

Summer Holiday Ideas

The staff have put together a few ideas for the Summer holidays, including some of their own favourites. We all hope you have a restful holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Walks – local and further afield

A quick search online produces a plethora of walks in the local area and beyond. The two links below are examples for the local area.

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/outdoor-activities/countryside-walks/countryside-walking-routes>

<https://www.mapmywalk.com/gb/crowthorne-eng/>

History

Visit the Roman city walls and amphitheatre at Silchester: <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/silchester-roman-city-walls-and-amphitheatre/>

Learn about the remarkable history of the Greenham Control Tower: <https://www.greenhamtower.org.uk/>

Be a tourist in your own town: <https://www.treasuretrails.co.uk/things-to-do/berkshire/wokingham>

At home

Create your own cookbook of favourite family recipes, ask your relatives too – take a photo once you have made each dish, note the date you made it and who gave you the recipe

Grow an avocado plant from its 'pit': <https://www.gardenersworld.com/how-to-grow-plants/how-to-grow-avocados/>

Find out where all the fruit in your house was grown – pick the country furthest away and find out how to say 'hello' in that language

Camp out in your garden on a clear night and identify the stars: <https://astronomynow.com/uk-sky-chart/>

Be a scientist: <https://fun-science.org.uk/top-5-science-activities-home/>

Celebrate National Play Day on August 5th: <https://www.playday.org.uk/>

Have a treasure hunt by writing clues to find objects hidden around the house

Make your own mini crazy golf circuit - find pipes, trays, wood and anything in the garden

Get free LEGO magazines at: <https://www.lego.com/en-gb/life/magazine>

Creative

Create a self-portrait using material from your recycling box – remember to ask first! <https://artfulparent.com/self-portrait-collage/>

Make your own mask: <https://www.johnlewis.com/content/your-partners-through-it-all/craft-ideas>

Tie-dye an old T shirt

Make your own jigsaws by cutting up pictures from a magazine

Make paper boats and have your own boat race

Collect fallen leaves, petals and sticks and use them to make a picture or sculpture, but please make sure you don't pick wildflowers

Nature

Focus on a favourite tree – do some research to find out all about it

Then make some leaf rubbings

Search the Woodland Trust site for educational activities:

<http://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/categorymenu/?cat=activities>

Discover Berkshire's wonderful wildlife: <https://www.bbwt.org.uk/explore/visitor-centres/nature-discovery-centre>

Become a map-maker – first draw a map of your local park from memory, then when you next walk round, add anything you had forgotten such as benches, best place to feed the ducks, even the dog poo bins!

Make a bird feeder to attract different birds to your garden:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/makes/bird-feeder>

Do a family scavenger hunt: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/01/nature-scavenger-hunts/>

Then listen to the birds singing and identify them using this site: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/bird-songs/what-bird-is-that/>

Write a story inspired by woods and trees – give your child the first sentence and encouraging them to write the rest of the story.

Digital

Organise a Zoom quiz with your friends – 10 questions from each 'team'

Take it in turns to be Joe Wicks and lead a Zoom exercise class for your friends

Join the 2020 Summer Reading Challenge: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/parents-carers>

Games for the car

Fizz Buzz -count upwards and when there's a number which divides by three, say "fizz" and when a number divides by five, say "buzz". If a number divides by three and five, you have to say "fizz buzz".

Travel bingo - think of five or 10 things to find – for example, a horse, pub, or yellow car – and then try to find them. First person to cross everything off wins.

Board Games

Games like Yahtzee and Monopoly (simplified rules if needed) are great for number bonds

Try arranging a swap with other families (following Covid guidelines) so you can try new games without buying them.

Play [Scattergories](#)

Have a go at [Consequences](#)

Staff favourites

Mr Holland - Visit a beach – try to go early in the morning or in the evening so it is less busy. Eastoke on Hayling Island is a great spot and just over an hour away, so if you leave at 4 you still get 4 or 5 hours by the sea. There is plenty of space, ice cream and fish and chips aplenty and you can walk along the beach for miles. There are also coastal defences that are fun to clamber over at the east end of the beach.

Miss Davidson - I have done minibeast hunts with the keyworker children. They tick off animals if/ when they find them. Children could just as easily do it in a garden or on a walk or day out. I have hyperlinked some identification sheets.

[Mini Beasts Sheet 1](#)

[Mini Beasts Sheet 2](#)

Mr Lee – In Yateley, there are lots of undiscovered gems:

- Castle Bottom Nature Reserve – see if you can spot the wild ponies.
- Blackbushe Airport (you can watch the planes landing and taking off, have a great fry up at the café and learn/practise cycling on the old airfield).
- Yateley Common – lots of beautiful common land to wander around. Can you find ‘The COVID Snake’? It is made up of stones with messages for keyworkers.
- Horseshoe Lake – lots of lovely walks and sometimes you might see the Lesser-Spotted Mr Hill walking his dog!

Mrs Burrell- I love to run in Windsor Great Park and see the deer. Sometimes I go in via Ascot Gate where you can park on the road on Watersplash Lane. Good for cycling too and if the shop is open you can get an ice cream from the village store.

Rather more distantly, I like to leave Crowthorne around 7am and get down to the coast before the crowds. Callie the dog likes to do the marshes walk at Keyhaven and back along the sea wall with great views of the Isle of Wight. There’s an ice cream van at the end of the spit out to Hurst Castle.

Mrs Alexander - I love to get out and mess about on the water in my kayak. There are many activities you can do, although they come with a small charge. Wokingham Waterside Centre at Thames Valley Park is one of the places I kayak at. You can hire Kayaks, sit ons and SUPS and have lots of fun. Horseshoe lake also has SUPs, sailing, swimming, kayaks and pedalos. Great fun splashing about in and out of the water on a

Mrs Yeatman - I love discovering new places and going on long walks. I recently visited Queen Elizabeth Country Park, PO8 0QE (about an hour by car) and walked up Butser Hill, close to Butser Farm! There are so many things to do at the park, have a look at their website! I also love cycling. A good, safe cycle ride is round Bucklers Park in Crowthorne. It’s nice to walk there too! Finally, don’t forget our beautiful forest in Crowthorne. We are so lucky to have it so close and Daisy dog loves it there too!

Miss Noad- When I was little I used to love going to Gray’s Farm to pick strawberries- they taste so delicious and juicy! We used to enjoy eating them for pudding with meringues and cream every night until they were gone! They also have a farm shop which sells fresh fruit and vegetables. Another favourite day out of mine was Bucklebury Farm Park (we always went for my brother’s birthday right at the beginning of the school holidays). Highlights for me were seeing so many deer up close and also riding a tractor. <http://www.buckleburyfarmpark.co.uk/>

Mrs Burrows – I visited the Winchester Science Centre for the first time earlier this year with some of our Year 5 & 6 children and I thought it was a fantastic day out! Unfortunately, they are still not able to open, but this may change during the holidays. Have a look at their website anyway - there is an excellent Science@home section with different activities posted every week:

<https://www.winchestersciencecentre.org/science-home/science-home/#.XxAQ-5hKiUm>

Miss Hanks - As my class know I have started running during this time which has been a great way for me to stay fit and healthy, even though I have never enjoyed running before! It is a great way to set personal targets which give you a great sense of achievement. I chose to run around Bucklers Park as it is a perfect distance for me. You could find a route that suits you and time yourself to try and improve. You can also run with friends or family members to support each other.