

WEST BERKSHIRE MUSEUM

Schools Newsletter | July 2021

The summer holiday is almost upon us!

West Berkshire Museum and Shaw House will be offering an online craft each week of summer holiday. They will be advertised via each venue's social media every Wednesday (Shaw House) and Friday (Museum) from 28 July onwards.

The crafts are **free to access** via the West Berkshire Heritage website:
<https://www.westberkshireheritage.org/life-long-learning>

And via the YouTube channel for 'how to' videos:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_wCX6j7yCOWTRDtwBS01Fg

Shaw House's crafts are all themed around its gardens and nature, and the Museum's crafts are Roman-themed to tie-in with the 'Villa' exhibition.

At West Berkshire Museum, we are hoping to run a few in-person events (subject to government guidance at the time) for families this summer, including the small group Arts Award Explore:
<https://www.westberkshireheritage.org/life-long-learning>
We would be grateful if you would forward the attached pdf about the Arts Award Explore to your pupils and their families.

There will also be craft packs (50p-£1) to purchase from the museum shop during the summer.

Planning for the new academic year? It is possible to book a visit to the Museum or an outreach visit by museum staff to your school, as well as a museum artefact box. More information about museum sessions can be found in the attached brochure. There is also more information on the museum artefact boxes, right, and in the attached leaflet.

We hope you enjoy the summer holiday and look forward to working with you in the new academic year.

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Picture, above right: West Berkshire Museum's Roman-themed online crafts, including a shield, draco standard, laurel wreath, centurion and serpent bracelet.

Current exhibitions at the Museum

Special exhibition: Villa. Roman West Berkshire.

Special exhibition: Together. Individuals describe their courtship and marriage rituals.

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

Special exhibition: Hoards – New Treasure.

Special exhibition: The Stories We Tell.

Folklore, myths and legends of West Berkshire.

Permanent exhibition: Lives and Landscapes. The story of West Berkshire.

It is **free** to do a self-led visit and **free** activity trails can be provided. You are welcome to book in advance for a Monday or Tuesday (when we are closed to the public) for the new academic year. **One school on site at any time.**



West Berkshire Museum artefact boxes

The West Berkshire Museum loan box scheme is a small selection of boxes containing museum artefacts, real and replica, on a particular theme, e.g. Stone Age, Romans. These museum artefact boxes are available to be loaned out to schools for up to three weeks.

The attached leaflet answers some of the most frequently asked questions about the museum artefact boxes. Now available to book for September 2021 onwards.



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