



Autumn Half Term



Ideas for the whole family this October half term including food, games, things to make, things to do and places to go!

Cheese and Pretzel Broomsticks

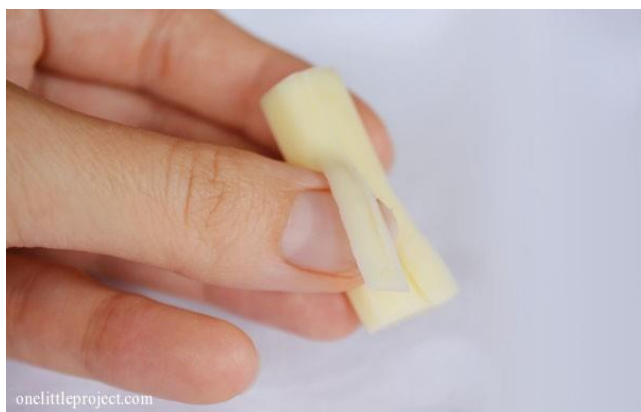


These are soooooo easy, and they are so freaking cute! All you need are some pretzel sticks, some string cheese and some chives (although, if you are in a hurry, the chives are totally optional).

These are super easy. Cut the cheese string into thirds:



Spread apart the cheese into thin strands to make it look like a broomstick end:
Okay, this part was admittedly a little tedious. But the kids will love doing it!!



Poke the pretzel into the end of the cheese string. Just be careful not to push it too far or else the cheese will start to split.



Find the skinniest chives that you can possibly find, and just tie it neatly around the cheese, using your fingernails to pinch off the ends:



ENJOY



Stuffed Pepper Pumpkins

Method

1. Bash up digestive biscuits – you could do this in a large bowl with a rolling pin.
2. Melt chocolate and butter together slowly in a heatproof bowl over a saucepan of boiling water.
3. Add the melted chocolate to the broken biscuits and mix in the marshmallows, cherries and walnuts.
4. Give a good squeeze of golden syrup and stir well.
5. Spread your rocky road mixture out onto a baking tray and add your Halloween sprinkles on top.
6. Place in the fridge to cool.
7. Once set, remove and cut into squares and enjoy!



Why not turn plain orange sweet peppers into a fun pumpkin themed dinner!

- Cut off the top and remove the seeds
- Add a face to the front using a small knife
- Spoon in your choice of cooked filling – how about chilli, curry, Bolognese or cottage pie?
- Pop the lid on, place on a baking tray and bake in the oven for 15 minutes or until the pepper is cooked through.



Great for fussy eaters or veg dodgers, why not give this classic dinner a Halloween twist

- Place Yorkshire pudding (you can make fresh or buy frozen) on a bed of mashed potato
- Add chopped sausage and vegetables of your choice to the Yorkshire Pudding – peas and carrots work well
- Spoon in gravy

(Decorating with Halloween themed cocktail sticks optional)

Easy Halloween Picnic ideas



**MINI SPIDER
PIZZAS**



Fun & Easy
Mummy
Sandwich Kebabs

Get Making!

Paper Plate Black Cat

To make this paper plate black cat you need:

- 1 paper plate
- Black acrylic craft paint
- Paintbrush
- Scissors
- Tape
- White craft glue
- 2 large green wiggle eyes
- 1 small pink pom-pom



Instructions

1. Paint the backside of the paper plate black and let dry.
2. Turn the plate over to the unpainted side. Cut out the body using the pattern. Cut out the tail and head from the remaining plate. Set scraps aside.
3. Use tape to attach the tail and the head to the back of the plate, using the photo as a guide.
4. Glue on wiggle eyes and pink pom-pom for the nose.
5. From the scraps of black plate, cut 6 thin whiskers of equal length and glue to the cat's face.



Leafy Ghosts!!

You won't be-leaf it!

Do you be-leaf in ghosts? (sorry!)

Simple but oh so effective ghosts made from leaves painted white with the addition of googly eyes.

These would be lovely strung up as Halloween bunting or hung on branches.

An ideal easy make for little ones and big kids alike.

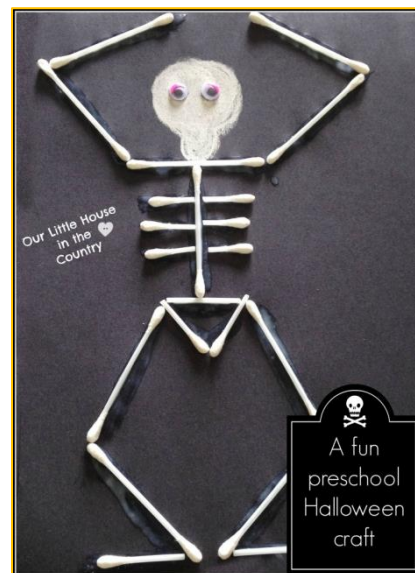


Easy Pumpkin printing using an apple, cut in half, dipped in orange paint and splodged on paper.

When the paint has dried, just add a green top and funny face using paint or marker pen



How about skeletons out of cotton buds?

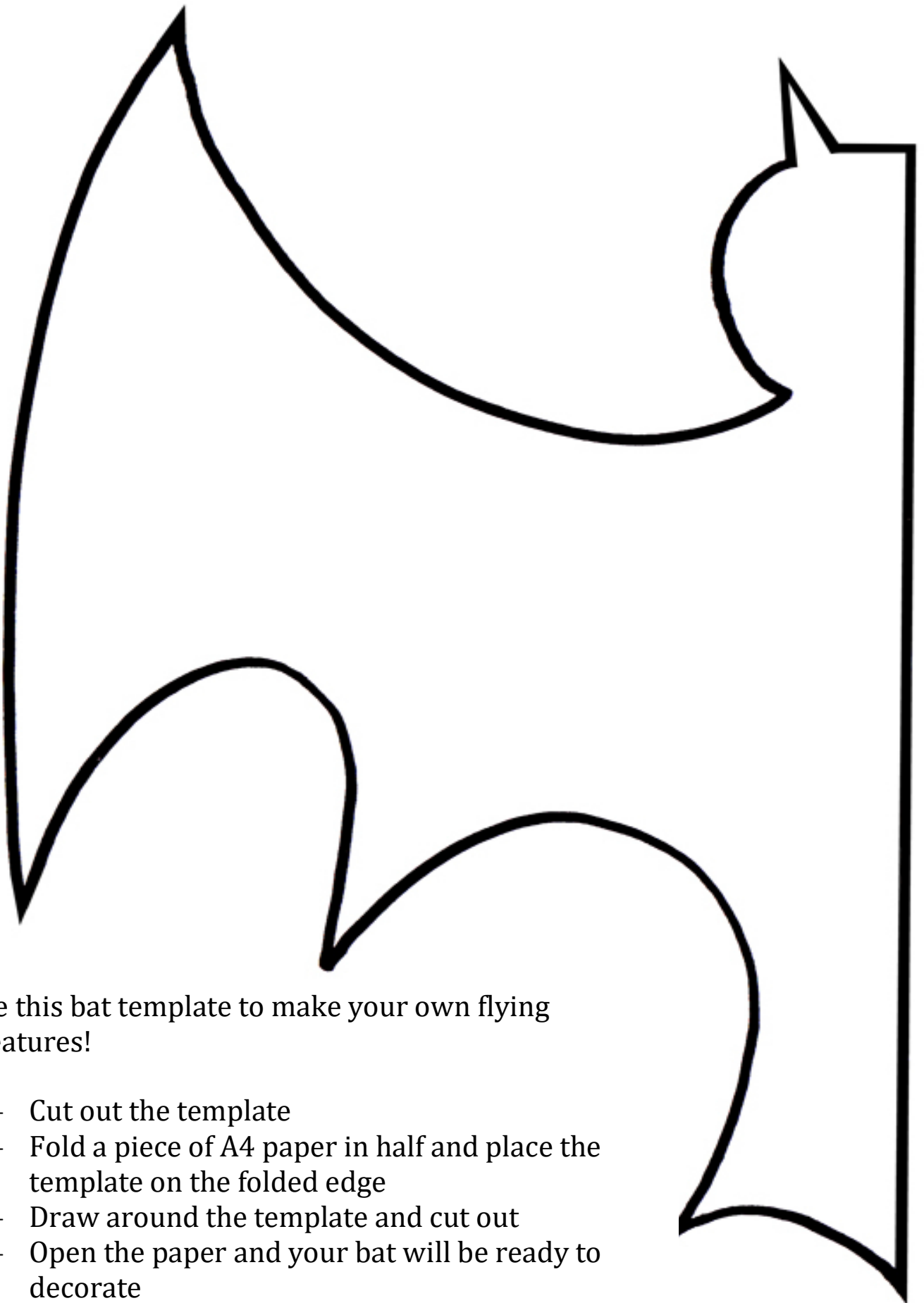


Why not turn plain orange plastic cups into your own pumpkin nightlights?

All you need are the cups, black marker pen and LED candle lights.

Simply give your pumpkin any face you like, place over the top of your candle and watch them come to life!

Do NOT use real candles!



Use this bat template to make your own flying creatures!

- Cut out the template
- Fold a piece of A4 paper in half and place the template on the folded edge
- Draw around the template and cut out
- Open the paper and your bat will be ready to decorate

You could stick them to your window or make a small hole at the top of the head, tie some string through and hang them from the ceiling or doorway!

Stuck Indoors?



Why not hang doughnuts from a wooden pole (or something similar) using string. First person to finish their doughnut is the winner, but no hands!!

You could use this as a dressing up idea or maybe turn it into a game by having races to see who can make the mummy quickest? Or best dressed mummy within 3 minutes?



Hide jelly worms and other Halloween treats in whipped cream. Idea is to find them but you can only use your mouth – no hands!!



How about making a spider web out of masking tape on the floor and challenge each other to walk the web, maybe collecting spiders dotted around as you go?

You could make it more challenging by having to go back to the start if you step off the web or stepping over obstacles?

GHOST BOWLING GAME

YOU WILL NEED:

- At least 6, white paper cups
- Black marker pen
- A soft ball, or, in my case, a slightly shriveled satsuma (with pumpkin face drawn on, natch)



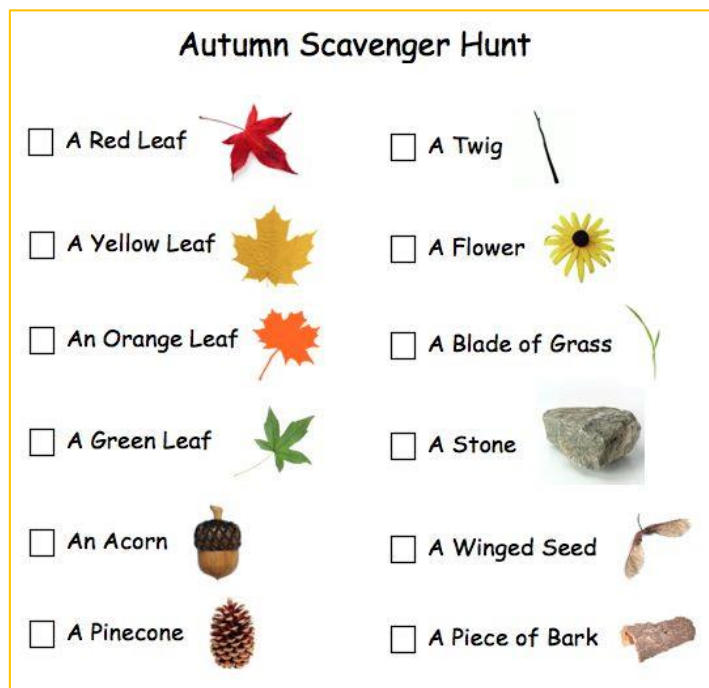
INSTRUCTIONS:

1. On each paper cup, draw on the eyes and mouth of a ghost in black marker pen a la the photo above.
2. Stack the paper cups to make a pyramid.
3. Stand a short distance away (or a longer one, if they are a pro), and roll the ball at the 'ghosts', and see how many they can knock over in one go.

SO simple to make, and ideal if you want some non-messy games at your party.

The Great Outdoors!

With the seasons changing and so much to see, Autumn is a great time to explore the outdoors.



On a dry day, taking a trip to the woods and scuffing through the leaves is loads of fun. Or make a huge leaf pile to jump into!



Make family walks even more fun by turning them into scavenger hunts and challenge each other to be the quickest to find an object like a twig, or the biggest pinecone or most colourful leaf.

Leaf rubbing & collage

Take some paper and crayons outside into the garden or to the park and spend time making leaf and tree rubbings. How many different leaves can you find?

Or, you could take your scavenger hunt one step further by collecting a variety of leaves and other natural objects and use them for activities at home like making a collage.



No Carve Pumpkin Ideas

Who said pumpkins have to be carved or have scary faces? Why not turn your pumpkin into a work of art instead...



Paint Drizzle

Messy but a lot of fun creating random drizzly patterns. Probably best to use poster or acrylic paint, simply squirt colours of your choice onto the top of the pumpkin and watch it run and swirl.

Characters

Could you turn your pumpkin into a character or animal? This spider has been created by giving the pumpkin a coat of black paint, sticking on googly eyes and adding black strips of paper for legs!



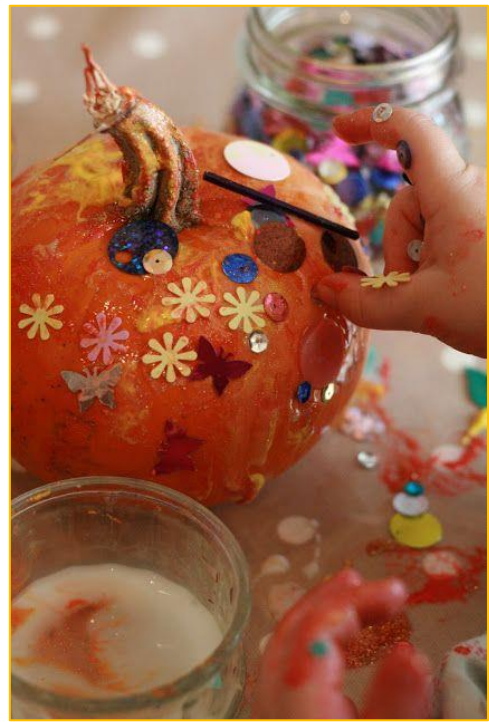
Ribbons and fabric

Why not use up scraps of fabric, ribbon or tape and stick these to your pumpkin to create interesting designs.

Glitter & Sequins

Give your pumpkin a face lift with a generous sprinkling of sequins and glitter using PVA glue.

You could paint your pumpkin first if you didn't want it to be orange!



Confetti & Tissue Paper

Simple but effective, these are white pumpkins but you could paint your orange ones any colour you like. Then tissue paper shapes or confetti have been stuck on using PVA glue to give make this effect.

Nail & Thread

- Hammer or push nails/tacks into your pumpkin, randomly spacing them
- using embroidery thread or wool, tie one end in a knot around one of the nails and then criss-cross the thread, wrapping it around nails as you go

You could use lots of different colours, just cover one side of your pumpkin or go crazy and do the whole thing!



Being Creative

Hand Vampires

Materials Needed:

- Washable paint
- Googly eyes
- Red, white, black paper
- Scissors/Glue



Paint the bottom half of your kids hand with tan colored paint and the top four fingers with black. Have them stamp it on a white piece of paper and let dry. Cut out those red and black cape pieces and glue them underneath the handprint. Glue on the googly eyes and add a mouth/vampire teeth! Awesome!

Hand Witches

Materials Needed:

Paintbrush
Green and Orange Paint
Black/white/yellow paper
Black sharpie



Instructions

Have your kids paint their own hands with green paint and stamp it on a piece of white paper.

Once the paint is dry, make paint on some orange hair and cut out a black hat with paper. Glue on some eyes (we cut out white circles and used a sharpie to make the pupils).

Decorate your witches face with a big nose and you can draw her sitting on a broomstick!

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Walk Safely

1. Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
2. Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
3. Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
4. Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
5. Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
6. Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

Trick or Treat With an Adult

1. Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

1. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
2. Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
3. Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.

4. When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

1. Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
2. Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
3. Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
4. Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
5. Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
6. Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.

Things Going on This Half Term

Owl-O-Ween event at Hawk Conservancy Trust in Weyhill, from October 29-30, 2025

Milestones Museum in Basingstoke for Horrible Histories: Vile Victorians, which runs from October 25 to November 2, 2025.

Join in the Spooky Fun at [Freaky Down Farm](#) this Half Term 18th – 2nd November 2025

Mini Halloween-especially for little ones

20th Oct- 24th Oct

- Discover your spooky name
- Walk through the Barn of Bones
- Follow the Ghost Hunt around the farm for a winning treat
- Meet Madam Pumpkin
- Mini Disco 11am and 1pm
- Storytime 12pm
- Meet the animals inc. farmyard favourites, exotic encounters, and birds of prey
- Enjoy the spacious indoor soft-play areas inc. Toddler Times, Fowl Play and more
- Drive around on mini Land Rovers, pedal go-carts, and tractors
- Explore acres of outdoor adventure inc. farmyard golf, jumping pillows and more
- See 'Today on the Farm' blackboards for daily activities

Halloween at Finkley

Sat 18th, Sun 19th, Sat 25th October until Sun 2nd November

- Discover your spooky name
- Walk through the Barn of Bones
- Follow the Ghost Hunt around the farm for a winning treat
- Walkabout Characters Penelope Pumpkin and Zelda Zombicorn
- Storytime
- Halloween Discos with Balloon Drop 12pm and 3pm
- Meet the animals inc. farmyard favourites, exotic encounters, and birds of prey
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[Visit their website to book](#)

Riverside Bowl, Andover

Bowling, Glo golf and arcade games. [visit their website](#) to find out more and to book

Andover Museum

Halloween themed activities will be happening throughout the week, including their famous , Museum at night event Visit their [Facebook page or wesite](#) for the latest updates

Ironsight Activities

A themed INDOOR and OUTDOOR gaming zones and combat arenas, [visit their website](#) for more details

Cholderton scare breeds farm

Halloween Half Term from 23rd Oct – 2nd November 2025!

Half-Term Halloween at Cholderton Scare Breeds Farm

23rd – 31st October 2025

Join us this October half-term for a week full of **spooky fun, family adventures, and farmyard magic!**

As well as our **daily animal activities**, you can enjoy:

- **Halloween Farm Trail** – follow clues all around the farm
- **Pumpkin Patch Photo Spot** – capture your best spooky poses
- **Meet McMoo** – our friendly farm favourite
- **Make Your Own Witches Broomstick** – a craft to take home
- **Witches Hat Hoopla** – a game for all ages

Special Dates:

- **23rd – 26th October:** Creepy Craft Barn
- **27th & 31st October:** Spooky Magic Shows at 11am & 1pm

Fancy Dress Special: Come in costume and get a **free bag of animal feed!**

Halloween Events

- **29th October:** Super Hilarious Halloween Show at 11am, 12pm, 1pm & 2pm – Entry this day £9 Child & £10 Adult – Under 2s FREE
- **30th October: Family Halloween Party with Disco Dion** – a spook-tacular evening of dancing and fun for all ages – £7pp Under 2s FREE
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Visit their website for more information on how to book.

Hiller Gardens

Pumpkin Carving 29th Oct – 31st Oct 2025

Have a **SPOOK-TACULAR**
half term!!!!

Have **FUN!!**

Stay **SAFE!!**

