



# Variety Great Days Out



## WINTER TERM 2018

There is so much on offer for your under 18's, we do hope you will take full advantage of some of the many and varied days out which are intended to provide **entertainment, fun, stimulation and, of course, Variety!**

### Special Events



#### Gulliver's Land Family Day

 Gulliver's Land, Milton Keynes, MK15 0DT

**Saturday 13 October 2018, 10.30am to 5pm or  
Sunday 14 October 2018 10.30am to 5pm**

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



Limited tickets are available for a day of family fun at Gulliver's Land in Milton Keynes which has over 70 attractions including rides and shows to enjoy. Max 10 tickets per day (adult and children total).

#### Kidzania - Westfield White City

 Kidzania, Westfield White City, London, W12 7GF


**Wednesday 21 November 2018 | 10.30am to 2.30pm**

<https://kidzania.co.uk>

KidZania is an indoor city, run by children!

Children can independently choose from more than 60 real-life entertaining activities in one safe and secure space. Designed for children aged 4-14, KidZania blends learning and reality with entertainment and fun. Entrance and lunch provided for children.

#### Lightbox Theatre presents 'The Blue Bird'

 Various Locations

**From 21 October 2018 to 1 November 2018 Various times**

<https://theatre503.com/whats-on/the-blue-bird>


Adapted from Maurice Maeterlinck's original 1908 fairytale, this magical show is aimed at children over 4 years old and deals with themes of happiness, well being, overcoming adversity, fear and seeing the extraordinary in our everyday. We are delighted to be offering 10 tickets to each showing of the Blue Bird. Please note not all venues are accessible and these are noted in the detail of the Eventbrite advert.



### Christmas Events



#### Cinema Trip

 Odeon - Surrey Quays, Redriff Rd, London SE16 7LL

**One date tbc either Tue 27 or Wed 28 or  
Thur 29 November 2018**

[https://www.odeon.co.uk/cinemas/surrey\\_quays/18/](https://www.odeon.co.uk/cinemas/surrey_quays/18/)

Join us for a visit to the cinema where we have exclusive use of their largest screen. Date and Film tbc. Date will be either Tue 27 or Weds 28 or Thur 29 November 2018. Please express your interest at this stage and full details and confirmation of date will follow.

**ODEON**

#### Christmas Party at The Marriott Hotel

 London Marriott, West India Quay, E14 4ED

**Monday 3 December 2018 | 10.30am to 1.30pm**

Our popular Christmas Party is back with Christmas themed party fun for children aged 4 to 11 years old. Lunch included for children and adults too.

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## Living Nativity

📍 ZSL London Zoo, London, NW1 4RY

**Tuesday 11 December 2018 | 10am to 3.30pm**

**(Must be booked by Mon 29 October 2018)**

[www.zsl.org/zsl-london-zoo/whats-on/living-nativity](http://www.zsl.org/zsl-london-zoo/whats-on/living-nativity)

Experience the magic of Christmas by enjoying ZSL London Zoo's Living Nativity - a special Educational event. Suitable for children aged 4 to 7 yrs.



## Gulliver's Land Christmas Special

📍 Gulliver's Land, Milton Keynes, MK15 0DT

**Thursday 13 December 2018 | 9.30am to 3pm**

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



A truly magical day out for children aged 3 to 12 yrs old. Variety will provide entrance and lunch for all children. So much festive fun on offer including, shows, singing, pantomimes, rides plus more. There's even a trip to see Santa for all children to receive a gift.

## Big Top - Christmas Party Spectacular

📍 Bloomsbury Big Top, Bloomsbury, WC1

**Monday 17 December 2018 | 10.30am to 1.30pm**

Our Christmas Party Spectacular at the Big Top is back by popular demand. A party that rivals all parties with entertainment in abundance and a magical visit to see Santa with a gift for every child.

## Pantomimes



### Dick Whittington

📍 Theatre Royal, Windsor Thames Street, Windsor SL4 1PS

**Tuesday 4 December 2018 | 1.30 to 3.45pm**

<http://www.theatreroyalwindsor.co.uk/details.php?id=658>

"This is proper panto and had the youngsters howling with laughter!" The Royal Borough Observer. Stars including Anne Hegerty, The Governess from The Chase and old favourites...Basil Brush is back, as is Mike Read! Of course Kevin Cruise, Windsor's calamitous comic returns along with resident dame Steven Blakeley, who'll be getting his frock on for a 10th year! Tickets for Children and Adults free. Children will receive a free ice cream during the interval and a goody bag to take home.



### Sleeping Beauty

📍 Peacock Theatre, Portugal St, London, WC2A 2HT

**Select dates / times during 21st to 26th January 2019 - to be confirmed**

[www.pwc.co.uk/who-we-are/pantomime/about.html](http://www.pwc.co.uk/who-we-are/pantomime/about.html)

We'd like to let you know about this panto happening between 21 to 26 January 2019. We have not had confirmation of dates or times offered as yet. I will be in touch in a separate email advertising this event as soon as we have confirmation. Watch this space.

### Snow White

📍 Angel Centre, Angel Lane, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 1SF

**Friday 7 December 2018 | 7.30pm to 10pm**

This panto is produced to a high standard by the Tonbridge Community Pantomime Group, involving about 80 adults and children both on stage and backstage. The script is written by the group, and is very family orientated. Please note that we prefer requests to be made by those who live close by as the finish time is 10pm and we do not wish anyone to disturb the performance by leaving early.

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## New Year Events



### Circus Starr

Crawley, Brighton, Sydenham/Croydon, Cambridge, Harrow, Colchester, Dartford, Norwich, Peterborough

**Sat 6 Jan - Sun 14 Jan 2019**

**(Must book before Monday 15 October 2018)**

<http://www.circus-starr.org.uk>

Circus Starr offers a naturally relaxed performance environment where children are actively encouraged to interact with the acts, cheer, applaud and move about. Circus Starr works closely with a wide range of specialist and special schools so they understand the issues children with additional needs have to manage. Please view their website and if they have a tour near you, contact Natalie who can inquire about tickets, on your behalf.



## Frequent Events



## Weekly Days Out



### Imperial War Museum Duxford

Duxford, Cambridge CB22 4QR

**Weekly (term time)**

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-duxford>

Duxford is Britain's best-preserved Second World War airfield, with a fascinating history that dates back to the First World War.

### Beckonscot Model Village & Railway

Warwick Road, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, HP9 2PL

**Weekly (term time)**

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

Comprising six little towns stuck in a 1930s timewarp set in 1.5 acres of gardens, there are more than 200 buildings, 3,000 inhabitants, 1,000 animals, hundreds of vehicles and many models move right before your eyes.

### City Cruises

Tower Pier, Westminster Pier or Greenwich Pier **Weekly (term time)**

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

Take a cruise on the Thames to see London's most famous sites.

### Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust

Queen Elizabeth's Walk, Barnes, London SW13 9W

**Weekly (term time)**

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

Wild trails ablaze with wildlife, canoe safaris through quiet waterways, encounters with some of the world's most endangered birds & adventure playgrounds for little explorers.

### Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge Rd, London SE1 2UP

**Weekly (term time)**

[www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london](http://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london)

Scale Tower Bridge and learn about the history of one of London's most famous icons.



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## Monthly Days Out



### Tower of London

📍 St Katharine's & Wapping, London EC3N 4AB

**Monthly (term time)**

[www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london](http://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london)

From the crown jewels to the infamous tower ravens, experience the history first hand.

### Golden Tours

📍 Victoria, Buckingham Palace Road

**Monthly (term time)**

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

See the best of London up close on the Golden Tours' open top tour bus. With live commentary, see some of the world's most famous sights from 2000 years of history.



## Set Dates



### Speakers House Tour

📍 Houses of Parliament

**Friday 26 October 11am to 12.45pm**

**Friday 23 November 11am to 12.45pm**

**Friday 14 December 11am to 12.45pm**

[www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk)

The Speaker of the House of Commons has kindly extended an invitation to Variety on your behalf. On your visit you will tour the Houses of Parliament and the Speaker's State Apartments. There will be some refreshments offered. Suitable for children aged 8 years upwards explorers.

### Battersea Park Zoo

📍 Battersea Park, Chelsea Bridge Gate, Battersea, London, SW11 4NJ

**Wednesday 3 October 2018**

<http://www.batterseaparkzoo.co.uk>

The perfect zoo for little explorers. A magical place for children in the heart of Battersea Park.



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