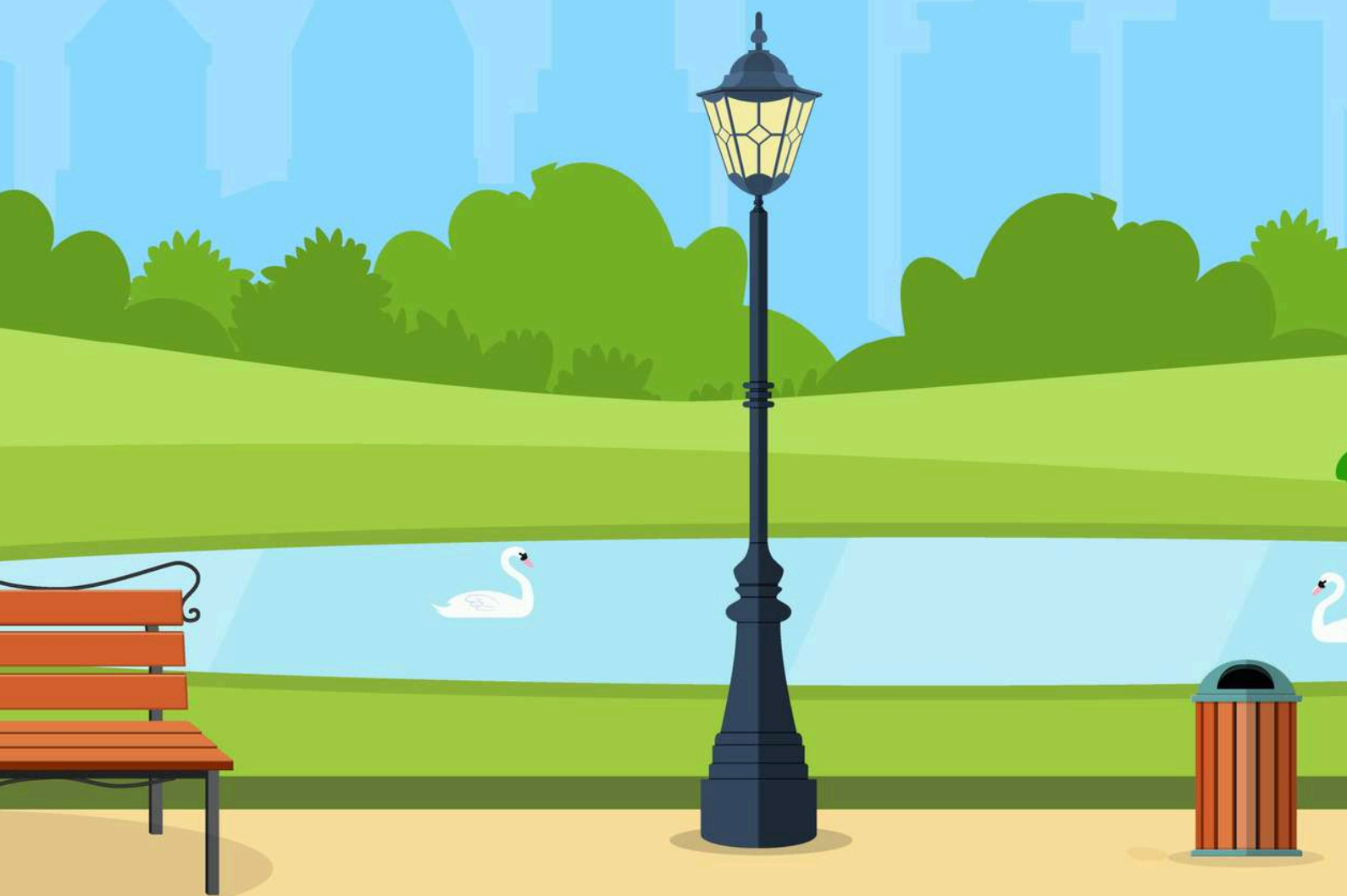


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A snapshot of free fun & family-friendly activities across Mid Essex

Helping you make the most of the holidays!



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Keeping children and young people entertained over the summer can be a challenge—even at the best of times.

That's why partners from across the Mid Essex system have come together to create this resource: a snapshot of some of the fantastic free, family-friendly events happening in Braintree, Chelmsford, and Maldon this summer.

While it doesn't capture everything on offer, it's designed to give families a helping hand in discovering local activities, support, and welcoming spaces.

With even more events and opportunities available through local organisations, there's plenty to explore—so dive in and make the most of what Mid Essex has to offer this summer!

All the best,

Mid Essex Children's Partnership partners



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SUMMER 2025 Event Schedule CHELMSFORD

23-22 JUL - AUG	<u>Play in the Park</u> A series of FREE 2 hour Play sessions in parks and parish venues around Chelmsford and SWF. Activities include; sports, games, crafts, and free play. Some sessions have additional 'Extras' including inflatables, petting zoos and more. <u>Suitable for aged 3-11 yrs.</u>
28-01 JUL - AUG	<u>Picnic in the Park</u> FREE themed activity days at Melbourne Park. Activities similar to Play in the Park but include a free lunch for anyone accessing benefit-based free school meals in addition to food demonstrations available for everyone. <u>Suitable for 3-11 yrs.</u>
31 JUL 11am	<u>Storytelling Event - Twitten Green, Galleywood</u> A special reading hour for families. Bring a picnic and get lost in the magic of storytelling. 
06 AUG 2pm-6pm	Essex Youth Service Detached at Chelmsford Skatepark Youth Support workers will be bring the Youth Bus to Chelmsford Skatepark. 
07 AUG 10am-4pm	Chelmergate Youth Centre Summer Delivery Open Centre delivery 10am-4pm for ages 11-19 (Up to 25 with SEND).
13 AUG 2pm-6pm	<u>Free School Uniform Event</u> Free pre-loved uniform available. Anyone can pop in and help themselves and enjoy crafts and refreshments that will also be available. Christ Church Chelmsford, 164 New London Road, Chelmsford CM2 0AW 
22 AUG 12:30-4pm	Galleywood Youth Centre Open Centre delivery 12:30pm-4pm for ages 11-19(Up to 25 with SEND)

For more ongoing events and support for families visit:

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MALDON

24-14
JUL - AUG

Library Summer Family Craft Session

Free art and craft session for families.

24th July: 10:00am-12:00pm at Maldon Library

14th August: 2:00pm-4:00pm at Burnham on Crouch Library



28-22
JUL - AUG

CVS Maldon Green Space Games

A series of **FREE**, two- hour multi-activity sessions run for families across the Maldon District utilising green spaces and local parks. Over 20 dates to choose from.

31
JUL
12-5pm

Mini U Fest Burnham Event at Burnham Skate Park

A free community event taking place at across Riverside Park including the skatepark and the Dengie Hundred sports hall for all families.



05
AUG
2pm-4pm

Free School Uniform Event at Althorne Parish Hall

Free pre-loved uniform available. Anyone can pop in and help themselves. Will have free crafts and refreshments available.



15
AUG
11am-4pm

U Fest Maldon

UFest is a free all-day community festival that celebrates everything that makes life worth living. Held in the picturesque surroundings of Maldon's Promenade Park, UFest brings local people together in the Maldon District for a day of joy, connection, and wellbeing.

20
AUG
2pm-6pm

Youth Service Detached Work

Youth support workers will be doing detached work on the Promenade and have booked the youth centre in case of bad weather.

Community Gaming Initiative

Aimed at young people who love gaming, these sessions offer a fun, social space to connect with like-minded peers.

- Maldon Activity Centre – Fridays, 5–7pm (Ages 11–18)
- Burnham Village Hall – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 5–7pm (Ages 8+)

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SUMMER 2025 Event Schedule

BRAINTREE

SAT

9:30-
11:30am

ParkPlay Halsted

Taking part every Saturday, attend and take part in informal games and activities for the whole family to enjoy.

King George Playing Fields, Kings Rd, Halstead CO9 1HA

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JUL
10am-4pm

Extinction Day! at Braintree Museum

Celebrate the opening of the Extinction! exhibition with family activities inside the Museum and dinosaur-themed fun in the Urban Garden. Includes mindfulness crafts for children.

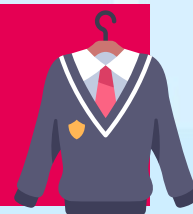
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JUL

Free School Uniform Event at Carousel Family Hub

Free pre-loved uniform available. Anyone can pop in and help themselves. There will be crafts/refreshments available.

10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm



04-05
AUG

Youth Service Open Centre

Open Centre delivery 10am-4pm for ages 11-19 (Up to 25 with SEND)

4th August - 10am-4pm at Chapel Hill Youth Centre

5th August - 10am-4pm at Chapel Hill Youth Centre

23

AUG
10am-2pm

Plants and Habitats Day at Braintree Museum

Explore the connection between nature and habitat in the Museum Garden through a flower planting activity. Enjoy exhibition crafts focused on climate action.

Fusion SEND Swimming Sessions

Perfect for families with SEND children from 0-18 years old. Enjoy the warm welcoming environment as you splash around in our spacious pool, making unforgettable memories together. **Please note this is a paid activity.**

Bookable via the Fusion App

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Want more information about what's happening in Mid Essex and beyond?

This guide is just a starting point — there's so much more happening across Mid Essex & beyond this summer!

If you're looking for additional events, support, or information, check out these websites from local organisations working together to support families:

- **Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service** – Health, development and wellbeing support from bump to teens. essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk
- **Talk, Listen and Cuddle (TLC)** – Fun, simple ways to boost communication skills for 0–5s through everyday play, stories & cuddles. www.tlc-essex.info
- **Essex Libraries** – Storytimes, crafts, and reading adventures for bookworms big and small. <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/>
- **SEND Local Offer** – Events, groups and services for families of children and young people with SEND. <https://send.essex.gov.uk/>
- **Essex Youth Service** – Clubs, activities and support for young people under 25. <https://youth.essex.gov.uk/>
- **Chelmsford City Council** – Parks, theatres, museums, and events across the city. www.chelmsford.gov.uk
- **Braintree District Council** – Outdoor fun and family-friendly spaces to relax and explore. www.braintree.gov.uk
- **Maldon District Council** – Coastal walks, countryside charm, and Promenade fun for the whole family. www.maldon.gov.uk
- **Explore Essex** – Discover parks, green spaces, and heritage sites across the county: www.explore-essex.com/places-to-go/our-parks-and-places
- **Essex Wildlife Trust** - Wild play, forest school, and nature adventures at local reserves. essexwt.org.uk



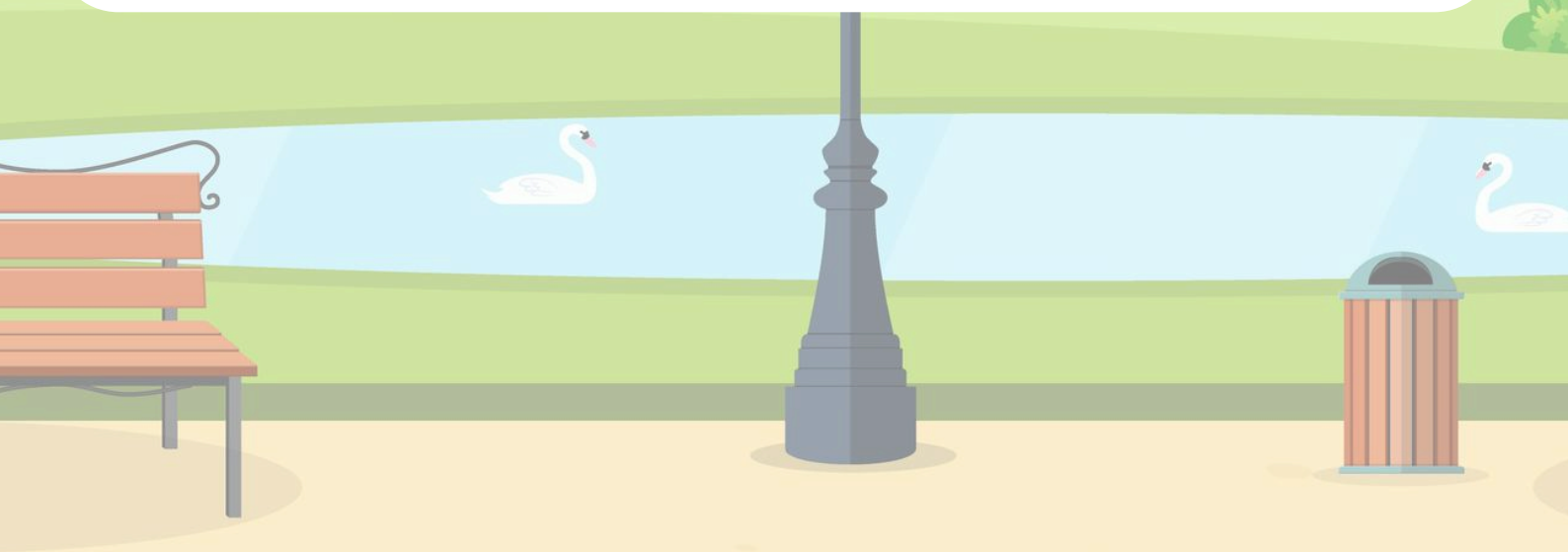
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YOUR SUMMER ADVENTURE LIST

10 fun things for families, children, and young people to try this summer – how many can you tick off together?

- ✓ Explore a new park or green space as a family
- ✓ Try a free event from this guide
- ✓ Go on a nature or photo walk together
- ✓ Visit the library – borrow books or join an activity
- ✓ Get creative – make art, music, or a short video
- ✓ Have a picnic in the park or garden
- ✓ Try a new sport, game, or active challenge
- ✓ Watch the sunset or stargaze as a family
- ✓ Cook or bake something new together
- ✓ Start a summer scrapbook or memory jar



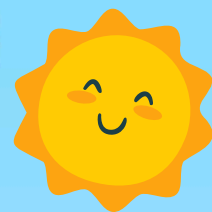
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