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Hello and welcome to our Autumn edition! We've gathered some great ideas of what to go, where to go, for you and the family. We've also got a fabulous Book competition, courtesy of LoveReading4kids.co.uk and for Halloween, we've got a few ideas of how to make your party at home a success.

There's also more fun ideas on our website, raring2go.co.uk.

We hope you enjoy reading our magazine, please do, send the link onto friends and family too!

We'll see you in our next edition in the Winter...

Best wishes
The Raring2go! Team



Don't forget...



the clocks go back October 25th!

What's On in Bristol this Autumn

What to do & where to go this half term...

21 Sep-1 Nov
Autumn nature-detective trail Dyrham Park Near Bath
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26 Sep-1 Nov
Ma-ad Science Mayhem
Bristol Dockyards / SS Great Britain
Shaun the Sheep-themed science challenges around the dockyards, with indoor and outdoor activities. Included with admission.

24 Oct-1 Nov
October Half Term
We The Curious Millennium Square, Bristol.
Hands-on science activities including paper-plane engineering, seasonal cooking, a spooky chain reaction and storytelling for under-7s. Included with day admission.

24 Oct-1 Nov
Spooky Week
Red Lodge Museum Bristol
Family activity days with a historical Halloween theme.
(Bristol Museums)





24 Oct-1 Nov
Autumn Week
Blaise Museum Bristol
Seasonal family activities at Blaise Museum, useful for combining with the surrounding estate and autumn walk.

16,18 & 23 Oct-1 Nov
Mystical Marsh Lantern Experience
WWT Slimbridge
An evening wildlife lantern trail with illuminated birds, mammals, fungi and bugs. Sessions run 5.45-7.30pm in 15-minute slots.

28 Oct
Aardman Shaun the Sheep Workshop
Bristol Dockyards
Hands-on model-making with an Aardman model maker. Three 60-minute sessions, ages 6+, £8 per person plus general admission.

22 Sep-20 Oct
Nature Tots Dyrham Park, Near Bath
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My family & I have been privileged to try so many new activities and days out. We've reviewed after hours events at Marwell Zoo and attended opening events at Paultons Park.

Most of all, I love working with some fantastic local businesses and amazing organisations. Sometimes, as I'm sat chatting with them over a hot chocolate, I can't believe how lucky I am that this is part of my job!

Being a Raring2go! Editor

The role of Editor is very varied, with everything from researching local what's on info, social media, design, distribution and sales. Support is ALWAYS available from the Raring2go! Franchise. No previous experience is necessary although an interest in the local area is helpful.

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10 AUTUMN JOKES FOR KIDS



1. What do trees wear in autumn? Leaf jackets!
2. Why did the tree get a job? Because it was great at branching out!
3. Why did the leaf go to school? To learn how to turn over a new leaf!
4. What did one autumn leaf say to another? "I'm falling for you!"
5. Why was the pumpkin so good at maths? Because it was great at pumpkin pie
6. Why did the acorn get into trouble? Because it was being a little nutty!
7. What's a tree's least favourite month? Sep-timber!
8. Why did the leaf go to the doctor? Because it was feeling a little green!
9. Why did the scarecrow win an award? He was outstanding in his field!
10. What did the autumn tree say to the wind? "Leaf me alone!"

Why not tell us your favourite jokes, email: info@raring2go.co.uk



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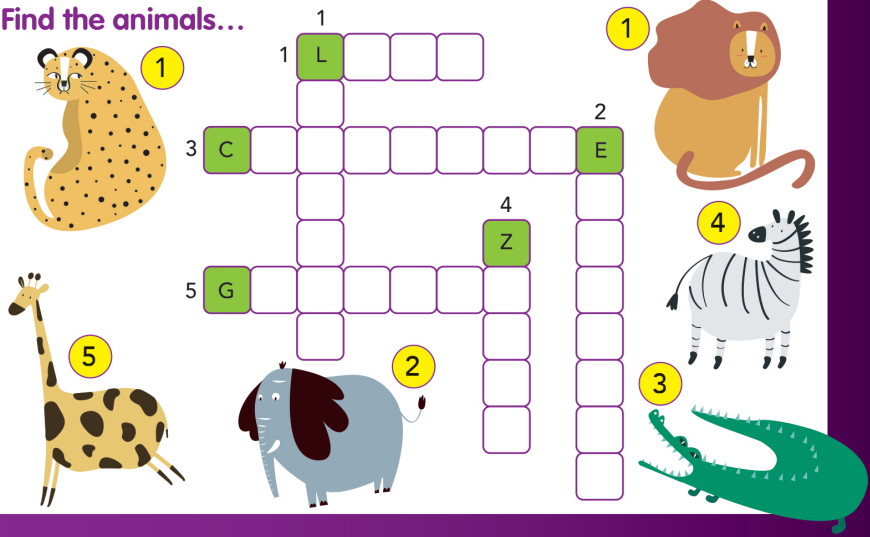
WORDSEARCH

Find the Autumn related words

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C	F	H	S	A	U	O	B
K	A	S	Z	F	N	R	H
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T	L	S	C	H	O	O	L
P	U	M	P	K	I	N	M
A	P	P	L	E	Y	A	H

Answers at the bottom of the page. No cheating!

Find the animals...



WORDSEARCH ANSWERS: Acorn, Apple, Jacket, Leaf, pumpkin, rake, school and hay.
NAME THE ANIMALS: Across: 1. Lion, 3. Crocodile, 5. Giraffe. Down: 1. Leopard, 2. Elephant, 4, Zebra.

HALLOWEEN AT HOME:

easy party ideas for little witches and monsters



You don't need a house full of decorations or a suitcase-sized sweet budget to make Halloween feel special. A few simple ideas can turn an ordinary afternoon at home into a party children will remember.

START WITH A SPOOKY SNACK TABLE.

Keep it easy: fruit kebabs, sandwiches cut into silly shapes, popcorn in paper cups or whatever your children already love.

Older children can help make their own spooky treats, while younger ones can enjoy choosing what goes on their plate.



MAKE THE ENTERTAINMENT WORK FOR THE AGES.

Under-fives might enjoy a pumpkin treasure hunt, musical statues with spooky songs or a gentle Halloween story.

For primary-aged children, try a costume parade, Halloween bingo, a 'guess what's in the box?' game or a torchlit hunt around the garden.



And don't forget the simplest activity of all: **GET CREATIVE.**

Set out paper, crayons and stickers and let children design their own monsters, pumpkins or pretend haunted houses.





The best Halloween parties aren't necessarily the biggest. They're the ones where everyone gets involved, the snacks disappear and nobody minds if the living room gets a little spooky.



Raring2make!

Recipes to make as a family for the family

Quick & easy Halloween recipes for the kids

Making Halloween recipes is a fun way for kids to get creative in the kitchen with spooky treats and colourful ingredients. They can practice simple cooking skills while decorating fun snacks like ghosts, pumpkins and monsters.

1. Banana ghosts

Peel bananas and cut them in half. Add two chocolate chips for eyes and a few more for a spooky mouth. Simple, cute and no baking needed...



2. Monster toast

Toast a slice of bread and spread with cream cheese or chocolate spread. Add sliced strawberries, blueberries or banana to make silly monster faces. Let children create their own designs.

3. Spooky Pizzas



Top a pizza base with tomato puree and grated cheese. Add strips of pepper, chorizo & olives to make spiders. Bake until the cheese is bubbling.

4. Halloween fruit cups

Fill small cups with chopped fruit such as grapes, strawberries, banana and melon. Add a little yoghurt on top and decorate the cup with a drawn-on pumpkin face. A handy option for a Halloween party table.

Please do always check ingredients for allergies and cut food appropriately for younger children. We hope you have a spooktacular Halloween with these lovely treats!

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Five Things to Do With Conkers

There's more to Autumn's favourite find, than a string & a dare



There's a moment every autumn when a child spots their first conker, and something switches on. It doesn't matter how many they've collected before - that shiny, deep brown shell still gets picked up, turned over, and pocketed like treasure. The traditional game is brilliant, but conkers have quietly earned a reputation as one of nature's best free toys, and there's a lot more you can do with a handful before they shrivel up on the windowsill.

1. Conker sorting and counting.
For younger children, conkers are a brilliant hands-on maths tool. Sort by size, line them up biggest to smallest, or simply count how many you've found on the walk home. No worksheet required.

2. Conker painting.
Dab a conker in paint and roll it around inside a shoebox lined with paper. The wobbly, unpredictable trail it leaves is oddly satisfying - and a genuinely different kind of "painting" for kids who've done every other version going.

3. A Conker Olympics.
Set up simple challenges in the garden or park: who can roll one furthest, balance the most on a spoon, or get one into a bucket from a distance. Zero equipment, instant entertainment.

4. Conker creatures.
With a bit of help (and maybe a cocktail stick or two), conkers make surprisingly good mini animals - add a few twigs for legs and you've got a hedgehog, a spider, or whatever else imagination decides on the day.

5. A Conker Trail Jar.
Keep a jam jar on the windowsill and add one conker from every autumn walk. Watching the collection grow over a few weeks turns an ordinary walk into something to look forward to. The best bit? None of this needs planning, kit, or even leaving your usual route to the shops. Just eyes open, pockets ready, and a willingness to stop for two minutes when someone shouts "found one!"

Whether you're counting, painting, competing or just enjoying, be sure to have fun this Conker season!

How to make a wiggly conker snake!



You will need: Conkers, a drill, pipe cleaner, googly eyes, glue, marker pen

Step 1: Drill holes in your conker - this bit should be done by an adult
Hold a conker in place with a vice and then carefully drill a hole through the centre.The hole needs to be wide enough to thread your pipe cleaner through so pick a drill bit that will be the right size for this.
For your snakes you will need about 12 conkers.

Step 2: Thread your conkers onto a pipe cleaner.
Put the largest one on first and the smallest ones towards the end.
Twist the ends of the pipe cleaners to secure the conkers in place.

Step 3 : Make the snake's face.
On the biggest conker at the beginning of your snake glue on two little googly eyes and draw on a smile with a black pen.
And you're now ready to get wiggling!



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THE BEST AUTUMN ADVENTURE ISN'T VERY FAR AWAY

Why children don't need expensive days out to make magical memories.

Autumn has a magical way of turning ordinary places into extraordinary adventures. A familiar park becomes an expedition, a pile of leaves becomes a treasure trove, and even the walk to school is filled with seasonal discoveries.

The best adventures aren't always the biggest - they're the moments spent collecting colourful leaves, spotting squirrels, finding conkers or simply listening to the wind in the trees. This autumn, slow down and see the world through your child's eyes. You might be surprised how much wonder is waiting right on your doorstep. Together, can you...



Find 5 different shaped leaves



Listen for birds instead of looking for them



Build a tiny home for a bug



Collect nature's colours



Watch the sunset together



Jump in a leaf pile



Find something that makes you say "WOW!"



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The Golden Hour Walk

The 45 minutes a day that make an ordinary walk look extraordinary



Somewhere between school pick-up and dinner, autumn offers a small daily gift most of us completely miss: the golden hour. For a brief window - usually mid-to-late afternoon as the sun drops low - ordinary streets, parks, and gardens are suddenly lit up in deep gold and amber.

The light is softer, longer, and more forgiving than at any other time of day. And right now, in autumn, it happens earlier and lasts longer than almost any other season.

The best part? You don't need a destination. The golden hour transforms whatever's nearest - your local park, the school playing field, even your own street - into somewhere that looks like it belongs on a postcard. No entry fee, no big drive, no plan required. Just timing.

Catch it on purpose.
Check what time sunset is this week and aim to be outside 45 minutes before it. That's the window.

Bring nothing but a coat.
This isn't about kit or a checklist. Wellies if you've got them, a jumper if it's chilly - that's it.

Let the light do the work.
Long shadows, glowing leaves, that soft amber glow on everyone's faces - even a five-minute walk to the corner shop counts. It's less about distance and more about noticing.

Make it a ritual, not an event.
Rather than saving it for a "proper" day out, try slotting it into an ordinary Tuesday. The novelty isn't the walk - it's the light.

There's something quietly lovely about a window of time you can't get back once it's gone for the day. Autumn hands you that chance every single afternoon, free of charge, right outside your front door.

Helping children who are nervous on fireworks night

Every child is unique, some like fireworks more than others and some don't want to watch them at all which is fine. If your child is nervous around loud noises or is autistic, these are our suggested tips which may help.

Explain what's going to happen.

Social or visual stories can be a great help. Let them know when they're going, where they're going and the different steps once you're there. If you can include images, it will help. You can find videos of firework displays on YouTube if they have never watched a display before.

Not sure where to start?

Google 'fireworks social stories' for some ideas or Monkey World have an excellent example of a social story on their website. It's not fireworks related but it is a great example! Go to www.monkeyworld.org, click on 'Visit Us' followed by 'Disabled Facilities' and then 'Accessibility Guide' to find it.

Have plenty of distractions.

Hungry children can become distressed children very quickly. Having snacks and drinks on hand can help, maybe even a hot chocolate on a cold night can keep children from worrying and keep their tummies happy too.

Use ear defenders or ear plugs.

Ear defenders obviously help with the noise, I also find that they help other people realise your child may have extra needs and give them a bit of space! If your child isn't a fan of ear defenders (especially as they get towards the teen years) we find Loop ear plugs discreet and effective.

Contact the venue

If your child has a disability or condition, the venue may have a specific viewing area which might give them some extra space and help deal with the crowds.

Comfy shoes!

Footwear isn't just essential for keeping little feet warm, my daughter finds the vibrations from the fireworks as off putting as the sound. Having shoes with squishy soles doesn't elimate the issue but it can reduce it.

Consider something low key at home

If the noise of fireworks is a big no, maybe toasting marshmallows over a fire basket would be better, or a few sparklers, or one of our favourites is a Mystical Flame sachet that makes the flames burn different colours. (link to Mystical Flames on the QR code).

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THE FIREWORK CODE

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE FIREWORK CODE

- Do not buy fireworks from UNLICENCED retailers. These fireworks may be unsafe and illegal.
- Only buy fireworks that comply with current safety standards.*
- Always keep fireworks in a closed box. Take them out one at a time and close the box.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket.
- Be considerate. Let your neighbours know you will be having a display, especially if they are elderly or they have pets or children.
- Avoid setting fireworks off late at night, particularly if it is a school-night.
- Ensure your pets are safe.
- Carefully follow the instructions on EACH firework.
- Never go back to a lit firework unless the instructions advise otherwise.
- Never throw fireworks; it is dangerous.
- Light fireworks one at a time, at the end of the fuse, and at arm's length.
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear suitable gloves, even when lighting them.
- Never give sparklers to a child under the age of 5.
- Never throw spent fireworks on a bonfire.

STAY SAFE, BE CONSIDERATE, AND DON'T BECOME A NUISANCE.

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