

# Discovery Film Festival 2026

## What's on

There's lots for all ages to enjoy at Discovery Film Festival – and with **Donate What You Can** tickets (£0–£8), you can come and see as many films as you like! As a celebration of international cinema, some of our films are subtitled: we encourage adults to help children by reading subtitles aloud quietly, or by explaining the action on screen when needed.

Our ever-popular *Shorts for Wee Ones* and *Shorts for Families* selections are filled with cute characters and exciting stories. Infants and toddlers will adore *Shorts for Tinies*, with short, dialogue-free films accompanied by fun hands-on activities. This year we've also added some extra Shorts screenings on the November school in-service dates, to help keep your kids occupied over the long weekend!

Alongside our short films, don't miss animated features *Papaya*, *When Mumbo Jumbo Grew Giant*, *Mary Anning* and *Olivia and the Invisible Earthquake*, plus live-action excitement in *The Secret Floor* and vintage classic *The Red Balloon*.

Our Discovery Young Programmers, a group of 15-18 year-olds who have been learning all about running a film festival, have selected stirring musical drama *Congo Boy*.

Finally, we're welcoming back special guests The Enchanted Cinema for an interactive cinema experience, where your little ones can be part of creating a live soundtrack to scenes from one of the very first animated films, *The Adventures of Prince Achmed*. We can't wait!

### Sat 31 October

#### Films

- 10:30 Shorts for Tinies (0+)
- 11:30 Shorts for Wee Ones (0+)
- 13:30 Olivia and the Invisible Earthquake (10+)

#### Creative activities

- 11:00–14:00 Discovery Art Cart (All ages)
- 11:30–12:45 3D Character Creation Workshop (10+)

### Sun 1 November

#### Films

- 11:30 Shorts for Families (0+)
- 13:30 The Red Balloon (U)
- 15:00 The Secret Floor (9+)

#### Creative activities

- 11:00–14:00 Discovery Art Cart (All ages)

### Sat 7 November

#### Films

- 10:30 Enchanted Cinema (PG)
- 11:30 Mary Anning (7+)
- 13:00 When Mumbo Jumbo Grew Giant (0+)
- 13:30 Relaxed: Shorts for Families (0+, captioned)

#### Creative activities

- 11:00–14:00 Art Cart (All ages)

### Sun 8 November

#### Films

- 10:30 Shorts for Tinies (0+)
- 11:30 Papaya (0+)
- 13:30 Relaxed: Shorts for Wee Ones (0+, captioned)
- 15:30 Discovery Young Programmers present: Congo Boy (15+)

#### Creative activities

- 11:00–14:00 Discovery Art Cart (All ages)

### Thu 12 November

- 12:30 Shorts for Wee Ones (0+)

### Fri 13 November

- 12:30 Shorts for Families (0+)

## Booking

All Discovery Film Festival films and bookable workshops are **Donate What You Can**: £0 to £8. Please book a place for all adults and children attending.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Please book in advance at [dca.org.uk](https://dca.org.uk), or visit our Box Office from 10:00 every day.

## Information and tickets

