

WEST BERKSHIRE MUSEUM

Schools Newsletter | November-December 2024

This e-newsletter contains information about the museum **resources for schools**, **family offer** in the school holidays, and soon-to-close **From the Nile to Newbury** (ancient Egypt) special exhibition.

Museum resources for schools

We're well into the new school term and year so why not think about booking a visit to the Museum for a ***free* self-led visit** (with ***free* trails**) and/or an **object handling session** (fee applies). School visits are hosted at the Museum on Mondays and Tuesdays when we are closed to the public.

We also offer some of our **object handling sessions in school** (Wed-Fri, fee applies) or you can borrow a **museum artefact loan box** (fee applies). Please see attached learning and participation **brochure** and museum artefact loan box **flyer** or contact Clare for more information and/or to book either a visit, object handling session or a museum artefact loan box.

Oct half-term & Dec holiday family offer

At Shaw House (Wed) and Museum (Fri) there will be a craft on offer in the October holiday. Also at the Museum, there's an LGBTQ+ family morning on Monday, an Arts Award in a Morning (with Newbury Library and Corn Exchange) on Tuesday and a Dragon Hunt! on Friday evening. In December, on Friday 20th, there's a museum festive craft morn. For more info: www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

From the Nile to Newbury exhibition

There is still time left to visit the **ancient Egypt special exhibition** after the October half term holiday; the exhibition **closes on 17 November**. A **self-led visit** of the galleries is ***free*** with ***free*** trails (in the required number). If your class numbers over 15, we suggest you split them into two groups with one visiting the gallery and doing the trails and activities while the other does an **ancient Egyptian inspired craft** with Clare (50p pp). They then swap over. If you have more than one class of 32, we can do staggered visits over a morning or day (limited availability). Contact Clare for information and/or to book a visit.

Current exhibitions

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

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

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

Special exhibition: From the Nile to Newbury. Exploring life and death in ancient Egypt. *Ends 17 November 2024.*

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.



Shabtis in the From the Nile to Newbury special exhibition. Exhibition runs until 17 November 2024.

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