

**chichester
festival
theatre**

kickstart family adventures

April – Dec 2025
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CFT is for families

Come along to CFT for a hot cuppa and a spot of playtime, to see your child's first or favourite show, or to connect with other new parents in our fun weekly classes. You're always welcome to come and play!



Did you know we're part of the
Chichester Family Arts Network?
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Useful info

Coffee anyone?

The Café on the Park is open from 9am Monday to Saturday. Discover great barista coffee and babyccinos, cracking cakes and lovely light lunches, plus toys and books within arm's reach in our free play areas. It's the perfect spot to meet with friends and family. There's a friendly hello and high chairs, free Wi-Fi and water refill stations, plenty of outdoor and indoor seating and room for buggies as well. We're breastfeeding friendly and even well-behaved dogs are very welcome!

Toilets and accessibility

Baby changing facilities are available in female, male and accessible toilets. There are lifts to the auditorium with step-free access from street level. Both Theatres are accessible and we offer a range of access performances and services.

Questions? Contact us
at access@cft.org.uk.



Getting here

Search for Chichester Festival Theatre, PO19 6AP or visit cft.org.uk/gettinghere

CFT is right next to Northgate pay and display car park. Alternatively, we're a pleasant 20 minute walk from Chichester's bus and train stations, the number 60 Stagecoach bus stops nearby and our bike park accommodates 26 bikes.



Coming soon...

The Nest

A dynamic new venue which will provide a much-needed space for our growing families programme. It hatches this summer! Discover more at cft.org.uk/TheNest

Keep your eyes peeled for these symbols

NEW Our latest fun things to try out

FREE Just drop in!



Family Tickets. When you buy one adult full price ticket, up to four under 16s can go half price. Deal!

Offers subject to availability. T&C's and exclusions apply. See website for full details of exclusions and restrictions. In the Festival Theatre, discounts apply to top three price bands only and do not apply on previews or press nights, relaxed and dementia friendly performances, Galas or selected Saturdays. Only one discount or concession applies per ticket. Prices correct at time of print.



What's on all year round

FREE Family Friendly Space

Monday – Saturday from 9am
Check website for closing times

There's always fancy dress, colouring in and books and toys available under the stairs in our foyer, all within reach of our fantastic Café on the Park and Oaklands Park.

FREE Pop Up Family Fun

Saturday mornings and Thursdays during term-time
9am – 12noon
Festival Theatre Foyer Ages 0 – 4 and siblings

Pop into our extended family spaces when there's more room to play.

Family Backstage Tours

24 May, 13 Aug, 28 Aug, 11 Oct, 10.30am
Festival Theatre Foyer
£14 adults £5 under 16s & Prologue Ages 7 – 11

Explore behind the scenes of your local theatre (which produces West End-bound shows) in these fun, interactive tours – full of oodles of fascination facts.

Exciting news

Chichester District Council have announced proposals for Oaklands Park to have a new 'destination' play area by summer 2025. Fun!

Mini Makers & Shakers

40 – 60 min sessions
Steven Pimlott Building Ages 0 – 5
Prices are for a term unless stated.

Join us for some special bonding time with your little one in our early years' sessions. Don't worry if you miss the start of sessions, contact us to start mid-term.

We never want cost to be a barrier for anyone, so if you'd like to find out more about our bursary scheme, get in touch with us at leap@cft.org.uk

Hartbeeps SEND

Tuesdays, 10.45am
£10 per session Ages 0 – 5

Award-winning immersive SEND sensory classes for little ones with big imaginations.

Mini Movers

Tuesdays, 9.30am
£60 Ages 2 – 4

Enjoy a fun, active movement class with a themed story to share each week.



Boogie with Baby

Wednesdays, 9.40am
£60 Ages 0 – 18 months

A gentle movement class perfect to relax and bond with your baby.

Little Artists

Wednesdays, 11am
£60 Ages 2 – 4

Explore art with your mini master. Best to wear clothes you're happy to get arty in!

Little Notes

Thursdays, times vary
Around £88 Ages 3m – 4.5years

Take part in a live, interactive musical space exploring sounds together.





NEW The Enchanted Cinema

Mon 7 Apr, 10.30am – 3.30pm, 5 hours including lunch
Steven Pimlott Building
£37 (includes materials and lunch) Ages 8 – 16

Join a pop-up orchestra and create a magical one-of-a-kind soundtrack to the work of Japanese animators, Studio Ghibli. Led by a professional musician you'll use your voice, hands and feet, instruments and ingenious foley FX!

Creation Station

Tue 15 Apr, Sat 7 Jun, Mon 27 Oct
10am & 11am, 45 mins
Festival Theatre Foyer
£8

Ages 2 – 11

Get crafty with our regular Creation Station pop up who bring award-winning classes designed to nurture and inspire creative skills and spark curiosity. Book direct at thecreationstation.co.uk



NEW Roman Week Crafts Centurion Shield

Tue 27 May, 9.30am – 11.30am
Steven Pimlott Building
£10

Age 8 – 12

Get ready for a fun-filled May half term. Unleash your inner gladiator and design your very own Centurion Shield before bringing it to life using a variety of creative materials. Price includes all materials.

NEW Roman Week Crafts Roman Paintings

Wed 28 May, 9.30am – 11.30am
Steven Pimlott Building
£10

Ages 8 – 12

Create an individual painting inspired by Roman images with line, wash and ink painting. Led by an experienced art teacher, price includes all materials.



This Tree Belongs to Me

Sat 7 Jun, 10.15am & 11.30am, 45 mins
Oaklands Park
£8 Adults & £8 children

Ages 2 – 8

Everyone is invited to a very, VERY special party, including you. The only problem is, Owl is less than welcoming! This highly visual show is integrated with Makaton, packed with puppetry, colourful characters, games, music and lots of interactive fun. Part of our Green Week Celebrations.



NEW Baby Gospel

Fri 4 Jul, 10am & 11.15am, 45 mins
Minerva Bar
£8 Adults & £8 children

For all the family

Sing and clap along to hits by Marvin Gaye, Bob Marley, Adele, Jackie Wilson and Pharrell as well as traditional Gospel songs and nursery rhymes at this uplifting celebration of Soul, Motown and Gospel music, featuring the astonishing talents of London's CK Gospel Choir.



FREE Storytime Saturdays

Sat 26 Jul, 2 & 9 Aug 10am, 30 mins
Festival Theatre Foyer

Ages 3 – 8

Discover new and classic tales read aloud, then explore the characters and stories through play. Siblings welcome.

Baby Broadway

Fri 5 Sep, 10am, 11.15am & 1.30pm, 45 mins
Minerva Bar
£8 Adults & £8 children

For all the family

Returning by popular demand! Join us at the end of the big summer musical for a joyful celebration of song and dance, performed by talented West End singers. You'll enjoy a magical time with bubbles, bells, flying babies, and puppets too. Fancy dress is highly encouraged.

Save the date

Summer Holiday Workshops

Mon 11 – Fri 15 Aug - Midhurst

Mon 18 – Fri 22 Aug - Chichester

More info coming soon at cft.org.uk

Our big summer musical! Top Hat

14 Jul – 6 Sep, times vary
Festival Theatre
Tickets from £10
Parental guidance recommended.





FREE Fold Our City

Sat 25 Oct, 11am – 3.30pm, drop in

Festival Theatre Foyer

For all the family

Join us to craft our wonderful city in a day. Create favourite landmarks (or invent your own) and together we will build a large origami model inspired by our local area and community. It's all about having fun so come along and get creative.



More events released September 2025!

Save the date for Christmas:

F The Three Little Pigs 6 – 28 December Ages 3 – 7

F A Boy Called Christmas 15 – 31 December Ages 7+

And Santa's Grotto is returning!

Sign up for latest news at cft.link/sign-up