

Ideas and Websites

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This guide's jam-packed with deals and tricks to keep kids of all ages entertained over the summer hols, including free days out, 2for1 attraction tickets, bargain train fares, ways to slash childcare costs and more.

<http://www.netmums.com/activities/summer/summer-holidays-planner>

Indoor Fun	No cost and no coats. But don't leave it to the last minute: Plan in advance.
1. Board games session	Get out all your old board games, sort out all the bits and bobs and play as many as you can. Play card games e.g. Snap, Happy Families
2. Arts and Crafts	Buy/gather materials the day before if possible. Spread out loads of newspapers and put out your materials. Cover the table, find pens, paints, glitter and glue Make a butterfly mobile to brighten a bed room or do something 'big and easy' with old wallpaper. Print out pictures to cut and colour.
3. Teddy Bears Picnic / Dolls Tea Party	Write out party invites, make paper hats, cut out and colour paper plates, prepare a pass-the-parcel, make miniature sandwiches and snacks
4. Afternoon Disco	Get out your old tapes/CD's, decorate the lounge, turn the lights down and put up some fairy lights and tin foil disco balls. Have a "bar" and mix fruit juice cocktails. Invite a friend or two. Dance!
5. Memories Box/ Scrapbook	Go through old photos of when they were babies, toddlers. Also special people, places and special occasions in their lives. Stick them in a jotter, or cover a shoe box with wrapping paper, or find a special place to keep them together. Treasure baskets are good for babies. Spend the morning building various Treasure Baskets. Then you can bring them out while you have a restful lunch time.

<http://www.naturedetectives.org.uk/>

150 free activities for every season!

<http://www.royalalberthall.com/education/events/families/default.aspx>

Events for families to enjoy together.

Keep a holiday journal or write postcards.