to age and timing of session

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £10 (drop in).

**Dates:** 2 Jan - 10 Apr.

## SEND ACTIVITIES

### DEAF CONNECT Northampton

Harpole Youth Club, Larkhall Lane, NN5 7BZ. 07875140561. [www.deafconnect.org.uk](http://www.deafconnect.org.uk).

- **Family Fun Session - Twice a Month, Alternate Fridays:** 17:00 - 19:00.

**Cost:** £3 (book). **Dates:** check website for dates

## SATURDAY

### MUSIC & SIGNING

#### Sing and Sign - Towcester

Pattishall Parish Hall, 44 School Road, Astcote, Towcester, NN12 8NN. 07506257073.

[www.singandsign.co.uk](http://www.singandsign.co.uk).

- **Toddlers 13-30 months:** 10:15 - 11:00.

**Ages:** 14 mths - 2½ yrs. **Cost:** £7.50 (book).

**Dates:** 10 Jan - 7 Feb & 28 Feb - 11 Apr.

### Towcester Library

The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester, NN12 6AD. 0300 126 7000. [www.westnorthants.gov.uk](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk).

- **Saturday Crafts:** 10:30 - 12:00.

**Ages:** 3 - 11 yrs. **Cost:** Free (drop in).

**Dates:** 10 Jan - 7 Feb & 28 Feb - 11 Apr.

## PHYSICAL FUN

### Beanz Barn

Unit 1 Hollandstone Farm, High Street, Flore, NN7 4LP. 01604 345964.

[www.beanzbarn.co.uk](http://www.beanzbarn.co.uk).

- **Soft Play Sessions:** 10:00 - 12:00, 12:30 - 14:30 & 15:30 - 17:30.

Prices vary according to age and timing of session

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £10 (drop in).

**Dates:** 3 Jan - 11 Apr.



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## SUNDAY

### PHYSICAL FUN

### Beanz Barn

Beanz Barn, Unit 1 Hollandstone Farm, High Street, Flore, NN7 4LP. 01604 345964. [www.beanzbarn.co.uk](http://www.beanzbarn.co.uk).

- **Soft Play Sessions:** 10:00 - 12:00, 12:30 - 14:30 & 15:30 - 17:30.

Prices vary according to age and timing of session

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £10 (drop in). **Dates:** 4 Jan - 5 Apr.

## HEALTH

### Flourish360 - Flourish kids

Home Farm, Bugbrooke, Northampton, NN7 3PD. 07850281390. [www.flourish360.co.uk](http://www.flourish360.co.uk).

- **Seeds of New Beginnings:** 14:00 - 14:45.

**Ages:** 3 - 11 yrs. **Cost:** £9 (book). **Dates:** 18 Jan.

- **Love Grows Here:** 14:00 - 14:45.

**Ages:** 3 - 11 yrs. **Cost:** £10 (book). **Dates:** 8 Feb.

- **Blossoming with Mum:** 13:30 - 14:15.

**Ages:** 3 - 11 yrs. **Cost:** £9 (book). **Dates:** 8 Mar.

## DAVENTRY AREA

## MONDAY

## MUSIC &amp; SIGNING

## Boogie Beanies

Daventry Community, Centre Ashby Road, Daventry, NN11 9QD. 07766 731542. [www.boogiebeanies.com](http://www.boogiebeanies.com).

**Times:** 10:00 - 11:00. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

**Cost:** £5 (book). **Dates:** 5 Jan - 9 Feb & 23 Feb - 23 Mar.

## Rhythm Time

Watford Village Hall, Station Road, Watford, Northampton, NN6 7UY. 07591720345. [www.rhythmtimetime.net](http://www.rhythmtimetime.net).

• **Baby Class:** 10:45 - 11:15.

**Ages:** 2 - 13 mths. **Cost:** £7.01 (book).

**Dates:** 5 Jan - 23 Mar.

## SENSORY &amp; DEVELOPMENT

## Baby Sensory Daventry &amp; Rugby

Willoughby Park, Onley Grounds Equestrian Complex, CV23 8AJ. [www.babysensory.com](http://www.babysensory.com).

- **Baby Sensory (0 - 6 mths):** 11:30 - 12:30.
- **Baby Sensory (7 - 13mths):** 13:15 - 14:15.

**Cost:** £8 (book). **Dates:** 5 Jan - 23 Mar.

## PHYSICAL FUN

Little Kickers Northampton  
Daventry & Rugby

Daventry Leisure Centre, Lodge Road, NN11 4FP. 01327 705915. [www.littlekickers.co.uk](http://www.littlekickers.co.uk).

• **Little Kicks 1½ - 2½ yrs:** 9:20 - 10:00.

• **Junior Kickers 2½ - 3½ yrs:** 10:10 - 10:55.

• **Mighty Kickers 3½ - 5yrs:** 11:05 - 11:50.

**Cost:** £7.49 (book). **Dates:** 5 Jan - 6 Apr

## SWIMMING

## Turtle Tots Daventry and Rugby

Mercurie Daventry Court Hotel, Sedgemoor Way, NN11 0SG. 07972772922. [www.turtletots.com](http://www.turtletots.com).

• **Turtle Tots:** 10:00 - 14:00. 30 min sessions

**Ages:** 3 mths - 4 yrs. **Cost:** £14 (book).

**Dates:** 5 Jan - 9 Feb & 23 Feb - 23 Mar.

## TUESDAY

## PARENTS &amp; TOTS

## Brixworth Library

Spratton Road, Brixworth, NN6 9DS. 0300 126 7000.

• **Explore a Story:** 10:00 - 10:30.

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**Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs. **Cost:** Free (drop in).

**Dates:** 6 Jan - 10 Feb & 24 Feb - 24 Mar.



# RHYTHM TIME

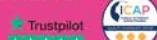
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Rhythm Time offers fun music classes for under 5s in Daventry, Coventry, Bedworth, and West Northants. The classes are suitable for babies and toddlers from 0-5 years old. The website [rhythmtimetime.net](http://rhythmtimetime.net) provides more information and booking details. The website is also rated 5 stars on Trustpilot.

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• Rugby  
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• West Northants





## Holy Cross Church

Holy Cross Church Daventry, 12 Abbey Court, Daventry, NN11 4bp. 07369214054.

• **Baby and Toddler Group:** 9:00 - 10:30.

**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** Free (drop in).

**Dates:** 6 Jan - 10 Feb & 24 Feb - 24 Mar.

## Long Buckby Little Rascals

Long Buckby Baptist Church, Market Place, NN6 7RR. 01327 842587. [www.longbuckbybaptist.org.uk](http://www.longbuckbybaptist.org.uk).

**Times:** 9:00 - 11:00. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.

**Cost:** Free. **Dates:** 6 Jan - 10 Feb & 24 Feb - 24 Mar.

## MUSIC &amp; SIGNING

## Daventry Library

The Abbey Centre, St John's Square, Daventry, NN11 4XG. 0300 126 7000.

• **Library Under 1's Fun:** 11:00 - 10:45.

**Ages:** 1 - 4 yrs. **Cost:** Free. **Dates:** 6 Jan - 24 Mar.

## SENSORY &amp; DEVELOPMENT

## Baby Sensory Daventry &amp; Rugby

Willoughby Park, Onley Grounds Equestrian Complex, CV23 8AJ. [www.babysensory.com](http://www.babysensory.com).

• **Baby Sensory (7 - 13mths):** 9:45 - 10:45.

• **Baby Sensory (0 - 6 mths):** 11:30 - 12:30.

• **Baby Sensory (0 - 13mths):** 13:15 - 14:15.

**Cost:** £8 (book). **Dates:** 6 Jan - 24 Mar.

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**Byfield Baby & Toddler Group**  
 Byfield Village Hall, The Green, Byfield, NN11 6WT.  
**Times:** 10:00 - 11:30. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.  
**Cost:** £2 (drop in).  
**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 26 Mar.

**Welton Playgroup**  
 Welton Village Hall, High Street, Welton, Daventry, NN11 2JP.  
**Playgroup:** 9:30 - 11:30.  
**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** Free (book).  
**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 26 Mar.

**MUSIC & SIGNING**  
**Boogie Beanies**  
 Daventry Town Football Club, Browns Road, NN11 4NS. 07766 731542. [www.boogiebeanies.com](http://www.boogiebeanies.com).  
**Times:** 10:00 - 11:00. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs.  
**Cost:** £5 (book).  
**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 26 Mar.

**Buckby Library & Hub**  
 Station Road, Long Buckby, NN6 7QB. 01604 368274. [www.buckbylibraryhub.org](http://www.buckbylibraryhub.org).  
**Stories and Rhymes:** 10:30 - 11:00.  
**Ages:** 1 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £1 (drop in).  
**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 26 Mar.

## Rhythm Time

Watford Village Hall, Station Road, Watford, Northampton, NN6 7UY. 07591720345. [www.rhythmtime.net](http://www.rhythmtime.net).

- Toddler Class:** 10:00 - 10:30. **Ages:** 1 - 3 yrs.  
**Cost:** £7.01 (book). **Dates:** 6 Jan - 24 Mar.

## WEDNESDAY

### SENSORY & DEVELOPMENT

#### Baby Sensory Daventry & Rugby

Willoughby Park, Onley Grounds Equestrian Complex, CV23 8AJ. [www.babysensory.com](http://www.babysensory.com).

- Baby Sensory (0 - 13mths):** 9:45 - 10:45.
- Baby Sensory (0 - 6 mths):** 11:30 - 12:30.
- Baby Sensory (7 - 13mths):** 13:15 - 14:15.

**Cost:** £8 (book). **Dates:** 7 Jan - 25 Mar.

## THURSDAY

### PARENTS & TOTS

#### Brixworth Library

Spratton Road, Brixworth, NN6 9DS. 0300 126 7000.

- Under Ones Fun:** 10:30 - 12:00.  
 Session for babies to explore and learn through play.  
**Ages:** 0 - 1 yrs. **Cost:** Free (drop in).  
**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 26 Mar.

## Daventry Library

The Abbey Centre, St John's Square, NN11 4XG.  
**• Preschool Play:** 9:30 - 11:00.  
**Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs. **Cost:** Free (drop in).  
**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 26 Mar.

## SENSORY & DEVELOPMENT

### Baby Sensory Daventry & Rugby

Willoughby Park, Onley Grounds Equestrian Complex, CV23 8AJ. [www.babysensory.com](http://www.babysensory.com).  
**• Baby Sensory (7 - 13mths):** 9:45 - 10:45.  
**• Baby Sensory (0 - 6 mths):** 11:30 - 12:30.  
**• Baby Sensory (0 - 13mths):** 13:15 - 14:15.

**Cost:** £8 (book). **Dates:** 8 Jan - 26 Mar.

## SWIMMING

### Turtle Tots Daventry and Rugby

Mercurie Daventry Court Hotel, Sedgemoor Way, NN11 0SG. 07972772922. [www.turtlebotts.com](http://www.turtlebotts.com).  
**• Turtle Tots:** 11:00 - 14:00. 30 min sessions  
**Ages:** 3 mths - 4 yrs. **Cost:** £14 (book).  
**Dates:** 8 Jan - 12 Feb & 26 Feb - 26 Mar.

## FRIDAY

### PARENTS & TOTS

#### Brixworth Library

Spratton Road, Brixworth, NN6 9DS. 0300 126 7000.  
**• Pre-School Play:** 10:00 - 11:00.  
**Ages:** 1 mths - 4 yrs. **Cost:** Free (book).  
**Dates:** 9 Jan - 13 Feb & 27 Feb - 27 Mar.

#### Stay & Play

Long Buckby Community Centre, 41 Station Road, Long Buckby, NN6 7QB.  
**Times:** 9:30 - 11:30. **Ages:** Pregnancy - 5 yrs.  
**Cost:** £1. **Dates:** 9 Jan - 13 Feb & 27 Feb - 27 Mar.

#### Timken Tots

Mayfield Park Sports Club, Royal Star Drive, Timken, Daventry, NN11 9FZ.  
**Times:** 10:00 - 12:00. **Ages:** 0 - 4 yrs.  
**Cost:** £1.50. **Dates:** 9 Jan - 13 Feb & 27 Feb - 27 Mar.

#### Welford Babes and Tots

Welford Community Centre, West Street Playing Fields, Welford, NN6. 07891287626.  
**• Welford Babes & Tots:** 9:30 - 11:00.  
**Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £2 (drop in).  
**Dates:** 9 Jan - 13 Feb & 27 Feb - 27 Mar.

## SWIMMING

### Turtle Tots Daventry and Rugby

Holiday Inn Rugby, Northampton M1 J18, Crick, NN6 7XR. 07972772922. [www.turtlebotts.com](http://www.turtlebotts.com).  
**• Turtle Tots:** 10:00 - 12:00. 30 min sessions  
**Ages:** 3 mths - 4 yrs. **Cost:** £14 (book).  
**Dates:** 9 Jan - 13 Feb & 27 Feb - 27 Mar.

## SATURDAY

### MUSIC & SIGNING

#### Boogie Beanies

Daventry Brass Band Hall, Daneholme Close, NN11 0PN. 07766 731542. [www.boogiebeanies.com](http://www.boogiebeanies.com).  
**Times:** 10:30 - 11:30. **Ages:** 0 - 5 yrs. **Cost:** £5  
**Dates:** 10 Jan, 24 Jan, 7 Feb, 7 Mar & 21 Mar.

## DANCE & DRAMA

### Krystle Jayne's Dance Academy

Brixworth Community Centre, Spratton Road, Brixworth, NN6 9DS. Krystle: 07791 852891. [www.krystlejaynedanceacademy.co.uk](http://www.krystlejaynedanceacademy.co.uk).

**• Baby Ballet:** 10:00 - 10:30.

**Ages:** 2 yrs - 3 yrs 11 mths.

**• Pre-Primary Ballet & Tap:** 10:30 - 11:15.

**Ages:** 4 - 5 yrs.

**• Mini Movers Street Dance:** 11:15 - 11:45.

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**Ages:** 1 - 3 yrs. **Cost:** £4 (book).

**Dates:** 10 Jan - 7 Feb & 28 Feb - 21 Mar.

## HEALTH

### Flourish360 - Flourish kids

Ecton Village Hall, 78A High Street, Ecton, NN6 0QB. 07850281390. [flourish360.co.uk](http://flourish360.co.uk).

**• Seeds of New Beginnings:** 14:00 - 14:45.

**Ages:** 3 - 11 yrs. **Cost:** £9 (book). **Dates:** 10 Jan.

**• Love Grows Here:** 14:00 - 14:45.

**Ages:** 3 - 11 yrs. **Cost:** £10 (book). **Dates:** 7 Feb.

**• Blossoming with Mum:** 14:00 - 14:45.

**Ages:** 3 - 11 yrs. **Dates:** 14 Mar.

**• Easter trail and Popping pots:** 13:30 - 14:15.

**Ages:** 3 - 11 yrs. **Dates:** 11 Apr. **Cost:** £9 (book).

## SWIMMING

### Turtle Tots Daventry and Rugby

Holiday Inn Rugby, Northampton M1 J18, Crick, NN6 7XR. 07972772922. [www.turtlebotts.com](http://www.turtlebotts.com).

**• Turtle Tots:** 9:00 - 11:30. 30 min sessions

**Ages:** 3 mths - 4 yrs. **Cost:** £14 (book). **Dates:** 10 Jan - 7 Feb & 28 Feb - 21 Mar.

### Turtle Tots Daventry and Rugby

Staverton Park Hotel, Daventry Road, Daventry, NN11 6JT. 07972772922. [www.turtlebotts.com](http://www.turtlebotts.com).

**• Turtle Tots:** 10:00 - 14:00. 30 min sessions

**Ages:** 3 mths - 4 yrs. **Cost:** £14 (book).

**Dates:** 10 Jan - 7 Feb & 28 Feb - 21 Mar.



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