

WEST BERKSHIRE MUSEUM

Schools Newsletter | July 2025

This e-newsletter contains information about the **next Roman Days**, **summer family offer** and **important information** about the **damp works project**.

Roman School Day (Monday 6 October)

Roman re-enactors, **Butser IX Legion**, are once again visiting **West Berkshire Museum** this autumn to be part of the **FREE Roman School Day** on **Monday 6 October**.

We are now ***fully booked*** for both the morning (9.30am-11.30am) and afternoon (1pm-3pm) sessions. We do however have a **standby list**.

Please contact Clare to be put on the list – you will only be contacted (and offered a place) if one of the schools currently booked on the day cancels.

If you are unable to attend the Roman School Day, please tell your pupils' families about the **FREE Roman Family Fun Day** on **Saturday 4 October**, **West Berkshire Museum**, 10am to 3pm.

Summer holiday family offer

At Shaw House (Wed) and the Museum (Fri) there will be a **drop-in craft** in the **July and August** for six weeks. Also, at the Museum, there's a **drop-in family craft** on 12 July and summer **Arts Award Discover**: www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

Museum damp works project

West Berkshire Museum is undergoing a project to **resolve the damp issue** in key areas, including the Long Room (traditionally utilised for school sessions, family activities and other events).

This project is provisionally **planned for autumn/winter** (and potentially into 2026) and although we are hoping to keep the Museum open during this period as well as run some events, we have made the difficult decision **not to host any school visits to the Museum while the work is being undertaken**. *We are however planning to run events such as the Roman Family and School Days.*

As compensation to schools for the lack of access to the Museum, we will be offering our **outreach sessions** for **free** (normal price £45) for the duration of the project. Contact Clare for information and/or to book a session in school.

Current exhibitions

Special exhibition: Fun, Friendship, Challenge and Adventure. Centenary of 1st Kintbury Brownies. *Runs 16 July to 3 August.*

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 Compton. The history and archaeology of this parish.

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

Permanent exhibition: Lives and Landscape. Telling the story of West Berkshire in chronological order.



Above: One of the Messy Museum Morning crafts this summer.

Please see the **brochure** (sent with this e-newsletter and email) for information on the museum outreach sessions available in schools.

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