



February Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Visit us over the February Break! (13th-17th) and enjoy a wonderful series of enriching events!</p>			<p>1 Imbolc Celtic Spring Festival 11–11.30am Story Time 11.30am–12pm Arts & Crafts 4–4.30pm Story Time 4.30–5pm Arts & Crafts <i>Making Spiders</i></p>	<p>2 Hedgehog Day! 10–10.30am Spanish Singalongs 11–11.30am Story Time 11.30am–12pm Arts & Crafts <i>Hedgehogs</i> 4–4.30pm Story Time 4.30–5pm Arts & Crafts <i>Hedgehogs</i></p>	<p>3 11–11.30am Story Time with Puppets! 11.30am–12pm Arts & Crafts <i>Fingerprint Insects!</i> 4–4.30pm Story Time 4.30–5pm Arts & Crafts <i>Fingerprint Insects!</i></p>	<p>4 9.30–10.30am Drama Club* 11–11.30am Act It Out! Story Time 11.30am–12pm Arts & Crafts <i>Mardi Gras Masks!</i> 12–12.20pm Barefoot Toddlers' Choir Singalong 3–3.30pm Story Time 3.30–4pm Arts & Crafts <i>Mardi Gras Masks!</i></p>
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{ Special Events }

Puppetry Pigs! (Wednesdays, from 8 February, 10–10.45 am): Join the Wild Boor puppetry team to explore some of Barefoot Books' best-loved stories in the funniest interactive play and puppet show in town! But try not to feed the puppets! *Ages 3+; £6 per session.*

Barefoot Books Illustrators' Workshop with Vic Tyler (Wednesday 15 February, 6–7 pm): Spend an hour with Barefoot Books' Commissioning Editor, Vic Tyler, and learn how to present your portfolio to potential publishers. *£5 concessions, £8 adults. Places are limited to 8.*

Barefoot Books Writers' Workshop with Tessa Strickland (Wednesday 22 February, 6–7 pm): Spend an hour with Barefoot's co-founder and Editor-in-Chief Tessa Strickland and learn how to prepare and pitch your work to potential publishers. *£5 concessions, £8 adults. Places are limited to 8.*

Juggling Club! (Monday 13, Wednesday 15, Friday 17 February, 2–2.45 pm): Learn brilliant hand and eye coordination through the ancient art of juggling, with juggler extraordinaire Toby. Using basic juggling balls and juggling scarves, Toby teaches and demonstrates the basics of juggling. *Ages 6+; £5 per session.*

Jewellery Making (Monday 13, Wednesday 15, Friday 17 February, 3–4 pm): Explore the treasures of *The Arabian Nights* through cuff and pendant making with silversmith and jeweller Verity Falvert-Martin. *Ages 5–11; £6 per session.*

Barefoot Books' Children's Book Club Taster (Tuesday 14 February, 10.30–11.30 am): Come and explore stories with Barefoot Books. Take part in a children's book club, reading and discussing some of our new titles – and ones that are still in progress! The workshop will be run by Katie Livesey, Commissioning Editor of Barefoot Books' junior fiction and former KS2 teacher, and the club will follow National Curriculum guidelines and targets. *Ages 9–12 (Years 4–7); £5 per session.*

Goldilocks' Porridge Day (Wednesday 15 February, all day promotion with the wonderful North Wall Theatre's production of *Goldilocks*): Pop over to the Storyteller's Café at Barefoot Books for Goldilocks' breakfast bowl of bear's porridge and get a free cup of delicious coffee with your North Wall theatre ticket. www.thenorthwall.org/moreinfo.php?ref=2012-02-15

Art Fun with Artygen! (Thursday 16 February, 11.30 am–12.15 pm; 2–3 pm; 3–4 pm): Local fine art team Artygen visit Barefoot Books for special half-term break classes in art. Using *The Adventures of Odysseus*, kids will learn dynamic art techniques and experience new art materials while exploring masks, monsters and journeys. *There are three different Artygen workshops: Under 5s from 11.30 am–12.15 pm; £6 per child, 5–9 year olds from 2–3 pm; £8 per child and 10+ from 3–4 pm; £8 per child. Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment!*

Little Angels' Yoga Taster Session (Friday 17 February, 10–10.45 am): For mobile babies and toddlers, Little Angels' Yoga takes over where baby massage classes finish off. These classes are for babies and toddlers who have discovered how to move around by themselves by crawling, walking, running, bumping or any other means. Classes incorporate elements of yoga, massage, movement and music and continues the mum and baby bonding process, while encouraging your baby to express their new-found creativity and freedom of expression. These classes encourage parents to 'go with it' and instead of trying to keep babies still, allows them to roam and explore – the room becomes your yoga mat! *Ages 10 to 32 months; FREE! www.yoginibannah.co.uk*

Barefoot Books' Parties: For an unforgettable, magical children's birthday party, we offer themed parties with cakes, costumes, music, games and storytelling. *Call 01865 311100, or email oxford.events@barefootbooks.co.uk to book a party.*

{ Recurring Classes and Events }

Story Time: Find a comfy spot and join us for wonderful stories to ignite your child's imagination, help you connect with other parents and carers or just give you an excuse to shake those sillies OUT! Afterwards, you can enjoy coffee and one of our homemade cakes. *All Ages; FREE.*

Arts & Crafts: Paint, draw, sculpt and glue with gusto with lots of fun art materials in open-ended activities that complement our award-winning books! See the schedule for themed activities. *Ages 2+; Price varies.*

Barefoot Books' Toddlers' Choir: Sing-along with *Creepy Crawly Calypso*, nursery rhymes, counting and alphabet songs. *Ages 2–5; FREE.*

Story Time with Puppets: Let our much-loved puppets take you on a journey as we roam the rainforest, walk through the jungle and follow the elusive moose. *All Ages; FREE.*

Act It Out! Story Time: Acting out stories enhances a child's enjoyment and understanding of the rhythm of story structure, while also adding to their vocabulary and making the connection to action words. *All ages; FREE.*

Little Ones' Story Time: Gentle, fun sing-alongs and nursery rhymes for really little people, to introduce them to the earliest, sing-song basics of story, using rhyme, repetition and lullaby structure. *Ages 0–3; FREE.*

Drama Club at Barefoot Books (Saturdays, 9:30–10:30 am): Oxford's own theatre company and masters of storytelling, Creation Theatre, bring their Drama Club to Barefoot Books for twelve weeks starting on 7 January. *Ages 5–7; £126 for a 12 week term (plus £10 joining fee for new members). Places are limited. To register, please call Creation Box Office for more details on 01865 766266.*

Food Laboratory (Sundays, 2–3 pm): Join Michelin-trained Barefoot Books chef, Vladimir Niza, for demonstrations of food wizardry (with sniffing, tasting and touching) from the Storyteller's Café. You could learn how to turn nuts into milk; shake up a storm with bicarbonate of soda; make explosive smoothies; sample mouth-watering homemade marshmallows or even discover the alchemy of turning potatoes into creamy mash and a spell for the perfect soufflé. *Ages 6+; £5 per session.*

Mummy & Me Baby Yoga-Massage with Kay Millar (Mondays, 10–11.15 am): Join Barefoot Books' YogaBirth instructor, Kay Millar, as she leads this friendly class for mums and babies, combining baby massage and baby yoga with songs and games, yoga and relaxation. *This is a 6 week course, the first introductory session is free; £50 for the course. Places are limited.*

Postnatal Yoga (Mondays, 11.30–12.45 pm): Join Barefoot Books' YogaBirth instructor, Kay Millar, as she leads this postnatal class that offers gentle but empowering yoga for you. Babies are welcome. An assistant will be available to help with babies. *£50 for 6 sessions. Book for this and Mummy and Me, you get a 20% discount for both courses.*

Baby Signing (Tuesdays, 10.30–11.30 am): What is baby signing? Babies use all kinds of signs and gestures as a natural part of learning to talk. Encouraging your baby with extra signs like *milk*, *more*, *change nappy* or *tired* will help your baby communicate! Join Sing and Sign to learn baby signing the fun way! Using action songs, props, pictures and toys in musical activities, we stimulate speech and language development. It's natural, it's easy, it's great fun! *Ages 6–15 months; £6 for a drop-in session or £60 for a 10 week course. Places are limited to 11. www.singandsign.com*

Pilates (Tuesdays, 6.30–7.30 pm): Pilates is a core strengthening, non-impact form of exercise. It's a great way to improve your posture, tone your body and find muscles you never knew you had! Discover how you can exercise anytime, anywhere. All fitness abilities welcome. *£10 per session or £55 for 6 sessions.*

Spanish Singalong Time (Thursdays, 10–10.30 am): Introduce your baby and toddler to Spanish through Hispanic songs, stories and rhymes. Parents learn with their children and can go on to interact at home with basic, fun, Spanish music games such as 'Lobo estas?' *Ages 0–3; £3 per session.*

Boogie Tots: Toddler Jiggle & Jive Classes (Sundays, 10.30–11 am): Learn the basics of rhythm and movement through great Barefoot Books, musical singalongs such as *Animal Boogie* and *Walking Through the Jungle ...* learn to wriggle like snakes and jive like jaguars! *Ages 2–4; £3 per session.*

Rhythm & Dance Classes (Sunday 12, 19, 26 February, 1.30–2 pm): Experience rhythmic movement with Jaz Martell along with storytelling from our beautiful dance books, such as *Lola's Fandango* and *The Barefoot Book of Dance Stories*. Both girls and boys will love flying through the Studio like swans, playing musical statues and choreographing upbeat singalongs like *Walking Through the Jungle*. *Ages 5–8; £3 per session.*

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