

Groups and activities for 'Under threes' in Wantage, Grove and surrounding villages
Compiled for Wantage Deanery - Sixteen Churches around Wantage
Not all activities are within the deanery

Parent & Toddler Groups, music groups, activity groups etc...Parent & Toddler Groups are informal, a small fee is usually charged and refreshments are available. Adults always stay with the children and are responsible for them.

Wantage

Monday	Trinity Baby and Toddler Group, for children aged 0-3 years and their carers. Meets in the recently refurbished Holy Trinity Church. 9.00 – 11.00am (term time only). There is a charge of £1.50 per family which covers drinks for adults, and drinks and snacks for the children. There is weekly craft activity, plus toys & play, and singing to end the session	Mary Castle marycastle21@hotmail.com The toddler group is on Facebook (Charlton Trinity Toddlers) Holy Trinity Church on Charlton Village Road (opposite Charlton Primary School).
Monday	Stories and Singing (GroW) Come and explore the activities on offer including craft, story and singing! Time: 10-11.30am Venue: Wantage Library, Stirlings Road, Wantage, OX12 7BB Age: 0-5 years	See below for info on GroW (page 5)
Monday	Monkey Mayhem The Beacon 10am-12noon Term time only	The Beacon: 01235 763456 beacon.wantage@whitehorsedc.gov.uk http://beaconwantage.co.uk/
Monday	Bumps and Babies (GroW) Come and join us to meet other like-minded parents and carers and explore the variety of play and sensory resources, along with a singing session too! Time: 1-2.30pm Venue: The Beacon, Portway, Wantage, OX12 9BX Age: Bumps to crawlers	See below for info on GroW (page 5)
Tuesday	Boogie Beat South Oxfordshire Wantage C of E Primary School & St. Katherines House Care Home Workshops (weekly)	Please contact Vici, tel: 07787121628 email: vici@boogiebeat.co.uk https://www.boogiebeat.co.uk/section.php/51/1/wantage
Wednesday	Boogie Beat South Oxfordshire DROP IN CLASS - Buzz Cafe, Wantage (weekly) 9.30-10.00am	Please contact Vici, tel: 07787121628 email: vici@boogiebeat.co.uk https://www.boogiebeat.co.uk/section.php/51/1/wantage
Thursday	Baby Sensory classes St John Vianney Hall Charlton Road Wantage Oxfordshire, OX12 8ER Spring (Jan to Feb half term) Thursday 10 Jan 19 - 14 Feb 19, 10:00 - 11:00am 6 to 13 months and 11:15am - 12:15pm Birth to 7 months Emily says "I offer a free taster session."	Emily Furse (main contact for all enquires). Tel: 07717757007 E-mail: wantage@babysensory.co.uk
Friday	Wantage Community Church runs 'Wantage Toddler Group', meets on Friday mornings in term times at Wantage Methodist Church. Methodist Hall, Newbury St. From 9:15am.	D denise@wantagecc.org.uk or 07920 409462
Friday	Monkey Mayhem The Beacon 10am-12noon Term time only	The Beacon: 01235 763456 beacon.wantage@whitehorsedc.gov.uk http://beaconwantage.co.uk/
Saturday	Wantage Community Church runs 'Dads Out' - for dads and male carers with their babies and toddlers. On Saturday mornings once a month, (every third Saturday): 10-11:30 am. A good opportunity for dads to get together and eat bacon sandwiches!	Contact Andy White: Andy.white@wantagecc.org.uk

Grove

Monday	Boogie Beat South Oxfordshire CLASS - Grove Village Hall - 9.30-10.15am	Please contact Vici tel: 07787121628 email: vici@boogiebeat.co.uk https://www.boogiebeat.co.uk/section.php/79/1/grove
Tuesday	Grove Library hold a regular monthly rhymetime*, which is targeted at under 5s and their carers. It's always on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 10:45am-11:15am, and is free to attend.	Contact Grove Library on 01235 763841 or check our website: https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/leisure-and-culture/libraries/find-library/grove-library
Tuesday	Stay and Play (GroW) Come along and join in with a range of play and craft activities, along with story and song time too! Time: 9.30-11am Venue: St Johns Church Hall, Main Street, Grove, OX12 7LQ Age: 0-5 years	Church Office on 771479 (weekday mornings only).
Wednesday	St John's Parents and Toddlers 9.15 - 11.15am St John's Church, Main St, Grove, OX12 7LQ	Church Office on 771479 (weekday mornings only).
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Friday	Toddler Sense Classes at The Old Mill Hall in Grove 9.20am and 10.30am Maybe a new class at 11.30am depending on demand.	07818872256 wantage@toddlersense.co.uk https://www.toddlersense.com/wantage/
Friday	Make & Bake for the Under 5's Every Friday during school term time only. 9.30- 11.00am Every week we have a craft, a bake or food based craft, a storytime and colouring. It is £2 per child with under 1's free. Includes a drink. After Christmas, we break for two weeks.	Cornerstone Coffee and Book Shop 10 Savile Way, Grove, Wantage OX12 0PT Phone: 01235 772280

*Singing, rhymes, musical instruments and glove puppets along with storytelling by my very experienced (retired primary school teacher) volunteer.

The library has a computer aimed at pre-schoolers, not connected to internet, pre-loaded with literacy and numeracy games to play. Games are self-directed using headphones, and the computer is on a little desk with bench/chair at toddler height.

The library has a good selection of picture and board books, membership is free, and further details are available from the library.

Villages

Monday	Longworth Toddlers group 10:00-11:30am	longworthvillagehall@gmail.com
Monday	West Hendred Toddler Group Village Hall 10.15-11.45am Term time only	
Tuesday	Boogie Beat South Oxfordshire Chilton Primary School Workshops (weekly)	Please contact Vici tel: 07787121628 email: vici@boogiebeat.co.uk https://www.boogiebeat.co.uk/section.php/51/1/wantage
Tuesday	Tumble Tots at East Challow Designed to develop children's physical skills of agility, balance, co-ordination and climbing, through the use of brightly coloured Tumble Tots equipment.	01235 520373 http://www.tumbletots.com/Oxford/
Wednesday	Childrey Little Ducks Baby & Toddler Group every Wednesday morning (in school term times) between 9.30am and 11.30 am at the Methodist Church, Chapel Way, Childrey, OX12 9UU. We welcome all under fives and their parent/carers to join us for a fun morning in a relaxed £2.20 for one child and 50p for each extra child	Telephone: 07825 241395 Website: http://littleducks.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20&Itemid=45
Wednesday	Toddler Sense Classes at East Hendred Snells Hall, Church Street, East Hendred, Wantage, OX12 8LA. 9.30am and 10.30am	07818872256 wantage@toddlersense.co.uk https://www.toddlersense.com/wantage/
Thursday	Stay and Play (GroW) Come along and join in with a range of play and craft activities, along with story and song time too! Time: 9.45-11.15am Venue: East Challow Village Hall, East Challow, Nr Wantage, OX12 9SG Age: 0-5 years	See below for info on GroW (page 5) and note this is at East Challow Village Hall.
Thursday	Uffington baby and toddler group is an informal play session run by local parents. Parents and carers can enjoy a cup of tea while children meet new friends and try out new toys. Snacks and drinks are available for the children. Everybody is welcome to come along and get involved as much or as little as you like. 09:30-11:30am for 0 to 5 year olds. Location: Thomas Hughes memorial Hall, Broad street, Uffington SN7 7RA	Telephone: 07894 437486
Friday	Southmoor Baby & Toddler Group 10.00-11.30am. Welcome to Southmoor Baby & Toddler group, which has been running for over 30 years. We provide a friendly meeting place for parents, grandparents and carers. The group provides a safe, fun environment for your babies and toddlers to play and socialize. Southmoor Village Hall, Draycott Road, Southmoor, Abingdon, OX13 5BY	southmoorbabytoddlergroup@hotmail.co.uk Website: http://www.kbsonline.org.uk/baby-toddler-group Facebook page

Parent, baby and toddler swimming sessions

(Times may differ during school holiday periods)

Tuesday	Toddler Splash 10.30-11.00am White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre	Audlett Drive, Abingdon, OX14 3PJ 01235 540700
Tuesday	Faringdon Leisure Centre Toddler Splash 10.30-11.30am	Fernham Road, Faringdon, SN7 7LB 01367 241755
Tuesday	Didcot Wave Tots Water World 2-3pm	Newlands Ave, Didcot OX11 8NX 01235 819888
Wednesday	Faringdon Leisure Centre Adult and Toddler swimming lessons 1.30-2.00pm	Fernham Road, Faringdon, SN7 7LB 01367 241755
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Friday	Didcot Wave Tots Water World 11.00am-12 midday	Newlands Ave, Didcot OX11 8NX 01235 819888
Saturday	Wantage Leisure Centre Casual swim 12.00-6.00pm**	Portway, Wantage OX12 9BY 01235 766201
Saturday	Wantage Leisure Centre Mats and Balls session in the pool 2.30-3.30pm**	Portway, Wantage OX12 9BY 01235 766201
Sunday	Faringdon Leisure Centre Family Swim 9-10am	Fernham Road, Faringdon, SN7 7LB 01367 241755
Sunday	Wantage Leisure Centre Family Swim 10.00-11.00am, then casual swim 11-1.30**, and 3.30-5.00**	Portway, Wantage OX12 9BY 01235 766201

** At Wantage babies and toddlers can use casual swim. There is a rule of only two children per adult at Wantage pool, and possibly other pools too.

Other Activities and info

Castle Chaos soft play area

Castle Chaos is at Wantage Leisure Centre: 01235 766201

Childrey

Little Ducks joins 'Open the Book' and the first class of Ridgeway School for an annual teddy bears picnic in June on the playing fields of Childrey. Little Ducks also takes part in our Christmas and Easter Ridgeway School services that are held at St.Mary's, Childrey each year.

Creepy Crawlies

Tuesday and Fridays, 9.30-11.00

White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre, Audlett Drive, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX14 3PJ 01235 540700

Under 5s is £4.10 and under ones is £1.10 and adults go for free.

Kingston Lisle

There are no regular activities, but there is a playground, a Christmas and Halloween party, a swimming competition and ad hoc events, organized by Fiona Browne, Chairman of the Parish Council: fiona@browneanddaughters.com

Music with Mummy

Various locations and times

<http://www.musicwithmummy.co.uk/about/>

The Hendreds Pre-School

Pre-School Playgroup

Snells Hal, IChurch Street, Wantage, Oxfordshire, OX12 8LA

01235 831555 07776 134463

Additional activities may be happening at:

The Beacon, Wantage

Rockwell House Day Nursery, Wallingford Street, Wantage

The Wantage Nursery, Church Street, Wantage

Camel playgroup, in the grounds of Stockham School, Wantage.

The Ark, in the Butler Centre, Church Street, Wantage.

Wantage Church of England School nursery.

Little Acorns preschool, at Charlton Primary School, Wantage.

Grovelands Park Pre-School, School Lane, Grove.

Organizational contacts**GroW**

St John's Church Office

Main Street, Grove, OX12 7LQ

Email: wantage.grove.babies@gmail.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/growfamilies

Telephone: 01235 376037

Please be our friend on Facebook to keep up to date with activities/events. www.facebook.com/growfamilies

GROW are always looking for volunteers – please join us on our management committee, help with fundraising or support in our groups. We would really welcome any way in which you could contribute.

Please come and support your community group.

NCT Wantage Grove & District contacts

Main branch contact:

Telephone: 0786 088 5008

Email: wantagenns@gmail.com

Tamba Twins & Multiple Births Association

There are some groups in the Oxfordshire area.

See <https://www.tamba.org.uk/clubs/south-east-clubs> for details.

Toddler Sense

Toddler Sense may be running classes in Faringdon. TBC.

07818872256

wantage@toddlersense.co.uk

<https://www.toddlersense.com/wantage/>

Christmas 2018 activities

St Nicholas Church, East Challow, Christmas Eve 4pm No-Rehearsal Nativity.

St John's Church, Grove, Crib service at 4.00pm. This is often very popular. All ages welcome.

Church activities 2019

St Nicholas Church, East Challow monthly family services 9.30 am for approx 30 minutes, interactive story, craft and refreshments - 2019- Jan 13, Feb 10, March 10, May 12, June 9, July 14.

St John's Church, Grove, has activities for children and under threes are welcome at our services. Details at:
<http://www.groveparishchurch.org.uk/>