

WEST BERKSHIRE MUSEUM

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With only a few short weeks before the end of this school year, I expect many of you are thinking about the next school year.

At West Berkshire Museum, we would very much like to support you to deliver topics in the next school year.

This could be achieved through a FREE **self-led visit of the museum galleries**; the permanent exhibition, Lives and Landscapes, tells the story of West Berkshire in chronological order, and there are special exhibitions (see right) as well.

You can choose to do a FREE **museum trail**, which can often be tied into the topic you're exploring. You can book a visit on a Monday or Tuesday when we are closed to the public.

You can always combine a free gallery visit with a **led museum session**. We offer them on a variety of topics (please see the attached museum learning and participation brochure) and they cost £45 for a class of 30.

Can't make it to West Berkshire Museum? Most of the led sessions can also be delivered in school (at the same cost). There's also the option of borrowing one of the **museum artefact loan boxes** (please see the attached leaflet). It costs £15 to borrow a box for up to three weeks. Each box contains a selection of real and/or replica objects on a topic along with teachers' notes. For more information about any of the above or to book, please contact Clare.

School summer holiday

At West Berkshire Museum this summer, we're offering a small group **Arts Award Explore** (various dates) as well as our usual **Messy Museum Morning** every Friday, and at Shaw House there's a **Family Activity Morning** every Wednesday. For more information and to book: www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

Current exhibitions

Special exhibition: Barrels and Bottles. Story of brewing in West Berkshire.

Special exhibition: Focus on Hungerford. An exploration of the history of this parish.

Special exhibition: The Age of Dinosaurs. Exploration of the Mesozoic era.

Special exhibition: The Stories We Tell. Folklore, myths and legends of West Berkshire.

Special exhibition: Curridge Primary School – Out and About. Pupils explore the theme of the environment through art. Ends mid-July.

Special exhibition: Collections. Newbury College art students' creative work. Opens mid-July and runs until late August 2022.

Permanent exhibition: The story of West Berkshire told in chronological order.



Image: Items from one of the five Messy Museum Mornings at West Berkshire Museum this summer.

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