



Plaistow Library Summer Activities 2026

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READ to the BEAT

Week 1



27th July to 2nd August 2026

Activity	Date	Time	Ages
Messy Play	Monday 27 th July 2026 Thursday 30 th July 2026	10.00am to 11.00am 1.15pm to 2.15pm	Under 5s
Boromi Play Library	Monday 27 th July 2026	11.00am to 12.00pm	0-5
Bingo Musical Bingo	Monday 27 th July 2026 Saturday 1 st August 2026	2.00pm-3.00pm	5+
Arts and Crafts	Monday 27 th July 2026 Saturday 1 st August 2026	3.30pm to 4.30pm 11.30am to 12.30pm	3+
Summer Mindful Colouring	Tuesday 28 th July 2026	10.00am to 11.00am	3+
Cubetto Robot Coding	Tuesday 28 th July 2026	11.00am to 12.30pm	3-6
Family Film Screenings (Limited Spaces)	Tuesday 28 th July 2026	1.30pm to 3.30pm	All ages
Chess Masterclass	Tuesday 28 th July 2026	3.30pm to 4.30pm	3+
Rhymetime Storytelling	Wednesday 29 th July 2026 Friday 31 st July 2026	10.00am to 10.45am	Under 5s
Stay and Play	Wednesday 29 th July 2026, Friday 31 st July 2026	10.45am to 11.30am	Under 5s
Special Event- School of Noise	Wednesday 29 th July 2026	12.00pm to 1.00pm	5+
Wordsearches and Puzzles	Wednesday 29 th July 2026	2.00pm to 3.00pm	5+
Kids Code Club* (Booking Required)	Wednesday 29 th July 2026	3.00pm to 4.30pm	6-13
Escape the Beach Hut Escape Room Scavenger Hunt	Thursday 30 th July 2026	2.30pm to 3.30pm	5+
Games Club	Thursday 30 th July 2026	3.45pm to 6.00pm	3+
Kids Fitness Session	Thursday 30 th July 2026	5.00pm to 6.00pm	3+
Special Event-(Author) Steve Smallman and the Doggy Dance Off (Booking Required)	Friday 31 st July 2026	12.00pm to 1.00pm	3+
Music Lab Workshops* (Booking required)	Friday 31 st July 2026	2.00pm to 3.00pm	6+
Lego Club	Friday 31 st July 2026 Saturday 1 st August 2026	3.30pm to 4.30pm 4.00pm to 5.00pm	3+
Table Tennis	Saturday 1 st August 2026	3.00pm to 5.00pm	3+

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Week 2

3rd August to 9th August 2026

Activity	Date	Time	Ages
Messy Play	Monday 3 rd August 2026 Thursday 6 th August 2026	10.00am to 11.00am 1.15pm to 2.15pm	Under 5s
Boromi Play Library	Monday 3 rd August 2026	11.00am to 12.00pm	0-5
Bingo	Monday 3 rd August 2026	2.00pm-3.00pm	5+
Arts and Crafts	Monday 3 rd August 2026 Saturday 8 th August 2026	3.30pm to 4.30pm 11.30am to 12.30pm	3+
Summer Mindful Colouring	Tuesday 4 th August 2026	10.00am to 11.00am	3+
Wee Movers* (Booking Required)	Tuesday 4 th August 2026	11.30am to 12.15pm	0-5
Virtual Reality Headset Fun* (Booking Required)	Tuesday 4 th August 2026	1.30pm to 3.30pm	7+
Chess Masterclass	Tuesday 4 th August 2026	3.30pm to 4.30pm	3+
Rhymetime Storytelling	Wednesday 5 th August 2026 Friday 7 th August 2026	10.00am to 10.45am	Under 5s
Stay and Play	Wednesday 5 th August 2026 Friday 7 th August 2026	10.45am to 11.30am	Under 5s
Wordsearches and Puzzles	Wednesday 5 th August 2026	2.00pm to 3.00pm	5+
Kids Code Club* (Booking Required)	Wednesday 5 th August 2026	3.00pm to 4.30pm	6-13
Special Event- Explore Learning Workshop (The Jungle Jam)* (Booking Required)	Thursday 6 th August 2026	3.00pm to 4.00pm	5+
Games Club	Thursday 6 th August 2026	3.45pm to 6.00pm	3+
Kids Fitness Session	Thursday 6 th August 2026	5.00pm to 6.00pm	3+
Music Lab Workshops* (Booking Required)	Friday 7 th August 2026	2.00pm to 3.00pm	6+
Lego Club	Friday 7 th August 2026 Saturday 8 th August 2026	3.30pm to 4.30pm 4.00pm to 5.00pm	3+
Sphero STEM Football* (Booking Required)	Saturday 8 th August 2026	2.00pm to 3.30pm	6+
Table Tennis	Saturday 8 th August 2026	3.00pm to 5.00pm	3+

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Week 3
10th August to 16th August 2026

Activity	Date	Time	Ages
Messy Play	Monday 10 th August 2026 Thursday 13 th August 2026	10.00am to 11.00am 1.15pm to 2.15pm	Under 5s
Boromi Play Library	Monday 10 th August 2026	11.00am to 12.00pm	0-5
Bingo	Monday 10 th August 2026	2.00pm-3.00pm	5+
Arts and Crafts	Monday 10 th August 2026 Saturday 15 th August 2026	3.30pm to 4.30pm 11.30am to 12.30pm	3+
Summer Mindful Colouring	Tuesday 11 th August 2026	10.00am to 11.00am	3+
Cubetto Robot Coding	Tuesday 11 th August 2026	11.00am to 12.30pm	3-6
Family Film Screenings (Limited Spaces)	Tuesday 11 th August 2026	1.30pm to 3.30pm	All ages
Chess Masterclass	Tuesday 11 th August 2026	3.30pm to 4.30pm	3+
Rhymetime Storytelling	Wednesday 12 th August 2026 Friday 14 th August 2026	10.00am to 10.45am	Under 5s
Stay and Play	Wednesday 12 th August 2026 Friday 14 th August 2026	10.45am to 11.30am	Under 5s
Special Event- (STEM Activity) Conductive Music	Wednesday 12 th August 2026	11.00am to 1.00pm	5+
Wordsearches and Puzzles	Wednesday 12 th August 2026	2.00pm to 3.00pm	5+
Kids Code Club* (Booking Required)	Wednesday 12 th August 2026	3.00pm to 4.30pm	6-13
Lost in the Forest Escape Room Scavenger Hunt	Thursday 13 th August 2026	2.30pm to 3.30pm	5+
Kids Fitness Session	Thursday 13 th August 2026	5.00pm to 6.00pm	3+
Games Club	Thursday 13 th August 2026	3.45pm to 6.00pm	3+
Family Quiz	Friday 14 th August 2026	2.00pm to 3.00pm	All ages
Lego Club	Friday 14 th August 2026 Saturday 15 th August 2026	3.30pm to 4.30pm 4.00pm to 5.00pm	3+
Dance for Joy	Saturday 15 th August 2026	2.00pm to 3.00pm	5+
Table Tennis	Saturday 15 th August 2026	3.00pm to 5.00pm	3+

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Week 4
17th August to 23rd August 2026

Activity	Date	Time	Ages
Messy Play	Monday 17 th August 2026 Thursday 20 th August 2026	10.00am to 11.00am 1.15pm to 2.15pm	Under 5s
Boromi Play Library	Monday 17 th August 2026	11.00am to 12.00pm	0-5
Bingo	Monday 17 th August 2026	2.00pm-3.00pm	5+
Arts and Crafts	Monday 17 th August 2026 Saturday 22 nd August 2026	3.30pm to 4.30pm 11.30am to 12.30pm	3+
Special Event- (STEM Activity) Curious Ears	Monday 17 th August 2026	3.00pm-4.30pm	7-13
Summer Mindful Colouring	Tuesday 18 th August 2026	10.00am to 11.00am	3+
Cubetto Robot Coding	Tuesday 18 th August 2026	11.00am to 12.30pm	3-6
Virtual Reality Headset Fun* (Booking Required)	Tuesday 18 th August 2026	1.30pm to 3.30pm	7+
Chess Masterclass	Tuesday 18 th August 2026	3.30pm to 4.30pm	3+
Rhymetime Storytelling	Wednesday 19 th August 2026 Friday 21 st August 2026	10.00am to 10.45am	Under 5s
Stay and Play	Wednesday 19 th August 2026 Friday 21 st August 2026	10.45am to 11.30am	Under 5s
Wordsearches and Puzzles	Wednesday 19 th August 2026	2.00pm to 3.00pm	5+
Kids Code Club* (Booking Required)	Wednesday 19 th August 2026	3.00pm to 4.30pm	6-13
Sphero STEM Football* (Booking Required)	Thursday 20 th August 2026	2.00pm to 3.30pm	6+
Games Club	Thursday 20 th August 2026	3.45pm to 6.00pm	3+
Kids Fitness Session	Thursday 20 th August 2026	5.00pm to 6.00pm	5+
Family Quiz	Friday 21 st August 2026	2.00pm to 3.00pm	All ages
Lego Club	Friday 21 st August 2026 Saturday 22 nd August 2026	3.30pm to 4.30pm 4.00pm to 5.00pm	3+
Dance for Joy	Saturday 22 nd August 2026	2.00pm to 3.00pm	5+
Table Tennis	Saturday 22 nd August 2026	3.00pm to 5.00pm	3+

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Week 5

24th August to 30th August 2026

Activity	Date	Time	Ages
Messy Play	Monday 24 th August 2026 Thursday 27 th August 2026	10.00am to 11.00am 1.15pm to 2.15pm	Under 5s
Boromi Play Library	Monday 24 th August 2026	11.00am to 12.00pm	0-5
Bingo	Monday 24 th August 2026	2.00pm-3.00pm	5+
Special Event- Symphony of Colours* (Booking Required)	Monday 24 th August 2026	3.00pm to 4.00pm	5-11
Summer Mindful Colouring	Tuesday 25 th August 2026	10.00am to 11.00am	3+
Cubetto Robot Coding	Tuesday 25 th August 2026	11.00am to 12.30pm	3-6
Family Film Screenings (Limited Spaces)	Tuesday 25 th August 2026	1.30pm to 3.30pm	All ages
Chess Masterclass	Tuesday 25 th August 2026	3.30pm to 4.30pm	3+
Rhymetime Storytelling	Wednesday 26 th August 2026 Friday 28 th August 2026	10.00am to 10.45am	Under 5s
Special Event- Intergenerational Music and Movement (Booking Required)	Wednesday 26 th August 2026	11.00am to 12.00pm	Under 5s
Wordsearches and Puzzles	Wednesday 26 th August 2026	2.00pm to 3.00pm	5+
Kids Code Club* (Booking Required)	Wednesday 26 th August 2026	3.00pm to 4.30pm	6-13
Back to School Scavenger Hunt	Thursday 27 th August 2026	2.30pm to 3.30pm	5+
Games Club	Thursday 27 th August 2026	3.45pm to 6.00pm	3+
Stay and Play	Friday 28 th August 2026	10.45am to 11.30am	Under 5s
Music Lab Workshops* (Booking Required)	Friday 28 th August 2026	2.00pm to 3.00pm	6+
Lego Club	Friday 28 th August 2026 Saturday 29 th August 2026	3.30pm to 4.30pm 4.00pm to 5.00pm	3+
Arts and Crafts	Saturday 29 th August 2026	11.30am to 12.30pm	3+
Dance for Joy	Saturday 29 th August 2026	2.00pm to 3.00pm	5+
Table Tennis	Saturday 29 th August 2026	3.00pm to 5.00pm	3+

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Details for the Summer Reading Challenge End Party will be announced in September 2026.

Summer Reading Challenge

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

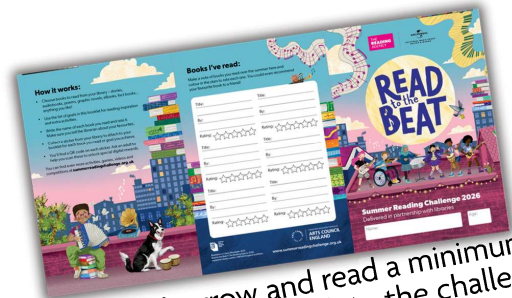
1 in 4 children cannot read well by the age of 11. This hugely limits their life choices and skills. We're on a mission to change this and need your help. The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the summer holidays, ensuring they are ready for a great start to the new term in the autumn.

Read to the Beat!

This year's Challenge is Read to the Beat! The theme inspires children to explore the connection between stories and songs, discovering how reading and music both ignite imagination and creativity. This year's Challenge is powered by Universal Music UK.

How to take part?

- Go to your library this summer to sign up and get your **Read to the Beat sticker booklet...**
- Read **ANYTHING** you like
- Collect **stickers** from your library and add them to your sticker booklet as you read more
- **Rewards** for meeting your goal!



They need to borrow and read a minimum of 6 books in order to complete the challenge.

There is more online!



☆ Set your own summer reading goal
☆ Rate and review your books to unlock badges
☆ Play games and enter competitions
☆ Use the Book Sorter to find books recommended by other children



Complete the Challenge to be awarded your **certificate of achievement!**



Please visit:
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Starts: 1 June 2026
Ends: 30 September 2026
at your local library

Summer Reading Challenge is open to all children aged 0-12 years old.

Children can read any books they like on the Summer Reading Challenge; stories, fact books, poetry, jokes, graphic novels.

Library staff and volunteers are on hand to chat to children about books they have read. It's all free, fun and a great opportunity for children to find the books they love. They choose what they want to read.



Summer Reading Challenge

Pick up the tempo this summer with the Read to the Beat Collection!



Explore more books at your local library or visit
<https://libraries.newham.gov.uk>

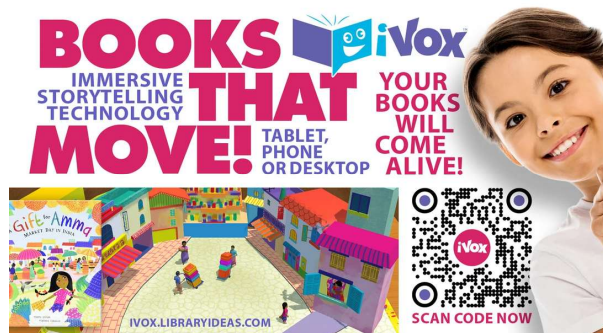
Children's eLibrary

We have thousands of free e-resources suitable for children to borrow. Why not give it a try, all you need is your library card number and pin to begin borrowing.

Please visit:

<https://libraries.newham.gov.uk/digital-content/childrens>

Need help or want more information?
Please speak to a library staff





2026 is The National Year of Reading, the biggest campaign in a generation designed to help more people rediscover the joy of reading and make it a part of their everyday lives.

We are asking you to ‘Go All In’ and encouraging you and all children to read.

Together, we can make 2026 even bigger and get even more children fired up about reading!

**‘Whatever you're into,
read into it’**

**Find out more at
<https://goallin.org.uk>**





Opening Hours:

Mondays: 09:30 - 17:30
Tuesdays: 09:30 - 17:30
Wednesdays: 09:30 - 17:00
Thursdays: 13:00 - 20:00
Fridays: 09:30 - 17:00
Saturdays: 09:30 - 17:30
Sundays: Closed

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