Activities September – November 2024 (& Christmas 😁)



Little Miracles charity has branches in and around Cambridgeshire. You must be a member of a family who has a child with an additional need, disability or life-limiting condition to access Little Miracles. With all our branches we ask that you complete a Membership Form to access our services.

See all **Little Miracles** activities and events.

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Youth Club 8+

Cornfield Lane Littleport CB6 1EX Monday 16 September, 5pm to 7pm Cost: £3.50 Youth admission with hot dog £2.50 Youth admission only

Welcome to **Youth Club 8+** - interactive wall, arts and crafts, games, air hockey, tabletop football, tuck shop.

Join Little Miracles for a fun and exciting evening filled with games, activities, and new friends. This event is perfect for anyone aged 8 and above looking to have a great time. Don't miss out on the opportunity to connect with other young people in your community and have a blast! We can't wait to see you there! **Book here.**

Pizza and Soft Play

Treetops, Lancaster Way, Ely CB6 3NW Thursday 26 September, 3pm to 5.30 Cost £5 Pizza & Play £2.50 Soft Play only

Join Little Miracles for an afternoon of fun and delicious pizza. Let your kids enjoy the soft play area while you relax and socialize with other parents. It's the perfect opportunity for some family bonding time. Don't miss out on this exciting event! **Book here.**

Antarctica is coming to a library near you! Come celebrate Antarctica and get polar inspiration to help us create a colourful bunting. See all Cambridge Library events here.

Antarctica Day

Barnwell Road Library, Barnwell Road, Cambridge CB5 8RG Saturday 12 October, 2.30pm to 5pm. Book here.

Milton Road Library, Ascham Road, Cambridge CB4 2BD Saturday 19 October, 10.30am to 1.30pm. Book here.

Rock Road Library, 69 Rock Road, Cambridge CB1 7UG Saturday 26 October, 10.30am to 1.30pm. Book here.

Activities include (times and details can be found on the booking page):

- Bring your child to the library to hear wonderful Antarctica-themed stories!
- Find penguins hidden in the library!

- Let's watch together 'Antarctic ocean and food web' by the British Antarctic Survey to learn how the ocean around Antarctica and the animals living in it are unique (age 5+).
- Make community family crafts.

Antarctic Adventure – Tales from a Polar Scientist

Cambridge Central Library, 7 Lion Yard, Cambridge CB2 3QD Monday 28 October, 11.30am – 12.30pm

Free

Hear about the amazing sights, sounds and science of Antarctica from a researcher who was aboard the Royal Ship Sir David Attenborough

Calling all budding polar explorers! Join us as we set sail south to the bottom of the world, to a place where solid sea ice covers the ocean, penguins hitch rides on drifting icebergs, and giant rivers of ice flow from the land into the sea. After 6 weeks in the Southern Ocean on board the Royal Research Ship Sir David Attenborough, Roseanne Smith (PhD researcher at the British Antarctic Survey) has returned to the UK and will share her story of the amazing sights, sounds and science of Antarctica. This story-based session will include some interactive activities and even some real Antarctic ice all the way from the frozen continent. Perfect for ages 7-14. **Book here.**

From 10.30am to 11am, join us with the little ones ahead for an Antarctica-themed story time. Bring your child to the library to hear wonderful Antarctica-themed stories! This event is suitable to children aged 18 months to 5 years and takes place in the Children's Library at Cambridge Central Library. Free drop in, no need to book. Parents/carers must stay with their children at all times.

Active Families Family Netball

Netherhall Sports Centre

4-week course starts 17 September, Tuesdays from 5.30pm

For both boys and girls aged 6 - 11 and a parent/carer

Family tickets (1 adult + 1 child) cost just £8 for the course

4 weeks of netball fun for all! Bring your child along to rekindle and share your love of netball or learn the game together. This course will take you both through the fundamentals of netball, including ball skills, fun drills and team play. The course will be delivered by an experienced Netball coach from **GK Fit**, who deliver lots of multi-sport clubs across the City for children. Find full details and book **here**.

Pound Fitness

Meadows Community Centre

5-week course starts 16 September, Mondays from 6.15pm

For children aged 5 - 11 and a parent/carer

Family tickets (1 adult + 1 child) cost just £10 for the course

Join experienced dance fitness instructor, Anna for this fun, full-body workout using exercise drumsticks that will help you and your kids not only improve their physical health, but also boost their confidence and self-esteem. Each weekly class is a 45-minute electrifying jam session that combines cardio, strength training and mat exercises – all set to your favourite soundtrack! See full details and book here.

Family Golf

Kingsway Golf Centre, off Trumpington Road

3-week course starts 21 September, Saturdays at either 10am or 11am

For children aged 6 - 11 and a parent/carer

Family tickets (1 adult + 1 child) cost just £10 for the course

This 3-week course at Kingsway Golf Centre will give families the opportunity to learn the basics of this sport together, in a fun and friendly environment that everyone can enjoy. Each session will focus on the different elements and skills of golf, such as putting, golf swing fundamentals, and chipping. See full details and book here.

Great Fen Little Bugs - Autumn Term

The Wildlife Trust Countryside Centre, 2 Chapel Road, Ramsey Heights PE26 2RS Wednesdays, 10.30am to 12noon

- 18 September
- 2 October
- 16 October
- 23 October

A fun and sociable morning of exploration and discovery for pre-school children.

Calling all mini-wildlife explorers. <u>Little Bugs</u> is here! Come and join us for a fun morning of exploration and discovery here on the wonderful nature reserve at the <u>Wildlife Trust</u> <u>Countryside Centre, Ramsey Heights</u>.

This group is for pre-school children and encourages outdoor play and discovery. The aim is to build confidence of being in the outdoors for both children and their guardians and to connect with your local nature reserve. Enjoy crafts, story time and play in outdoors in this lovely location.

Activities may vary and try to be outside, so please wear appropriate clothing and footwear. **Book here**.

Little Bugs Autumn Series

Sociable nature walks for toddlers and their parents or carers. We'll explore Cambourne Nature Reserve and learn about wildlife as we go.

Cambourne Nature Reserve Car Park, Off School Lane, Cambourne CB23 5AD Fridays, 9.30am to 11am

- 27 September
- 4 October
- 11 October
- 18 October
- 25 October

This is part of a series of pre-school sessions offered in Cambourne over the warmer months. They can be enjoyed as a programme, or individually as stand-alone sessions. Join Wildlife Adventurer Becca Badger for an adventurous stroll around Cambourne Nature Reserve. We'll stop for a story and do some simple outdoor activities for toddlers along the way. These are sociable, fun, relaxed sessions, where we might jump in puddles, climb trees, or make a den.

These small-group, pre-school session, work best for families with children from 2 to 4 years old, although we are flexible. To keep group sizes small, each adult may only bring 2 toddlers, younger siblings are welcome. **Full details and book here**.

Storytime at Barnwell Road Library

Join us for half an hour of fun and exciting stories read to you by our lovely Community Library Assistants!

Barnwell Road Library, Barnwell Road, Cambridge CB5 8RG

Wednesday's 2.30pm to 3pm

- 18 September
- 25 September
- 2 October
- 9 October

Join us for free stories in the library! No need to book, just drop in on the day. For children aged 18 months to 5 years old, but everyone is welcome. This event takes place term time only. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Findl details of Barnwell Road's facilities **here**.

SuperSensory1K

Great Shelford Recreation Ground, Woollards Lane, Cambridge CB22 5LZ Sunday 29 September, 10.30am

We are thrilled to announce a brand new SuperSensory1K (SS1K), as part of the annual Shelford Fun Run. The SS1K will involve a 1,000m flat course and, as a truly inclusive event, you can travel the distance in any way you want, including walking, wheeling and running.

To add to the fun there are five sensory stations along the route: celebrating smell, touch, sight, hearing and taste. The event is free, so we encourage you to bring as many people as you like.

It's all part of the annual Shelford Fun Run 5k (just outside Cambridge) and is the second year we've been part of the event with our innovative and inclusive SS1K.

Register here.

Flag Fen Fledglings - Witches, Wizards and Halloween

Flag Fen Archaeology Park, The Droveway, Northey Road, Peterborough PE6 7QJ Friday 11 October, 10am to 11.30am

Explore the outdoors through a variety of engaging forest school activities based on the exciting theme of Witches, Wizards and Halloween.

What hair raising treasures will you discover as we enjoy a fun Halloween themed scavenger hunt? Enjoy lots of opportunities for sensory play outdoors including mixing up a witch's brew in the mud kitchen, creating a boggart using clay and natural materials and some spider web stamping. Listen to the story of Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson around the fire pit then make your own broomstick to zoom around the forest.

Price includes full entry into Flag Fen, so why not make a day of it? **Book here**.

<u>Unique Feet</u> is a Cambridge based group for children with a range of rare conditions. The group do all sorts of fun activities including horse riding, cycling, canoeing, yoga, climbing, trips to the seaside and picnics at National Trust parks. There is an annual trip to the Panto and family meals out allowing the children safe experiences they can share together, sometimes accompanied by extended family and siblings making for a true family affair.

View all Unique Feet community activities <u>here</u>. If you're not a member yet but you'd like to join us, fill out the short contact form <u>here</u>.

Clip N Climb CamRARE's Unique Feet Community

Clip N Climb, Unit 34, Clifton Road Industrial Estate, Clifton Road, Cambridge CB1 7EB Sunday 22 September, 9am to 10am – Book here.

Sunday 17 November, 9am to 10am – Book here.

An exclusive session for the Unique Feet group at Clip N Climb in Cambridge. For CamRARE's Unique Feet members only. To become a member contact lindsey@camraredisease.org

At Clip 'n Climb Cambridge, we are passionate about inclusion for all, supporting groups and individuals to challenge themselves, and promoting healthy lifestyle activities. We try and support as many people as possible climbing through our regular events, work with charities and groups, and through 1:1 activities. The centre has two climbing hoists that we can use to help those who find it difficult to climb.

Audley End SEN Sessions

After talking to many parents of children with special educational needs or disabilities we have made the following adjustments to our Halloween Special and Christmas Special:

Halloween Autism & SEN Friendly Sessions

- The session will be at the beginning of the day so visitors will be the first customers on site and the site will therefore be guieter
- Parking will be in our disabled car park for close access to the site
- Reduced or eliminated queuing time
- Reduced volume of sound/music & no microphones
- No flashing lights or unexpected events/sounds
- All staff will be trained to reflect the advice the specialists and parents have given us.

Find SEN Halloween details and book here.

Halloween Half-Term

Audley End House and Gardens, Off London Road, Saffron Walden, CB11 4JF Sat 26 Oct - Sun 3 Nov 2024, 10am to 4pm

Gather your little monsters for a ghoulishly good day out at Audley End this half term.

Follow the quest to solve creepy clues and gather round to listen to spooky stories.

Book online and save 15%. Book here.

Spooky Woodland Walk

Audley End House and Gardens, Off London Road, Saffron Walden, CB11 4JF Sat 26 - Sun 27 Oct & Thurs 31 Oct 2024, 10am to 5pm

As the days shorten and the evenings grow darker, join our ghost-hunting storytellers on a family-friendly walk through the shadows of Audley End's grounds. With well-told tales full of strange and spooky goings-on, this Halloween Walk is sure to get you into the spirit of the season.

This is an outdoor, early evening tour. It's ideal if you're after a more light-hearted Halloween event for children aged 5-10. Please wear suitable shoes and be sure to dress for the weather.

Book online and save 15%. **Book here.**

Half Term History Makers

Audley End House and Gardens, Off London Road, Saffron Walden, CB11 4JF Sat 15 - Sun 23 Feb 2025, 10am to 4pm

Join characters from the past for heritage-inspired hijinks and hands-on shenanigans at Audley End this half term.

Book online and save 15%. Book here.

English Heritage

Family Days Out

Looking for somewhere where you and the family can get out in the fresh air together and create memories? Our special historic places offer extraordinarily good value and are full of heart-warming adventures for parents and children alike.

Experience the beauty of summertime at our breathtaking castles, abbeys and stately homes, or stretch little legs and fire up imaginations with our family **events and activities**. **See the website** for tips and suggestions and to find out what's on. Find a site near you and book your tickets today.

Halloween Hocus Pocus Screening

Orton Hall Hotel and Spa, The Village, Orton Longueville PE2 7DN Tue, 29 Oct 2024 4pm to 9.30pm (2 screenings)

Get ready for a bewitching experience as we present the Halloween showing of the beloved classic Hocus Pocus. Grab your blankets, bring your friends and family, and immerse yourself in this enchanting outdoor cinema event. Watch as the Sanderson sisters, Winifred, Sarah, and Mary, wreak havoc on Salem in their quest for eternal youth. With their mischievous spells and hilarious antics, this film is sure to cast a spell on you! Indulge in the Halloween spirit and come dressed in your spookiest costumes. Whether you're a witch, a ghost, or a vampire, let your creativity shine and join in the fun. So mark your calendars and don't miss out on this wickedly entertaining event. See full details and book your tickets now and get ready for a night filled with laughter, nostalgia, and Halloween magic! Book here.

Eco-friendly Spooky Crafts

Milton Road Library, Ascham Road, Cambridge CB4 2BD Wednesday 30 October, 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Join our friendly library staff and the Waste Education Officer at Thalia for a free fun afternoon of eco-friendly games and crafts! This event is for children aged 4+. We'll make paper spooky masks, ghostly milk bottle lanterns and tasty treats and play a bin bag sorting game! Free and all welcome. Parents/carers to stay with their children. **Book here**.

Halloween Wild Play

Free activity sessions in Cambridge by Groundwork East for pre and primary aged children and their families.

Cherry Hinton Hall Park, Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge CB1 8DW Wednesday 30 October, 10am to 11.30am or 1pm to 2.30pm. **Book here.**

Manor Field, Station Road, Whittlesey PE7 1UA (meet on the field to the left of the leisure centre)

Thursday 31 October, 10am to 11.30am or 1pm to 2.30pm. Book here.

Join Groundwork East to get outside and learn about simple ways you can help the planet through this free Halloween themed wild play. Activities will include bug hunting, scavenger hunts, natural arts and crafts and more!

Please only book 1 ticket per family, children must be accompanied by an adult. These sessions are funded by Cambridgeshire Skills, an enrolment form will be provided on the day. Find more courses on the website

For more information contact Lucy: lucy.woodbridge@groundwork.org.uk

Family Night Walk

Join Wildlife Adventurer Becca Badger for some nocturnal wildlife-themed craft, followed by a night-time quest on the Nature Reserves.

Wild in the Woods

Wildlife Trust BCN Head Office, Broad Street, Cambourne CB23 6DH Wednesday 30 October, 5.30pm to 7.30pm. **See full details and book here**.

Wild in the Meadows

Wildlife Trust BCN Trumpington Meadows Rangers Office, Grantchester Road, Trumpington, Cambridge CB2 9LH

Thursday 31 October, 6pm to 8pm. See full details and book here.

In these extra-spooky sessions, join Becca Badger to do some nocturnal wildlife-themed craft indoors, followed by a night-time quest hunting for clues and following a hidden trail. We'll use torches to find our way and learn about local wildlife as we go.

These sessions are perfect for families with children aged 7-11, and older siblings will also enjoy it. We will adapt with the group, but it is not suitable for under 5s.

These sessions involve being in the woods in the dark (and we will create a few surprises along the route). They may not be suitable for everyone!

Bonfire Night

Midsummer Common, Cambridge CB5 8DJ Saturday 2 November, 7pm to 8pm

Illumina Fireworks Night is back! This event is organised by Cambridge City Council and one of the largest FREE displays in the region!

What I (Don't) Know About Autism

Presented by the Sixth Sense Theatre Collective The Atrium Theatre, Cambridge, CB4 3NY Friday 1 November & Saturday 2 November, pm

What I (Don't) Know About Autism takes the audience on a highly theatrical journey. Performed by a cast of neurodivergent actors, it is a sometimes comic, sometimes dark look at the world of autism. The play mixes narrative, and direct address to explore this contentious and often misunderstood subject matter.

Inspired by the writer's own experiences with autism, the play celebrates autistic identity whilst offering deeper insight and understanding to non-autistic audiences.

All performances will have a relaxed approach to noises that audience members might need to make during the show. Audience members should feel free to move around the gangways in the theatre or leave as they need - we just ask they are as respectful as possible to the actors performing and the other audience members. Ear defenders will be available on request.

<u>Please note:</u> This show is only suitable for **secondary ages and above** and contains sensitive discussion of mistreatment and discrimination. There will also be loud noises and music which will be flagged in advance by the performers. See full details and book <u>here</u>.

Big Fish Little Fish - Cambridge Family Rave - Halloween Special!

Family ravers - for families with children 8yrs and under, older siblings are welcome.

Cambridge Junction, Clifton Way, Cambridge CB1 7GX Sunday 3 November, 12noon to 2pm. **See full details and book here.** Halloween theme - Fancy dress optional but encouraged

The Maltings, Ship Lane, Ely CB7 4BB Saturday 23 Nov, 2pm to 4pm. **See full details and book here.** Space themed – Fancy dress optional but encouraged.

Following sold out events the original family rave returns. House music legend Stuart Patterson + Old school Drum and Bass veteran DJ Trax will be playing (grown up) tunes to the family ravers. Expect House/rave classics through to Drum and Bass. These events will also feature themed crafts, snow machine, giant balloons, glitter cannons, bubble machine, club lighting (no strobes), giant mural and the Big Fish Little Fish (BFLF) famous parachute dance. Family fun for the post-rave generation of parents. Helping parents be responsibly irresponsible since 2013. DANCE, LAUGH, CRAFT AND GET DAFT - see you on the dance floor Cambridge $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{C}}$

Little Feet, Big Impressions

Museum of Cambridge, 2-3 Castle Street, Cambridge CB3 0AQ Wednesday's, 10.30am to 12noon

- 13 November
- 27 November

Free Storytelling and Sensory Sessions for Families with Children aged 1-5 in the Museum of Cambridge.

Little Feet, Big Impressions returns to the Museum of Cambridge! Join us for an all-new, redesigned programme of FREE storytelling and activities every two weeks for families with children aged 1-5.

Be welcomed into the Museum's purpose-built event space, the Enid Porter Room, with complementary tea and coffee, before entering our 16th-century building to explore the objects on display with some storytelling.

Then return to the Enid Porter Room for a sensory activity related to the story you heard.

Little Feet, Big Impressions is a unique opportunity for you and your little ones to engage with history in a relaxed and inclusive environment.

Sessions are free, but places must be booked in advance. Please book for you and your child (minimum 2 tickets). **Book here**.

Shop it, Cook it Course

Campkin Road Community Centre, 70 Morello Place, Cambridge CB42ZH Tuesday 12 Nov, 10am to Tuesday 17 Dec, 12noon Free cooking course for you and your little ones by Groundwork East

Join us for our Shop it, Cook it course. This 6-week family learning course for children aged 2-5! For little ones to explore cooking and make their own breakfast lunch and dinner. In each session we will cook a tasty dish together, play games and have story time. You will also learn some tips, tricks and recipes to eat healthily on a budget! **Book here.** Any questions or for more information contact Lucy

lucy.woodbridge@groundwork.org.uk

Christmas Events 2024

Christmas Illumination Trail at Wimpole

Wimpole Estate, Arrington, Royston SG8 0BW Friday 22 November to Wednesday 1 January

Come and experience a new after-dark <u>Illuminations trail</u> that brings the estate to life with over a million twinkling lights and seasonal sounds. During the day, the Mansion House will be decorated for Christmas, with festive food and drink in the restaurant and cafés, and local choirs singing Christmas carols. <u>Find us here</u>. <u>Book here</u>.

Audley End Christmas Special Autism & SEN Sessions

- The session will be at the beginning of the day so visitors will be the first customers on site and the site will therefore be guieter
- Reduced or eliminated queuing time
- Reduced volume of sound/music during Christmas show
- No flashing lights, UV lights or unexpected events/sounds during the Christmas show
- All staff will be trained to reflect the advice the specialists and parents have given us.

Find SEN Christmas Special details and book here.

Audley End Miniature Railway Christmas Special

Audley End Road, Audley End, Saffron Walden CB11 4JB Thursday 21 November to Tuesday 24 December

Cost: From £23

It's the most wonderful time of the year at Audley End Miniature Railway! A Nutcracker will board you onto our Christmas train so you can journey deep into the Enchanted woods of Audley End Miniature Railway, to visit Father Christmas in his Winter Workshop! Mother Christmas and her elves will be busy making sure all the toys are ready for Christmas Eve. Father Christmas will visit you in your carriage with a gift for every child. See full details and book tickets here.

Santa at the Stukes

Stukeley Country Hotel, Church Road, Great Stukeley PE28 4AL Monday 23 December, 11am to 1.45pm

Cost: £16.96

Kids Christmas Party, dancing, face painting and of course Santa
Santas taken a day off especially to visit us at the Stukeley Country Hotel!
We'll be having Christmas story time, games, face painting dancing, singing and meeting
Santa who will give each child a Christmas book as a gift. Buffet included in ticket price.
Please note, children must be supervised by an adult for this event. Book here.

Skylark Santa's Grotto

Manea Road, Wimblington, March PE15 0PE Saturday 23 November to Tuesday 24 December

Meet our charming elves and Father Christmas, plus all the activities we have to offer and don't forget to build your very own bear or choose a toy from Santa's Toy Shop!

Breakfast with Santa

Sunday 15 December, 8am arrival.

Make this Christmas one to remember for a lifetime! Bring the children to come and have breakfast with our amazing Santa, then once your bellies are full go and choose a toy from Santa's Toy Shop or Make-a-Bear to take home!

Childrens breakfast choices are chosen at the checkout and are as follows: Coco Pops, Pancakes or Fruit Bowl.

Full details for the grotto and breakfast with Santa, and booking are **here**.

Lunch with Santa

Holiday Inn Peterborough - West, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough PE3 6SG Saturday 21 December, 12noon to 3pm £17 per child (under 12)

£25 per adult

Join us for a jolly lunch with Santa, experience the magic of the season for the whole family! Bring your little ones for a delightful afternoon filled with joy and wonder. Join us for a jolly lunch with Santa, experience the magic of the season for the whole family!

Includes a festive two course lunch, festive activities plus Santa Claus himself will be making a special appearance handing out gifts to the little ones. **Book here**.

Narnia

Wrest Park, Silsoe, BedfordshireMK45 4HR Wednesday - Sunday 27 Nov - 22 Dec 2024, 10am to 5pm Suitable for everyone.

Step through the wardrobe and explore the snowy magic of Narnia at Wrest Park this Christmas.

Wrest Park is bringing Narnia to life with festive decorations, twinkling lights, and scenes inspired by "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe." Stroll through the beautifully transformed house and immerse yourself in the enchanting world of Narnia. Perfect for families and fans of the classic story, it's a festive experience you won't want to miss!

Book Tickets

There's also a chance to <u>meet Father Christmas</u> on weekends between 30 Nov – 22 December. If you'd like to book this as well, please select the time you'd like to attend on the add-on page. Please note that due to capacity only one adult is permitted per child for Festive Tales with Father Christmas.