

WEST BERKSHIRE MUSEUM

Schools Newsletter | October-November 2025

This e-newsletter contains important information about the **Museum damp works project update** and the **FREE AWE STEM Day (Monday 17 November)**.

Museum damp works project update

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 has experienced a slight delay and is now **likely to start in early 2026** (and go on through the Spring and Summer 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 (due to the uncertainty) **not to host any school visits at the Museum this academic year**. *We are however planning to run events such as the AWE STEM Day (read on for more information).*

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. Please contact Clare for information and/or to book a *free* session in a West Berkshire school. We are now taking outreach bookings for January to July 2026.

Please see the **brochure** (sent with this e-newsletter) for information on the museum outreach sessions available in schools. *We are offering an Anglo-Saxon outreach session during the project.*

AWE STEM Day (Mon 17 Oct 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 (9.30am-11.30am and 1pm-3pm) during the **AWE STEM Day on Monday 17 November at West Berkshire Museum**. The **FREE** session aims to inspire KS2 pupils' interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

We are now ***fully booked*** for this event, but we are accepting requests to be put on the ***standby list***. Schools on the standby list will be contacted in order if one of the schools currently booked on the event cancels their place.

Current exhibitions

Special exhibition: Celebrating 75 Years of AWE. Telling the story of AWE. Closes 7 Dec.

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.



Pictured above: Neutron, AWE's robotic dog.

For more information or to book a **standby list** place, please contact Clare.

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