

## Keeping Kids Entertained When It's Wet

If you have children you'll know that finding new and exciting ways to celebrate their birthday can be a tricky thing to do.

Birthdays in the summer give parents extra opportunities, as the option for outdoor events gives a wide variety of choice. For example, inviting your child's friends from school to play in your garden can be an inexpensive way to have a great day without being too stressful - set up a barbeque, organise a few games and make sure everyone's having fun.

However, with the British summer often not matching the traditional definition of sunshine and warmth, planning an outdoor party can turn into a washout leaving bored children watching the rain from inside. Having no rainy day back-up can often lead to disaster as the kids attempt to make their own entertainment in your home. One thing's for sure, if you do find yourself in this situation, having a lot of patience is vitally important!

There are other ways to entertain children, however. Although staying indoors is often given a bad press and, whilst being outside may be preferable, there are many ways to keep children amused inside without resorting to TV and video games.

Arranging indoor games is a great idea and fun for adult supervisors as well; taking them back to their youth and reminding them of the party games they used to play. This is a perfect way to entertain younger children but as they get older they start to develop more expensive tastes.

Whilst you may have put a lot of time and effort into creating home entertainment, today's children often prefer a more glamorous day out. Going to the cinema is often a popular choice but the stress of finding a film everyone wants to see, making sure everyone keeps well behaved as you queue and buying tickets and popcorn for everyone can be very expensive.

Another option is to go bowling. Many alleys will host [kids bowling parties](#) which are a great way to keep children occupied. Whether you encourage competitive games or just-for-fun lanes, bowling will give a structured, organised and, most importantly, fun day out for all involved. Most bowling alleys will also have a restaurant and bar, so kids and adults alike can stay fed while indulging in a liquid refreshment - it will be a great treat for the kids to add to what is already a special day. Best of all, it's all under one roof meaning the chances of a child going walkabout are significantly lowered, allowing you to relax and enjoy the day.

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