



City of London Best Start in Life/ Best Start Family Hub Timetable 0-5 years

September to December 2026



A termly timetable of
services and activities for
children and families

Welcome to the City of London Best Start Family Hub Activities Timetable 0-5 years

The City of London Best Start Family Hub Network provides a connected network of regular free in-person and online services for children, young people, and families from pregnancy up to age 19 (or age 25 for individuals with SEND).

90% of your child's brain growth happens before the age of 5. Right from the start, all those little moments families spend together are building children's brains.

Every smile, cuddle, chat and game makes a huge difference, helping them learn to communicate, develop confidence and make friends.

In this leaflet, you will find a timetable of exciting activities for you and your child to do at a range of venues across the Square Mile.



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Venue details and colour/pattern key for timetable overleaf



Artizan Street Library

1 Artizan Street, E1 7AF

T: 020 7332 3810

E: artizanlib@cityoflondon.gov.uk



Smithfield House Children's Nursery

14 West Smithfield, EC1A 9HY

T: 020 7236 1000

E: office@smithfieldnursery.co.uk

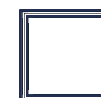


Shoe Lane Library

1 Little New Street, EC4A 3JR

T: 020 7583 7178

E: shoelane@cityoflondon.gov.uk



Barbican Library

Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2Y 8DS

T: 0207 628 9447

E: barbicanlib@cityoflondon.gov.uk

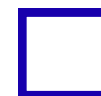


Guildhall Art Gallery

Guildhall Yard, EC2V 5AE

T: 020 7332 3700

E: tanya.dean@cityoflondon.gov.uk



Golden Lane Community Centre

Fann Street, EC1Y 0SA

T: 0207 834 7228

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 Artizan St Library
  Smithfield Hs Nursery
  Shoe Lane Library
  Barbican Library
  Golden Lane Community Centre
  Guildhall Art Gallery

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Baby Clinic - Appointment Only With City Health Visitor (020 76834151) 4th Monday of the month 1 - 3 pm	Stay & Play Ages 0 - 5 9 - 11 am	Breast & Infant Feeding Group 1st Wednesday of the month 10 - 11.30 am	Rhyme Time Ages 0 - 5 10 - 10.30 am	Stay & Play Ages 0 - 5 9 - 11 am	Rhyme Time 0 - 5 years old 10.45 - 11.15 am
Pick and Play Puzzles Ages 0 - 11 3 - 6.30 pm	Stay & Play Ages 0 - 5 1 - 3.15 pm	Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities Parenting classes with children 3+ 10 am - 1 pm	Stay & Play Ages 0 - 5 10.30 - 11.30 am	Sensory Room To book a morning 30 mins slot call 020 7236 1000	Saturday Monster Art Club All welcome 4 - 5 pm
Baby Massage 9.45 - 11.15 am To book call 020 7236 1000	Rhyme Time Ages 0 - 5 10.30 - 11.30 am	Calm Colouring Ages 0 - 5 3.30 - 5 pm	Bumps And Babies 1st Thursday of the month Ages Pre-birth - 5 10 - 11.30 am	Stay and Play Ages 0 - 5 1.30 - 2.30 pm	Family Activities Stories, arts and craft sessions Ages 3 - 13, 11 am - 4 pm 2nd Saturday of month
Rhyme Time Ages 0 - 5 10.45 - 11.15 am	Pick and Play Puzzles Ages 0 - 9 2 - 6 pm	Rhyme Time Ages 0 - 5 10.30 - 11.30 am	City FOOD Club Low-cost family groceries All welcome 1 - 3 pm	Rhythm & Wiggles Ages 0 - 5 2.30 - 3 pm	
Story Time Ages 3+ 4 - 4.30 pm	Perform Barbican Drama, dance & singing Ages 4 - 7, 4 - 5 pm To book call 020 7255 9120	Breast & Infant Feeding Group 3rd Wednesday of the month 10 am - 12 pm	Messy Play for under 5s Ages 0 - 5 Last Thursday of the month 10.30 - 11.30 am	Rhyme Time 0 - 5 years old 10.45 - 11.15 am	
		Toy Time Ages 0 - 5 12 - 2 pm	Bumps And Babies 3rd Thursday of the month Ages Pre-birth - 5 10 - 11.30 am	Friday Monster Art Club All welcome 4 - 5 pm	




Chorus
 Children & parents together
 City Chorus is the emotional wellbeing service for families with children aged 0-18, or 25 with SEND. We can offer online or home visits as needed. To speak to us about any aspect of emotional development email us: city@chorusfamilies.co.uk

Toynbee City Advice Surgeries are on local estates. For more information please go to:
<https://www.toynbeehall.org.uk/whats-on/>

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