

Below you'll find some great savoury and sweet ideas, as well as suggestions for the highlight of the party tea - the cake!

### **Savoury ideas**

- Sandwiches - a party basic that can be made much more appealing by being cut into tiny triangles or shapes with food cutters.
- Pizza fingers - cut a pizza into manageable sections that children can eat easily with their fingers. It's usually best to stick to the basic cheese and tomato or ham varieties.
- Tiny quiches and little scotch eggs - bite sized are best.
- Mini sausages or sausage rolls - again, the smaller the better.
- Mini vegetables and dips - cut carrots, cucumber, red and yellow peppers into sticks, add a few cherry tomatoes and offer with some houmous or cream cheese for dips.
- Breadsticks, cheese straws and mini cheese biscuits - easy to eat and filling.
- Cheese and pineapple on cocktail sticks (older children only) - always popular, go for the hedgehog design!
- Crisps and potato rings.

### **Sweet ideas**

- Biscuits - chocolate fingers, pink wafers, jam sandwiches and iced rings usually hit the spot with most children.
- Cakes - popular choices include chocolate mini rolls, tiny fairy cakes and chocolate covered marshmallows. Use the tiny petit-four paper cases that supermarkets sell rather than the larger bun or muffin cases for buns.
- Popcorn.
- A bowl of grapes or chopped fruit.

### **Drinks**

- Juice - apple, orange and cranberry.
- Squashes - orange, lemon, strawberry or blackcurrant.
- Individual juice cartons - more expensive, but easier and less chance of spillages!
- Water - the best thirst quencher of all.

### **The Cake**

There are lots of themed cakes you can buy, but you can also buy a simple sponge cake to customise for your child. Use ready-made icing and icing pens to decorate. Or for your child's next birthday or special occasion, why not create something really unique and special? There are lots of easy ways to make lovely birthday cakes that are healthier, cheaper and much more individual than shop-bought varieties. We liked the ideas on the [www.kids-party-paradise.com](http://www.kids-party-paradise.com), [click here](#) to link directly to the Cake Ideas page.