



## THINGS TO DO IN COVENTRY

THE ULTIMATE WHAT'S ON GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FIND THINGS TO DO IN THE LOCAL AREA

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#### **NEW CHRISTMAS BUTTONS!**

The Coventry Rocks website is full to the brim with things to do throughout December and in the Christmas holidays. We've added 3 new buttons:

- Christmas Events
- Christmas Gift Guide
- Places to See Santa

There's also a tonne of Parks, Walks, Days Out and Holiday Clubs to discover! Head to www.coventryrocks.co.uk to browse the website.

#### **LOOKING FOR SANTA?**

There are lots of lovely events happening in and around Coventry where the Big Man will be making an appearance! But you'd better watch out... some appearances require booking as early as possible. Read our Guide. Head to the next page for some of our favourites!

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## COVENTRY

#### PLACES TO SEE SANTA



#### The Old Hall Hotel | Keresley

9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 22nd & 23rd December

The Old Hall Hotel are hosting Santa and his elves once again this Christmas! The Santa's Grotto is a decorated log cabin with its own Christmas tree and festive fireplace. Tell Santa what's on your wish list, receive a certificate and a gift from Santa.



Every December members of Coventry Round Table No.23 take Santa on a journey around the streets of Coventry.



#### St Mary's Guildhall | Coventry City Centre

Various dates up to 23rd December

Head to St Mary's Guildhall over the festive season for special Christmas events you'll never forget! Join Father Christmas for a story in the great hall, gingerbread decorating in the medieval kitchen, plus children's crafts at this gorgeous historic venue.

#### Earlsdon Methodist Christmas Craft Fair | Earlsdon

**Sunday 10th December** 

Pick up some gifts, enjoy the live music and refreshments and Santa will be making an appearance!



#### Ash End Children's Farm | Near Tamworth

9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 22nd, 23rd & 24th December

Ash End Children's Farm offer a welcoming, farm-based experience and a friendly team of staff borrowed from the North Pole. Your family will have one-to-one time with Santa during their visit which also includes all the farm activities.



### Magical Sleigh Ride VR | West Orchards Shopping Centre Various dates up to 24th December

This fantastic Santa experience will fill you with festive cheer! Seating up to 8 people, this virtual reality experience offers a perfect family attraction during the festive period! After the ride, the children will chat with Santa for a few minutes and each child will receive a small chocolate gift.

And there's more!

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### Afternoon Tea with Santa TWO HOUR MAGICAL ERSIVE CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE LITTLELaneplayvillage.com





#### The Barn at Berryfields | Meriden

9th, 10th, 15th - 23rd December

The Barn at Berryfield's Father Christmas Experience includes watching a show by Santa's elves, decorating gingerbread, feeding reindeer, plus some 1-2-1 time with Father Christmas and receiving a gift. Eco-Skating and Festive Street Food is also available!

#### Herbert Art Gallery & Museum | Coventry City Centre

**Tuesday 19th December 2023** 

Santa Claus will be taking time out from his busy schedule to visit Herbert Art Gallery & Museum and sing-along to some of Christmas nursery rhymes. Perfect for ages 0 - 4.

#### Little Lane Play Village Coventry | Coundon

11th, 12th, 13th, 18th, 19th, 20th & 24th December

Little Lane will be hosting a super special festive 'Afternoon Tea with Santa' for you and your little ones. Tickets include a 60 min play session, fun, games and a Christmas story from a cheeky elf and Mrs Claus. Then both grown ups and little ones will enjoy a delicious afternoon tea, before meeting Santa and receiving a gift!

#### Wethele Manor | Learnington Spa

17th, 18th, 19th, 22nd & 24th December

There is so much to see and do at Wethele Manor this Christmas. Don't miss the Enchanted Light Trail, Stories with Santa and Breakfast with Santa! You can buy your Christmas Tree there too!

#### Santa Spectacular | 48th Coventry Sea Scouts

**Sunday 17th December** 

This Santa Spectacular includes a gift and a photo for each child, plus refreshments and festive activities.

#### Vintage Sleigh Ride | Coventry Transport Museum

Various dates up to 23rd December 2023

Take a ride on an enchanting vintage sleigh, pulled by two trusty reindeer. Meet Santa, tell him your Christmas wishes, and collect a special gift. A magical feast of festive activities await across the museum, as admission is included in the ticket price!

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#### WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER



### Coventry Big Wheel & Christmas Market | Broadgate Open every day until 7th January 2024

Broadgate is set to be home to a glistening big wheel this winter, with breathtaking views over the city. During your visit don't miss the Coventry Christmas Market - stalls include mulled wine, flame-grilled BBQ, toasted marshmallows, Yorkshire pudding wraps, chocolate kisses and more.



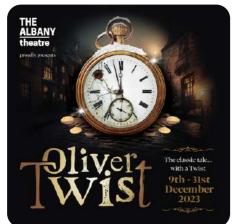
Saturday 16th December

Pop along to the Jubilee Crescent Community Centre for lots of stalls and a festive atmosphere. Free entry!



9th - 31st December

From the team that created The Albany's stunning A Christmas Carol comes a new version of the story of Dickens' most famous creation – Oliver Twist. All the major characters – Oliver, Fagin, Bill Sikes, Mr. Bumble, Nancy and the Artful Dodger are brought to life by a multi-talented ensemble. £2 off tickets with code CRO2.



#### Luminate Coombe | Coombe Abbey Park

**Open until Friday 2nd January 2024** 

Immerse yourself in the mesmerising mile long trail at Coombe Abbey Park, with fabulous light play and ambient music. A timeless experience to be enjoyed by all, young and old alike.



#### Aldermoor LIFE Centre | Stoke Aldermoor

**Saturday 16th December** 

There's lots of festive fun at the Aldermoor LIFE Christmas Party, including a visit from Father Christmas!



#### BFLF NYE (Eve) Family Rave | Coventry Cathedral

Saturday 30th December

Big Fish Little Fish is back in Coventry to celebrate New Years Eve (Eve)! This year's theme is 'animal fantastical' so expect to swing, slither, and sashay your way into 2024 under the magnificent stained-glass windows of Coventry Cathedral. Designed for families with younger children (8 and under) but all ages welcome.

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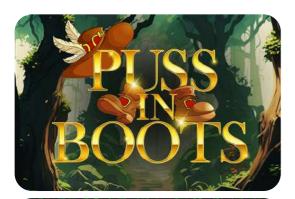






## COVENTRY

#### **AMAZING SHOWS FOR KIDS**



There are some amazing shows coming up at our local theatres - so grab your diary and get planning!

#### Puss in Boots Pantomime | Albany Theatre

Saturday 6th - Sunday 14th January 2024

Head to The Albany Theatre in the New Year for the purr-fect family community pantomime! The fur-midable hero is Puss in Boots, a swashbuckling crusader with a difference. Suitable for all ages. **Get £2 off tickets with code CRPIB2** 



#### Shrek the Musical | Belgrade Theatre

Tuesday 30th January - Sunday 4th February 2024

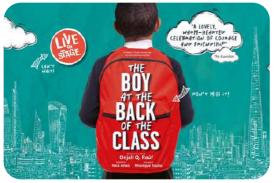
Based on the Oscar winning DreamWorks film, Shrek the Musical is a fun filled and hilarious musical comedy with a cast of vibrant characters. A perfect night out for the young, and the young at heart! Perfect for ages 5+



### Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World 7th - 11th February 2024 | Belgrade Theatre

Join the inquisitive heroine Jade as she breaks away from her class to take a peek behind the scenes at her local museum. Along her journey she is surprised to meet the incredible

wonder women: Frida Kahlo, Rosa Parks, Amelia Earhart, Mary Seacole, Marie Curie, Emmeline Pankhurst to name just a few. An empowering pop musical suitable for ages 6+.



### The Boy at the Back of the Class | Belgrade Theatre Tuesday 14th - Saturday 19th May 2024

Balancing heart and humour, The Boy at the Back of the Class highlights the power of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense and reminds us that everyone needs a place to call home. Suitable for ages 7+.

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## LOOKING FOR PLACES TO EAT?

Find lots of amazing local restaurants, cafes, pubs and bars on Coventry Rocks!

**Browse the Places to Eat Collection** 















#### HO HO HOLIDAY CLUBS

There are some amazing holiday clubs and sports camps happening throughout the Christmas school holidays. Here's some of our favourites!



#### My Activities Holiday Club

#### Longford | Alderman's Green | Allesley

My Activities is ran by dedicated and professional instructors, who give children the opportunity to participate in a range of activities. Kids will enjoy a wide range of sports, arts and crafts, inflatables, team games, dance, cheerleading, circus skills, moviemaking, and more! Visit www.myactivities.co.uk to book your place.

#### GO GO Makers Holiday Club

#### From Reception to Year 6 | Finham Primary School

Go Go Makers Holiday Clubs are perfect for kids from Reception to Year 6. There's loads of activities to choose from including party fun & games, arts and crafts, sports challenges, science wows, magical moves in dance and more!

Visit www.gogomakers.co.uk to book your place.





#### Super Sports Holiday Camp

#### For ages 5-16 | Bablake School

Super Sports Camps provide fun, professional coaching during the School holidays for children between 5-16. Your kids will receive coaching in football, netball, rugby, hockey, tennis, gynmastics, cricket and swimming.

Get 5% off with code ROCKS23.

Visit teamsupersports.co.uk to book your place.

# HOW'S YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING GOING?



Browse our **Christmas Gift Guide** to find gorgeous gifts for kids and adults, all made by local businesses. Support local & find something truly unique!

**Read our Gift Guide** 













#### **COVENTRY ROCKS RECOMMENDS...**

#### **Sky Blue Tavern**

The Sky Blue Tavern is an iconic collaboration between Coventry City Football Club and Dhillon's Brewery, and we popped down to soak in the atmosphere on match day! We had a great time as a family, watching the game and enjoying tasty Indian street food. The menu is full to the brim with classic and contemporary curries, mixed grills, loaded naans, and great options for the kids too with their "Little Kickers" menu.

Highly recommend for any sports fans, and perfect for the whole family to enjoy together.

Find all the details in our Places to Eat Collection!





#### **Eyesite Eyecare Centres**

If you're putting off booking your kids in to the Optician, this is your reminder! We popped along to an Eyesite Eyecare Centre where the optician took good care of my girls. He made it a really positive and relaxed experience, talking them through the various checks and making them giggle. The girls thought the 'funny goggles' were hilarious! Visit our Local Shops Directory for info.

Did you know NHS eye examinations are FREE for kids? Eyesite even offer children 2 free pairs of glasses if they need them. There are 4 locations in Coventry: Tile Hill, Ball Hill, Radford & Bell Green. Visit eyesiteeyecare.co.uk to book an appointment.

Like what you see? At Coventry Rocks we love to write open and honest reviews of local places, making it easier for you to plan brilliant days out! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see what we've been up to!

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