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Welcome to the October 2026 issue of Primary Times

Autumn is here, bringing pumpkin picking, spooky adventures and plenty of family fun across North & East Yorkshire.

Our cover star, THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride at Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway, is getting ready to bring a little Christmas magic to families, with festive entertainment and a visit from Father Christmas.

Inside, you'll find ideas to keep the children busy this half term, including Halloween activities, museum events and library sessions, plus a look ahead to Yorkshire's Winter Wonderland.

Have a wonderful half term and a happy Halloween!

Maureen,
Olivia and Mabel



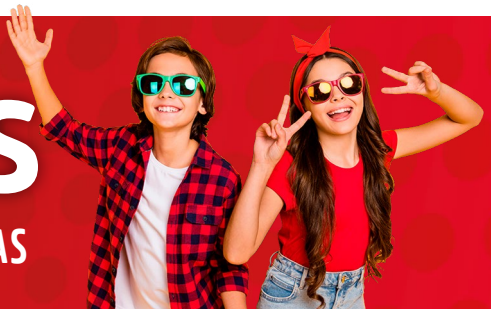
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All Aboard for a Magical Christmas Adventure!

Christmas magic comes to life aboard THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride at Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway, where families can share a festive adventure inspired by the much-loved film and classic children's story.

Departing from Bolton Abbey Station, the experience combines the charm of a heritage railway with live theatrical entertainment. Familiar characters, including the Conductor and singing chefs, help bring the story to life through performances, music and plenty of Christmas cheer.

Children and grown-ups can embrace the occasion by wearing their cosiest pyjamas, making the journey feel even more special. On board, hot chocolate and a reading of The Polar Express add to the atmosphere, while a visit from Father Christmas provides a highlight for excited young passengers.

With professional performers, colourful costumes and immersive storytelling, the experience offers families an opportunity to step inside a favourite Christmas tale together. From the anticipation of boarding to the delight of meeting its familiar characters, there is plenty to capture the imagination.

For parents planning a memorable festive outing, this Yorkshire railway adventure promises laughter, wonder and moments to treasure long after Christmas.

Families can explore available dates, ticket options and booking details at www.thepolarexpresstrainride.embsayboltonabbeyrailway.org.uk before arranging their visit.



Two Decades, One Million Skaters! York's Original and Largest Open-Air Rink, Yorkshire's Winter Wonderland Returns

Celebrating one million skaters over two decades, York's original and largest open-air ice rink - Yorkshire's Winter Wonderland - returns to York Designer Outlet from 13 November to 3 January. With a thrilling funfair, magical Santa's Cabin and cosy alpine café-bar, York's award-winning festive event offers fun for all ages.

A showstopping 30ft high Christmas tree in the centre of the rink, and a backdrop of giant neon-coloured trees and glowing baubles makes a stunning setting for skating under the stars.

Cosy up in the rink-side Chalet with its fireplace and sheepskins and enjoy warming food and drinks. As evening draws in, the lights dim and the vibe eases into an après-skate bar hosting live music nights.

Outside, firepits for toasting marshmallows and a German Grill serving sausages and mulled wine will tickle the taste buds.

The funfair has something for everyone – a Waltzer, Twister and Miami for the thrill-seekers, vintage Dodgems for all the family, as well as children's rides and game stalls offering a prize every time.

Then follow the snowy woodland walk and glittering light tunnel to Santa's Cabin where a warm welcome and special gift awaits.

And with designer shopping and FREE parking Yorkshire's Winter Wonderland is the perfect festive day out!

Book at www.yorkshireswinterwonderland.com.



Spooky Plants at RHS Garden Harlow Carr

Step into our ghoulish garden for some Halloween fun as we uncover the spooky secrets of plants at RHS Garden Harlow Carr, Yorkshire

This October half term, discover the magical powers and spooky secrets hidden in plants at RHS Harlow Carr. Meet mysterious plant life, tackle our interactive garden trail and get up close with creepy crawlies from ZooLab – it's terrifyingly good fun for the whole family.

Garden admission applies; free to RHS members and children under 5. Children aged 5-16 go for £6.

www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/harlow-carr/whats-on/october-half-term-at-harlow-carr



The Snowman with Live Orchestra

Make Christmas unforgettable with a screening of the much-loved The Snowman on the big screen at York Barbican, with its soundtrack performed live by an orchestra.

Presented by Carrot Productions, this award-winning show brings together some of the UK's finest musicians for a magical festive experience.

Enjoy a festive treat with Fleece Navidad, a hilarious Shaun the Sheep Christmas short, accompanied live by the musicians. There's also a joyful festive medley, an introduction to the orchestra by CBeebies Musical Storyland composer Daniel Whibley, a visit from The Snowman and the chance to sing along to Walking in the Air.

Perfect for families, this is a magical way to start the festive season.

York Barbican, Tuesday 22nd December. 1.30pm | 4pm.





This winter, your child's swimming journey could lead to something truly unforgettable – a magical family trip to Santa's Lapland.

Award-winning leisure operator Everyone Active, who run Scarborough Sports Village, Whitby Leisure Centre, Ryedale Swim and Fitness Centre and Derwent Swim and Fitness Centre in partnership with North Yorkshire Council, are giving one lucky family the chance to win a once-in-a-lifetime holiday to the home of Santa Claus.

This will have all the festive magic thrown in – think reindeer and husky rides, snow-dusted forests and Father Christmas himself.

What's included in the prize?

- Three-night trip to Lapland for a family of four (two adults 18+ and two children aged 2–12)
- Return flights, overseas transfer and travel insurance
- Half-board accommodation in a 3* (or higher) hotel/cabin
- A private family visit to see Santa, including a present for each child
- A festive dinner on the final evening
- A full day of activities including husky sled ride, reindeer sleigh ride, snow hockey, mini skidoos, kicksledding, and seeing Santa's Elves in their igloo and Sleigh Barn

To unlock your chance to win, simply enrol your child in swimming lessons with Everyone Active before Thursday, December 17th 2026, and you'll be entered into the prize draw to try and win this amazing experience.

If your children are already learning with Everyone Active, the great news is you're already in the draw.



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NORTH & EAST YORKSHIRE | OCTOBER 2026

Pick your perfect pumpkin!



Pull on your wellies for a pumpkin-picking adventure! Discover pumpkin patches and family fun across North Yorkshire and East Riding of Yorkshire.

NORTH YORKSHIRE

Yorkshire Pumpkins

Lodge Farm, Cundall, YO61 2RN

Choose from colourful home-grown pumpkins, try pumpkin games and warm up in the pumpkin café.
17-18 & 22-31 October; book ahead.

Tel: 01423 360203

yorkshirepumpkins.com

Spilmans Pumpkin Festival

Church Farm, Sessay, Thirsk, YO7 3NB

Celebrate ten years of pumpkin fun with live shows, photo spots and a host of autumn activities.
17-18 & 23-30 October; book ahead.

Tel: 07754 857284

spilmans.co.uk

Monk Park Farm

Bagby, near Thirsk, YO7 2AG

Enjoy pumpkins and carnival games with patch-only tickets or a full farm day.
Selected October dates; book online.

Tel: 01845 421124

monkparkfarm.co.uk

The Balloon Tree

Gate Helmsley, near York, YO41 1NB

Pick your own home-grown pumpkin, then visit the farm shop or café for a seasonal treat.
Daily through October; no booking needed.

Tel: 01759 373023

theballoontree.co.uk

EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE

Drewton's Pumpkin Patch

The Drewton Estate, South Cave, HU15 2AG

Explore a four-acre pumpkin patch, enjoy autumn photo opportunities and visit the carving area.
17-18 & 23-31 October; see opening times.

Tel: 01430 425079

drewtons.co.uk/pumpkins

The Pumpkin Patch at Bewholme

Homeland Farm, Catfoss Road, YO25 8DX

Discover pumpkins, gourds and squashes in the PYO field, with photo displays and carving on site.
17-18 & 24-31 October; 10am-4pm.

Tel: 07890 346717

thepumpkinpatchproduce.co.uk

Butt Farm Pumpkin Patch

Victoria Road, Beverley, HU17 8PJ

Grab a wheelbarrow and explore the patch. Look out for the spooky trail and half-term activities.
Selected dates; daily 23-31 Oct, 10am-4pm.

Tel: 01482 870984

buttfarm.co.uk/pumpkin-patch.html

Sandy Bottom Farm

Thorn Road, Hedon, HU12 8BB

Pick a pumpkin, explore the maize maze and enjoy photo spots and refreshments.
Check with the farm for dates and entry.

Tel: 07725 138031

sandybottomfarm.co.uk

BEFORE YOU GO

Bring wellies, warm layers and a bag for muddy pumpkins. Check opening times, ticket availability and accessibility with the venue before travelling. Pumpkins and some activities may cost extra.

Details checked 1 October 2026. Dates shown focus on visits from mid-October onwards.

COULD YOUR ARTWORK INSPIRE THE FUTURE?

As part of this year's Turner Prize celebrations at Teesside University's Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art (MIMA), we're launching Reinvention, a UK-wide art competition for young people aged between 5 and 25.

The theme is 'Reinvention' - whatever that means to you.

Inspired by the environmental themes of this year's Turner Prize exhibition, we're looking for artwork that explores how we can reinvent ourselves and our systems for the good of the planet.

Harness your creativity and imagination to share your vision for a greener, cleaner future.

GET CREATIVE!

Paint | sculpt | stitch | draw | print | collage

or create using any media and materials

The only rule?

No Artificial Intelligence generated artwork.



FIND OUT MORE or enter your artwork

Deadline: 31 October 2026





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More places for pumpkin fun!



Enjoy autumn adventures with the family. Discover pumpkin patches across North Yorkshire and East Riding of Yorkshire.

PUMPKIN PICKING & FAMILY FUN

Thornton Hall Country Park
Thornton-in-Craven, near Skipton, BD23 3TS

Grab a barrow and explore the pumpkin patch, with photo spots, farm fun and soft play.
Selected October dates; book online.

Tel: 01282 841148
thorntonhallcountrypark.co.uk

Humble Bee Farm
Flixton, Scarborough, YO11 3UJ

Enjoy the pumpkin patch, seasonal photo spots and farmyard animals at this family autumn festival.
17-18, 24-29 & 31 Oct; tickets required.

Tel: 01723 890437
humblebeefarm.co.uk

Yolk Farm
Minskip Road, Boroughbridge, YO51 9HY

Pick a pumpkin, enjoy carving activities and explore the Scarecrow Hollow Halloween trail.
October weekends & half term; book online.

Tel: 01423 329063
yolkfarm.co.uk

The Whole Hogg Farm Shop
Low Marishes, Malton, YO17 6RQ

Head into the fields with a wheelbarrow to choose a home-grown pumpkin, then visit the tearoom.
Check picking dates; book twilight sessions.

Contact form on the website below
thewholehoggfarmshop.co.uk

Pop Up Patch
Sutton on the Forest, York, YO61 1EN

Pick pumpkins straight from the field and enjoy the maize maze, play area and café.
Selected Oct dates, 10am-4pm; free entry.

Email: popuppatch@yahoo.com
popuppatch.co.uk

Stockeld Park
Near Wetherby, LS22 4AN

Take the tractor-trailer to the home-grown pumpkin patch as part of a Halloween Adventure day.
Oct weekends & 24-31 Oct; book online.

Contact and booking via the website
stockeldpark.co.uk

Tickton Farm - East Riding
A1035, Tickton, near Beverley, HU17 9RZ

Choose your pumpkin and follow a mini story trail among vintage treasures in the patch.
Selected Oct dates, 11am-3pm; no booking.

Tel: 07841 416707
ticktonfarm.co.uk

Scalby Grange - East Riding
Scalby Lane, Gilberdyke, HU15 2UJ

Pick pumpkins by day or on twilight evenings, with a petting farm available at weekends.
1-31 Oct; check open days. No booking.

Tel: 07977 955968
Facebook: Scalby Grange PYO

BEFORE YOU GO

Bring wellies, warm layers and a bag for muddy pumpkins. Check opening times, ticket availability and accessibility with the venue before travelling. Pumpkins and some activities may cost extra.

Details checked 7 October 2026. Opening dates and availability can change; confirm before travelling.

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www.theindianexperience.org

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Pumpkin Trail

24 October - 1 November

You may be thinking about how to keep your little Halloween horrors busy this half-term?

If they are feeling brave enough to enter the old creaking gates of Strid Wood bring them along to our most loved family trail.

The trail is included in the estate admission fee and makes for a ghoulishly great day out!

Please scan the QR code for more information.

01756 718009 | info@boltonabbey.com | boltonabbey.com



PRIMARY TIMES | HULL & EAST RIDING

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT!

Fireworks & bonfire fun | Autumn 2026

Wrap up warm for a sparkling family evening. Explore these East Riding displays within reach of Hull, and check the latest details before you set off.

24 OCTOBER

Sledmere Musical Firework Spectacular

Sledmere House, Driffield
YO25 3XG

Gates 4pm; bonfire 5pm. Low-noise fireworks 6.30pm; main musical display 7.30pm. Fairground and food.

sledmerefireworks.co.uk

1 NOVEMBER - LISTED*

Kilnwick Percy Firework Spectacular

KP Resort, Pocklington
YO42 1UF

Gates listed for 5pm; fireworks 7.30pm. Fairground rides and refreshments. Confirm details with the resort.

verderesorts.co.uk/kp-resort
01759 303090

3 NOVEMBER

Beverley Firework Spectacular

Beaver Park, Norwood
Beverley HU17 9HT

Sky Magic fireworks, funfair and food stalls. Ticket window: 4pm-9.30pm. Confirm display time. No on-site parking.

skymagicevents.co.uk
01377 455007

5 NOVEMBER

Brantingham Park Fireworx Extravaganza

Brantingham Road, Elloughton
HU15 1HX

5pm-9pm; fireworks listed for 7.15pm. Children's disco, face painting and refreshments. Advance tickets required.

Eventbrite: 2026 Fireworx
01482 667342

5 NOVEMBER

Driffield Firework Spectacular

Driffield Showground
Kelleythorpe YO25 9DN

A Sky Magic display with fairground fun and food stalls. Ticket window: 4pm-9.30pm. Check display and parking times.

skymagicevents.co.uk
01377 455007

6 NOVEMBER

Hornsea Carnival Fireworks

Hornsea
Venue to be confirmed

The carnival committee lists its 2026 fireworks event for 6 November. Ask the organisers for venue, times and admission details.

hornseacarnival.org.uk
07931 183033

7 NOVEMBER

Let Loose Bonfire Night

Hull Road, Woodmansey
Beverley HU17 0RS

5pm-8pm. Fireworks, a firepit, play activities, mini golf and food. Book ahead and check which activities are included.

letlooseyorkshire.co.uk
info@letlooseyorkshire.co.uk

7 NOVEMBER - LISTED*

Whitehall Estate Bonfire Spectacular

Winestead Ings Lane
Winestead HU12 0NL

A bonfire and fireworks evening is listed for 7 November, with refreshments and entertainment. Times to be confirmed.

whitehallestate.uk
07500 844213

7 NOVEMBER - LISTED*

Kilham Bonfire & Fireworks

Back Lane Playing Field
Kilham YO25 4RN

Gates listed for 5pm; bonfire 6.30pm. Ask the Playing Field Association for display times and ticket details.

Facebook: Kilham Playing Field Association
kpfa2020@outlook.com

CHECK BEFORE BOOKING OR TRAVELLING

Please check directly with each business or organiser before booking and again before travelling. Confirm dates, times, prices, availability, parking and accessibility. Events may change or be cancelled due to weather.

*Listed in current local guides; organiser confirmation is still required.

KIDS ZONE

SPOOKY JOKES

What's a vampire's favourite fruit?
A neck-tarine!

What do witches put on their hair?
Scare spray!

Why are ghosts such bad liars?
Because you can see right through them!

What room do ghosts avoid?
The Living Room!

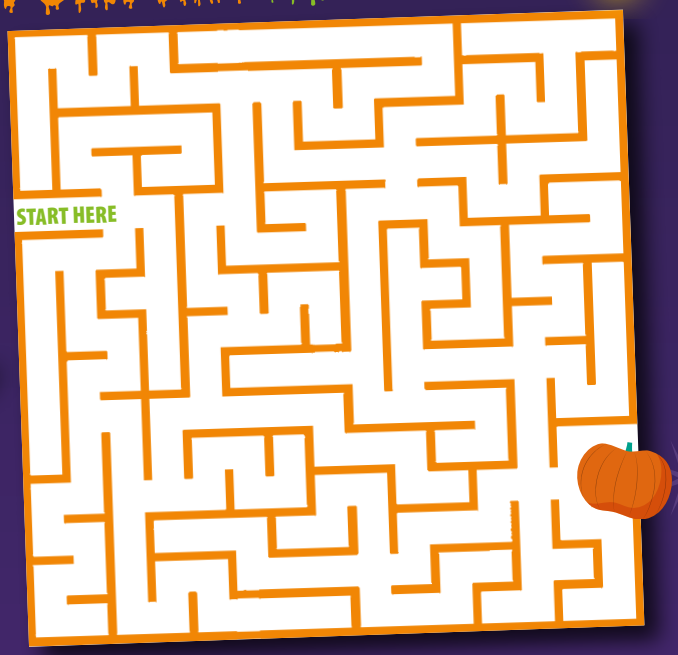
COLOUR CORNER

Can you colour in the picture?



PUMPKIN RUN

Can you find the route to the pumpkin?



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you find the **8 DIFFERENCES** between these pictures....?





PRIMARY TIMES | NORTH YORKSHIRE

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT!

Bonfires, fireworks & autumn celebrations | 2026

Wrap up warm for a sparkling evening out. All 15 events from Visit North Yorkshire's Bonfire Night listings are included below.

24 OCTOBER

Fireworks '26

Knight Stainforth Hall, Little Stainforth, Settle BD24 0DP

From 6pm. A pyromusical display by Electrify. Book ahead.

knightstainforth.co.uk/events

31 OCTOBER

Frightwater Valley: Movie Mayhem

Lightwater Valley, North Stainley, Ripon HG4 3HT

Halloween fun on selected dates; fireworks finale on 31 October at 5pm.

lightwatervalley.co.uk
01765 635321

31 OCTOBER

Selby Bonfire Night

Scott Road Community Field, Selby YO8 4BL

Gates 6pm; displays 7pm and 7.45pm. Free entry; charity donations welcome.

selbytowncouncil.gov.uk

1 NOVEMBER

Pickering Firework Spectacular

Galtres Pickering Showground, Malton Road YO18 8EA

Gates 3pm; fireworks 7.15pm. Country-themed music, funfair and food village.

skymagicevents.co.uk

4 NOVEMBER

Sandburn Hall Bonfire Night

Scotchman Lane, Flaxton, York YO60 7RB

Gates 5pm; fireworks 7pm. Food and drink stalls for a family evening out.

sandburnhall.co.uk
01904 469922

5 NOVEMBER

Scarborough Cricket Club Fireworks

North Marine Road, Scarborough YO12 7TJ

Fireworks, music and food stalls. Times and prices to be confirmed.

scarboroughcricketclub.com
01723 365625

5 NOVEMBER

Northallerton Bonfire & Fireworks

The Applegarth, Northallerton DL7 8QD

Bonfire 6.30pm; fireworks 7pm. Confirm the date with the council.

Facebook: NorthallertonTC
01609 776718

5 NOVEMBER

Reeth Village Bonfire & Fireworks

Reeth Green, Swaledale DL11 6SN

Bonfire 6.30pm; fireworks 7pm. No admission charge; cash donations welcome.

reethmemorialhall.weebly.com

5 NOVEMBER

Burniston & Cloughton Village Hall Bonfire Night

High Street, Burniston, Scarborough YO13 0HJ

Gates 6pm; fireworks 7pm. Hot food available. Advance tickets recommended.

bcvillagehall.org.uk

5 NOVEMBER

Feast & Fireworks

The Devonshire Arms, Bolton Abbey, Skipton BD23 6AJ

7pm-11pm. Canapes and a three-course dinner, followed by fireworks to music.

thedevonshirearms.co.uk
01756 718100

6 NOVEMBER

Ripon City Bonfire & Firework Display

Ripon Racecourse, Ripon HG4 1UG

Gates 5.30pm; bonfire 7pm; fireworks 7.30pm. Advance tickets only: adults £10, under-16s £5; under-3s free. Book online.

riponcitybonfire.org

7 NOVEMBER

Harrogate Stray Charity Bonfire & Fireworks

The Stray, Oatlands Drive, Harrogate

Entertainment 5pm; bonfire 6.30pm; fireworks 7.15pm. Free entry; donations welcome.

harrogateroundtable.co.uk

7 NOVEMBER

Easingwold Fireworks

Millfield Park, Easingwold YO61 3JP

Gates 6pm; fireworks 7.30pm. Food and refreshments available; no alcohol.

1steasingwold.scoutsonline.co.uk

7 NOVEMBER

Masham Annual Bonfire & Fireworks

Shooting Holme, near the bridge, Masham

Refreshments from 5.30pm; bonfire 6.15pm; fireworks 7pm. Donations support the event.

visitmasham.com

7 NOVEMBER

Filey Lions Bonfire & Fireworks Spectacular

West Avenue Car Park, Filey YO14 9BE

Bonfire 6pm; fireworks 7pm. Free admission, with food, drink and sweet stalls.

fileylionsclub.org

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BEYOND HALLOWEEN:

DISCOVER THE STORIES BEHIND AUTUMN'S CELEBRATIONS

FROM HARVEST TRADITIONS TO DIWALI LIGHTS, DISCOVER THE STORIES AND TRADITIONS THAT MAKE AUTUMN SPECIAL WITH PRIMARY TIMES.

Autumn brings plenty of opportunities to celebrate. Behind the pumpkins, fireworks and delicious seasonal treats are fascinating traditions that have been passed down through generations. So, why do we celebrate some of autumn's biggest occasions - and how do families enjoy them today?

Harvest Festival: Giving Thanks

Long before supermarkets filled our shelves, communities depended on the crops grown throughout the year. Harvest Festival is a time to give thanks for food and the people who grow it, and to share with those who may need a helping hand.

Churches, schools and community groups celebrate at different times throughout late September and October, often decorating with colourful fruit and vegetables and collecting food for local charities.

Why not make a seasonal fruit crumble, or donate some food to a local collection? It's a lovely chance to think about where our food comes from - and how we can help others.



HALLOWEEN: MORE THAN PUMPKINS

Halloween might seem like a modern celebration but its story goes back hundreds of years. Some of its traditions have links to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, which marked the end of summer and the beginning of winter.

So, where did all the spooky traditions come from? Dressing up is thought to have roots in old customs where people wore disguises or costumes to protect themselves from wandering spirits. Trick-or-treating developed from customs such as 'souling' and 'guising', when people would visit homes in costume and receive food or treats in return for songs, prayers or a little entertainment.

Over time, Halloween traditions have evolved. From carved pumpkins to parties, crafts and watching a not-too-scary film, there's something for everyone.



Diwali: The Festival of Lights

Diwali is celebrated by millions of people around the world, including Hindu, Sikh, Jain and some Buddhist communities. Its meanings vary, but light is an important theme, often representing hope, goodness and the triumph of light over darkness.

Its date changes each year because it follows the Hindu lunar calendar. In 2026, the main day of Diwali is Sunday 8th November, although celebrations can take place over several days. The date and traditions can also vary between different communities and regions.

Families may light diyas, decorate their homes with rangoli designs, wear special clothes, exchange gifts and enjoy delicious foods and sweets together. The best way to learn about Diwali is to listen to people who celebrate it and discover the traditions that are meaningful to their families.

Bonfire Night: Remember, Remember...

Why do we light bonfires and watch fireworks on 5th November? The answer dates back to 1605, when a group of plotters planned to blow up Parliament. The Gunpowder Plot was discovered before it could succeed, and the event has been remembered ever since. Today, Bonfire Night is usually about gathering together to enjoy spectacular fireworks, glowing bonfires and warming treats.

Remember to stay safe, keep your distance from fireworks, and always follow official safety advice and instructions.



Taste of Autumn

From pumpkins to traditional Diwali sweets, autumn offers plenty to tempt our taste buds. Many celebrations have their own special foods and recipes, often bringing people together around the table. Why not explore some seasonal flavours and try something new together?

Harvest > seasonal fruit/vegetables, harvest loaf
Halloween > pumpkin-based recipe
Bonfire Night > jacket potatoes, parkin, toffee apples
Diwali > ladoos, jalebi or other traditional sweets



Celebrate respectfully

- Be curious: find out what a celebration means before joining in.
- Remember that traditions vary between families, communities and cultures.
- Learn from people who celebrate and listen to their experiences.
- Don't make assumptions: no single tradition represents everyone.
- Ask questions considerately – and have fun discovering what makes each celebration special!



FUN THINGS TO DO LOCALLY WOW WHAT'S ON WHERE in North & East Yorkshire

Every Monday (Term time)

Baby Bounce
Hull Central Library
Rhymes, singing and fun with your baby.

Toddler Time
Hull Central Library
Crafts, toys, stories and nursery rhymes.

Toddler Time
Greenwood Library
Crafts, toys, stories and nursery rhymes.

Toddler Time
East Park Library
Crafts, toys, stories and nursery rhymes.

Every Tuesday (Term time)

Toddler Time
Freedom Centre Library
Crafts, toys, stories and nursery rhymes.

Toddler Time
Western Library
Crafts, toys, stories and nursery rhymes.

Toddler Time
Waudby Library
Crafts, toys, stories and nursery rhymes.

Toddler Tunes
Bransholme Library
Singing songs, dancing and playing musical instruments.

Toddler Tunes
The Avenues Library
Singing songs, dancing and playing musical instruments.

Every Wednesday

Central Library Lego Club
Hull Central Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Join us for a fun children's LEGO session at a library near you! 5+ yrs

Every Wednesday (Term time)

Toddler Tunes
Ings Library
Singing songs, dancing and playing musical instruments.

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Every Thursday (Term time)

Toddler Tunes
Hull Central Library
Singing songs, dancing and playing musical instruments.

Under 5's Storytime
Hull Central Library
Listen to stories from the library collection

Every Thursday

Fred Moore Library Lego Club
Fred Moore Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Join us for a fun children's LEGO session at a library near you! 5+ yrs

Make & Take Craft Club
Hull Central Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Get your craft on every week at Hull Central Library. All materials provided. 4 to 14 yrs.

Every Friday (Term time)

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Singing songs, dancing and playing musical instruments.

Fortnightly Fridays

Greenwood Library Lego Club
Greenwood Avenue Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Join us for a fun children's LEGO session at a library near you! 5+ yrs

Every Saturday

Central Library Lego Club
Hull Central Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Join us for a fun children's LEGO session at a library near you! 5+ yrs

Bransholme Community Children's Art Club
Bransholme Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Hosted by Jon Keen, a visual artist who has been teaching art and running art workshops in Hull for nearly twenty years, Jon works with colour as a main theme in his workshops, but utilises many or most mediums, from paint to pencils, clay to cardboard. If you want to have fun, learn something new and be creative come join us for a session. No experience necessary, and all materials are provided, all that's needed is a willingness to get involved.

Chess Club
Hull Central Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Come and play sociable chess. We welcome players at all ages and abilities. Boards, sets and clocks provided. Sessions are ran by the Hull and East Riding Chess Association.

First Saturday of the month

Family Craft Club
East Park Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Bring the whole family and join us in East Park Library's Children's Library for a creative crafting session!

Bransholme Library Lego Club
Bransholme Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Join us for a fun children's LEGO session at a library near you! 5+ yrs

Third Saturday of the month

Ings Lego Club
Ings Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Join us for a fun children's LEGO session at a library near you! 5+ yrs

3 Oct 2026

Central Library: Young Adult & Teen Fiction Author Spotlight
Central Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
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7 Oct 2026

Central Library: Big Malarkey Young Producers
Central Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Would you like to help us plan the 2027 Big Malarkey Festival? Join us to help plan the festival, design festival decorations and activities! For ages: 10 to 16 yrs!

12 Oct 2026

Home Education: Stone Age to Iron Age
Skipton Town Hall
skiptontownhall.co.uk
Explore how and why prehistoric tools changed over time and channel your inner-archaeologist to investigate some real artefacts! This session is pitched at 7-11 year-olds and is designed to meet the specification of the KS2 National Curriculum for History – Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. £5 per child.

17 Oct 2026

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Things To Make & Do: Tote Bag
Mercer Art Gallery
www.ticketsource.co.uk
One for the parents only! This seasons session is a print your own Tote Bag workshop. Inspired by 1950's textiles, come along and create a unique bag using a variety of print making and painting techniques. £15pp

21 to 24 Oct 2026

Little Shop of Horrors
Skipton Town Hall
skiptontownhall.co.uk
Presented by Skipton Musical Theatre Company. Tickets from £18

23 Oct 2026

Children's Wizarding Night, Hull Central Library
Hull Central Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Young wizards, witches, warlocks and sorcerers - join us at Hull Central Library for an enchanting evening! We'll have a fabulous evening full of magical mayhem featuring our sorting room, virtual reality, owl encounters, animal handling, crafting and much more! Children: £3.50, Adults: £6.50

26 Oct 2026

Gipsyville Library: Magical Crafts
Gipsyville Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Join Hull Libraries for an exciting, creative session where magic comes alive through crafting! Children will get to design and create their very own makes out of resources and recycled materials. Tickets released Mon 12 Oct at 12pm!

Art Club
Edith's Place, Woodend Gallery
scarboroughmuseumsandgalleries.org.uk
Get creative at our art club, where each session is inspired by museum collections. Explore different materials and techniques while creating your own unique artworks. Free

Art Club: Bunting
Skipton Town Hall
skiptontownhall.co.uk
Come along to Art Club and celebrate the season with a bunting making session. Be inspired by Halloween, Autumn or both! We have fabric and arts materials galore and either way, you'll have something to decorate your home with when you're done!

Free family half-term Halloween activities
Ripon Library
Explore stories, unleash your imagination, and get creative together. Design magical characters, make themed crafts, and enjoy fun family challenges and puzzles.

Free family half-term Halloween activities
Scarborough Library
Explore stories, unleash your imagination, and get creative together. Design magical characters, make themed crafts, and enjoy fun family challenges and puzzles.

Free family half-term Halloween activities
Catterick Library
Explore stories, unleash your imagination, and get creative together. Design magical characters, make themed crafts, and enjoy fun family challenges and puzzles.

26 to 31 Oct 2026

Rainy Days? Make a Splash with Family Swimming Fun!
Active North Yorkshire Leisure and Wellbeing Hubs
Perfect for kids to stay active and grow their water confidence, we're running a range of fun, affordable, family friendly sessions across our Leisure and Wellbeing Hubs this October Half Term holiday.

27 Oct 2026

Fossil Handling with the Rotunda Geology Group
Rotunda Museum
scarboroughmuseumsandgalleries.org.uk
Find out about dinosaur footprints and ancient fossils in hands-on sessions with our expert geologists, The Rotunda Geology



Group. Free for Under 18s. Adults require adults require an Annual Pass to enter.

Art Club: Bunting
Mercer Art Gallery
www.ticketsource.co.uk
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Free family half-term Halloween activities
Knaresborough Library
Explore stories, unleash your imagination, and get creative together. Design magical characters, make themed crafts, and enjoy fun family challenges and puzzles.

Bransholme Library: Magical Crafts
Bransholme Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Join Hull Libraries for an exciting, creative session where magic comes alive through crafting! Children will get to design and create their very own makes out of resources and recycled materials. Tickets released Mon 12 Oct at 12pm!

Waudby Library: Magical Crafts
Waudby Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Join Hull Libraries for an exciting, creative session where magic comes alive through crafting! Children will get to design and create their very own makes out of resources and recycled materials. Tickets released Mon 12 Oct at 12pm!

Western Library: Melody Maker Craft
Western Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Join Hull Libraries for an exciting, creative session where magic comes alive through crafting! Children will get to design and create their very own makes out of resources and recycled materials. Tickets released Mon 12 Oct at 12pm!

Central Library: Halloween Family Fun with the LEOs
Hull Central Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Join Hull Libraries for a friendly Halloween session filled with crafting, storytelling and songs. Tickets released Mon 12 Oct at 12pm!

28 Oct 2026

East Park Library: Magical Crafts
East Park Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Join Hull Libraries for an exciting, creative session where magic comes alive through crafting! Children will get to design and create their very own makes out of resources and recycled materials. Tickets released Mon 12 Oct at 12pm!

Freedom Centre: Magical Crafts
Freedom Centre Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Join Hull Libraries for an exciting, creative session where magic comes alive through crafting! Children will get to design and create their very own makes out of resources and recycled materials. Tickets released Mon 12 Oct at 12pm!

Central Library: Big Malarkey Young Producers
Central Library
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Ings Library: Relaxed (SEND) Storytime
Ings Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Join the LEOs team for a relaxed story, singing and sensory play session! This session is for children and young people who have a disability, are neurodivergent or experience anxiety. For families with children aged under 8 yrs (Children under 8 yrs must be accompanied by an adult).
Please note, if you feel your child would enjoy this session over this age recommendation, please bring them along! Tickets released Mon 12 Oct at 12pm!

Monster Maps
Edith's Place, Woodend Gallery
scarboroughmuseumsandgalleries.org.uk
Inspired by Colin Powell's Tentacles of Terror, we'll be making maps of Scarborough with a twist- the town's been invaded by monsters! Free

Make & Take - Bubbling Cauldrons
Mercer Art Gallery
www.ticketsource.co.uk
Take inspiration from the witches of Shakespeare's Macbeth in Craven Museum's First Folio to invent your own magical spell! Craft and decorate a bubbling cauldron, then fill it with your own ingredients or choose from some weird and wonderful items in the museum collections at Skipton, Harrogate and Knaresborough.

Free family half-term Halloween activities
Skipton Library
Explore stories, unleash your imagination, and get creative together. Design magical characters, make themed crafts, and enjoy fun family challenges and puzzles.

Free family half-term Halloween activities
Filey Library
Explore stories, unleash your imagination, and get creative together. Design magical characters, make themed crafts, and enjoy fun family challenges and puzzles.

29 Oct 2026

Haunted Houses
Rotunda Museum
scarboroughmuseumsandgalleries.org.uk
Come and make your very own haunted house! Will it be a desolate castle, a creaking tower or even a spooky museum! Free for Under 18s. Adults require adults require an Annual Pass to enter.

Make & Take - Bubbling Cauldrons
Skipton Town Hall
skiptontownhall.co.uk
Take inspiration from the witches of Shakespeare's Macbeth in Craven Museum's First Folio to invent your own magical spell! Craft and decorate a bubbling cauldron, then fill it with your own ingredients or choose from some weird and wonderful items in the museum collections at Skipton, Harrogate and Knaresborough.

Magic Mike's Halloween Special: The Not So Spooky Halloween Show
Scarbororugh Spa
Join us for a magical panto style show full of ghostly fun for the whole family!

Free family half-term Halloween activities
Harrogate Library
Explore stories, unleash your imagination, and get creative together. Design magical characters, make themed crafts, and enjoy fun family challenges and puzzles.

Central Library: Magical Crafts
Hull Central Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
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Fred Moore Library: Magical Crafts
Fred Moore Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Join Hull Libraries for an exciting, creative session where magic comes alive through crafting! Children will get to design and create their very own makes out of resources and recycled materials. Tickets released Mon 12 Oct at 12pm!

Hull Makerspace: Children's Creepy Coding
Makerspace, Hull Central Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Join Makerspace Hull for a variety of fun coding activities - some with a seasonal Halloween twist! Suggested Age: 10 to 16 (Children must be accompanied by an adult). Tickets released Mon 12 Oct at 12pm!

30 Oct 2026

Avenues Library: Magical Crafts
The Avenues Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Join Hull Libraries for an exciting, creative session where magic comes alive through crafting! Children will get to design and create their very own makes out of resources and recycled materials. Tickets released Mon 12 Oct at 12pm!

Greenwood Library: Magical Crafts
Greenwood Avenue Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
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Ings Library: Magical Crafts
Ings Library
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Brick Builders Club
Rotunda Museum
scarboroughmuseumsandgalleries.org.uk
Build, design and let you imagination run wild in our fun, hands-on brick building sessions inspired by our collections. Whether you're an experienced creator or just getting started, everyone is welcome to join in, explore and create and share ideas. Free for Under 18s. Adults require adults require an Annual Pass to enter.

Make & Take - Bubbling Cauldrons
Knaresborough Castle and Courthouse Museum,
www.ticketsource.co.uk
Take inspiration from the witches of Shakespeare's Macbeth in Craven Museum's First Folio to invent your own magical spell! Craft and decorate a bubbling cauldron, then fill it with your own ingredients or choose from some weird and wonderful items in the museum collections at Skipton, Harrogate and Knaresborough.

Free family half-term Halloween activities
Malton Library
Explore stories, unleash your imagination, and get creative together. Design magical characters, make themed crafts, and enjoy fun family challenges and puzzles.

Free family half-term Halloween activities
Northallerton Library
Explore stories, unleash your imagination, and get creative together. Design magical characters, make themed crafts, and enjoy fun family challenges and puzzles.

Sallyport Tours
Knaresborough Castle and Courthouse Museum
www.ticketsource.co.uk
Join us for a short, guided tour of Knaresborough Castle's secret underground tunnel, the Sallyport - once used to slip in and out of the castle unnoticed, or to escape during an attack. One of Knaresborough Castle's most unusual features is the Sallyport. The hidden tunnel was used for secret entry and exit to the castle. It was large enough for a small group of armed men to leave the castle quietly at night and launch an attack on any besieging troops. Built in the late 13th or mid-14th century, it is cut out of the solid rock and slopes steeply down to the level of the bottom of the dry moat or ditch, where there is an exit. The Sallyport is only accessible via stair, and some of the path is slippery. The sallyport is subject to low light levels. These tours are subject to suitable weather conditions. Sturdy footwear is advised.

31 Oct 2026 to 31 Oct 2026

Central Library: Young Adult & Teen Fiction Author Spotlight
Central Library
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Hull Makerspace: Let's Make, Halloween!
Makerspace, Hull Central Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Join Makerspace Hull for a whole bunch of different Halloween themed makes - from light up spooky signs and pet ghosts to scary string art and baleful bats! £12.00 per child. Suggested Age: 10 to 16 (Children must be accompanied by an adult). Tickets released Mon 12 Oct at 12pm!

2 Nov 2026 to 2 Nov 2026

Craven Museum Relaxed Session
Skipton Town Hall
skiptontownhall.co.uk
Join us for a relaxed session in Craven Museum on the first Monday of each month. Relaxed sessions are aimed at people with additional sensory needs and anyone else who may benefit. Sessions are available to individuals, groups and families to make visiting the museum more accessible. Free Drop In.

14 Nov 2026 to 14 Nov 2026

Central Library: Young Adult & Teen Fiction Author Spotlight
Central Library
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Freedom Centre: Mini Malarkey
Freedom Centre Library
www.hulllibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
Hull Libraries' Big Malarkey Festival Team would like to invite you to THE mini MALARKEY FESTIVAL. Join us at Freedom Centre on Saturday 14 November for our FREE family festival! Tickets to be released soon!

18 Nov 2026 to 18 Nov 2026

Central Library: Big Malarkey Young Producers
Central Library
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