HAVE FUN WITH THE FAMILY

IN OXFORD UNIVERSITY’S MINDGROWING GARDENS, LIBRARIES & MUSEUMS

Free Wall Planner
January–June 2019

Let’s go wild, hunt for fossils, sing, dance, discover, be amazed and find friends!

MINDGROWING.ORG
**HAVE FUN WITH THE FAMILY**

A season of surprises awaits you in our Mindgrowing Gardens, Libraries & Museums. So what are you waiting for? Let’s go!

**EASTER EGGSPLORATION**

**SUNDAY 30 MARCH–MONDAY 22 APRIL** (in opening hours)

**EASTER TRAIL**

Help the Easter bunny find the eggs around the Arboretum and win a prize!

**HARCOURT ARBORETUM**

**SATURDAY 6TH–MONDAY 22ND APRIL** (in opening hours)

**EGGSTRAORDINARY EASTER TRAIL**

Eggsplore the museums with an eggciting egg-hunters trail!

**MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**

**PITT RIVERS MUSEUM**

**GET SET FOR ADVENTURE**

Download one of our fun family trails before you visit or print off an activity sheet to try at home:

- Want to be a dinosaur detective? Or make a peacock headdress? Track them down at: www.oumnh.ox.ac.uk/family-trails-and-crafts
- In need of a survival guide to Ancient Egypt? Or want a Royal Oxford Adventure? Check out the Ashmolean’s 10 great trails at: www.ashmolean.org/learning-resource-family-trails
- Ever worn a reindeer hat or flown a carp kite? Find out how to make your own at: www.prm.ox.ac.uk/family-at-home

**GOOD STUFF TO GRAB**

Go and grab your explorer packs from any of our information desks on site!

**ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM**

Begin your Ashmolean adventure at the welcome desk where you can borrow an Ashventure activity pack about Ancient Rome, or an explorer toolkit for under 5s. Fantastic family trails and sketching materials also available at all times.

**BOTANIC GARDEN**

Why not pick up a botanic backpack to take with you to explore the garden? Backpacks contain a selection of activities and are packed full of ideas to help you get the most from your visit.

**WEEK-IN WEEK-OUT**

**EVERY SATURDAY, 11:30AM–3:30PM**

**HANDBS-ON COINS**

Hold a piece of history in your hand as you discover coins from Ancient Greece to Victorian England.

**ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM**

**EVERY SATURDAY, 11AM–1PM**

**OBJECT HANDLING**

Discover more about wonderful and fascinating objects from the museum’s collection.

**PITT RIVERS MUSEUM**

**EVERY SUNDAY, 2–4PM**

**FAMILY-FRIENDLY SUNDAYS**

Trails, crafts, backpacks and more – all provided by museum volunteers.

**MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**

**EVERY THURSDAY IN TERM TIME, 10:30–11:15AM**

**LITTLE ASHMOLES**

Explore, play and learn together in this fun gallery activity for the under 5s.

**ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM**

**EVERY FRIDAY IN TERM TIME, 10:30–11:30AM**

**BABY ASHMOLES**

Singing and sensory play for babies plus a talk for grown-ups. Booking essential www.ashmolean.org/tickets

**ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM**
**JANUARY**

**LITTLE ASHMOLES: MONEY, MONEY, MONEY**
Explore, play and learn in the galleries.

**BABY ASHMOLES: EXPLORING THE ISLAMIC MIDDLE EAST**
Join us for singing and sensory play for babies and a talk for grown-ups. Booking essential at families@ashmus.ox.ac.uk.

**MAGICAL MOVIES**
What did the Victorians know about bananas, sugar and rice. Fairtrade products, such as cocoa, bananas, sugar and rice. Discover plants that produce Fairtrade products.

**DINOSAURS**
Stomp and roar around the museum with some of our furry friends.

**SCIENCE SATURDAYS**
Meet scientists to investigate real natural history specimens from the collection.

**LITTLE ASHMOLES: CHINESE NEW YEAR**
Explore, play and learn in the galleries.

**RHYTHMS OF THE WORLD**
Experience rhythms from around the world and create your own musical instrument.

**ASHVENTURE: CHINESE DRAGONS**
Discover art and objects with a mix of stories, games, crafts and gallery hunts.

**WAKING UP AFTER WINTER**
Get outdoors and enjoy some nature-inspired craft in beautiful woodland.

**HALF-TERM FUN: CHINESE YEAR OF THE PIG**
Join us to celebrate the Chinese New Year, with crafts and stories.

**THIS IS ME**
What stuff do you have that is special to you, and what stories do they tell? Come and handle objects that mean things to the team at the museum.

**CHINESE DRAGON FIRE-CLOCKS**
Make a working Chinese dragon fire-clock to celebrate Chinese New Year.

**LIFE’S SECRET AGENTS**
Bacteria live everywhere. Find out how these tiny superheroes battle to survive and how they help us.

**FEBRUARY**

**BABY ASHMOLES: EXPLORING CHINA**
Join us for singing and sensory play for babies and a talk for grown-ups. Booking essential www.ashmolean.org/tickets

**AUTISM-FRIENDLY OPENING**
Enjoy a relaxed morning opening for families in a quiet environment.

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Babys: Exploring Music
Join us for singing and sensory play for babies and a talk for grown-ups. Booking essential. www.ashmolean.org/tickets
Museum of Natural History

Winter in Science
Get involved with hands-on activities inspired by some of the amazing women in the collection, from comet-hunter Caroline Herschel to Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin, who discovered the structure of insulin.
Museum of Natural History

Little Ashmoles: Music and Rhythm
Explore, play and learn in the galleries.
Ashmolean Museum

Sat 23rd, 12pm–4pm
A Nice Cup of Tea: Tea Table
Enjoy spring-themed craft activity in the beautiful setting of the arboretum.
Harcourt Arboretum

Sat 30th, 10am–11.15am
Ashvventure: Musical March
Discover art and objects with a mix of stories, games, crafts and gallery hunts. With live performance by baroque guitarist Matthew Nisbet.
Ashmolean Museum
LITTLE ASHMOLES: PATTERNS AND COLOURS  🌏🎨  Explore, play and learn in the galleries.
ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM
FRIDAY 3RD, 10TH, 17TH & 24TH, 10.30–11.30AM

BABY ASHMOLES: EXPLORING ISLAMIC CERAMICS  🌏🎨  Join us for singing and sensory play for babies and a talk for grown-ups. Booking essential www.ashmolean.org/tickets
ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM
SATURDAY 4TH, 11TH, 18TH
SATURDAY 4TH, 9–10AM

10.30–11.30AM  🌏🎨  Stories!

FRI 3RD, 10TH, 17TH & 24TH, 10.30–11.30AM

PICNIC TEDDY BEARS' MUSEUM.

ON THIS GUIDED WALK AROUND THE MUSEUM.

FROM DOTS AND SPOTS TO STRIPES AND SWIRLS, LOOK AT PATTERNS IN NATURE.

PATTERNS A LITTLE LOOK AT...

DRAWING IN THE MUSEUM THIS SUMMER.

TO DRAW AND WE'LL DISPLAY THE BEST.

CHOOSE YOUR FAVOURITE SPECIMEN TO DRAW AND WE'LL DISPLAY THE BEST.

READY, STEADY, DRAW!  🌏🎨  Choose your favourite specimen to draw and we’ll display the best drawings in the museum this summer. Pencils provided.
ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM
SATURDAY 11TH, 2–4PM

SCIENCE SATURDAYS  🌏🎨  Meet scientists to investigate real natural history specimens from the collection.
ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM
SATURDAY 11TH, 10AM–11.30AM

DROWNING WITH CAMERA OBSCURAS  🌏🎨  Discover the secrets of Renaissance art and how to use a camera obscura to draw in perfect perspective.
ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM
THURSDAY 6TH, 13TH, 20TH & 27TH, 10.30–11.30AM

FAMILY CRAFT  🌏🎨  Enjoy summer-themed craft activity in the beautiful setting of Harcourt Arboretum.
HARCOURT ARBORETUM
TUESDAY 21ST, 10.30AM–11.30AM

FAMILY Dinosaur  🌏🎨  Meet dinosaurs that walked around Oxfordshire millions of years ago and take part in dinosaur-themed crafts.
ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM
TUESDAY 28TH & WEDNESDAY 29TH, 1–4PM

DESTINATION DINOSAUR  🌏🎨  Meet dinosaurs that walked around Oxfordshire millions of years ago and take part in dinosaur-themed crafts.
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THURSDAY 30TH & FRIDAY 31ST, 1–4PM  🌏🎨  HALF-TERM FUN: MAGICAL MATHS  🌏🎨  Puzzle, measure and discover the maths behind our objects.
ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM
THURSDAY 30TH & FRIDAY 31ST, 1–4PM

TWO, THINK, WONDER: THEATRE & PERFORMANCE  🌏🎨  Find out more about theatre and performance from around the world and the objects that are used for props, from masks to puppets.
PITT RIVERS MUSEUM
WEDNESDAY 29TH & THURSDAY 30TH, 1–4PM

TWO, THINK, WONDER: OBJECTS OF PERFORMANCE  🌏🎨  Handle objects made for theatre and performance from around the world.
PITT RIVERS MUSEUM
FRIDAY 31ST, 1–4PM

SNOWFLAKE BOOKS: CHINESE FESTIVALS  🌏🎨  Find out how to celebrate key Chinese festivals, with Snowflake Books.
PITT RIVERS MUSEUM
MONDAY 10TH, 10.30AM–11.30AM

A LITTLE LOOK AT... BEES  🌏🎨  Find out what our busy bees get up to on this guided walk around the museum.
ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM
SATURDAY 15TH, 10–11.30AM & 1–3PM

ASHEVENT: IN COLLABORATION WITH SCIENCE OXFORD  🌏🎨  Discover more about pollinators and the science behind plants. Tickets £10. Booking required.
BOTANIC GARDEN
SATURDAY 15TH, 2–4PM

WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED AN ASTROLABE?  🌏🎨  Find out what an astrolabe is and make your own working model.
ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM
TUESDAY 18TH, 10.30AM–12.30PM

CURIOUS CUBS  🌏🎨  Pick up an activity bag and explore the museum with some of our furry friends.
ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM
SATURDAY 1ST, 12–2PM

SATURDAY 8TH, 1–4PM  🌏🎨  SCIENCE SATURDAYS  🌏🎨  Meet scientists to investigate real natural history specimens from the collection.
ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM
SATURDAY 8TH, 1–4PM

SATURDAY 22ND, 1–4PM  🌏🎨  TOUCH, THINK, WONDER: TEXTILES FROM AROUND THE WORLD  🌏🎨  Weave your way through textiles from around the world. Have a go on a loom and make your own textiles.
PITT RIVERS MUSEUM
SATURDAY 22ND, 1–4PM

SATURDAY 22ND, 1–2.45PM & 3.15–4PM  🌏🎨  ASHEVENT: TREASURES: HUNT IN THE FOREST  🌏🎨  Discover art and objects with a mix of stories, games, crafts and gallery hunts.
ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM
SATURDAY 22ND, 1–2.45PM & 3.15–4PM

SATURDAY 22ND, 1–2.45PM & 3.15–4PM  🌏🎨  ASHEVENT: PORTRAIT DETECTIVES  🌏🎨  Discover art and objects with a mix of stories, games, crafts and gallery hunts.
ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM
SATURDAY 29TH, 1–2.45PM & 3.15–4PM

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