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Welcome to the latest Educational Visits digital magazine bringing you news and updates on what is happening for schools and families in your region during Autumn. Hopefully you have all had a lovely summer getting back to some normality after an extremely challenging 18 months.

October Half Term, Halloween and Bonfire night will soon be upon us (we won't mention Christmas yet) and we hope that this magazine gives you and your family some inspiration of exciting things to do and places to visit on your doorstep. If you are able, please support your local businesses to help them get back on track and feel free to tell friends and colleagues about this publication so that they too are aware of exactly what is happening in your area. As always, please follow all guidance to stay safe and we hope you have a fantastic time this Autumn.

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COP26 - Together For Our Planet

Glasgow Scottish Event Campus (SEC) is hosting the 26th Conference of the Parties, known as COP26, from Sunday 31st October – Friday November 12th 2021.

With delegates from all over the world expected to attend, COP26 is designed to produce an international response to the climate emergency. Glasgow is a perfect host with a carbon neutral target of 2030 and a city rating of 4th in the world in the Global Destination Sustainability Index.

We think that now, more than ever, is a vital time to be talking about this all important issue. Our advertisers agree and they will be contributing to an online discussion throughout 2021 about how global warming is affecting them but just as importantly, the positive things they are doing to help eradicate it. We would love to hear from you and how your school is helping. Do send us information that we can post on social media as the more schools that join in the debate the better. As well as discussing global issues, we will also be promoting what is happening near you. So make sure that you are following us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Tell us what articles you like and what you want to hear about, feedback is always welcome whether it be positive or negative. We share events, competitions, offers and the latest news from all our favourite places so make sure you are in the know by following us on social media and on <https://www.educationalvisitsuk.com/>



Discover an array of museums and places to visits, together with the latest information on our website www.educationalvisitsuk.com.

Updated throughout the year with blogs, educational workshops as well as events and new listings, the www.educationalvisitsuk.com website brings together everything to make planning your next educational adventure effortless. We have combined the website with School Trips UK, our sister site, that offers bespoke school trips, this will make it easier for you to choose whether you want to book and organise your school trip yourself or decide to use our services and let us take the strain of organising and planning your next adventure!

Listings for over 200 attractions and accommodation from all over England and Wales that we think are perfect for school trips or education groups. You will also find more information about each attraction including the key stages/ages catered for and subjects as well as the facilities they have including accessibility.

Direct links to each advertiser's website for ease of booking or making an enquiry.

TripAdvisor ratings for each attraction so you can see what other teachers think before you book.

An active events page which lets you know special events and exhibitions that are going on – check back regularly so as not to miss a thing!

A compelling blog, written by our team with contributions from our advertisers ensures that our articles have the latest news to continually inspire you throughout the year.

www.educationalvisitsuk.com

Illuminating Blackpool

Think British seaside resort and you immediately think of places like Blackpool. With a 7-mile sandy beach, Blackpool has been a major centre for tourism since the railways were built there in the 1840s connecting it to the rest of Northern England. Families now come here for the amazing attractions, illuminations, trams, donkey rides on the beach and general friendly atmosphere.

Don't Miss

Sandcastle Waterpark – located on the South Beach, this is the UK's largest indoor waterpark with the world's longest indoor Roller Coaster waterslide.

Blackpool Zoo – a fantastic 32-acre zoo with lions, elephants, tigers, giraffes and gorillas. And they have the cutest red panda cubs!

Blackpool Tower – one of the most famous landmarks in Britain, the Tower has numerous attractions all in one area including **the Tower Dungeon, Tower Ballroom, Tower Circus, Madame Tussauds, SEALIFE and Tower Eye.**

Blackpool Pleasure Beach – the amazing amusement park on the south shore with white knuckle rides for the adventurous and Nickelodean Land for the youngsters. The ICON, The Big One, Infusion and Grand National are some of the stand-out rides – just don't have a big lunch before going on.

Blackpool Illuminations – known as the greatest free light show on earth, the annual lights festival has been running every Autumn since 1879. It runs for just under an incredible 6 miles from Squires Gate to Red Bank Road.

Interesting Facts

People from Blackpool are called Sandgrownians or Seasideers.

In the 18th century, the practice of bathing in the sea to cure many diseases was popular attracting many visitors to the town.

Blackpool Tower was the tallest man-made building in the British Empire when it opened to the public in 1894.

In 2010, Which? Magazine declared Blackpool as the UK's favourite seaside resort followed closely by Brighton and Whitby.

Famous people born or who have lived in Blackpool include musicians Alfie Boe, Robert Smith (The Cure) and Chris Lowe (Pet Shop Boys), presenter Zoe Ball, comic genius Syd Little and footballer Sir Stanley Matthews.



Spotlight on Manchester



The city of Manchester is notable for its culture, universities, music, architecture and of course football teams. A surge of high-rise buildings, converted city centre flats and a wide variety of restaurants also makes Manchester an extremely popular place to live and work. Albert Square and Piccadilly Gardens have numerous important and interesting public monuments and Manchester also has 6 designated local nature reserves.

Don't Miss

The Etihad Stadium Tour – home to the Premier League Champions Manchester City, this immersive tour gives you a first-person experience of what it is like to be on the famous Etihad pitch, to sit in Pep Guardiola's chair and see first-hand the amazing home dressing room.

Science and Industry Museum – with a multi-million pound restoration programme ongoing, the museum is a must visit attraction where you can explore 250 years of ideas that began in Manchester and went on to change the world.

Imperial War Museum North – one of the 5 UK wide war museums located in Trafford. The museum explores and educates from the period of the First World War to present day.

Chinatown – the second largest Chinatown in the UK and third largest in Europe, it has a huge choice of vibrant restaurants and shops and is well worth a visit. The annual Chinese New Year celebrations every February are a sight to behold.

Interesting Facts

The name Manchester comes from the latin word Mamucium or the variant of this word Mancunio, hence the word Mancunian referring to people from the area.

The Celtic tribe Brigantes, lived in the area on which Manchester Cathedral now stands.

During the Industrial revolution, Manchester had over 100 cotton mills and was, for a period, the most productive cotton producer.

Manchester Arndale is the UK's largest city-centre shopping centre.

Manchester University was the setting for the first splitting of the atom by Ernest Rutherford in 1917.



Kids Days Out - Events

Below is a list of great days out over the coming weeks for Autumn events listed by county. Always check the website of the place you are visiting before you go so that you are fully aware of the opening times, booking procedures and any restrictions that may still be in place.

CHESHIRE

Reddish Vale Farm
2-31 October
Reddish Vale Farm
Stockport SK5 7HE
www.reddishvalefarm.merlontickets.co.uk

Apple Jack's Spooky World
See website for dates
Spooky World
Warrington, WA4 4NW
www.funbyday.spookyworld.co.uk

Magical Woodland
From 10 October
Cheshire Outdoors
Blakemere Village, Sandiway, Cheshire, CW8 2EB
<https://magicalwoodland.com/>

Harry Potter - A Forbidden Forest Adventure
17 October - 28 November
Arley Hall & Gardens
Northwich, CW9 6NA
www.arleyhallandgardens.com

Fright Feista at Gulliver's World
23 - 31 October
Gulliver's World Warrington
www.gulliversworldresort.co.uk/fright-fiesta

The Glorious Glowing Lantern Parade
23 - 31 October
BeWILDerwood Cheshire
Bickley Moss, Whitchurch, Cheshire, SY13 4JF
www.cheshire.bewilderwood.co.uk

Halloween at The White Horse
25 October
The White Horse
Chester Racecourse
Chester, CH1 2LY
www.theminimakery.co.uk

Halloween at Arley
25 - 31 October
Arley Hall & Gardens
Northwich, CW9 6NA
www.arleyhallandgardens.com

Children's Cookery Adventure
28-29 October
Vegetarian Society Cooking School
Parkdale, Dunham Road, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14 4QG
<https://vegsoc.org/cookery-school/>

Bonfire Night Crafting
5 November
The White Horse
Chester Racecourse
Chester, CH1 2LY
www.theminimakery.co.uk

Firework Display
5 November
Partridge Lakes Cafe
Glaziers Ln, Culcheth, Warrington WA3 4AQ
www.partridgelakescafe.co.uk

Betley Bonfire
6 November
Betley Court Farm
Main Rd, Betley, Cheshire, CW3 9BH
www.betleybonfire.co.uk

CUMBRIA

Model Railway & Transport Exhibition
9-10 October
Walney School
Sandy Gap Lane, Barrow-in-Furness, LA14 3JT
11 working layouts including a Thomas layout for youngsters to drive!
<http://www.furnessmrc.com/>

Apple Weekend
9-10 October
Beetham Nurseries
Pool Darkin Lane, Beetham, nr Milnthorpe, Cumbria, LA7 7AP
<https://www.beethamnurseries.co.uk/>

City of Lights: LIFE
14-16 October
Carlisle
Carlisle Cathedral/Carlisle Castle
<https://www.discovercarlisle.co.uk/Whats-On/city-of-lights-life>

Halloween at Brockholes on Windermere
20-31 October
Brockholes on Windermere
www.brockhole.co.uk/events/brockhole-halloween-experience

Halloween Spectacular
23 - 31 October
The Woolly Farm
Bowerhouse Bank, Santon Bridge, Holmrook CA19 1UY
www.thewoollyfarm.com

Halloween Festival
23- 31 October
Muncaster Castle
Ravenglass, Cumbria, CA18 1RD
www.muncaster.co.uk

Twilight Tales in Dove Cottage
27-28 October
Dove Cottage
Grasmere, Cumbria, LA22 9SH
www.wordsworth.org.uk

The Winter Droving 3 day event
28-30 October
Penrith
<https://www.edenarts.co.uk/blog/the-winter-droving-is-back>

Artventures Spooktacular Halloween Party
30 October
Houghton Village Hall
Carlisle, CA3 0NG
www.artventurers.co.uk/carlisle/events/little-spooktacular-halloween-party-2021

Bonfire Nights
On or around 5 November
Various Cumbria
<https://www.thelakedistrict.org/things-to-do/events/bonfire-night-in-the-lake-district/>

Dark Skies Walk
6-13 November
Keswick
<https://www.forestryengland.uk/whinlatter-forest/venue/events-whinlatter?page=1>

Kids Days Out - Events



GREATER MANCHESTER

Scarecity Drive-in Cinema

1 – 31 October
Soccer Dome, Trafford
www.parknpartymcr.co.uk/scare-city

Pumpkin Festival

Every weekend in October & 23 - 31 October
Cockfields Farm Park
Ashton/Oldham Border OL6 8AR
www.cockfields.co.uk

Manchester Literature Festival – Little Reads

6-16 October
Longsight Library and Learning Centre
519 Stockport Road, Manchester, M12 4NE
<https://www.visitmanchester.com/whats-on/little-reads-p533581>

Halloween at the Farm

Weekends from 9 October & 22 – 31 October
Lancaster Park and Animal Farm
Lancaster Park & Animal Farm, Middleton Road,
Chadderton, Oldham, OL1 2TG
www.lancasterpark.co.uk

Bradshaw Fireworks Display

16 October
Bradshaw Cricket
Rigby Lane Off, Bolton Rd, Bolton, BL2 3EU
www.bradshawcricketclub.co.uk

Circus Zyair

20-31 October
Heaton Park
Bury Old Road, M25 1JE
<https://circus-zyair.co.uk/>

Scare Skate at Skate Manchester

22-31 October
Manchester
Cathedral Gardens
www.skatemanchester.com

Halloween Family Hex Nights

23-31 October
Grange Arts Centre
Rochdale Road, Oldham, OL9 6EA
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/grange>

Teach Tex - Meet the dinosaurs (age 4-10)

24 October
Z-Arts
335 Stretford Road, Manchester, M15 5ZA
<https://www.z-arts.org/events/teach-rex/>

Firework Spooky Spectacular Show

30 October
City Airport & Heliport
Liverpool Road, Eccles
Manchester
M30 7SA
www.visitcityairport.co.uk

Halloween in the City

30-31 October
Manchester city-wide
<https://www.visitmanchester.com/ideas-and-inspiration/halloween-in-the-city>

Steaming Days

From 30 October
Bolton Steam Museum
Morningson Road, off Chorley Old Road, Bolton, Greater
Manchester, BL1 4EU
<https://www.nmes.org/>

Disney on Ice

3-7 November
AO Arena
Trinity Way, Hunts Bank, Manchester, M3 1AR
<https://www.disneyonice.com/en-gb>

Chorlton Bonfire Night

5 November
Chorlton Green
9 Chorlton Green, Manchester M21 9HS
www.bonfirenightparty.com

Firework Display and Bonfire

6 November
Lancashire Mining Museum
Higher Green Lane
Astley, Manchester M29 7JB
www.lancashireminingmuseum.org

Christmas Markets

From 12 November
Manchester
Albert Square, Manchester, Greater Manchester, M2 5PF
<https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500241/christmas-markets>

Christmas Lights Switch-on

12 November
Manchester
Deansgate, Greater Manchester, M3 1RH
<https://www.visitmanchester.com/whats-on/manchester-christmas-lights-switch-on-p89651>

LANCASHIRE

Ghost and Halloween Tours

Throughout Autumn
Famous Ghost Blackpool Heritage Tram Tour
A584, Promenade North Pier & Tower Heritage Tram Stop,
Blackpool FY1 1AP
www.blackpoolheritage.com/tours/ghost-tour

Blackpool Illuminations

Until 3 January 2022
Blackpool
<https://www.visitblackpool.com/things-to-do/blackpool-illuminations/>

Blackpool Dungeon

1-31 October
Blackpool Dungeons
www.thedungeons.com

Scare Kingdom Scream Park

Until 7 November
Scare Kingdom Scream Park
Hawkshaw Farm Park, Blackburn, BB2 7JA,
<https://www.scarekingdom.com/halloween-season>

Journey to Hell

8 - 31 October
Blackpool Pleasure Beach
525 Ocean Blvd, Blackpool FY4 1EZ
www.blackpoolpleasurebeach.com

World Fireworks Championships

9 & 23 October
Blackpool Promenade
<https://www.visitblackpool.com/things-to-do/events/world-fireworks-championship-blackpool/>

Halloween Ghost Trains

28, 29 & 30 October
The East Lancashire Railway
Bolton Street Station, Bury, BL9 0EY
www.eastlancsrailway.org.uk



MERSEYSIDE

Liverpool FC Stadium Tours

Throughout Autumn
Anfield Rd, Anfield, Liverpool L4 0TH
<https://stadiumtours.liverpoolfc.com/tours>

Family Fright Festival

2 - 31 October
Church Farm, Wirral, CH61 0HW
www.churchfarmevents.co.uk/family-fright-festival

The Adams Family

19-23 October
Liverpool Empire Theatre
1 Lime Street, Liverpool, Merseyside, L1 1JE
<https://www.atgtickets.com/shows/the-addams-family/liverpool-empire/>

Liverpool Irish Festival

21-31 October
Across Liverpool
<https://www.liverpoolirishfestival.com/>

River of Light trail

22 October-7 December
Liverpool Waterfront
<https://www.visitliverpool.com/riveroflight>

Halloween Spectacular

23 - 31 October
Otterspool Adventure, Liverpool, L19 2PA
www.otterspooladventurecentre.co.uk/halloween

Trick or Treat trail

30- 31 October
Go Tale, Formby Lifeboat road, Formby
<https://bookwhen.com/trickortreattrail>

School Trips - Bespoke to You



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With over 25 years of experience in the travel industry, our school trips team can help organise your ideal trip. We are proud of our trips and know that whatever the destination we can deliver bespoke packages that will inspire students of all ages.

After we have received your initial enquiry, you will work with one team member from the start to the completion of your trip. Throughout the process your agent will keep you in the loop to ensure you are happy with things every step of the way.

All trips are created to your requirements and can be arranged around specific topics that are relevant to your class. We can include workshops, talks, company visits or other relevant activities to your requirement. Everything for your trip is organised for you by us and personally sourced, from local restaurants to evening activities such as theatre shows or ghost walks.

Before you depart on your trip you will be provided with detailed itineraries, all your booking information, travel maps and walking guides where appropriate and if needed 24-hour emergency contact details.

Check out the sample itineraries on our website for ideas and inspiration. These itineraries are just an illustration of the kind of trip we can organise, whatever you have in mind get in touch to discuss how we can help you plan the perfect school trip.

www.educationalvisitsuk.com/school-trips-and-travel-experiences/

If you have ideas but are not sure how to bring them all together, get in touch and see how we can help make your perfect school trip come to life.

For your free, no obligation quote get in touch:

info@elmtreepress.com

01677 427334

WE INCLUDE:

- Transport
- Accommodation
- Entry to attractions
- Evening meals
- Packed lunches
- FREE teacher places
- Information packs
- Personal guide on request
- Risk assessments
- 24 hour support



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Virtual Learning



The challenges of 2020/21 have meant that everyone has had to adapt the ways in which we learn, communicate and interact with others. We have all certainly improved and increased our use of video conferencing services to virtually meet and chat with friends and work colleagues. School children have also had to adapt with many being home-schooled by 'willing' parents and completing schoolwork online and on platforms like Google Classrooms.

Similarly, museums and other visitor attractions had to adapt the way in which they were able to ensure that schools could still access learning experiences, especially when they were not allowed to physically visit. Virtual outreach is one way in which learning can be achieved and here is a list of some of the country's museums and attractions offering other ways of learning during the new academic year.

Aerospace Bristol – have a vast array of fun and educational activities & resources to enjoy at home or in the classroom.
<https://aerospacebristol.org/at-home-with-aerospace-bristol>

Beamish – The Living Museum – bring classroom learning to life through remote and onsite, immersive experiences for KS1-5.
<https://www.beamish.org.uk/learning/learning-activities>

Bristol Museums – Book online for FREE lessons on Bristol Blitz, Prey and Predators or Brilliant Bristol Women!

13 October, 20 October

<https://www.bristolmuseums.org.uk/learning/>

British Motor Museum – offering virtual sessions and bespoke virtual museum visits.

<https://www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk/learning/schools>

Cornish Seal Sanctuary – the Education team have created curriculum linked online workshops including videos, discussions and activities.

<https://sealsanctuary.sealifetrust.org/en/visiting-us/virtual-workshops/>

Jewish Museum – offer award-winning workshops through distance learning. Workshops are based on a guided exploration experience of the unique collection of authentic objects.

<https://jewishmuseum.org.uk/virtual-classrooms/>

Jorvik Viking Centre – Virtual Vikings – students can spend 45 minutes discovering what life was like in the Viking Age in York.

<https://www.jorvikvikingcentre.co.uk/education/outreach/>

Jorvik DIG – virtual outreach sessions - deliver digital history lessons straight to the classroom.

<https://digyork.com/education/outreach-and-virtual-outreach/>

Malton Museum – deliver amazing outreach Roman Legacy sessions at schools.

<https://www.maltonmuseum.co.uk/school-groups/>

National Coal Mining Museum for England – can provide 1 hour live workshops for schools including Meet a Miner, Victorian Miner and Rocks and Fossils virtual sessions.

<https://www.ncm.org.uk/learning-hub/>

National History Museum – free for a limited time, the Natural History Museum can be brought into the classroom with live virtual workshops and streamed shows.

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/schools/virtual-workshops.html>

National Memorial Arboretum – give access to a multitude of materials available for free to use from home.

<https://www.thenma.org.uk/visit-us/plan-your-visit/visiting-for-learning-and-training/learning-from-home>

National Science and Media Museum – resources available include activities, games and videos to support a range of curriculum topics for use in the classroom and at home.

<https://learning.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/learning-resources/>

Observatory Science Centre and Planetarium – the award winning outside the classroom provider, has with everything from quizzes to the fantastic Science at Home section to try.

<https://www.the-observatory.org/science-at-home>

Scarborough Museums – have a free 'Arts Discover At Home' resource that will keep the kids busy for hours.

<https://www.scarboroughmuseumstrust.com/arts-award-at-home/>

Royal Armouries Museum – offer a bookable live digital outreach service to schools.

<https://royalarmouries.org/learning/?where=LearningResources>

Stratford Butterfly Farm – providing downloadable resources to help support learning from home/within schools on the Lifecycle of a Butterfly/Ancient Maya Rainforest Civilisation.

<https://www.butterflyfarm.co.uk/attraction/schools-and-groups>

The Deep – offering fun home learning resources to cover 17 conservation topics including 'The Big Fish Campaign'.

<https://www.thedeep.co.uk/education/school-trips>

Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium – educational and fun resources with the Ultimate STEM School Takeout.

<https://www.winchestersciencecentre.org/>

ZSL London Zoo – offer Digital Outreach sessions linking up to the classroom live from ZSL.

<https://www.zsl.org/zsl-london-zoo/schools>

Get Creative



Autumn is a great time for looking at how nature is changing the foliage around us. As a result of the long hot spells we experienced in the spring combined with the damper months of summer, this season is expected to be even better than usual with a spectacular display of golds, oranges and reds. Children love this time of the year, crunching through a pile of dried leaves, foraging for leaves, conkers and other treasures teaches them about the natural world around them and inspires their creativity. By working together as a team it gently helps bring them together and reforge friendships after so long apart.

Make a collage or sculpture

Get your students into teams to hunt for natural foliage such as twigs, logs, leaves and berries to create a collage or sculpture. This could be an imaginary animal or perhaps an abstract piece of art. Get them to plan the design and whether it is going to be flat, three dimensional and viewed from all sides.

Alternatively they all have to bring five things into use and the teacher can bring in some objects too in case any child forgets.

The winning team is the one with the most creative idea.



Make a bug hotel at your school or in your garden

Children are fascinated by creepy crawlies and this can keep them entertained for hours.

If you have an old cupboard, wooden pallets or chicken coop you could use this as a frame and fill it with logs and other structures that creepy crawlies love. Alternatively you can create a framework from a pile of logs, flower pots preferably terracotta and twigs.

What you need.

- Collection of logs
- Old terracotta pots
- twigs
- leaves
- bricks
- pine cones

Make an Abacus

All children love collecting conkers and hording them, so here is a useful way of making use of them.

- Collect conkers
- Get an adult to drill a hole through them.
- Use those green long thin gardening sticks or wooden skewers to thread the conkers on.
- Use a large cereal box and cut out the front section leaving a frame.
- Then glue the sticks with the conkers on inside the box so there is just enough room in between each row for the conkers to move up and down.

Get Creative



Work Of Art

Collect leaves, bark, stones etc and get your children to take rubbings of the different textures using coloured crayons and textures of paper. Then create a large collage, mount it in a frame and it will look great on the wall. Great way of teaching them to look at colours and textures and work as a team.

Make a hat/crown or cats ears

Cut out from a template shapes for a pointed hat, crown or pair of ears. Or use recycled cartons, for example loo rolls. Get your children to cut out and make their chosen headgear. They can paint and decorate it. When finished tie some elastic string across the front piece so that it is secured when wearing.

Face Painting

Each child has their face painted to coordinate with their hat on the last day before the half term holiday begins. Then they can proudly go home wearing their new headgear and faces!

Fireworks

Mix up the different primary colours of paint and put sponges into the paint then onto the paper and using a hammer hit the sponge to make a big mess. The end result will look like fireworks. Great fun and the children will learn how the different primary colours create a whole rainbow of colour as they mix together.

Funny people

Collect empty loo rolls or used stiff coloured paper and roll them into cones. If using loo rolls paint them in different colours. Use stick on shapes, paint and pipe cleaners to make faces, arms and hair.

Make a necklace

Collect a mixture of conkers all sizes and grade them from very small to large. Make a hole in each conker and thread them on a piece of string the smallest at the back to the largest at the front.

Ghost bunting

Decorate your classroom or hang at the windows. Collect some lovely large leaves, long large oval ones are best. Take a piece of white paper and place the leaf on the paper, draw around it and cut it out. Then you will have the shape of a ghost. Either make two slits for eyes and mouth or draw on two slits for the eyes and an oval for the mouth. Thread string or thin white cord.



WHERE TO PICK YOUR PUMPKIN

Make Halloween an event to remember this year and visit a pumpkin farm.

Plenty of fresh air activities are being organised at farms and garden centres across the region and it is a chance to get out and have some fun! Please remember to check if you need to pre-book.

LANCASHIRE

Bradshaw Farm Shop

1 – 31 October
Prospect Farm Garstang By Pass Road, Preston PR3 0LP
www.bradshawsfarmshop.co.uk

Pumpkin Alley

1 - 31 October
Downholland, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L39 7JJ
www.facebook.com/pumpkinalleypickyourown

Croston Pumpkin Patch

2 & 3, 9 & 10, 16 & 17, 23 - 31 October
Culshaws Farm, Holker Lane, Ulnes Walton, Leyland, PR26 8LL
www.facebook.com/crostonpumpkinpatch

Farmer Teds Pumpkin Festival

2 & 3, 9 & 10, 16 & 17, 23 - 31 October
Flatmans Lane, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L39 7HW
www.farmerteds.com

Roby Mill Pumpkin Patch

8 - 31 October
Johnsons Farm, Lafford Ln, Up Holland, Skelmersdale WN8 0QY

Windmill Animal Farm

9 - 31 October
Windmill Animal Farm, Fish Lane, Burscough Lancashire L40 1UQ

MERSEYSIDE

Church Farm

2 - 31 October
Church Farm, Wirral, CH61 0HW
www.churchfarm.co.uk

Church View Farm

2 - 31 October
Lydiate, L31 4HJ
www.churchviewfarm.co.uk

The Pumpkin Patch Hightown

2 - 31 October
Hightown, Liverpool, L38 5DA
www.facebook.com/thepumpkinpatchhightown

CHESHIRE

Bellis Brothers PYO pumpkins

9 October & 10 October. 16 October & 17 October. 23 October & 24 October. 25 October – 31 October
Wrexham Rd, Holt Village, Wrexham LL13 9YU
www.bellisbrothers.co.uk

Dunham Massey Ice Cream Farm Pumpkin picking

Dates to be confirmed.
Altrincham WA14 5SG
www.facebook.com/Dunham-Massey-Farm-Ice-Cream

Grange Farm Lowton Pumpkin picking

Dates to be confirmed.
Warrington, Wa31JU
www.grangefarmlogs.co.uk

The Hayloft

1 - 31 October
Widnes, WA8 3XR
www.thehayloftcheshire.co.uk

Kenyon Hall

1 - 31 October
Warrington, WA3 7ED
www.kenyonhall.co.uk

Libby's Pumpkin Patch

1 - 31 October
Gawsworth, SK11 9RS
www.libbyspatch.com

Malpas pick your own pumpkins Cheshire

Weekends from 9 October and then daily from 23 - 31 October
Malpas, Cheshire, SY13 4RB
www.facebook.com/Malpasstrawberriessandpumpkins

Dunham Massey pumpkin patch

Weekends from 9 October and then daily from 23 - 31 October
Henshall Lane, Dunham Massey, WA14 5SL
www.dunhampumpkins.co.uk

Partridge Pumpkin Patch

16 - 31 October
Partridge lakes cafe, Culcheth, Warrington, WA3 4AQ
www.partridelakescafe.co.uk

The Pumpkin Patch

23 - 31 October
Tatton park, Knutsford
<https://www.tattonpark.org.uk/home.aspx>

CUMBRIA

Lakeland Maze Farm Park

9 - 31 October
Raines Hall, Sedgwick, Kendal, Cumbria, LA8 0JH
www.lakelandmaze.co.uk

Walby Farm Park

11 - 31 October
Carlisle, CA6 4QL
Walby, Crosby-on-Eden, Carlisle, CA6 4QL
www.walbyfarmpark.co.uk

GREATER MANCHESTER

Cockfields Farm Park Pumpkin Festival

2 – 31 October
Lees Road, Ashton/Oldham Border, OL6 8AR
www.cockfields.co.uk

Reddish Vale Farm

2 - 31 October
Reddish Vale farm, Stockport SK5 7HE
www.reddishvalefarm.co.uk

Smithills Open Farm

16 & 17 October, 23 - 31 October
Smithills open farm, Smithills Dean Rd, Bolton BL1 7NS
www.smithillsopenfarm.co.uk



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Edible Conkers!



A simple recipe for children to follow but always with adult supervision

Ingredients

250g/8oz digestive biscuits
150g/5oz milk chocolate
300g/10oz dark chocolate
100g/3½oz unsalted butter
150g/5oz golden syrup
100g/3½oz dried apricots, chopped
75g/2½oz raisins
60g/2oz pecans, chopped (optional)

Method

1. Bash the biscuits into pieces using a rolling pin. (Put them in a plastic bag first so they don't go everywhere!)
2. Melt chocolate, butter and golden syrup in a heatproof bowl set over a pan of simmering water. Stir occasionally.
3. Remove the bowl from the heat and stir in the broken biscuits, apricots, raisins and pecans (optional).
4. Let the mixture cool and mould with your hands into balls making them different sizes.
5. Leave to go hard on a rack in the refrigerator.

Cover the Conkers

6oz dark chocolate
6oz cream
3oz white chocolate
3oz cream

1. Break the chocolate into small pieces and melt in a double saucepan or a bowl over simmering hot water.
2. At the same time warm the cream gently to blood temperature (it should be warm to the touch when you stick your finger in).
3. When the chocolate has melted gradually add the warmed cream slowly to make a sauce.
4. With a pair of tongs dip the conkers in the chocolate sauce and cover them.
5. Leave to dry on a cake rack.
6. Whilst drying melt the white chocolate using the same method.
7. When the conkers are dry dip the front in the white chocolate and leave to dry again.

Create Marzipan Shells

Block of marzipan
Green food colouring
Use an egg cup as a cutter

1. Colour the marzipan green.
2. Roll out with a rolling pin.
3. Cut circles using the egg cup.
4. Wrap around the chocolate conker so they are popping out of the marzipan shell.
5. Cut some of the circles in half to alter the shells.
6. Leave to chill and then serve and enjoy!

Coming soon!

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