

THE GREAT EXHIBITION ROAD FESTIVAL

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Family Fun Zone: Relaxed session 2026

11.00-12.00

Sunday 7 June 2026

Kensington Gardens, East Albert Lawn
(please note, this is a different location to last year)



Adults and children must book a free ticket to come to the relaxed session.

This is Exhibition Road



People will be on Exhibition Road with their activities during the Festival.



When you arrive for the Relaxed Session, there won't be so many people. It might become very busy later on.

To get to the Family Fun Zone, walk past the Imperial College Main Entrance on your left and continue to the north end of Exhibition Road.

Cross Kensington Road at the traffic lights. Take care of moving vehicles.



Then walk through these gates on your left to get to Kensington Gardens, East Albert Lawn.



When you get to the Family Fun Zone in Kensington Gardens, Albert East Lawn, go to the information tent, which opens at 10.45.

You can use what3words: [supper.thank.serve](https://www.what3words.com/#!/en/4822-2222-2222)



Helpers in the Information Tent will have a list of all the people who are coming.

If you are uncomfortable with people you don't know approaching you, you can get a wristband to wear or carry.

Red means do not talk to me;
I will talk to you when I am ready.



In the Family Fun Zone, there will be taps to fill up your water bottle. Look for a big blue sign that says “WATER.”



There are portable toilets in Kensington Gardens.



The Family Fun Zone has trees for shade and grass to play on or take a moment to sit and relax.



The Family Fun Zone has food stalls, but they be closed during the Relaxed Session. They will open at 12.00.

Sensory Calm Space

If the Festival feels a bit much for you or a little overwhelming, you can use the Sensory Calm Space.

It is in the Family Fun Zone, close to the Information Tent.



It is open all day, not just for the Relaxed Session.

If you're not sure how to find it, go back to the Information Tent and a volunteer can point you in the right direction.

Inside the tent, you will find bean bags and seats. It will look a bit like this.



There are lots of staff to help you when you visit. They might be wearing a pink jacket.



There will be several marquees of different sizes in the Family Fun Zone.



You can go inside the marquees. There will be people to meet and things to do.

What you can do in the Family Fun Zone



Join in activities



Do drawing and making



Try out equipment scientists use

What you can do in the Family Fun Zone



Watch storytelling or sing songs



Meet and talk to scientists, engineers, doctors and artists

The Family Stage



The Family Stage is in Kensington Gardens, beside the Albert Memorial and has performances throughout the day, including science shows and music.

The first performance on the Family Stage on Sunday 7 June is Bubble Superstars with Sarah Bearchell at 12pm.



This performance is perfect for young children and those with additional support needs and includes Makaton signing. You'll also have a chance to chase bubbles if you want to.



The Family Stage continues all day until 17.45 and will get busier as the day goes on.

Enjoy the Festival

You can stay and do more activities when the relaxed session finishes, if you want to.

At 12.00 the Festival will start to get busier as more people arrive.

The Family Fun Zone will stay open until 18.00.



We look forward to welcoming you on Sunday 7 June!