

# Events over the Winter Vacation Period 2025-26

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**10 November - 4 January 2026**

[Winter Wonderland Reading](#)

11:00 - 22:00 daily, FREE entry

Hills Meadow Car Park, Reading, RG4 8DH

**15 November - 31 December 2025**

[Broad Street Christmas Market](#)

Daily, FREE

Broad Street, Reading, RG1

**15 November - 4 January 2026**

[Illuminate Reading](#)

16:00 - 21:00 daily, £7.95 - £12.95

Forbury Gardens, Reading, RG1 3BB

**20 November – 17 January 2026**

[My Fair Lady](#)

Various daily, £42.25 - £105.50

The Mill at Sonning (Dinner) Theatre, RG4 6TY

**28 November - 3 January 2026**

[A Christmas Carol](#)

19:30 - 21:30 (Matinees at 15:00), From £5.00

Reading Rep Theatre, King's Road, RG1 4LY

**6 December - 4 January 2026**

[Beauty and the Beast 2025 Pantomime](#)

Various times, £20.50 - £44.00

Hexagon, Queen's Walk, Reading, RG1 7QF

**December – January**

[Host UK Festive Stays](#)

Free (just pay for travel)

**Monday 22 December 2025**

[Reading Biscuit Factory's Quiz Night](#)

19:00 – 22:00, £3.50

Reading Biscuit Factory, Queens Walk, RG1 7QE

**Mondays 22, 29 Dec 2025 | 5, 12 Jan 2026**

[Balboa Dance Class](#)

From 20:30, £5.00

Rising Sun Arts Centre, Reading, RG2 2ST

**Tuesday 23 December 2025**

[Craft Session - Christmas Cards and Decorations](#)

10:30 – 11:30, FREE

Tilehurst Library, School Rd, RG31 5AS

**Tuesday 23 December 2025**

[Calico Karaoke Night Party](#)

From 19:30, FREE Entry

Calico Bar & Eatery, 33 London St, RG1 4PS

**Wednesday 24 December 2025**

[Purple Turtle Christmas Eve Party](#)

20:00 – 03:00, FREE Entry

Purple Turtle, 9 Gun St, RG1 2JR

**Wednesdays 24, 31 Dec 2025 | 7, 14 Jan 2026**

[Bohemian Night Open Mic](#)

From 20:30, FREE Entry

The Fisherman's Cottage, Kennet Side, RG1 3DW

**Wednesday 24 December 2025**

[FE Nepal UK Christmas Eve Dance Party](#)

21:00 – 04:00, £12.00

Face Bar, Ambrose Place, Chatham St, RG1 7JE

**Thursday 25 December 2025**

[Parish Eucharist \(Religious Service\)](#)

10:00, FREE

Christ Church Reading, Christchurch Rd, RG2 7AR

**Fridays 26 Dec 2025 | 2, 9, 16 Jan 2026**

[The Butler's Open Mic](#)

From 20:00, FREE Entry

The Butler, 85/91 Chatham St, RG1 7DS

**Sat & Sun 27, 28 Dec 2025 | 4, 11, 18 Jan 2026**

[Wine and Cheese TOUR](#)

11:30 – 13:00, £30.00

Stanlake Park, Twyford, RG10 0BN

**Saturdays 27 Dec 2025 | 3, 10, 17 Jan 2026**

[Reading Artisan Farmers' Market](#)

10:00 – 15:00, FREE Entry

Station Hill, Friars Walk, Reading, RG1 1HR

**Sundays 28 Dec 2025 | 4, 11, 18 Jan 2026**

[Caversham Artisan Farmers' Market](#)

10:00 – 15:00, FREE Entry

Waitrose Carpark, Caversham, RG4 8AY

**Sunday 28 December 2025**

[RBGS presents Sunday Gaming](#)

13:15 – 18:00, FREE

Phantom Brewing, Unit 3 Meadow Rd, RG1 8LB

**Sunday 28 December 2025**

[Sauna and Sip](#)

16:00 – 20:00, £37.00

Stanlake Park, Twyford, RG10 0BN

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## Sunday 28 December 2025

### [Readifolk Singers' Night](#)

20:00 – 22:30, £5.00 / FREE (Under 25s)  
Watlington House Community Hall, RG1 4RJ

## Sundays 28 Dec 2025 | 4, 11, 18 Jan 2026

### [Reggae Sundays with Mr Gee](#)

From 22:00, FREE Entry  
Purple Turtle, 9 Gun St, RG1 2JR

## Tuesday 30 December 2025

### [Family Fun Day & Big Quiz of the Year](#)

12:00 – late (Quiz @ 19:00), FREE Entry  
Double-Barrelled Brewery, Tilehurst, RG30 6BX

## Tuesday 30 December 2025

### [New Years Eve Eve Party](#)

15:00 – Late, FREE  
Firefly Cellar Bar, Three Guineas, RG1 1LY

## Tuesday 30 December 2025

### [IKEA Reading: Quiz of the Year!](#)

19:00 – 20:00, FREE  
IKEA Reading, Pincent Lane, RG31 7SD

## Wednesday 31 December 2025

### [The Sunflower Club Great Winter Festive Do](#)

11:00 – 14:00, FREE  
Rainbow Community Centre, RG41 5SG

## Wednesday 31 December 2025

### New Year's Eve Events:

- [NYE at Blue Collar Corner - DISCORAMA](#)
- [NYE Party at Siren RG1](#)
- [NYE Family Party at De Vere Wokefield](#)
- [NYE Gala at De Vere Wokefield](#)
- [NYE at The Taproom](#)
- [NYE Comedy Special](#)
- [NYE Heroes and Villains](#)
- [NYE Party at The Butler](#)
- [NYE Party Midnight Mojo](#)
- [NYE Party Popworld Wrapped](#)
- [NYE Party at Purple Turtle](#)
- [NYE Club Reckless](#)
- [NYE Jungle Cakes Reading](#)

## Thursday 1 January 2026

### [New Year's Day Manifestation Celebration](#)

10:30 – 14:30, £25.00  
Beech Hill Memorial Hall, Wood Ln, RG7 2BE

## Thursday 1 January 2026

### [Reading Queer Social](#)

19:00 – 22:00, FREE  
Rising Sun Arts Centre, Reading, RG2 2ST

## Friday 2 January 2026

### [Sacred Geometry Workshop](#)

15:30 – 19:00, £20.00  
Rising Sun Arts Centre, Reading, RG2 2ST

## Fridays 2, 9, 16 Jan 2026

### [Wine and Cheese Tasting](#)

18:00 – 19:00, £25.00  
Stanlake Park, Twyford, RG10 0BN

## Friday 2 January 2026

### [Alex Hitchcock Quartet](#)

From 19:30, £10.00 - £20.00  
Progress Theatre, RG1 5HL

## Friday 2 January 2026

### [Rob and the Retros: Sounds of the 60s, 70s, 80s](#)

20:00 – 22:45, FREE Entry  
Purple Turtle, 9 Gun St, RG1 2JR

## Saturday 3 January 2026

### [Rising Sun Art Market](#)

11:00 – 16:00, FREE Entry  
Rising Sun Arts Centre, Reading, RG2 2ST

## Saturday 3 January 2026

### [Bayeux Tapestry Tours](#)

14:00, £6.00  
Reading Museum, Blagrove Street, RG1 1QH

## Sunday 4 January 2026

### [RUN DING!](#)

11:30 – 12:30, FREE  
Double-Barrelled Brewery, Tilehurst, RG30 6BX

## Sunday 4 January 2026

### [Wilma's Bingo](#)

From 18:00, £10.00  
The Bla Bla, 35 Blagrove St, RG1 1PW



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**Sunday 4 January 2026**

[Grand Slam Final: Dreading Poetry](#)

19:30 – 22:00, FREE

Rising Sun Arts Centre, Reading, RG2 2ST

**Mondays 5, 12 Jan 2026**

**Library Woolverines Knitting & Crochet Club**

13:00 – 14:00, FREE

Library Café, Library, Whiteknights

**Monday 5 January 2026**

**Halls Activities: Vision Board Workshop**

17:00 – 18:00, FREE

St George's Hall, Whiteknights

**Monday 5 January 2026**

[Meditation on Twin Hearts](#)

19:00 – 20:30, £5.00

Rising Sun Arts Centre, Reading, RG2 2ST

**Mondays 5, 12 Jan 2026**

[Mates Rates Comedy Raw: Open Mic](#)

19:00 – 21:30, £3.00 - £5.00

The Outlook, 76 Kings Road, RG1 3BJ

**Wednesday 7 January 2026**

[Around the World in 80 Birds](#)

From 19:15, FREE

G44, Edith Morley Building or [ONLINE](#)

**Thursday 8 January 2026**

[Reading Walkabouts: Crime & Punishment](#)

10:00 – 13:00, £5.00 / £10.00

Reading Town Centre (location on booking)

**Thursdays 8, 15 Jan 2026**

[Sahaja Yoga: Guided Meditation Classes](#)

18:30 – 20:00, FREE

Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, RG1 7NQ

**Thursdays 8, 15 Jan 2026**

[Salsa and Tango Classes](#)

18:30 – 22:00, £8.00 / £10.00

Rising Sun Arts Centre, Reading, RG2 2ST

**Thursday 8 January 2026**

[Charity Quiz Night](#)

From 19:30, £2.00

Double-Barrelled Brewery, Tilehurst, RG30 6BX

**Thursdays 8, 15 Jan 2026**

[West Coast Swing Class](#)

19:30 - 22:00, £10.00

School Green Centre, Shinfield, RG2 9EH

**Friday 9 January 2026**

[Candlelight: Vivaldi's Four Seasons](#)

17:45 – 19:30, £20.00 - £53.50

The Great Hall, London Road Campus, RG1 5AG

**Friday 9 January 2026**

[South Street Spring Season Launch](#)

From 18:00, FREE

South Street, 21 South Street, RG1 4QU

**Fridays 9, 16 Jan 2026**

[City Life Drawing](#)

19:00 – 21:00, £8.50

Reading Biscuit Factory, Queen's Walk, RG1 7QE

**Friday 9 January 2026**

[Candlelight: Queen vs. ABBA](#)

19:45 – 21:30, £20.00 - £50.50

The Great Hall, London Road Campus, RG1 5AG

**Friday 9 January 2026**

[Mad Monkey Improv](#)

From 19:45, £5.00 - £12.00

BrewDog Reading, 11 Castle St, RG1 7SB

**Friday 9 January 2026**

[Poets' Café LIVE](#)

From 20:00, £4.00 - £5.00

South Street, 21 South Street, RG1 4QU

**Saturday 10 January 2026**

[Park URC Quiz & Bring and Share Meal](#)

18:00 – 19:30, FREE

Park United Reformed Church, RG6 1DN

**Saturdays 10, 17 Jan 2026**

[Just the Tonic Comedy Club](#)

18:00 – 22:00, £10.00 - £16.00

SUB89 / Popworld, 110-117 Friar St, RG1 1EP

**Sunday 11 January 2026**

[The Sunday Alternative: Coffee Catch-Up](#)

11:00 – 13:00, FREE

Reading Biscuit Factory, Queen's Walk, RG1 7QE

**Sunday 11 January 2026**

[Bowsey Woods with Damien A Passmore](#)

15:00 – 18:00, FREE

Purple Turtle, 9 Gun St, RG1 2JR

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## Tuesday 13 January 2026

### Halls Activities: Clay Modelling Workshop

17:00 – 18:30, FREE

Park Lounge, Whiteknights

## Wednesday 14 January 2026

### Dr Bike

12:00 – 14:00, FREE

Palmer Quad, Whiteknights

## Wednesday 14 January 2026

### [Doctoral Training Programme: What's Not There? Absences in Collections](#)

11:00 – 16:00, FREE - ONLINE

## Thursday 15 January 2026

### [Reading Walkabouts: Women of Reading 1](#)

10:00 – 12:15, £5.00 / £10.00

Reading Town Centre (location on booking)

## Thursday 15 January 2026

### [The story of Woodley Aerodrome](#)

14:30 – 16:00, £4.00 - £5.00

Abbey Baptist Church, Abbey Square, RG1 3BE

## Thursday 15 January 2026

### [One Life Series: Introduction to Humanism](#)

19:00 – 21:00, £1.67 - £3.00

ONLINE Event

## 16 January – 18 January 2026

### [Aladdin: The Pantomime](#)

Various daily, £10.00 - £12.00

Loddon Hall, Twyford, RG10 9JA

## 16 January – 25 January 2026

### [Agatha Twisty and the Murder in Panto Land](#)

Various daily, £5.00 - £18.00

Shinfield Players Theatre, RG2 9DF

## Friday 16 January 2026

### [BE@ONE Charley O'locks Karaoke](#)

From 19:00, FREE Entry

BE@ONE Reading, 1-2 Gun St, RG1 2JR

## Friday 16 January 2026

### [Harry J: 60s, 70s, 80s Live at the Turtle](#)

20:30 – 22:45, FREE Entry

Purple Turtle, 9 Gun St, RG1 2JR

## Saturday 17 January 2026

### [Reading Walkabouts: Medieval Reading](#)

10:30 – 13:00, £5.00 / £10.00

Reading Town Centre (location on booking)

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Check the [Student Union](#)'s webpage and [social media](#) for other events during the vacation.

If you are interested in events which are aimed at those who do not celebrate Christmas, please see:

[Jewish Community of Berkshire](#)

[Muslim Chaplain](#)

[Reading Hindu Temple](#)

[Buddhist: Kadampa Meditation Centre](#)

[Thames Valley Bahá'í Community](#)

[Ramgarhia Sabha Reading \(Sikh Centre\)](#)

If the community that is relevant to you is not listed above, email [chaplaincy@reading.ac.uk](mailto:chaplaincy@reading.ac.uk)

If you would like to be the first to hear about trips and events by the Global Study Lounge or for international students throughout the year, [please join the mailing list](#).

[Click here to access the Winter Break update on Essentials](#) which contains information on student services over the vacation period.

The [24/7 Student Helpline](#) is available all throughout the year and can provide help with a wide variety of questions and concerns from loneliness to money worries. They offer support in over 240 languages and via a variety of media such as phone calls, live chat, and video calls. This is completely confidential.