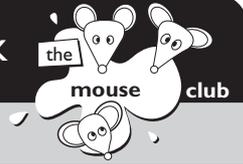


# Party Planner

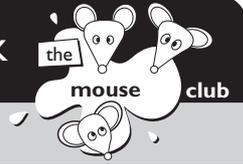




## Ideas for your Party

- \* \* \* Keep it simple.
- \* \* \* Try not to invite too many guests- consider space in your house, number of willing helpers & age of children.
- \* \* \* Find out what the birthday child would like - make sure you feel comfortable with their ideas. Remember you make the ultimate decision.
- \* \* \* Older children may want a sleep over - be prepared for some noise and a possible very late night.
- \* \* \* Time the party to suit your needs. Two hours may be long enough for very young children and they may need their parent with them.
- \* \* \* Make sure noisy games are played before tea or well after. That way no one should be too sick!
- \* \* \* Have calm games among the more hectic - to avoid children getting over excited.
- \* \* \* Be polite, clear but firm if you see behaviour you don't like – it is your house after all.
- \* \* \* If there is anybody sulking or getting silly - give them a quiet task to do e.g. help with a game by giving out the paper etc.
- \* \* \* Have something quiet to do at the very end while you wait for parents to collect e.g. video or colouring activity.





## Themes for parties for young children

### \*\*\* Nursery rhyme characters

Each child chooses a nursery rhyme character and brings one item to show. The rest have to guess who he/ she is e.g. if she is carrying a lamb –then she is Mary had a little lamb. When children have guessed correctly they can all sing the song. Make sure each child gets a turn.

### \*\*\* Teddy bear

Each child brings their teddy. Make a label with card and wool. Write owner's name and teddy's too if it has one and hang round teddy's neck.

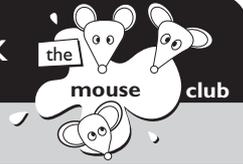
Look at all the teddies and then play a simple memory game by hiding one of the teddies. Who can guess who it belongs to and can they remember it's name. (Have a few spare ones in case anyone forgets - saves a few tears). Make teddy bear cakes or biscuits. Cut teddy bear head shapes out of spam or cheese slices for sandwiches. Read the story of the 3 bears and try to act it out if you feel the children are reasonably confident and a little older. If you feel up to it help the children to make teddy bear masks or hats to take home.

### \*\*\* Mouse Club party

Children can dress up as Roly, Red or Blue mouse by wearing the correct colour clothes. Make some mouse hats beforehand to give each guest as they arrive. Use face paints to give each child the right colour nose. Play pinning the nose on Roly and bake Blue mouse cakes. Print out the place mats (from the website) for children to take home and colour.

### \*\*\* Pirate

Children wear brightly coloured tops and ordinary trousers or pyjama bottoms. Wrap scraps of material or old headscarves around head. Make a ramp up to the door and tell the guests they have to walk the plank before they can get in. Have a treasure memory game and put all items on a tray. Remove one and see who can guess what is missing. Play find the treasure. Make a treasure map. Blindfold each child in turn and let them mark where they think the treasure is on the map. Write the child's name by their mark. The one who gets closest is the winner. Use cocktail sticks and attach sticky labels with a pirate skull & bones and stick into the sandwiches. Make treasure jelly or cakes (drop small sweets into either mixture). Eat fish fingers. Play hunt the treasure - using cold, warm or hot as clues.



## Themes for parties for young children

### \*\*\* Clown

Wear brightly coloured clothes and use face paint to decorate faces. Play pin the nose on the clown. Make individual jellies and decorate with sweets and foamy cream to make clown faces.

### \*\*\* Pyjama

Children come in their pyjamas.

### \*\*\* Colour

Each child dresses in their favourite colour. Use food colouring to make brightly coloured cakes. Use large paper tablecloths and leave a selection of crayons next to each place so children can draw a pattern or picture.

### \*\*\* Dressing up party

Collect hats, bags, scarves, belts and bits of jewellery and anything else suitable for children to dress up in.

### \*\*\* Alien

Imaginations can go wild here. The clothes can be any colour. The dafter the better. Raid the kitchen and use empty egg boxes to make head wear.

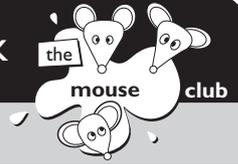
### \*\*\* Halloween

Children can dress as witches, ghosts, wizards etc. Make ghost biscuits to eat.

### \*\*\* Bonfire party

Make mash, sausage and heap beans on top.  
Children can dress up as a fire work.





## Party games

### \*\*\* Musical statues

Explain to the children that you are going to play some music and when it stops they must too. The child who is last to stop is out. Have a practise first to make sure they understand what to do.

### \*\*\* Simon says

This is a simple follow my leader game. Touch different parts of the body and children copy. You could also do actions for them to copy. Start slowly and get faster and faster.



### \*\*\* Pin the nose/find the treasure

Depending on the theme of the party this could be almost anything. Pin the nose on the clown. Find the treasure in the map etc. Fasten a scarf around the first child's eyes and turn them round twice. Point them towards the picture and write down their name next to the spot they have chosen.

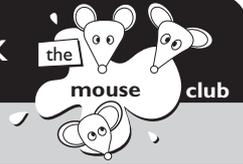
### \*\*\* Memory game

Place a few toys or objects on a tray or a large plate and show the children. Secretly remove one of the objects and show the children again. They take turns to make a guess. If they struggle, give them little clues.

### \*\*\* Simple bingo

Buy or make bingo cards and give one to each child. Hold up the individual cards one by one (not too fast for young ones). If the child has the match - give them the card to cover theirs. The first one to cover all of their card is the winner. Slightly older children enjoy working out simple sums e.g. if you hold up a card that says  $2 + 3$ , they have to find number 5 on their sheet.





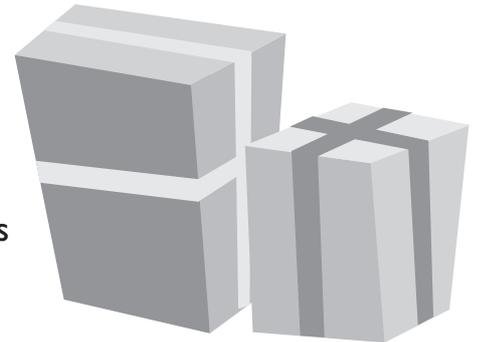
## Party games

### \*\*\* I spy

A very old game. Children take turns to choose something in the room and say the first letter. The others take turns to guess what it is. The winner has the next turn. Younger children could play I spy something that is round.

### \*\*\* Pass the parcel

If there is a theme to the party wrap up a little prize or sweets. Start off with small pieces of wrapping and gradually make the parcel bigger and bigger. Sit the children in a circle and start the music. When the music stops the child holding the parcel takes off one layer. (It's handy to have a carrier bag around to keep the wrappers in and the circle tidy.) Keep passing round and stopping the music until there is a winner.



### \*\*\* Chinese whispers

Children sit in a circle. Whisper a short message to the 1st child and ask her/him to pass it round. The child at the end relays the message. Is it still the same? For older children try tongue twisters to make it even more fun.

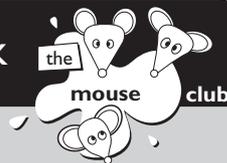
### \*\*\* Guess who!

Children listen carefully while you describe one of them. Start by being general e.g. It is not a boy / girl. Keep adding more detail e.g. the person has freckles; wears black shoes etc.

### \*\*\* Races

If the weather permits and you have a reasonable garden organise some simple races. Hopping, potato on the spoon, jumping, running with balloon between legs.





## Party Recipes

### ★★★ Roly's finger dips

#### Ingredients

- Tubs of thick yoghurt cucumber, mint, tomato ketchup, finely sliced onions or creamy cheese mixed with chives.
- Crisps or tortilla chips

#### How to make

1. Mix the yoghurt with the diced cucumber and shredded mint leaves.
2. Mix the yoghurt with tomato ketchup and finely sliced onions.
3. Serve with a mountain of crisps or tortilla chips.

### ★★★ Yummy teddy biscuits

#### Ingredients

- 200g self raising flour
- 100g caster sugar
- 100g margarine
- 1 egg
- rind and juice of half a lemon

#### How to make

1. Mix flour and sugar in a bowl. Rub in the butter until mixture looks like breadcrumbs.
2. Add grated lemon rind and mix with beaten egg and lemon juice.
3. Roll out and cut out teddy shapes with teddy animal cutter.
4. Decorate with coloured sweets or icing.

*Use other shape cutters for different animals.*

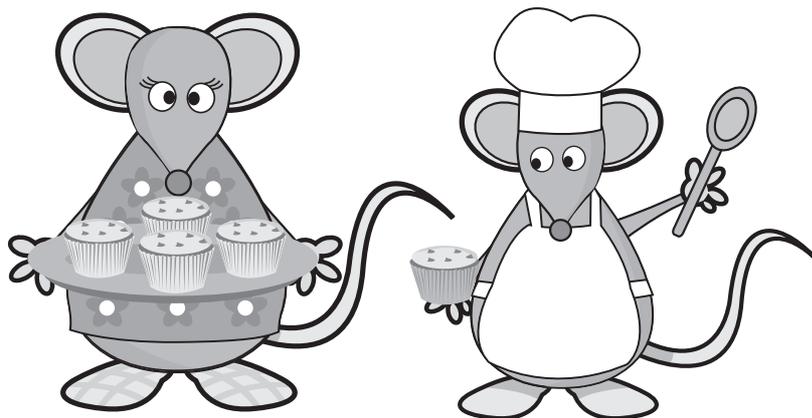
### ★★★ Roly's birthday cakes

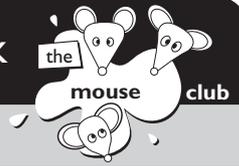
#### Ingredients

- 100g margarine
- 100g caster sugar
- 100g self raising flour
- 2 eggs
- food colouring
- Icing sugar

#### How to make

1. Cream the margarine and sugar until light and fluffy.
2. Beat in eggs one at a time with a little flour. Gently fold in the rest of flour.
3. Place mixture in bun cases.
4. Bake in at 180C, (gas mark 3 – 4) for 25 – 30 mins.
5. Mix food colouring with enough icing sugar to spread on the top of the cakes.
6. Decorate with brightly coloured sweets.





## Party Recipes

### ★★★ Roly's yummy chocolate pudding

#### Ingredients

- 150g chocolate
- 3 eggs

#### How to make

1. Separate the yolks and egg whites.
2. Break the chocolate into pieces and place in a bowl over a pan of water. Heat the water gently, stirring the chocolate with a wooden spoon.
3. Turn off the heat and add the egg yolks to the melted chocolate. Mix well and leave to cool for about 10 minutes.
4. Whisk egg whites until they are stiff and stand in little peaks.
5. Carefully fold the egg whites into the chocolate mixture.
6. Pour into individual pots or a large bowl.
7. Decorate with cream and yummy sweets.

### ★★★ Roly's delicious ice cream

#### Ingredients

- 1 large tub of plain yoghurt
- glace cherries
- angelica
- hundreds and thousands

#### How to make

1. Chop the cherries into small pieces.
2. Empty yoghurt into large bowl. Add chopped cherries and angelica and stir.
3. Pour into plastic container and place in freezer for about an hour.
4. Remove from freezer and stir again.
5. Freeze again for another hour.
6. Serve with wafer biscuits or chocolate flakes.

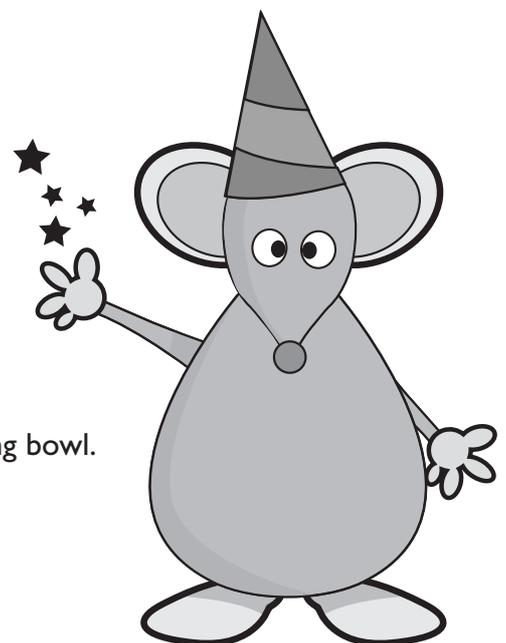
### ★★★ Roly's strawberry milk shake

#### Ingredients

- 500ml milk
- 6 strawberries
- 1 tsp caster sugar

#### How to make

1. Chop the strawberries into small slices and place in a mixing bowl.
2. Add the caster sugar and mash together.
3. Put the mixture into screw top jar. Add the milk.
4. Screw the lid tight and shake.
5. Pour into individual glasses and serve.



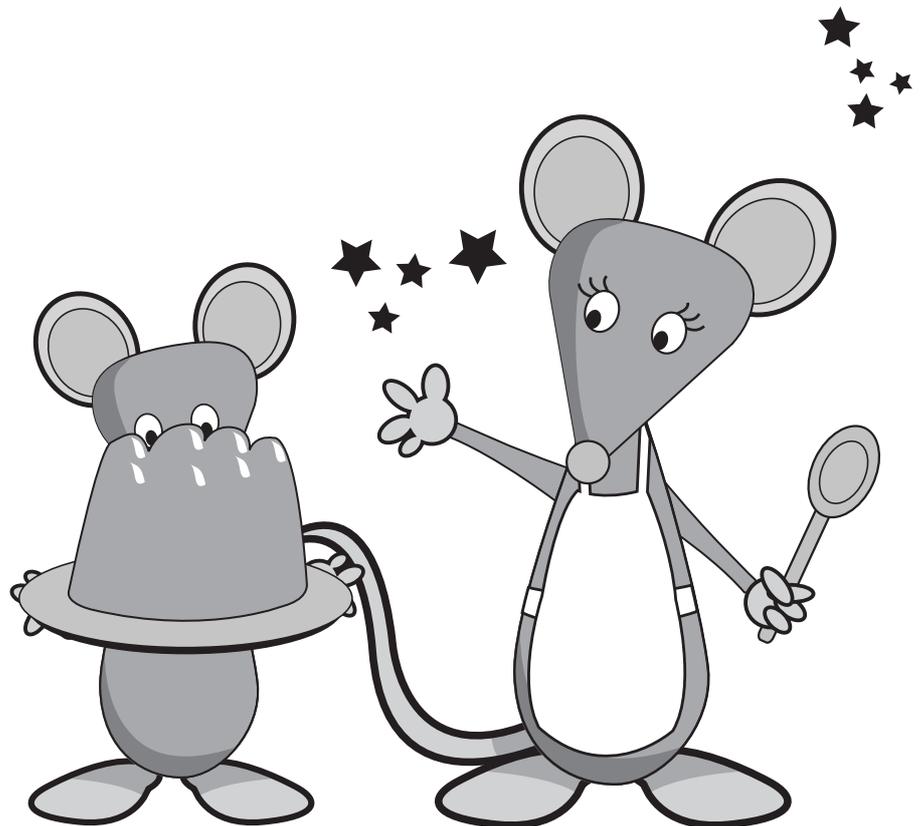
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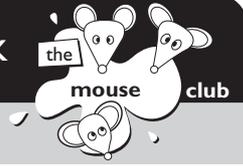
### ☆☆☆ Roly's sandwich selection

- Make a selection of sandwiches, remove the crusts and cut into different shapes.
- Good ideas for fillings are egg, ham, cheese and pickle, chicken, jam, lemon curd, peanut butter and banana.

### ☆☆☆ Other treats

- Lots of children like fish fingers and chips. Use frozen oven chips or microwavable to save time. Pre cook the fingers and keep warm so they are ready to serve when you need them.
- Bowls of crisps, hula hoops, potato puffs and straws, pop corn.
- Cheese triangles, raisins, sausage rolls, chopped pieces of carrot, pieces of pizza.
- For afters – individual jellies, ice cream cornets or ice cream decorated with sweets or chocolate flakes.





## Party Invitations



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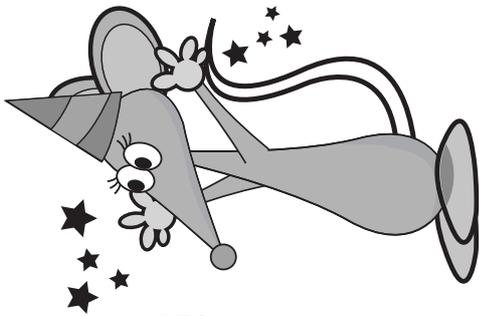
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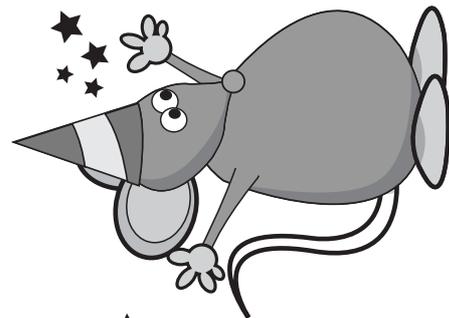
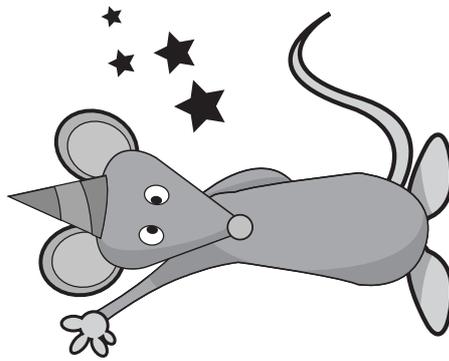
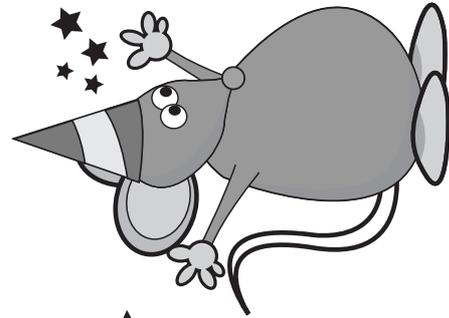
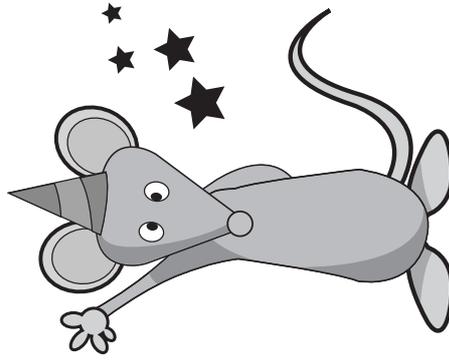
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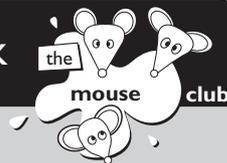
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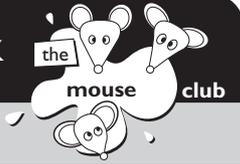
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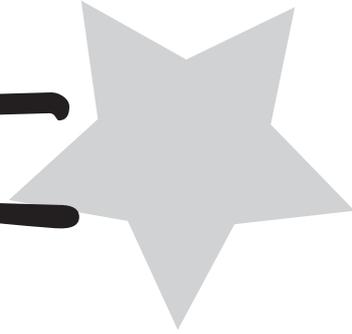
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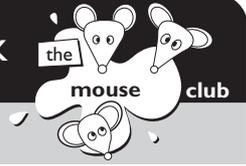
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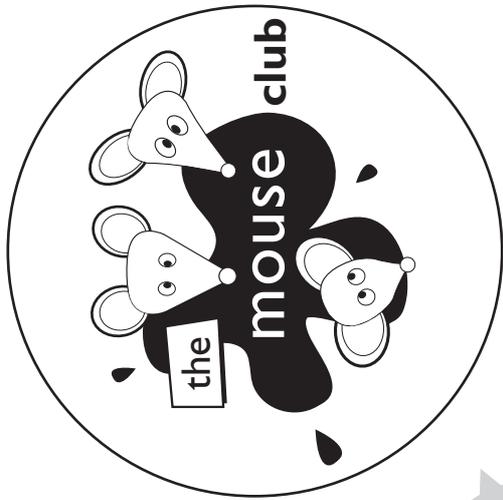


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## Party Placemats



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## Party Hats

### How to make your party hat

- Colour in the pictures on the hat.
- Get an adult to carefully cut along the dotted lines.
- Fold the semi-circle into a cone shape and stick it together using the area marked 'glue here'.
- Put some holes in the side where the circles are and tie elastic through the holes.

**Your hat is now ready to wear!**

