

HIGH STREET KEN.



A KENSINGTON CHRISTMAS GUIDE

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WELCOME TO KENSINGTON'S CHRISTMAS

Kensington is a place where community comes together and the spirit of giving is truly celebrated. This guide will help you explore all the holiday activities around the neighborhood. Christmas events, hearty meals and wholesome workshops, Kensington has something for everyone. Remember to donate a book this Christmas as part of our 'A Kensington's Christmas Story' scheme, more details below.

A KENSINGTON CHRISTMAS STORY

Read, Celebrate and Share the Joy of Reading

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
The Queen's Reading Room

This sparkling festive season, Opportunity Kensington have teamed up with The Queen's Reading Room to highlight the power of reading to connect with others and boost mental health, creating a giant book installation. Set beside the flower stand at St Mary Abbots Church, on the corner where Kensington High Street and Kensington Church Street meet, this eye-catching tower of books helps highlight the work of The Queen's Reading Room.



Dressed in rich Christmas colours and festive trims, the installation's large present box serves as drop off point where visitors can donate books, both old and new, benefitting the Friends of Chelsea and Westminster Hospital library, which operates a library and book trolley service for the hospital's patients and staff. Visitors are also encouraged to 'pay it forward' by leaving supportive messages for the next reader.

The campaign will mark the first-ever physical activation carried out by The Queen's Reading Room since the charity was established in February 2023.

DROP OFF POINTS



Kensington Quarter, Waterstones, Kensington Central Library, Holiday Inn, Japan House London, Petit Bateau, Whole Foods Market, Pomegranate, Kensington Palace

See map side to locate drop off points

KENSINGTON'S ADVENT GUIDE

01 Farmers Market Phillimore Walk, W8 7RX 	02 Festive meal at Min Jiang at Royal Garden Hotel , W8 4PT (available on various dates) 	03 Create Your Own Paper Lantern: Edo Tegaki Chochin Workshops at Japan House London , W8 5SA, 1 - 2.30pm * Waterstones Kensington's Christmas Evening , W8 7RL, 4.30pm	04 Victoria's Childhood Christmas at the Kensington Palace , W8 4PX (until 05 Jan 24) 	05 Festive Meal at The Orangery at Kensington Palace , W8 4PX (available on various dates) * Holiday Pop up at Vicki Sarge , W8 4EP 	06 Christmas Wreath Making at Hyde Park Learning Centre , W2 2UH, (available on 6th and 7th) 	07 Vicki Sarge - Christmas Treasure Hunt , W8 4EP (available 8th, 14-24th) * Christmas with Opera Holland Park - St Mary Abbots Church , W8 4LA, 4pm 	08 Meet Santa and his Elves at the Farmers Market , W8 7RX, 10.30am-12.30pm
09 The World of Tim Burton Exhibition at the Design Museum , W8 6AG (until 21 Apr 25) 	10 Afternoon Tea at The Orangery at Kensington Palace , W8 4PX (available on various dates) * Meet Santa at Kensington Central Library , W8 7RX, 10am - 12pm 	11 Waterstones Kensington: Meet A. F. Steadman , W8 7RL, 4pm * Meet Santa at Kensington Central Library , W8 7RX, 10.30am - 12pm 	12 Candlelit Tour of Leighton House , W14 8LZ, 7-8pm * Festive Shopping Event at Japan House London , W8 5SA, 4 - 8pm 	13 Hidden Stories of Kensington Gardens Walking Tour , W2 4RU, 11am - 12:30pm 	14 Family Fun: Phantasmagorical Christmas Cards at Leighton House , W14 8LZ * Christmas Cards Printmaking Workshop at Cass Art , W8 7RG, 11.30am - 12.30pm 	15 St Mary's Abbots' Messiah at St Mary Abbots Church , W8 4LA 	16 Afternoon Tea at the Milestone , W8 5DL (available on various dates)
17 Festive Menu at Britannia Kensington , W8 6UX (available on various dates) 	18 Guided Audio Tour around Kensington Gardens/ Holland Park , scan the QR code for details 	19 Hyde Park Winter Wonderland , W2 2UH (available on various dates) * Festive Piano Recital at Kensington Central Library , W8 7RX, 4- 8pm 	20 Donate a Book at a Queens Reading Room Drop Off Point (available throughout December) 	21 Looks Delicious! Exploring Japan's food replica culture at Japan House London , W8 5SA (until 16 Feb 25) 	22 Festive cheer at Hux Hotel in Kensington , W8 5NP * Farmers Market , Phillimore Walk, W8 7RX 	23 Festive Family Menu at Spaghetti House , Kensington, W8 5NP 	24 MERRY CHRISTMAS



Visit businesses respected websites for additional information and bookings

GIFT GUIDE



Kensington's Gift Guide offers a curated selection of the finest high street retailers this festive season. From luxurious accessories to unique home décor, find the perfect gift that combines timeless elegance with exciting new arrivals - all within easy reach on High Street Kensington.



Vicki Sarge



Laderach



Zara Home

Unique Gifts

- * the Design Museum Shop
- * Japan House London
- * Vicki Sarge
- * Pomegranate
- * Leighton House shop
- * Susannah King
- * Kensington Palace shop

Crowd Pleasers

- * Zara Home
- * Laderach
- * Waterstones
- * Trotters
- * L'Occitane



STUCK FOR IDEAS?

Whether you're hunting for the perfect gift or treating yourself this festive season, visit highstreetkensington.co.uk to discover all things Christmas.

You'll find everything from fashion, home decor to artisan products.

Make sure to check out our wellness shops for some self-care indulgence.



Scan the QR code to discover more.



Leighton House Shop

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA

Discover the finest Kensington locations to indulge in a festive afternoon tea, embrace the seasonal delicacies and charming ambiance this holiday with these sophisticated spots this Christmas.




















- * Festive afternoon tea at the Milestone
- * The Orangery at the Kensington Palace
- * Festive afternoon tea at Origin Royal Garden Hotel




Origin Kensington

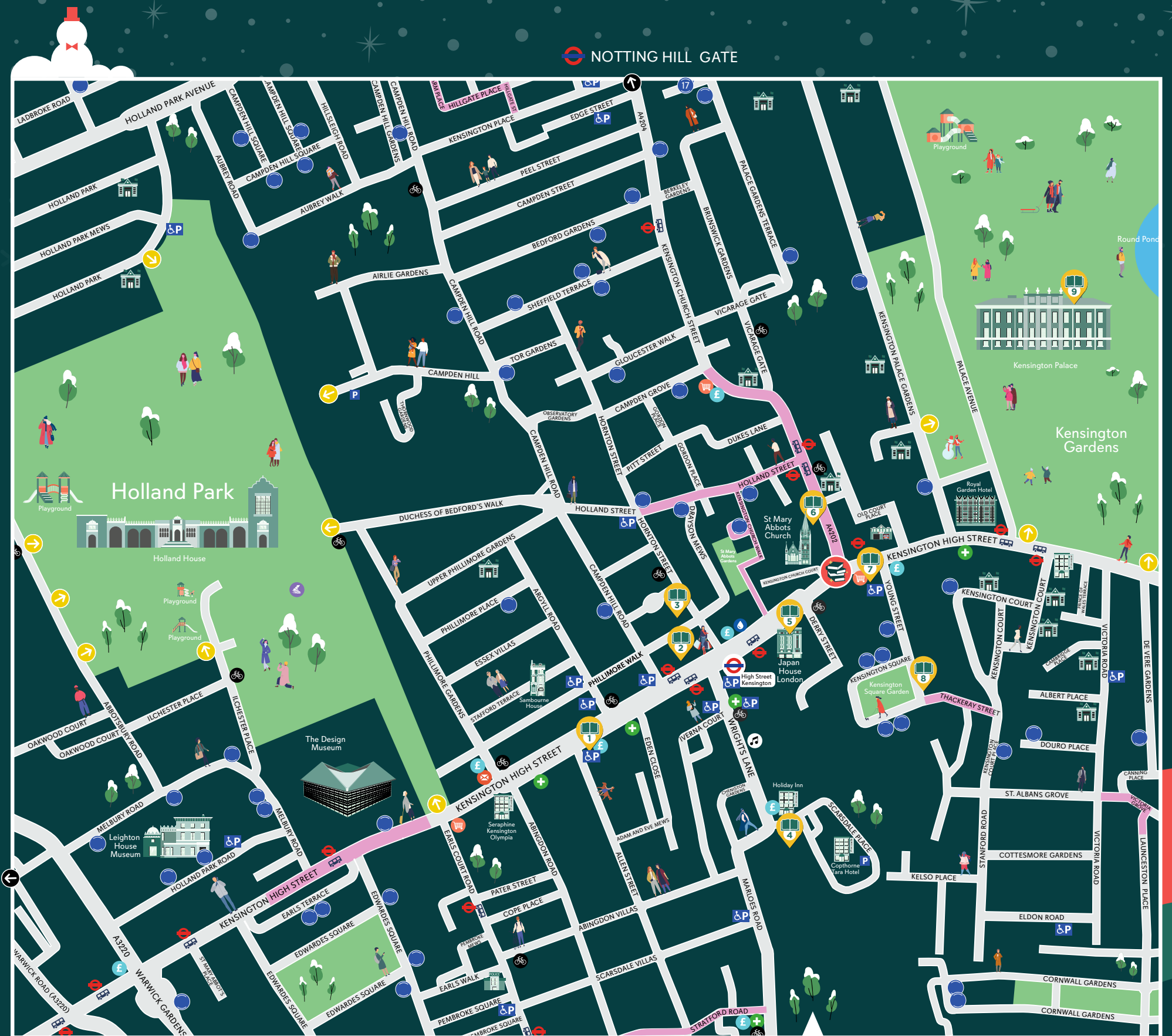
WHAT'S ON THIS FESTIVE SEASON

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-  Blue plaque site
-  Park entrance
-  Bike rack
-  Bus stop
-  Tube station
-  Embassy
-  Police station
-  Fire station
-  Hotel
-  Playgrounds
-  Supermarket
-  Water Fountain
-  ATM
-  Blue Badge Parking
-  Pharmacy
-  Warner Music
-  Post Office
-  Sports Facilities
Including an outdoor gym, tennis courts, football pitches, cricket nets
-  Village-feel neighbourhoods


 A Kensington Christmas Story installation and book donation point

-  The Queen's Reading Room book donation points
-  1 Kensington Quarter
-  2 Waterstones
-  3 Kensington Central Library
-  4 Holiday Inn
-  5 Japan House London
-  6 Petit Bateau
-  7 Whole Foods Market
-  8 Pomegranate
-  9 Kensington Palace



KENSINGTON OLYMPIA (Step-free access from street to platform)

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