



Welcome to all our members.

We hope that you had a good summer and have now all settled back into the new academic year.

What is Bristol and South Gloucestershire Children's University?

Bristol and South Gloucestershire Children's University is part of an international charity that celebrates achievement and rewards participation through the awarding of Children's University Certificates for the learning members do outside of the normal school day.

Each hour of Children's University validated learning brings the child closer to a Graduation Ceremony organised by UWE Bristol in July each year.

New Digital Platform

We hope that everyone is now finding their feet with the new digital platform – please find a User Guide attached in case you have not yet received one. We have had a few queries about codes or about clubs that aren't yet part of the scheme; if your child attends a club that isn't yet part of the scheme, please email us (cu@uwe.ac.uk) with the contact details so that we can invite them to join. Once clubs have joined the scheme they will have a unique colour code (i.e. RED 1234), which they should give to you. As this is a new way of doing things, some clubs or centres may not yet have communicated their code to all staff members; in this case please consult the User Guide for further instructions. Thank you for your understanding during this transitional period.

Please note that, because the Children's University scheme is about having new experiences, trying new things and visiting new places, we can only credit up to two hours per week for regular activities such as swimming or gymnastics.

It is fabulous for us to see what activities the children have been busy doing – we hope everyone has been having lots of fun learning.

Our new digital platform has been designed to be especially child friendly so that children can log into their accounts and add their own codes regularly.

October Half-term Challenge Sheet

As October half term is quickly approaching, here is a link for the Holiday Challenge sheet for anyone that wants to do these over the holidays:

<https://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/media/1159/october-half-term-challenge-2019.pdf>

Each activity is worth 1 hour's credit. Please send your evidence to cu@uwe.ac.uk to get the codes for these.

Half-term Activities

Windmill Hill City Farm – Wild Outdoors Club

- When: 31 October 10am – 12pm
- Ages: 6+
- Price: £7 for one adult + one child (concessions available)
- Book online
- Further Details: <https://www.windmillhillcityfarm.org.uk/whats-on/events/woodland-tribe/>

Windmill Hill City Farm – Woodland Tribe

- When: 28 October 10am – 12pm / 2 – 4pm
- Ages: 6+
- Price: £7 for one adult + one child (concessions available)
- Book online
- Further Details: <https://www.windmillhillcityfarm.org.uk/whats-on/events/woodland-tribe/>

Ashton Park Sports Centre

- What: Escape Zone, Bikeability Level 2, Dance, Stand up Paddleboarding, Archery, Trampolining, Canoeing, Halloween Party
- When: 28 October – 1 November, 8:30am – 12:30pm / 1-4pm / 8:30 – 5pm
- Ages: 5 – 16, depending on the activity
- Price: variable
- Book online
- Further details: <https://www.ashtonparksports.com/wp-content/uploads/publication.pdf>

Bristol Old Vic – Heritage-themed Family Day

- What: Drama workshops, interactive performances, activity trail, character tour
- When: Sunday 27 October, 9am - 1pm
- Ages: all
- Price: free
- No need to book
- Further details: <https://bristololdvic.org.uk/whats-on/mini-series/family-day>

Bristol Cathedral – Autumn Crafty Cathedral

- What: Drop-in craft morning
- When: Friday 1 November, 10am -12pm
- Ages: all
- Price: free (suggested donation £2)
- No need to book

Storytale Festival

- What: Science-themed storytelling
- Where: 10 locations around Bristol
- When: 28 October – 1 November
- Ages: 3-11
- Price: free
- No need to book – please arrive early to avoid disappointment
- Further details: <https://www.storytalesfestival.com/?s=curious+stories>

Pride in Play Holiday Club

- What: Forest skills, tree climbing, outdoor games, den building, camp fire cooking, sports
- Where: Holy Family Primary School, Patchway
- When: 28 – 30 October, 9am – 3:30pm
- Ages: all school-aged children
- Further details: <http://www.prideinplay.com/holiday-clubs/>

Forestry England sites across the UK

- What: Discover your Forest, Climate Change, Gruffalo Orienteering, Seasonal Activities, Stargazing, Zog, Autumn Challenge
- Where: across the UK
- Ages: all
- Further Details: www.forestryengland.uk/childrens-university

SS Great Britain: Grisly Cuts and Gruesome Scars

- What: Special effects make-up by make-up artists and Spooky trail on board the ship
- When: 25 October – 2 November, 10am - 6pm
- Ages: 3+
- Price: included in normal admission £10 children / £17 adults
- Further details: <https://www.ssgreatbritain.org/whats-on/october-half-term>

SS Great Britain: Sleepy Ship

- What: Sleepover on board the ship!
- When: 28 October, 7pm – 9am
- Ages: 7-11, must be accompanied by a parent/guardian
- Price: £60
- Further details: <https://www.ssgreatbritain.org/whats-on/october-half-term>

SS Great Britain: Shipwrecked!

- What: Spooky tours
- When: 31 October – 2 November, 6:40pm – 9:10pm
- Ages: first two tours 8+, later tours 12+

- Price: included in normal admission £15
- Book via Bristol Old Vic
- Further details: <https://www.ssgreatbritain.org/whats-on/october-half-term>

November 2019

Bristol Tech Fair

- Where: Colston Hall, Bristol
- What: Celebration of Technology, Engineering and Science for the whole family
- Price: Free, but you need to book tickets online
- When: Saturday 9th November 2019
- Ages: all
- Further details: <http://www.bristoltechfair.org/>

We hope that everyone has a great half term holiday, if you have any questions please call us on **(0117) 3286624 / 3285143** or email **cu@uwe.ac.uk**.

Important Dates for the calendar:

All hours need to be added to the Children's E-platform by the end of May 2020 to be eligible for the July graduation.