



the yes day

club

FREE GUIDE

50 Yes Day Ideas

Sorted by budget, from free to big day out

FREE

12 ideas

UNDER £10

13 ideas

£10 TO £25

13 ideas

£25 AND UP

12 ideas

One day. Their rules. Your budget.

Hello, grown-ups!

Everything you need before you say yes

What's a Yes Day?

One whole day where the answer to (almost) everything is **yes**. The kids ask, you agree, and nobody says "maybe later". It's silly, it's memorable, and it doesn't have to cost much at all.

How to use this guide

1. **Pick a budget first.** Free, under £10, £10 to £25, or go big.
2. **Let the kids choose** three to five ideas from that page (or mix and match).
3. **Fill in the planner** on page 7 and stick it on the fridge.
4. **Hand over a Yes Day ticket** from page 8. Then go and say yes.

Each idea has three little tags:  **where**

 **how long**

 **mess level**

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Agree the ground rules

Say these out loud before the day starts.

Everything else is a yes.

-  It has to be **safe**
-  It has to fit the **budget**
-  Bedtime happens (just a bit later)
-  Be **kind** to everyone, grown-ups included
-  Nothing that needs a plane ticket

Tips by age

Under 5 Two or three ideas is plenty. Stay close to home and keep the nap.

5 to 8 Give them a choice of two and let them feel in charge of the plan.

9 and up Hand them the budget and let them plan the whole day, costs and all.

Printing tips

There are two versions: **colour** and **low-ink** (white backgrounds, just outlines). Print pages 7 and 8 once per child.

Please supervise all activities, and check prices, opening times and age or height rules before you head out. Prices are a rough guide for a family of four in 2026.

Costs nothing, feels like everything

Proof that the best days don't need a bank card. Raid the cupboards, the cushions and the garden.

01

Pancakes for tea

Breakfast for tea, tea for breakfast. Who made the rules anyway?

 Indoors  30 mins  Some mess

02

Garden camp-out

A tent, or a sheet over the washing line. Torches, stories, back in if it gets nippy.

 Outdoors  Evening  Low mess

03

Family talent show

Kids make the tickets, grown-ups judge, and somehow everyone scores a 10.

 Indoors  1 hour  Low mess

04

The biggest den ever built

Every cushion, blanket and clothes peg in the house. Sleeping in it is optional (ish).

 Indoors  Half day  Some mess

05

Kids run the timetable

They write the plan for the day. You say yes (inside the ground rules).

 In or out  All day  Low mess

06

Kitchen disco

The kids are the DJ and every single song is their pick. Yes, even that one.

 Indoors  30 mins  Low mess

07

A park you've never tried

Walk, scoot or cycle somewhere new and rate it out of ten on the way home.

 Outdoors  Half day  Low mess

08

Living room obstacle course →

Over the sofa, under the table, round the dog. Time each run and beat your best.

 Indoors  1 hour  Some mess

09

Home treasure hunt

Hide clues around the house and let the last one lead to a small surprise.

 Indoors  1 hour  Low mess

10

Puddle-jumping walk

Wellies on, waterproofs on, and the biggest splash wins. Best on a rainy day.

 Outdoors  1 hour  Messy!

11

Library mission →

Free books, as many as your card allows, and the kids choose every single one.

 In or out  1 hour  Low mess

12

Stay up late

Thirty minutes past bedtime with a torch and a book. Thrilling, every time.

 Indoors  30 mins  Low mess

Small spend, big grins

A few pounds for the whole family. Most of these use bits you'll pick up with the weekly shop.

01

Sundae bar

Ice cream, sprinkles, squirty cream and sauces. Everyone builds their own tower.

 Indoors  30 mins  Messy!

02

Make-your-own pizza night

Ready-made bases or wraps, and the kids choose every topping. No judging.

 Indoors  1 hour  Some mess

03

Hot chocolate station

Marshmallows, sprinkles, a flake to dunk. Sip it under a blanket.

 Indoors  30 mins  Some mess

04

Glow stick night walk

A pack of glow sticks and a walk round the block after dark. Pure magic.

 Outdoors  1 hour  Low mess

05

Decorate biscuits

Plain biscuits, icing pens and sprinkles. Eat the mistakes as you go.

 Indoors  1 hour  Messy!

06

Kids' cinema morning

Lots of cinemas run cheap weekend morning showings just for families.

 Indoors  Half day  Low mess

07

The £1 pick

A pound each at the pound shop. Choosing takes ages, and that's the fun.

 In or out  1 hour  Low mess

08

Slime lab →

PVA glue, contact lens solution and bicarb. Grown-ups handle the mixing.

 Indoors  1 hour  Messy!

09

Mug cakes

Two minutes in the microwave, one spoon each. Tiny baking, huge cheers.

 Indoors  30 mins  Some mess

10

Pavement art gallery

Chalk the drive or the path, then give grown-ups a guided tour.

 Outdoors  1 hour  Some mess

11

Giant bubbles

Washing-up liquid, two sticks and some string. Bubbles bigger than the kids.

 Outdoors  1 hour  Some mess

12

Garden volcano →

Bicarb, vinegar and food colouring in a mud mountain. Then do it again.

 Outdoors  30 mins  Messy!

13

Home spa afternoon

Cucumber eyes, bubble bath, painted nails, fluffy towels. Ahh.

 Indoors  1 hour  Some mess

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Your own idea

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A proper treat

Worth planning around. Check opening times and book ahead in the school holidays.

01

Charity shop challenge →

£5 to £10 each, or one shared pot. They pick games and toys to fill the weekend.

 In or out  Half day  Low mess

02

Marketplace mission →

Set a budget, hunt second-hand listings online for one thing they love, then collect it together.

 In or out  Half day  Low mess

03

Crazy golf

Windmills, volcanoes and pirate ships. Grown-ups keep score, kids "keep" score.

 Outdoors  1 hour  Low mess

04

Bowling

Bumpers up for little ones. Whoever wins picks the pudding.

 Indoors  1 hour  Low mess

05

Soft play

An hour for them to run wild, one cuppa for you. Everybody wins.

 Indoors  1 hour  Low mess

06

Pick your own

Strawberries in summer, pumpkins in autumn. Eat some, take some home.

 Outdoors  Half day  Some mess

07

Fun swim

Find a session with the inflatables or wave machine out. Squeals guaranteed.

 Indoors  1 hour  Low mess

08

Train ride just for the ride

Hop on a train or bus to the next town over for lunch, then come home again.

 In or out  Half day  Low mess

09

Chippy tea in the park

Fish and chips on a bench, or by the sea if you're lucky. Salt, vinegar, sunset.

 Outdoors  1 hour  Some mess

10

Museum adventure

Lots of UK museums are free. Spend the budget on the café and the gift shop.

 Indoors  Half day  Low mess

11

Design your own T-shirt

Fabric pens and a plain T-shirt. Wear it out to dinner that night.

 Indoors  1 hour  Some mess

12

Roller disco

Skates on, lights low, cheesy tunes up. Holding hands with the wall is allowed.

 Indoors  1 hour  Low mess

13

Farm park

Feed the goats, cuddle the guinea pigs, ride the tractor trailer.

 Outdoors  Half day  Messy!

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Your own idea

Go big or go home

For birthdays, holidays and the really big yes. Look for family tickets and book online, it's often cheaper.

01

Trampoline park

Bounce until your legs give up. Grip socks usually needed, so bring last time's pair.

 Indoors  1 hour  Low mess

02

Theme park day

Kids pick every ride. Grown-ups are allowed to hold the bags.

 Outdoors  All day  Low mess

03

Water park

Flumes, wave pools and a very well-earned nap in the car home.

 Indoors  Half day  Low mess

04

Zoo or safari park

Make a must-see list on the way there and tick them off together.

 Outdoors  All day  Low mess

05

Family escape room

Lots have family games for ages 7 and up. Grown-ups, let the kids find the clues.

 Indoors  1 hour  Low mess

06

Go-karting

Junior karts usually start from about age 8. Check height rules before you go.

 In or out  1 hour  Low mess

07

Snow centre taster

Real snow, indoors, all year round. Sledging, skiing or a first lesson.

 Indoors  Half day  Low mess

08

Treetop ropes course

Wobbly bridges, zip wires and lots of very brave faces.

 Outdoors  Half day  Some mess

09

Pottery painting

Paint a mug, plate or dragon, then collect it after it's been fired.

 Indoors  1 hour  Some mess

10

Cinema with the works

Big screen, big popcorn, pick 'n' mix, and they choose the film.

 Indoors  Half day  Low mess

11

Their choice of restaurant

They pick the place and order everything. Pudding first is fine today.

 Indoors  1 hour  Some mess

12

A night away

Glamping, a caravan or a cheap and cheerful hotel with a pool. Holiday mode on.

 In or out  Overnight  Low mess

Plan your Yes Day

Fill it in together, then stick it on the fridge

This Yes Day belongs to

Date Budget £

Our ground rules

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The plan

Time	What we're doing	Cost £
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Total

Best bit of the day

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Next time, let's...

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Yes Day tickets

Cut them out, fill them in and hand one over. Watch their faces.

ADMIT ONE	YES DAY TICKET
	For _____
	Valid on _____
	Signed _____
	Good for one Yes Day. Ground rules apply.

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Cut along the dashed lines. Tickets make great birthday, end-of-term or "just because" surprises.



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More fun from the Club

Days in →

Crafts and slime, science, games, recipes and more, sorted by age, time and mess.

Days out →

Free and nearly-free trips, passes that pay for themselves, and big days worth booking.

Printables shop →

The Anywhere Treasure Hunt Pack, My Star Spotter Journal, Mini Mojo Moments and more, each in colour and low-ink.

The Yes Day Pass →

Our planner app does the budget maths so the kids can build the day. £12 for a whole year, no subscription.



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