

School's Out For Summer: Keep Kids Entertained Without Leaving the Garden!

- With the school holidays fast approaching, parents across the UK are starting to think about how to keep their kids busy, active, and away from screens
- B&Q's Marketplace Expert, Marion Merle, has revealed her top product picks from climbing frames and swing sets to outdoor mud kitchens
- Starting at just **£10.99**, all summer toys and games are available online at diy.com and can be delivered straight to your door

JUNE 2025 - With the end of the school year fast approaching, parents up and down the country are thinking about how to keep their kids entertained over the long summer break.

This summer is packed with major sporting events from the Women's Euros and Wimbledon to the British and Irish Lions tour of Australia, inspiring kids everywhere to get active and play like their sporting heroes. And the best part? They don't even need to leave the garden.

Keeping kids busy over the holidays doesn't need to break the bank either. **B&Q's Marketplace Expert, Marion Merle**, has shared her best affordable and durable product picks to keep children active all summer long.




Marion says: "Every child plays differently, whether they love getting creative, staying active, or simply exploring outdoors. At B&Q, we have a marketplace with a whole host of outdoor children's furniture and garden toys to suit all kinds of interests. By choosing well-made, long-lasting products, parents can create a garden that keeps kids entertained not just for one summer, but for many to come."

FOR THE FUTURE SPORTS STARS

Marion says: "Sport isn't just for PE lessons or after-school clubs, it's a fantastic way for kids to improve their skills, and develop teamwork, all while having fun in the garden with friends or family. Our range of garden sports equipment is designed to fit gardens of all sizes, helping families create their own mini sports stadium at home."




Marion's top product picks



MantraRaj Size 3 Cricket Set With Mesh Carry Bag - £13.95	Hy-Pro 4ft x 3ft Pop Up Flexi Football Goal - £19.99	HILLINGTON 2-in-1 Fusion of Swing Football and Tennis Garden Game - £13.49
		
England FA Crest Football White/Red/Blue - £18.41	Charles Bentley 50 Multi Coloured Space Disc Training Markers Cones With Stand - £11.99	Salta 84cm x 84cm Motion Rebounder - £81




FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T SIT STILL

Marion says: "Trampolines are fantastic for keeping kids entertained for hours, giving them a chance to invent bouncing games and practice their coordination and balance. They're always a crowd pleaser in the garden, combining fun and fitness in one."

Marion's top product picks		
		
EVRE 8 ft Blue Outdoor Trampoline with Safety Net Padded Poles and Ladder - £143.99	COSTWAY Kids 90cm Mini Trampoline - £54.95	SunDaze 55" Kids Mini Trampoline with Safety Net - £63.95




FOR THOSE REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

Marion Says: “Climbing frames with slides and swings are perfect for encouraging active play and sparking kids’ imaginations. They give children the chance to climb, explore, and create their own adventures while safe and in sight.

Marion's top product picks		
		
<u>Outsunny Metal Swings Set w/ Seesaw, Adjustable Height</u> - £83.69	<u>Rebo Wooden Swing Set with Up and Over Climbing Wall</u> - £324.99	<u>Rebo Adventure Wooden Climbing Frame with Monkey Bar, Swings & Slide</u> - £509.99




FOR THE SWIMMERS AND SPLASHERS

Marion Says: “To help kids cool off on sunny days, nothing beats bringing out the paddling pool and water pistols for some fun. These simple outdoor toys turn the garden into an exciting water playground, keeping children entertained for hours.”

Marion's top product picks		
		
<u>Aircraft Model PVC Children Outdoor Water Inflatable Toys</u> - £26.99	<u>Water Gun Pistol 3 Pack</u> - £10.99	<u>Bestway Textured pattern on sidewalls PVC Family fun pool</u> - £60

FOR THE BIG IMAGINATIONS

Marion Says: “Some children love to make and create, and the garden offers the perfect space to get messy and experiment with different materials. Mud kitchens, in particular, encourage imagination, allowing children to explore textures, mix ingredients, and invent their own culinary masterpieces”

Marion's top product picks		
		
Costway Kids Outdoor Potting Bench - £72.95	Costway Outdoor Mud Kitchen Set Wooden Play Kitchen w/ Detachable Sink - £64.95	Costway Outdoor Wooden Kids Sandpit - £74.95

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