

WEST BERKSHIRE MUSEUM

Schools Newsletter | February/March 2025

This e-newsletter contains information about the **AWE STEM Day (Monday 28 April)**, the **family offer in the February half-term holiday**, and **VE Day 80 (school bunting project)**.

AWE STEM Day (Monday 28 April 2025)

As part of AWE's 75th Anniversary, the AWE (Atomic Weapons Establishment) team will be delivering **five engaging activities** for each 2-hour session (morning and afternoon) during the **AWE STEM Day on Monday 28 April at West Berkshire Museum**. The session aims to inspire KS2 pupils' interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The **KS2 activities** will include harnessing the power of reflection to navigate lasers through mazes; saying 'hello' to the AWE robotic dog Neutron and exploring how robotics can help with everyday tasks; creating a model of a working trebuchet (catapult, pictured right); a STEM craft activity; and a gallery trail with a problem to solve. Each group **takes part in all five**.

The sessions are offered for **FREE** at the Museum on **Monday 28 April**. To find out more and/or to book a place on the morning (**9.30am-11.30am**) or afternoon (**1pm-3pm**) session, please contact Clare.

February half-term holiday family offer

At Shaw House (Wed) and the Museum (Fri) there will be a **drop-in craft day** in the **Feb half-term holiday**. Also, at the Museum, there's an **LGBTQ+ family morning** on Mon and **Museum Explorers** (for children with additional needs and their families, please see the attached flyer) on Tues morn. ***Free*** places on the two morns need to be booked. For info/ to book: www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

VE Day 80 – 8 May 2025 (bunting project)

There's still time to be a part of the Museum's celebrations for **VE Day 80**, by **designing some bunting** for us to display during May. We'll provide the **blank pennants** in the required number (while stocks last) and are asking you to **decorate and return by Fri 21 March**. Interested? Contact Clare.

Current exhibitions (booked self-led visits are free)

Special exhibition: Celebrating 75 Years of AWE. Telling the story of AWE.

Special exhibition: The Works of Marjorie Heather. Art exhibition featuring a local artist.

Special exhibition: Treasure Through Time. The history of treasure including local finds.

Special exhibition: Focus on the Eastern Parishes. The history of the parishes of Burghfield, Beech Hill and Wokefield. *Ends 2 February.*

Special exhibition: Focus on Compton. The history of this parish. *Opens 12 February.*

Special exhibition: Volunteers' Choice. Museum volunteers choose their favourite objects in the museum collection.

Permanent exhibition: Lives and Landscape. Story of West Berkshire in chronological order.



Above: one of the STEM activities on the **AWE STEM Day (28/04/25)**.

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