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National Nest Box Week

Did you know National Nest Box Week starts on February 14th, the same day as Valentines Day?

There is nothing quite as nice than waking up to birds singing their delightful songs...unfortunately, it is difficult for birds to find proper nesting as these days, due to human activity, many nesting places have decreased. National Nest Box Week gives people the chance to contribute to housing the animals and it's a good opportunity for some calm bird-watching.

By Caitlin W

Love Your Pet Day

Did you know that the 20th February is Love Your Pet Day?

Most households in the UK have a pet but the types of pets are not limited to dogs and cats as some people prefer birds, reptiles, fish or rats. Whoever your pet companion is, this is the day to treat and love your pet no matter what type of animal they are. Do this by checking their vaccines are up to date, watch a pet video with them, give them extra strokes, practice their favourite tricks or play their favourite game.

By Michaela F



Is Valentine's Day bad for human health?

Valentines Day can be bad as it can put lots of pressure on a couple to think of and buy ideas for each other.

If people do not get each other gifts it may cause break ups even though it might not be that persons thought as they may not be able to afford it. In Russia, this day that we celebrate is actually banned there as they think it causes more harm than good and it helps people to not feel down on that day.

By Jack L

It's movie night

If you are planning a night in front of the TV this Valentine's Day and are struggling for ideas of what to watch here are my Top 5 romantic comedies to watch with a partner.

- 5 - Palm Springs
- 4 - Eurovision Song
- 3 - Last Christmas
- 2 - Working Girl
- 1 - The Apartment

These are all sure to keep you entertained on Valentine's Day.

By Leo R



What to do on Valentine's Day

Looking for ideas for things to do with your Valentine? Look no further!

Organise a picnic in the park or if you can afford it go to a fancy restaurant or to the movies. You can watch at movie together or go out shopping and buy your girlfriend some makeup or your boyfriend some deodorant. Enjoy your Valentine's Day :0

By Alicia B

What is Valentine's Day all about?



St Valentine's Day is an annual holiday to celebrate love and friendship.

Every year on 14th February people celebrate this day by sending messages of love and affection to partners, family and friends. For something to do, you could order a take away and watch a film. You could also go out for a walk or go to the cinema.

By Kyle S

The History Of Valentine's

CLAUDIUS



Did you know the ancient Romans may be responsible for the name of our modern day of love?

Emperor Claudius II executed two men, both named Valentine, on February 14th on different years in the 3rd century A.D. Their martyrdom was later honored by the Catholic Church with the celebration of St Valentine's Day and the first Valentine's Day was in the year 496!

Having a particular Valentine's day is an old tradition, thought to have originated from a Roman festival. The Romans had a festival called Lupercalia in the middle of February, which was the official start of Spring. A woman would give the object of her desire her lace handkerchief or some ribbons from her hair for luck and protection, and it is from this tradition that lace and ribbons have endured into the present era as a popular Valentine's Day symbol.

By Macey M

Things to do in County Durham during February half term!

Try one of these activities this half-term and make sure you enjoy your time off!



- 1. Infinite Air Trampoline Park:** Bounce around with your friends and family, go on the inflatable slide or even play basketball!
- 2. Top Gear Go Karting:** Race friends or family and see who's the fastest!
- 3. Wear Canoes!:** Try not to fall in and make a splash!
- 4. Adventure Valley:** Try water slides, rides and much more!
- 5. Angel of the North:** Visit the iconic Angel and take a picnic.

By James C

Romantic dinner

Make your Valentine's dinner romantic with candle light and a rose.

Whether it's a nice juicy medium rare steak or spaghetti bolognese, they both are just as equal. You could book a candle light dinner in a restaurant or just cook at home. Remember, it's the thought that counts!

By Owen T



Stay local

Here are some of the best top places to go out locally for a meal for you and your valentine.

Gabrielles Italian Restaurant in Bishop Auckland or Santinni Italian Bar Restaurant in Shildon are both great for Italian food in the evening. For a great lunch, try Fiteas Vintage Tea Room in the Market Place. And for a movie when you get home, try When Harry Met Sally, The Princess Bride or The Wedding Singer.

By Jaeden W

Healthy Chocolate!

Did you know that dark chocolate has many nutritious ingredients such as potassium and magnesium? It also is a rich source of antioxidants and minerals, and it generally contains less sugar than milk chocolate.

Dark chocolate also releases chemicals called endorphins, also known as feel good chemicals; these can be found in all dark chocolate products.

By Amber Roe

Spiderman No Way Home Review

I saw this film at the cinema a few weeks before Christmas and it was very good - I would give it a 9.2 out of 10.

I really liked this film because all of the people who played Spiderman before were cast in the film. It was a great set as all the Spiderman characters worked together to kill the villains who came back from their dimension. There are quite a few sad scenes though so beware!

By Jayden B



Movie review: Rush

Rush is a movie about Formula 1 in the 1970s and the rivalry between Niki Lauda and James Hunt.

This movie stars Chris Hemsworth as James Hunt and Daniel Bruhl as Niki Lauda. You can stream Rush on Netflix. Rush is a good film if you are a Formula 1 fan and I would rate it a 8 out of 10.

By Ben J



Sing 2: Family fun this half term!

Can-do koala, Buster Moon and his all-star cast of animal performers prepare to launch their most dazzling stage extravaganza yet in the glittering entertainment capital of the world.

At Darlington Vue this half term, animals look to shock everyone with their huge performance in this animated movie. With a PG rating, it is recommended for a good day out with the family. At Vue you could buy a large popcorn for £5.49 and an ice blast for £3.59 to treat your sweet tooth whilst watching the film and if you're looking for a great place to eat, look no further than Estabulos.

By Bradley H

On Valentine's Day couples spend the day showing nothing but love for each other, but what about the people who don't have anybody to show affection to? Well, that's not a problem; just love and appreciate yourself.



Fresh air is always nice when you feel unloved or alone so take a walk. Walking is always a nice way to realise how beautiful nature is. The beauty and elegance of mother nature is sometimes all that you need to feel better. What's your favourite feel-good movie? On Valentine's Day, watch it with chocolates and lift your spirits. My advice would be a Disney film - what could be better?

By Abi-May M

Free activities at Locomotion!

Book a slot at Locomotion, Shildon Railway Museum this half term.

Every day you can enjoy free activities including robots, coding and crafts.



World News...

Since the fall of the Soviet Union, Ukraine has been threatened by Russia, like back in 2014 when Russian troops moved into Crimea establishing it as its own land.

Now the Russians have amassed a large army on the Ukraine border and seem to be preparing to invade although they strongly deny this. Many western countries including the UK are concerned about the possibility of conflict, so leaders and diplomats have gone to Russia to speak to Vladimir Putin, Russian President.

By Harry Y

