

West Berkshire Museum Learning and Participation Service

West Berkshire Museum is housed in two of Newbury's most historic buildings – the Cloth Hall and Corn Stores – and these are linked with a modern building including a reception, shop, café, toilets (including an accessible one and a baby changing facility). The Museum is fully accessible with a lift at each end of the building.

West Berkshire Museum's Learning and Participation Service comprises of led sessions (at the Museum and in school), museum artefact loan boxes, resource packs, self-led museum visits and trails.

Led sessions

We offer national curriculum-based cross-curricular led sessions that can be delivered at the Museum or in school (outreach).

Subject to availability and advance booking, led sessions at the Museum are offered on a Monday or Tuesday (when we are closed to the public) and in school (outreach) from Wednesday to Friday.

A led session costs **£49** (for up to 35 children) or **£24.50** (for up to 16 children). Led sessions usually include the handling of museum objects.

Rocks and Fossils

KS2 – up to 90 minutes

Based around the three categories of rocks, this session includes a hands-on classification activity. There's also the opportunity to see and handle local fossils.



The Stone Age

KS2 – up to 90 minutes

By viewing and handling a selection of artefacts, the children find out about life in this period as well as the role that archaeology has in telling us about the past.



The Romans

KS2 – up to 75 minutes

The children are shown a range of everyday objects before they handle them and record their observations on an activity sheet. The session ends with a simple craft.



The Anglo-Saxons

KS2 - up to 90 minutes

Exploring culture and everyday life through object handling and other hands-on activities. The activities will depend on the location, class size and time available.



The Cloth Hall

KS1/2 - up to 75 minutes

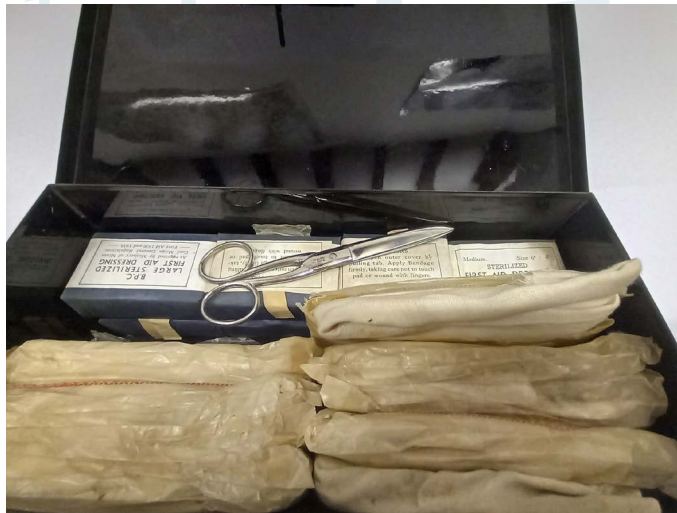
Children will explore the 17th century building through a trail and a simple craft as well as learn about a traditional building technique (wattle and daub). Museum only.



Victorian Toys

KS1/2 - up to 75 minutes

Through play the children compare Victorian toys to their modern equivalents, find out about Victorian children and make a simple toy.



Museum artefact loan boxes

We have a small selection of museum artefact loan boxes containing objects and a set of teachers' notes about the contents. For information, please contact Clare.

Resource packs

We also have a small number of paper-based resource packs. They are available to buy to keep for £15 per pack. For a list of themes, please contact Clare.

Self-led museum visits

It is *free* to do a self-led visit of the museum galleries when we are closed to the public on a Monday or Tuesday (subject to availability and advance booking).

The permanent exhibition (downstairs) tells the story of West Berkshire in chronological order, and the upstairs galleries contain special exhibitions on a variety of subjects. A museum trail can usually be provided as a *free* pdf for you to print in the required number. If you wish for the Museum to provide the paper copies, the charge is 50p per trail.



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