

REPORT ON WITNEY PLAY & ACTIVITY

DAY 2026

THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST 2026



BUILDING COMMUNITIES THROUGH PLAY'

Funding Secured and Event Organised and Delivered by;





Witney Play & Activity Day 2026

Thursday 6th August 2026

11am – 3pm

Burwell Meadow Recreation Ground,
Thorney Leys, Witney. OX28 5NP

FREE ENTRANCE AND FREE ACTIVITIES



**Ride on Time Toddler Vehicles * Junk Modelling - Art Avalanche *
Go Kart Party * Body Zorbing * Smoothie Bike * Community Albums *
DIY Face Painting * Giant Bubbles * Muddy Feet * Homestart *
Fabric Upcycling - Groovy Su * Active Communities Team and more!!**

This is an open access event / NO childcare is provided / This event will be photographed /

Food and drinks will need to be purchased or please feel free to bring a picnic /

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Playday is the national day for play, celebrated each year across the UK.

The theme for this year's Playday is.....Play - here, there, everywhere

This year's theme highlights the importance of creating opportunities for children to play wherever they are. Play happens here, there and everywhere, from living rooms to school gates, to streets, parks, and neighbourhoods. It's a part of children's everyday life, and has a monumental impact on their happiness, health, and wellbeing. When children are supported to play in these everyday spaces, we help nurture positive outcomes and create communities where children can thrive.

This Playday, we are calling for all children to have access to:

- playful moments. Small moments of play, at home and out and about, throughout the day can make a big difference to children's everyday lives.
- everyday adventures. Play doesn't need to involve expensive activities, costly toys, or trips to far-off destinations, the simplest and free ideas are often the most fun.
- play their way around their neighbourhood. Making everyday journeys, to school, nursery, shops or the park, more playful and child-friendly can be enjoyable for all.
- inclusive and welcoming environments. Spaces and places where children of all ages and abilities feel they belong, will make a real difference to their enjoyment of play.



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KEY AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

For Children & Young People

- 1) Promote Positive Behaviours & Activities (reduce anti-social behaviour)
- 2) Promote Increased Levels of Physical Activity
- 3) Promote a Healthy Lifestyle (healthy choices)
- 4) Promote Healthy Weight Management (obesity reduction)
- 5) Provide information on services and activities to promote a sense of Wellbeing and Inclusion

For Parents / Carers

- 1) Provide an Event offering both **FREE** Entrance & **FREE** Activities to Ensure an Inclusion for **ALL**
- 2) Demonstrate how Play & Quality Family Time can be achieved on a Zero / Minimal Budget using Natural & Recycled materials
- 3) Provide information on services and activities available in the local and wider area

For Communities

- 1) Encourage a greater sense of belonging to promote Active & Engaged Communities - 'Love Where You Live'
- 2) Promote local clubs, groups and societies
- 3) Involve local groups, communities and Children & Young People in the planning and delivery of each event





OXFORDSHIRE PLAY ASSOCIATION

OPA's Vision is to 'Improve Lives Through Play'

OPA's Mission is to 'Champion and to support the rights of all Children & Young People to have access to, high quality, inclusive Play opportunities to improve their Physical, Mental and Spiritual wellbeing'

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