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11am, 12.30pm & 2pm, 30 mins

Grow

The Suitcase Storytelling Company presents Niall Moorjani's *Grow*.

For ages 2+; The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall; Free

2pm & 4pm, 55 mins

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For ages 2+; Purcell Room at Queen Elizabeth Hall; £15* (child), £20* (adult)

2.30pm, 55 mins

The David Gibb Big Band

Join family favourite David Gibb and his band for a first-gig experience that brings you on a musical journey with lots of audience interaction.

For ages 2 – 5; Queen Elizabeth Hall; £9* (child), £12* (adult)

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The Sticky Dance (Sensory Adapted)

Three dancers shimmy through the audience weaving sticky tape in this tactile, Sensory Adapted dance performance for children.

Recommended for neurodivergent and disabled audiences. May be suitable for children who may need a calmer and more intimate environment.

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11am & 1.30pm, 45 mins

A Mashy, Squishy Potato Party with Maryam Huq

Dig into a fun and flavoursome event celebrating new children's book *Bhorta Bhorta Baby!*

For ages 3 – 5; Level 5 Function Room, Green Side, Royal Festival Hall; £14* (admits one adult and one child)

11.30am & 2pm, 1 hour 30 mins

Wonder Gig

An uplifting and relaxing session with your little one as you listen to a live musician playing beautiful acoustic versions of well-known pop songs, followed by a stay and play session.

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Rug Rhymes with Chitra Soundar

Join us for a special free *Imagine Children's Festival* session of the National Poetry Library's popular *Rug Rhymes* events, featuring nursery rhymes, poems and stories.

For ages 0 – 5; The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall; Free

11.30am & 3pm, 1 hour

Choogh Choogh

Take a train journey through India in this joyful performance combining classical Indian dance with contemporary movement, theatre and play.

For ages 2+; The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall; Free

6.30pm, 50 mins

Chotto Desh

Akram Khan Company's family-friendly dance-theatre production creates a compelling tale of a boy's dreams and memories, from Britain to Bangladesh.

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The Intergenerational Game: Lunar New Year Edition

A day of games, competitions and laughter for families of all shapes and sizes to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

For ages 5+; The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall; Free

11am, 1 hour

Leap Through Time with Patience Agbabi

Help protect the future with the Leaplings in this time-travelling event based on the *Leap Cycle* series and led by the author, Patience Agbabi.

For ages 7+; Weston Roof Pavilion, Level 6, Green Side, Royal Festival Hall; £6* (child), £8* (adult)

11.30am and 2.30pm, 45 mins

Boxed In

A playful, fun performance about someone who can't make head nor tail of the unspoken rules surrounding us.

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Sensory Adapted: 2.30pm

2pm & 4.30pm, 45 mins

The Instrumentals

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10.30am, 5 hours

ZooNation's Hip-Hop Half-Term

A day of free workshops, DJ sets and a special performance from ZooNation Youth Company.

For ages 5+; The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall; Free



Workshop announcements and instructions are British Sign Language interpreted (BSL).

11am, 1 hour

A Morning with Rob Biddulph

Join award-winning author and illustrator Rob Biddulph for a fun-packed session for all the family.

For ages 5+; Queen Elizabeth Hall; £9* (child), £12* (adult)



3pm, 1 hour

An Afternoon with Michael Rosen

Join national treasure Michael Rosen for an afternoon of family entertainment, stories and poems, as he introduces his new book, *The Incredible Adventures of Gaston Le Dog*.

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Mon 12 Feb

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For ages 5+; St Paul's Roof Pavilion, Level 6, Blue Side, Royal Festival Hall; Free

10.30am, 11.45am, 1pm & 2.15pm, 30 mins

Mendelssohn and the Moving Machines

Sound your car horn, rise above the world in a hot air balloon, build a train and much more in Aurora's new immersive storytelling performance.

For ages 0 – 5; Level 5 Function Room, Green Side, Royal Festival Hall; £8* (child), £10* (adult)

10.30am & 1.30pm, 2 hours

Prancer the Dancer's DanceDanceDiscoPartyFunShow

Power the disco dance floor and learn fun routines at this fabulous free party for all the family!

For ages 3+; The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall; Free

10.45am, 45 mins

Picture a Poem: Writing & Illustration Workshop

Come and meet poet and illustrator Antoinette Brooks and her creation Tippy Tappy Katkins who inspire children and their grown ups to write and draw poems together.

For ages 3 – 6; National Poetry Library, Level 5, Blue Side, Royal Festival Hall; £10* (admits one adult and one child)

11am, 1.30pm & 3pm, 40 mins

The River

Bamboozle Theatre's show is a tactile, sensory theatre experience for children who might be described as having profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD), specifically designed for wheelchair users. Join us on a journey from the river's source in the mountains as it flows downstream to the sea.

For ages 6 – 14; Blue Room, Level 1, Royal Festival Hall; £16*. Each ticket admits one child and up to three guests, including family members, teachers or access support workers.

1pm, 1 hour

Poems Aloud! Writing & Sharing Workshop

Come and meet poet Shagufta K Iqbal, who will help you to write poems about your thoughts, hopes and dreams for reading aloud and sharing.

For ages 5 – 7; National Poetry Library, Level 5, Blue Side, Royal Festival Hall; £10* (admits one adult and one child)

2.30pm, 1 hour

YolanDa's Band Jam and Friends

In a live version of her CBeebies TV show, saxophonist YolanDa Brown introduces families to the joys of music.

For ages 3+; Royal Festival Hall; £15/£12/£9* (child), £20/£16/£12* (adult)



2.45pm, 1 hour

Putting It in a Letter: Poetry Writing Workshop

Join Stephen Lightbown as he shares some of his poems and helps you explore letter writing and poetry.

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Shelf: The Kids' Show!

Hilarious duo Rachel and Ruby bring you their wacky award-winning performance *The Kids' Show!* in the morning, then lead a free, interactive sketch workshop in the afternoon.

For ages 5+; The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall; Free

11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm, 45 mins

Rockaby

Gentle live music and coloured lights create a sensory feast for little ones in this non-verbal ode to the lullaby.

For ages 6 – 18 months; Blue Room, Level 1, Royal Festival Hall; £8 (every baby and adult needs their own ticket)

1.30pm & 3.45pm, 1 hour 5 mins

CBeebies Ocean Adventure

Take a deep breath and dive underwater in a concert hall submarine with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, presenters Maddie Moate and Nigel Clarke and some of your favourite CBeebies characters.

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Little Big Sing with Trans Voices

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SPIN: Raps, Poems and Stories

A participatory poetry gig for kids featuring poets, rappers and storytellers, in collaboration with Apples and Snakes.

For ages 5+; The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall; Free



1.30pm

11am, 45 mins

David Litchfield & His Merry Band of Bears

A fun-filled music-inspired event with author-illustrator David Litchfield and his Merry Band of Bears.

For ages 3+; Level 5 Function Room, Green Side, Royal Festival Hall; £6* (child), £8* (adult)



11am & 1.30pm, 45 mins

Write Away with Nikhil and Jay: Workshop

Try your hand at writing and travel far into your imagination with Chitra Soundar, author of the beloved *Nikhil and Jay* book series, in this workshop.

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Starchitects: A Cosmic Adventure

A joyful spectacle of circus, dance and physical theatre by Motionhouse, telling the story of five children who dream of reaching the moon.

For ages 3+; Queen Elizabeth Hall; £15/£12/£9* (child), £20/£16/£12* (adult)

1pm, 45 mins

Patrick Kane: Human 2.0

Join Patrick Kane as he introduces his inspiring illustrated non-fiction book about how technological breakthroughs from pacemakers to bionic limbs have truly changed lives.

For ages 8+; Level 5 Function Room, Green Side, Royal Festival Hall; £6* (child), £8* (adult)



3pm, 1 hour

Rosie Jones: The Amazing Edie Eckhart

Join TV comedian Rosie Jones as she introduces her sparky and hilarious new Edie Eckhart story for World Book Day.

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Top Draw!

Journey with us on an ink-filled day of illustration and storytelling.

For ages 5+; The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall; Free

10.45am, 1 hour

Dr Ronx: Amazing Bodies

Join award-winning trans non-binary emergency doctor and TV presenter Dr Ronx as they take budding scientists on an entertaining, interactive tour around the human body through their brilliant new book.

For ages 6 – 9; Purcell Room at Queen Elizabeth Hall; £7.50* (child), £10* (adult)

11am & 2pm, 55 mins

Starchitects: A Cosmic Adventure

A joyful spectacle of circus, dance and physical theatre by Motionhouse, telling the story of five children who dream of reaching the moon.

For ages 3+; Queen Elizabeth Hall; £15/£12/£9* (child), £20/£16/£12* (adult)



11am

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Writing Workshop with Yassmin Abdel-Magied

Join writer, engineer, broadcaster and campaigner Yassmin Abdel-Magied for an interactive writing workshop session with social justice at its heart.

For ages 9+; Sunley Pavilion, Level 3, Green Side, Royal Festival Hall; £10* (admits one adult and one child)

1.15pm, 1 hour

John Agard: Windrush Child & Other Stories

Legendary author and performance poet John Agard delights us with readings from his new book *Windrush Child* as well as a selection from his other stories.

For ages 5 – 11; Purcell Room at Queen Elizabeth Hall; £7.50* (child), £10* (adult)

3.30pm, 1 hour

An Afternoon with MG Leonard

Calling all young nature enthusiasts, birdwatchers and detectives in the making: join the bestselling author of *Twitch* for an engaging, humorous talk.

For ages 7+; Purcell Room at Queen Elizabeth Hall; £7.50* (child), £10* (adult)

Throughout the festival

Wed 7 – Fri 16 Feb | From 10am

Mish Mash Family Trail

Gather your family and friends and prepare for an interactive and colourful art journey across our site. Created by Heart n Soul Feel Good Designers.

For ages 3+; Welcome Desk, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall; Free

Wed 7 – Sat 17 Feb | 10.30am – 4pm

Face Painting with Glitterbox

Professional face paint artists bring some extra colour and sparkle to your day.

For all ages; Green Side Foyer, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall; £8

Sat 17 Feb: Queen Elizabeth Hall Foyer

Sat 10 – Fri 16 Feb (except Mon 12 Feb) | 3.30pm – 4pm, 30 mins

Wellbeing Wind Down

Free mindfulness sessions designed to help the whole family relax.

For ages 5+; The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall; Free



Sun 11 and Thu 15 Feb

Until 6 May, closed Mondays | From 10am

When Forms Come Alive

Come along to our Hayward Gallery exhibition, where you can see sculptures that appear to be melting, rippling and erupting. Under-12s go free!

Hayward Gallery; £18* (adult)



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Touch Tour

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Sat 17 Feb

10.45am, 1 hour

Joseph Coelho: Luna Loves Gardening

Meet Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho and award-winning illustrator Fiona Lumbers as they present their new book, *Luna Loves Gardening*, in this exclusive pre-publication event.

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1.30pm, 1 hour

The Marvellous Myth Hunter: Mad Monsterzz

Track down the world's wildest, wackiest creatures on this perilous mission.

For ages 6+; Purcell Room at Queen Elizabeth Hall; £9* (child), £12* (adult)

3.30pm, 1 hour

The Marvellous Myth Hunter: Family Feuds

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