

Mereside Children's Centre Activity timetable

All activities in the centre are Free of Charge

Mereside Children's Centre

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FRED (Fathers Reading Every Day) has regular courses throughout the year. If you are a father or male carer of children under 4 years this is essential for YOU! Collect lovely free books each week for 4 weeks and enjoy with your children. Ask at the Children's Centre for more info.

We have special one-off events through the term and in the holidays ask in the centre or find us on out on Facebook search "Mereside Children's Centre Blackpool".

Save the date: Winter Wonderland Thursday 5th December at the Winter Gardens- follow us on Facebook for the updates

Do you want to volunteer in the Children's Centre? Phone the Children's Centre for more information. Join the Better Start Volunteer Academy for training and support to volunteer with confidence.

Free use of a computer in the Community Café for searching online or applying for housing, jobs and those essential websites for health, family and employment. Come and book a slot at reception.

Collect your Better Start Activity cards from the Children's Centre -free to families packed with ideas and fun activities and book suggestions for your little ones!! There is a chance to win a lovely bag of goodies if you post your crafty activities on our Facebook page.

Visit our Facebook page for the latest info about what's going on at: Mereside Children's Centre Blackpool

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CHILDREN'S CENTRES

MONDAY

Date/Time	Venue	Activity/Course
12pm – 12.30pm From 12th September	Children's Centre Training Room	 Simon the Music Man: A fun and interactive music and singing session for you and your children. By popular demand. All welcome.
10am – 11am 16th Sept, 14th Oct 18th Nov	Children's Centre Community Café	 Splat Messy Play: Come and join a messy gooey sticky session with Splat! Bring a change of clothes and a towel. It's going to get messy!
11.30am Second Monday of the month in the mornings	Children's Centre Café	Parents Forum: A monthly get together for those that use Mereside Children's Centre. Meet the forum, plan activities and have your say about the centre's programme. All welcome- free refreshments served.
All day All year round	Children's Centre	Little Diggers Garden: The garden is available to all little ones and their parents and carers for 50 weeks of the year. We can provide wet weather clothing and you can borrow wellies for toddlers. Phone or call in to book the garden any time, bring a picnic or buy a meal from Brenda in the café.
Various days and times throughout the year	Children's Centre Training Room	 Baby Steps Antenatal Programme: For mums-to-be and their partners preparing for parenthood. The course starts around the 28th week of pregnancy. If you are pregnant come and speak to the Baby Steps Family Engagement Worker based in the Children's Centre.

TUESDAY

Date/Time	Venue	Activity/Course
All day All year round	Children's Centre	Little Diggers Garden: The garden is available to all little ones and their parents and carers for 50 weeks of the year. We can provide wet weather clothing and you can borrow wellies for toddlers. Phone or call in to book the garden any time, bring a picnic or buy a meal from Brenda in the café.
1.00pm- 3.00pm All year round	Children's Centre Training Room and Health Room	Baby Club: A free drop in group for parents, carers and babies under 14 months or until walking. Meet the Link Health Visitor to have your baby weighed and get advice. Pick up your free Healthy Start Vitamins for those that are eligible.
1pm-3pm 10 Sept, 15 Oct 3 Dec, 12 Nov	Children's Centre Community Café	 Baby Rover: Monthly visit to the centre from His Provision. Become a life time member for £1.50 and pick up a bargain of ten items for £1.00 of freshly recycled baby and children's clothes. Amazing bargains from birth to 5 years old.

WEDNESDAY

Date/Time	Venue	Activity/Course
10am -11.30am Term Time	Children's Centre Training Room and garden	Next Steps: A next step after Baby Club from about 14 months (or walking) up to about 30 months. We focus on social development, language and movement in this friendly group.
10am - 11am	Little Diggers Garden	Park Ranger: Come into the lovely garden to do exciting things with the natural world. We have the outdoor clothes as this runs all year round, so don't forget to wrap up well.
10am -12 noon 4th September 16th October 4th December	Community Café	Free childcare for 2, 3,& 4 year olds: You may be entitled for up to 15 hours per week early education for your 2 year old and up to 30 hours per week for 3 and 4 years olds. Come and have chat with a Grants Officer in the café to find out more and what childcare is available. Free refreshments.

12.45pm -2.45pm From 11th September to February	Children's Centre Training Room	Family English: This course will lead to an accredited qualification from entry level to level two - essential for gaining employment. All abilities welcome. Booking is essential.
2pm to 3pm	Mereside Children's Centre meeting room	Blackpool Coastal Housing Surgery: Are you a tenant in a BCH property? Do you need some information or support? A representative is on hand help to discuss tenancy issues. Drop by to have a chat with your local Blackpool Coastal Housing worker.

THURSDAY

Date/Time	Venue	Activity/Course
10am - 11.30am	Tarnside Community Centre, Tarnside opposite Mereside Children's Centre Term time only	Bumbles: A parent/carer and child group: A fun group for parents, carers and their children, all ages welcome. We meet at the Tarnside Centre venue.
10am-12 noon	Children's Centre Community Café	Knitting Nanas Group: Come and join in learning how to knit with our parents/carers and nanas. All welcome- from beginners to expert. Pass on your skills to others.

FRIDAY

Date/Time	Venue	Activity/Course
9.00am - 10.30am	Children's Centre Community Café	Parent and Carers Coffee Morning: All parents and carers are welcome for free tea, coffee and toast. Have a brew and have your say.
All day	Little Diggers Garden All year round	Little Diggers Garden: The garden is available to all little ones and their parents and carers for 50 weeks of the year. We can provide wet weather clothing and you can borrow wellies for toddlers. Phone or call in to book the garden any time, bring a picnic or buy a meal from Brenda in the café.
9.30am - 10.15am	Children's Centre café	Storytelling Session: A lovely story time session with Jayne. Also, receive a free book and speak to Jayne about Bookstart. Join us for coffee morning and have a chilled out start to the weekend with your children.
11am - 12pm	Children's Centre training Room starts 6th September for 7 weeks	 Baby Sign: A fun and very interactive group for pre-walking babies and their parents/carers to encourage communication skills. Booking essential as places are limited.

SATURDAY

Date/Time	Venue	Activity/Course
12th October	Children's Centre	 Dads and Families Club Creepy Crawlies Roadshow: Saturday morning chill out with your family. We encourage dads, male carers, granddads and uncles to come along with the whole family. Have a bacon butty and meet the creatures!
7th December	Children's Centre	 Christmas Panto: this year it's Cinderella. A free book for every child. Booking is essential for this event and opens on 4th November

