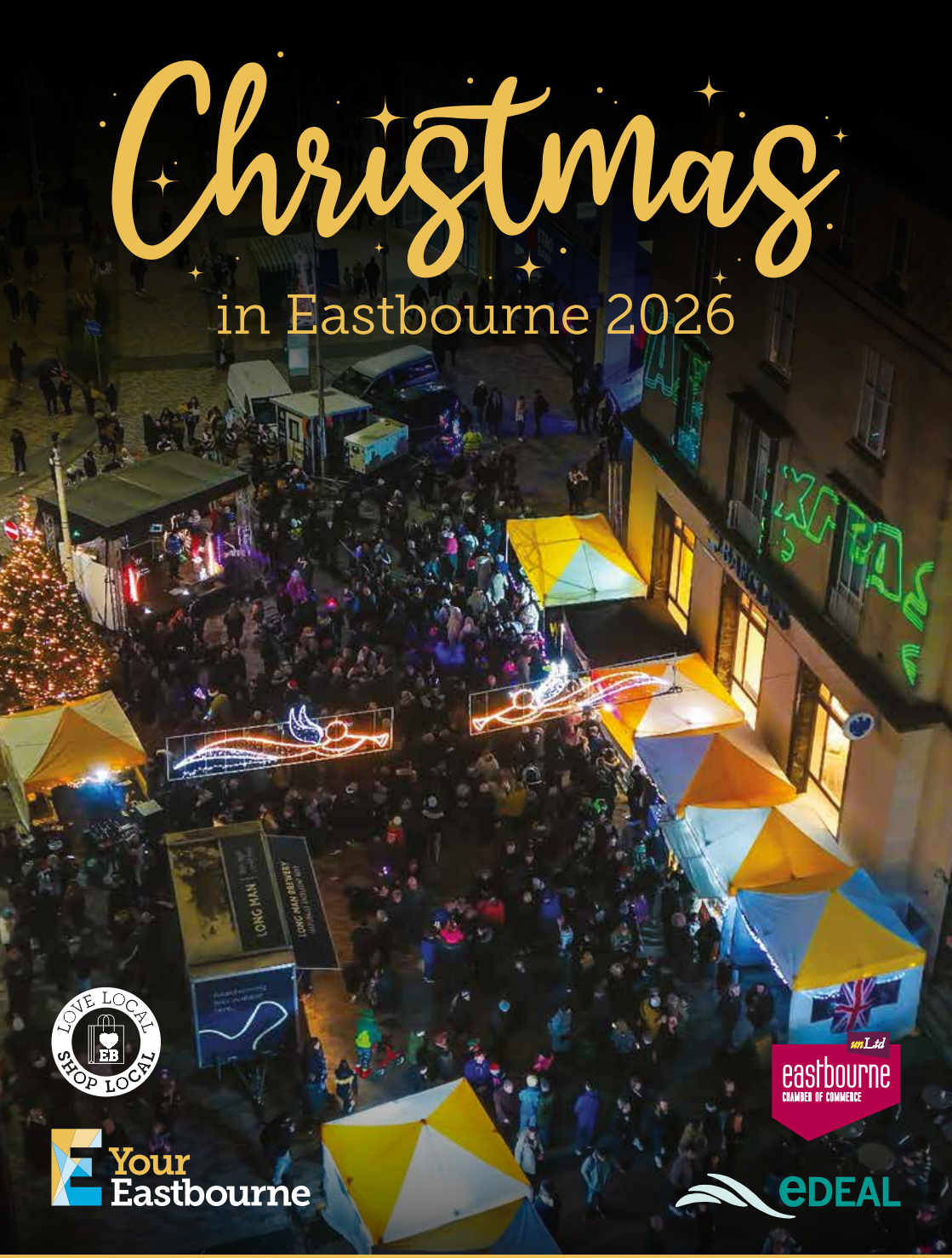
Christmas

in Eastbourne 2026



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Saturday 28 November | Lights On at 6pm

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Welcome
to Christmas in Eastbourne 2026



Christmas is coming to Eastbourne, and the town centre is ready. The lights are going up, the shop windows are dressed, and the next few weeks are full of reasons to come into town with family and friends.

Every corner of the town centre has something different to offer. There are independent treasures, unique finds and gifts nobody else will have, the high street favourites you know and love and plenty of places to stop for festive food and drink when its time to put your bags down and your feet up.

This year there's more going on than ever: live music, fireworks, a festive farmers market, carols, and a brand-new trail for families to follow. Our Christmas magazine is your guide to what's on.

Every pound spent in our local high street helps keep our town centre the place we love. Thank you for shopping local, and have a wonderful Christmas.

All information correct at time of publication. Events and details may be subject to change.

We are grateful to Alice Court, The Hawthorns and Eastbourne Gardens Care Homes for generously sponsoring this years Christmas Lights switch on.

Christmas in Little Chelsea: Friday 4 December, 3.30–8.30pm
The season kicks off with the return of Christmas in Little Chelsea: local crafters, festive food and drink, and the independent shops that offer the kind of service and experience money can't buy. Enjoy live music, children's rides and a free grotto, with the night ending in a firework spectacular. While you're there, follow our Nineteen Days of Christmas window trail through the shops and vote for your favourite window.

Saturday 19 December: make a day of it
Start at our Festive Farmers Market at the Towner Art Gallery – the largest in East Sussex – packed with local growers and producers and the kind of quality you won't find online. Then join the Salvation Army, local choirs and performers from Printers Playhouse for Christmas carols on Bankers Corner.

Mini-figure trail: all December
For the first time, tiny figures are hiding in shops across The Beacon and Enterprise Shopping Centre. Pick up a game sheet from Gather inside The Beacon, find them all and you could win a LEGO® prize.



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Countdown to Christmas

Join us for festive fun, lights, music, markets and magic all season long. Wrap up warm, bring the family, and make your Christmas in Eastbourne truly unforgettable!

* All timings subject to change. Please check our website **eastbournechristmas.com** beforehand.

Saturday 28 November
Christmas Lights Switch-On
Bankers Corner, from 11.30am–7pm

An afternoon of live music, street entertainment and festive stalls — all leading up to the big switch on of the town's Christmas lights at 6pm!

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Friday 4 December
Little Chelsea Fun & Fireworks
3.30–8.30pm

Eastbourne's favourite festive night out! Enjoy late-night shopping, street performers, live music and family fun — all ending with a fireworks finale at 8pm.

Saturday 19 December
Christmas Farmers Market
Towner Gallery, 9am–1pm

Celebrate local with Eastbourne's first festive farmers market! Browse local produce, artisan gifts, and Christmas treats. Plus: A festive family film screening at Towner Cinema.



Saturday 19 December
Community Christmas Carols
Bankers Corner, 12–5pm

Soak up the spirit of Christmas with carols from the Salvation Army, local singers and musicians.

24 November – 24 December
The Door to the North Pole
The Beacon Shopping Centre

This Christmas, don't just visit Santa. Journey to the North Pole! Imagine the wonder on your child's face as they step through a mysterious Magical Door and discover a world where Christmas magic truly comes to life.

28 November – 24 December
Santa's Space Rocket Experience
Enterprise Shopping Centre

Experience something magical this holiday season by blasting off on an intergalactic adventure in Santa's Space Rocket. This unique, theatrical journey promises an unforgettable festive outing for the whole family to enjoy.

Get cosy at home



Fly Flot Anatomic Luxury
Wedge Heel Slippers

Pavers
Terminus Road



Very Merry Munch

Marks & Spencer
The Beacon



Hats & Scarf Set

Wards Clothing Company
Cornfields



Pink Stripe Cosy Dressing Gown

Next
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Little Chelsea Health Food Shop
Little Chelsea



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Starlings

Little Chelsea



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Little Chelsea



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Eric Ravilious Jigsaw Puzzle

Towner Gallery

Devonshire Quarter



From £14

Pottery & Craft Events

The Art House

Little Chelsea

PRINTERS PLAYHOUSE

Community Festive Singalong

Christmas Eve

Family Singalong

2pm & 4pm (£9 adult, £5 conc, £4 child)

Adults Only Singalong

7pm Free

PPH Live Music & Theatre Venue

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The taste of Eastbourne

Celebrate the spirit of the season in Eastbourne, where culinary delights and festive temptations create a feast for the senses. From cosy cafés to elegant dining, explore a culinary wonderland with Christmas-themed menus. Panicking for Christmas Day? Don't forget the delightful deli's and local producers such as Victoria Butchers, Barley Sugar and Poppyseed Bakery.



Farmers Market Fondue

Serves 6

Ingredients:

- 200ml/7fl oz dry white wine
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 400g/14oz of your favourite cheese, grated
- 1 tbsp cornflour
- 1 tbsp kirsch

To serve:
Christmas leftovers, such as pigs in blankets, stuffing balls, roast potatoes and cooked vegetables

Method:
Pour the wine and lemon juice into a heavy-based pan over a medium–low heat until steaming. Add the cheeses, a handful at a time, whisking between additions. Stir for 4–5 minutes until melted, smooth and creamy.

Mix the cornflour with the kirsch and stir into the cheese mixture. Cook over a low heat for another minute until thickened and smooth.

Serve immediately with cocktail sticks or skewers for dipping Christmas leftovers, pickles and bread. Return to a low heat to warm through if needed.

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Christmas Special!

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Eastbourne FARMERS MARKET

Saturday 19 December
9.00am to 1.00pm

Hosted outside
Towner Gallery & Congress Theatre

Local Produce | Live Music | Christmas Gifts

towner.gallery/farmers.market

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Christmas fashion faves



JM Cooper Nordic Sweater

Wards Clothing Company

Cornfields



Brown Tweed Gloves With Stag

The Edinburgh Woollen Mill

Terminus Road



Short Sleeve Gold Button Cardigan

Bonmarché

The Beacon



Classic Half Zip Sweatshirt

Crew Clothing Company

The Beacon



IDA Cord Midi Skirt

White Stuff

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Blanket Check Poncho

Accessorize

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Eastbourne Theatres, in association with Jordan Productions

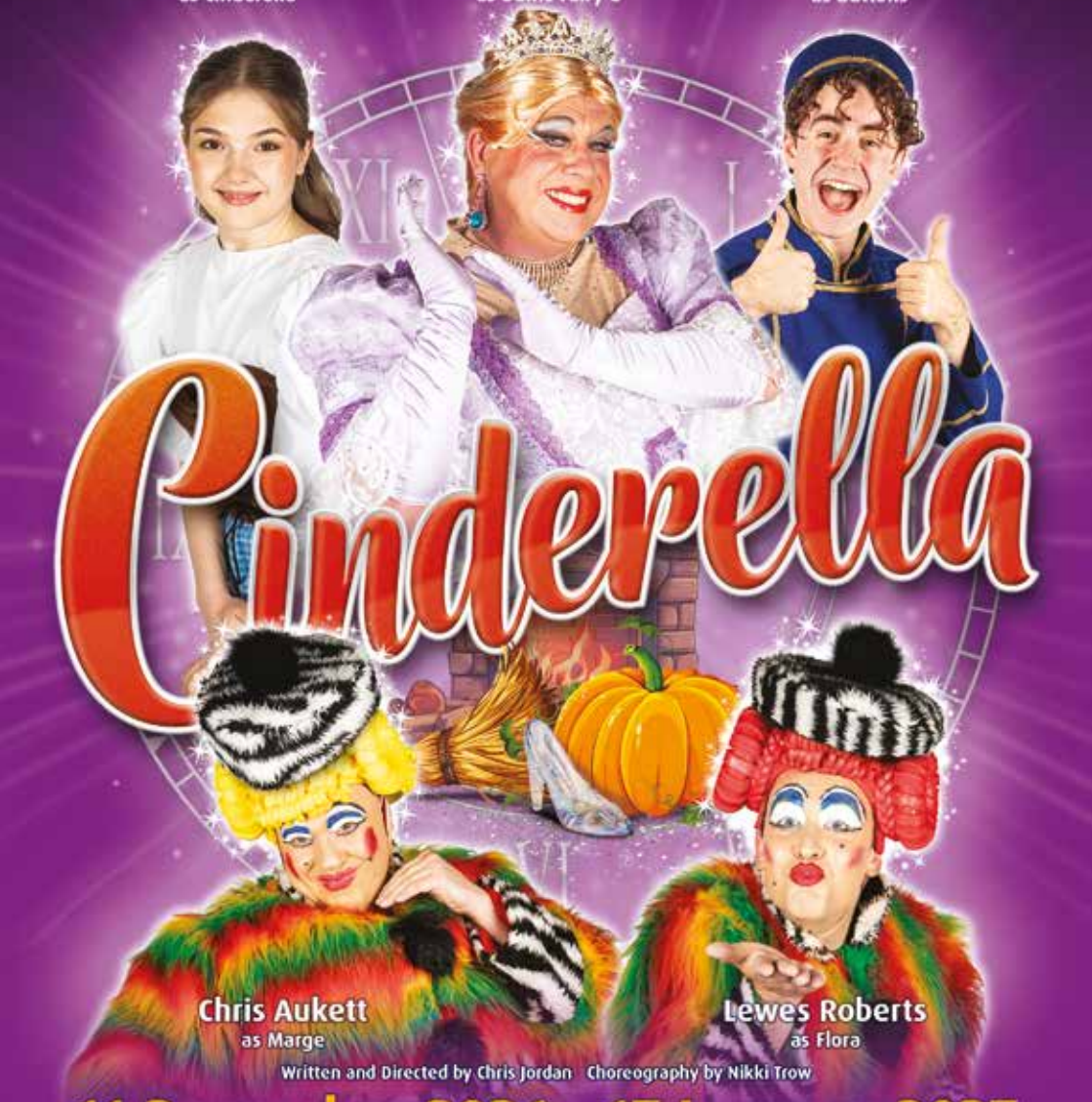
Devonshire Park Theatre's

Legendary Pantomime returns!

Ella Bracci
as Cinderella

Eastbourne's Favourite Dame
Martyn Knight
as Dame Fairy G

Morgan Phillips
as Buttons



Cinderella

Chris Aukett
as Marge

Lewes Roberts
as Flora

Written and Directed by Chris Jordan Choreography by Nikki Trow

11 December 2026 - 17 January 2027

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Kids Stuff
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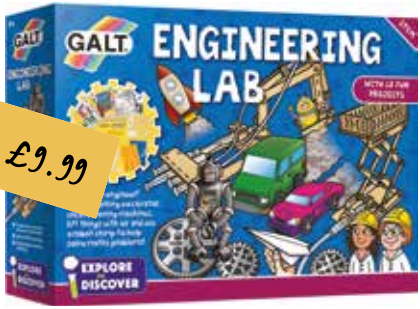

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Christmas gifts for kids



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The Dice Box

Little Chelsea



Childrens Wellington Boots

Fern

Little Chelsea



LEGO® Ship in a Bottle

Brickers Bricks

Terminus Road



Original Mystery Squishy Dumpling

Grove Road Cards

Little Chelsea



Science Museum Off Roader

Kids Stuff Toys

The Beacon

Cultural highlights

Eastbourne ignites with cultural brilliance this Christmas season. Immerse yourself in artistry with the Towner Art Gallery, relish live performances at theatres, and experience the magic of cinema. Eastbourne is a festive stage, blending creativity and entertainment for an unforgettable holiday celebration that transcends artistic boundaries.

Listen to Live Music





The Vinyl Frontier – 35 Grove Road
Eastbourne's leading, largest and longest established independent Record Shop.
instagram.com/vinylfrontieruk

Printers Playhouse – 49a Grove Road
Independent theatre, music venue and bar featuring live music and acts.
printersplayhouse.co.uk

Enjoy the Theatre

Grove Theatre – Grove Road
An intimate theatre in the heart of Eastbourne's town centre.
groveeastbourne.com

Congress Theatre – Carlisle Road
The largest theatre on the South Coast, the Congress Theatre is host to touring West End musicals and plays, ballet, opera, comedy and live music.
eastbournetheatres.co.uk

Devonshire Park Theatre – Compton Street
The home of Eastbourne's award winning Pantomime – this year don't miss Cinderella!
eastbournetheatres.co.uk



See a Film

Cineworld – The Beacon
Watch the latest blockbuster including Avengers Doomsday.
cineworld.co.uk

Towner Cinema – Devonshire Quarter
Enjoy relaxed screenings with a glass of wine at The Towner Cinema.
townereastbourne.org.uk

Local Galleries

Emma Mason Gallery
21 Lushington Lane
emmamason.co.uk

Gallery@42
42 South Street
galleryat42.co.uk

Lighthouse Gallery
19 Cornfield Terrace
thelighthousegallery.co.uk

Henry Paddon Contemporary Art
113 South Street
henrypaddon.com

Towner Gallery
Devonshire Quarter
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