WHERE ON EARTH SHALL WE GO?

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

Good news! Almost every activity in our entire programme is free to take part in. But first things first, explorers need passports too you know... Don’t forget to pick yours up at any of the information desks across our seven sites. Your passport can really take you places, from Egyptian tombs to Catacombs, Viking trails to Crocodiles’ tails. Collect a sticker at each adventure until you have enough for a special treat!

STICK AROUND!

Things are about to get interesting... Here’s a quick guide to all the stickers you can collect on your adventures. Remember, once you’ve collected any three stickers it’s time for a treat!

Each time you visit one of the Mindgrowing gardens, libraries or museums head to the information desk to collect a sticker in your passport. Once you’ve collected three stickers – either from different sites or the same site – head to the information desk at any site and collect your prize!

GOOD STUFF TO GRAB

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

MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE
Help yourself to family-friendly trails in the Entrance Gallery. Ages 5+

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
Family Friendly Sundays every week 2—4pm. Try a trail, borrow a backpack, make something or have a rummage.

HARCOURT ARBORETUM
Pick up an Explorer’s Backpack to take with you to explore the Arboretum. Choose either Use your Senses or Arboretum Adventure.

PITT RIVERS MUSEUM
Borrow a backpack full of activities and become a family of museum explorers at the Pitt Rivers Museum every Saturday 10—4pm.

BOTANIC GARDEN
Why not pick up a Botanic Backpack to take with you to explore the Botanic Garden? Choose either At Home in the Garden or Egyptian Explorers.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM
Begin your Ashmolean adventure at the information desk where you can collect family trails and sketching materials every day. On weekends you’ll find activity kits, fun make and takes, magnifiers and torches too (2—4pm).

WEEK-IN WEEK-OUT

MONDAY—THURSDAY, 2.30—3.30pm
SPOTLIGHT SPECIMENS
An informal specimen show-and-tell in the museum court. Bring questions!

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

EVERY THURSDAY (TERM TIME), 10.30—11.30am
LITTLE ASHMOLES
Explore, play and learn together in this fun gallery activity for the under 5s.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

EVERY SATURDAY, 11.30AM—3.30pm
HANDS-ON COINS
Handle historical coins from different civilisations... but we need them back!

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

EVERY SATURDAY, 22 JULY—2 SEP (IN OPENING HOURS)
BIG STARS & LITTLE SECRETS
Discover the best-kept secrets and our biggest stars with this fun family trail.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY & PITT RIVERS
**JULY**

- **Saturday 1st**
  - **Games in Wonderland**
    - It’s Alice Day! Celebrate with Alice-themed action and make your own flamingo croquet game. (11–2pm)
    - **Ashmolean Museum**

- **Alice’s Riddles & Games**
  - Get ready for an afternoon of stories, gallery hunts, games, object handling and crafts. (1–2.45pm and 3.15–4pm).
  - **Ashmolean Museum**

- **Alice’s Picnic**
  - Bring your picnic to the Botanic Garden. Free entry for children with a paying family member. (1–4pm)
  - **Botanic Garden**

- **Alice’s Puzzles**
  - Trail following, riddle solving and Alice object hunting. (2–4pm)
  - **Museum of the History of Science**

- **Every Saturday in July, 2–4pm**

- **Try Your Hand at the Printing Press**
  - See our replica 1683 printing press in action and print your own keepsake.
  - **Boolean Libraries**

- **Thurs 6th, 15th & 20th, 10.30–11.15am**
  - **Little Ashmole: Woof Woof!**
    - Explore, play and learn together.
    - **Ashmolean Museum**

- **Friday 7th, 10.30–12pm**
  - **A Little Look at: Feathered**
    - A fun hands-on session for toddlers. Flock together and get creative!
    - **Pitt Rivers Museum**

- **Monday 10th, 10.30 & 11.30am**
  - **A Little Look at: Baby Animals**
    - Learn how parents look after their babies in the animal kingdom.
    - **Museum of Natural History**

- **Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th, 11am–4pm**
  - **Anglo-Saxons and Vikings Big Weekend**
    - Discover one of the most exciting periods in Britain’s history, with activities, talks and crafts for all ages. Strike your own coins, make your own jewellery, listen to stories and riddles.
    - **Ashmolean Museum**

- **Tuesday 18th, 10.30am–12.30pm**
  - **Curious Cubs**
    - Pick up one of our activity bags and explore the museum with Pebbles, Smokey and Hesley.
    - **Museum of Natural History**

- **Saturday 22nd, 2–4pm**
  - **Globemakers**
    - Explore the museum’s collection of globes and make your own pocket globe.
    - **Museum of the History of Science**

- **Monday 24th, 1pm–4pm**
  - **Globe-makers**
    - Explore the museum’s collection of globes and make your own pocket globe.
    - **Museum of the History of Science**

- **Monday 31st, 1pm–4pm**
  - **Globe-makers**
    - Explore the museum’s collection of globes and make your own pocket globe.
    - **Museum of the History of Science**

- **Monday 21st, 1pm–4pm**
  - **Board Games & Medieval Medicine**
    - We’ve been creating new board games. Test them out with us!
    - **Museum of the History of Science**

- **Monday 31st, 1pm–4pm**
  - **Board Games & Medieval Medicine**
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    - **Museum of the History of Science**

- **Monday 1st, 2–4pm**
  - **Afternoon Explorers: Music**
    - Get up close to interesting instruments and make something fun to take home.
    - **Pitt Rivers Museum**

**AUGUST**

- **Thursday 10th/Friday 11th, 10am–4pm**
  - **Word Detectives**
    - Meet the word scientists and be part of real experiments about how our brains understand words.
    - **Museum of Natural History**

- **Saturday 12th, 2–4pm**
  - **Send an SOS Message**
    - Discover Morse code and use the museum’s telegraphic apparatus to unravel the mystery.
    - **Museum of the History of Science**

- **Sunday 4th, 2–4pm**
  - **Plants that Changed the World Picnic**
    - Enjoy the beautiful setting of the garden, play and enjoy your picnic. Free entry for children with paying family member.
    - **Botanic Garden**

- **Sunday 7th, 2–4pm**
  - **Board Games and Medieval Medicine**
    - The museum is helping develop new board games about medieval Islamic medicine. Test them out with us!
    - **Museum of the History of Science**

- **Thursday 10th, 2–4pm**
  - **Lino-Block Printing**
    - Make linocut designs inspired by the museum’s collections and try out a mechanical printing press.
    - **Museum of the History of Science**

**THE MINDGROWING FAMILY WALL PLANNER**

**KEY**

- **Craft**
- **Picnic**
- **Object**
- **Festival**
- **Games**
- **Drawing**
- **Tour**
- **Trail**
- **Science**

**EVENTS RATED**

- **Under 5 years**
- **5 to 8 years**
- **8+ years**
- **7+ years**
- **6+ years**
- **4+ years**
- **3 to 5 years**
- **3 to 7 years**
THE MINDGROWING FAMILY WALL PLANNER

SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY 2ND, 1—4PM
WHAT WOULD YOU TAKE TO THE AFTERLIFE? 🌊
Think like an Ancient Egyptian Pharaoh and build your own tomb!
- ASHMolean Museum

EVERY THURSDAY IN SEPT, 10.30–11.15AM
LITTLE ASHMOLES: RAINBOW 🌈
Explore, play and learn together.
- ASHMolean Museum

FRIDAY 8TH, 10.30AM & 12PM
A LITTLE LOOK AT: FOOD 🍎
A fun hands-on session for toddlers. See some of our fascinating objects and make something to take home with you.
- Pitt Rivers Museum

SATURDAY 9TH, 2–2.45PM & 3.15–4PM
SATURDAY ASHVENTURES! ANCIENT ROME: EMPERORS & EMPIRES 🏯️
Stories, hunts, games, object handling and crafts. Roam Rome in one of the most exciting times throughout history!
- ASHMolean Museum

SATURDAY 9TH/SUNDAY 10TH
OXFORD OPEN DOORS 🎨
Enjoy free tours, displays, workshops and activities as part of the city’s Open Doors weekend. Everyone’s welcome!
- All venues

MONDAY 11TH, 10.30 & 11.30AM
A LITTLE LOOK AT: OCEAN 🌊
A guided walk around the museum for toddlers to 5 years.
- Museum of Natural History

I never thought I’d discover...

SUNDAY 16TH, 2–4PM
BOARD GAMES & MEDIEVAL MEDICINE 🎲
The museum is helping develop new board games about medieval Islamic medicine. Come along to test our board games and give us your feedback— we want to make them even better!
- Museum of the History of Science

SUNDAY 24TH, 2–4PM
CURIOUS CUBS 🏚️
Pick up one of our activity bags and explore the museum with Pebbles, Smokey and Huxley.
- Museum of Natural History

SATURDAY 31ST, 2–2.45PM & 3.15–4PM
SATURDAY ASHVENTURES! 18TH-CENTURY ART: FACES, FROCKS & BOXES 🎨
Stories, gallery hunts, games, object handling and crafts. A good chance to dress up and have fun!
- ASHMolean Museum

SATURDAY 1ST, 10.30AM–11.15AM
LITTLE ASHMOLES: DIWALI 🎊
Explore, play and learn together.
- ASHMolean Museum

SATURDAY 7TH, 1–4PM
DANCE WORKSHOPS 🎉
DancingStrong bring interactive dance workshops as part of Dancin’ Oxford’s autumn festival: dancinsoxford.co.uk
- Museum of the History of Science

OCTOBER

SATURDAY 5TH, 12TH & 19TH, 10.30–11.15AM
LITTLE ASHMOLES: RAINBOW 🌈
Explore, play and learn together.
- ASHMolean Museum

SATURDAY 7TH, 1–4PM
AMAZING ARMOUR 🦸‍♂️
See how people protect themselves and make your own armour to take home.
- Pitt Rivers Museum

SATURDAY 14TH, 2–4PM
WITCHES & CHARMS 🎃
A Halloween special of activities exploring creatures of the night, magic charms and mysteries to be solved.
- Museum of Natural History & Pitt Rivers Museum

WEDNESDAY 14TH, 10.30AM–11.30AM
ART IN THE AUTUMN 🍁
Make something beautiful to take home, inspired by autumn’s colours. Free entry for children with paying family member.
- Botanic Garden

WEDNESDAY 21ST & THURSDAY 22ND, 1–4PM
ROYALISTS AND ROUNDHEADS 🏛️
Make 17th-century style accessories, and see exciting civil war objects.
- ASHMolean Museum

THURSDAY 26TH & FRIDAY 27TH, 1–4PM
BIG DRAW 📏
One giant drawing festival based on bacteria and all things microscopic!
- Museum of the History of Science

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**NOVEMBER**

**LITTLE ASHMOLES: MINI BEAST FEAST**  
Explore, play and learn together.  
ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

**SATURDAY 4TH, 1—4PM**  
**MARVELLOUS MASKS**  
Create a mask and look closely at some from the museum’s collection.  
MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

**SATURDAY 4TH/11TH/18TH, 2—4PM**  
**SCIENCE SATURDAYS**  
Meet scientists to investigate real natural history specimens from the museum’s collection.  
MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

**FRIDAY 10TH, 10.30AM—12PM**  
**A LITTLE LOOK AT: LAMPS**  
A fun and hands-on session for toddlers up to 5 years. Come along and see some of our fascinating objects and make something to take home with you.  
PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

**SATURDAY 11TH, 1—4PM**  
**EYEBALLS AND OTHER THINGS**  
Dissect eyeballs and carry out curious visual experiments all about sight.  
MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

**SAT 2ND, 10AM—6PM & SUN 3RD, 10AM—4PM**  
**BOTANIC GARDEN CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
Discover a wonderland of hand-picked gifts, artisan food and family entertainment. Adults £5, free entry for children under 16.  
BOTANIC GARDEN

**THURS 7TH & THURS 14TH, 10.30—11.15AM**  
**LITLTE ASHMOLES: LITTLE ANGELS**  
Explore, play and learn together.  
ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

**FRIDAY 8TH, 10.30AM—12PM**  
**A LITTLE LOOK AT: COSY CLOTHES**  
A fun and hands-on session for toddlers up to 5 years. Come along and see some of our fascinating objects and make something to take home with you.  
PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

**TUESDAY 14TH, 10.30AM—12.30PM**  
**CURIOUS CUBS**  
Get active and explore the museum with Pebbles, Smokey and Huxley.  
MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

**SATURDAY 2ND, 2—4PM**  
**SCIENCE SATURDAYS**  
Meet scientists to investigate real natural history specimens from the museum’s collection.  
MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

**SATURDAY 9TH, 11AM—1PM**  
**CHRISTMAS CREATIONS**  
Spend a festive and creative morning making Christmas decorations from natural materials. Free entry for children with paying family member.  
BOTANIC GARDEN

**SATURDAY 9TH, 2—4PM**  
**STARS AND PLANETS**  
Follow your stars, make an amazing star dial or paper plate planetarium.  
MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

**SATURDAY 9TH, 2—4PM**  
**ASHVENTURES! NATIVITY: CHRISTMAS STORY PAINTINGS**  
Stories, gallery hunts, games, object handling and crafts.  
ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

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**DECEMBER**

**MY FAVOURITE WINTER ANIMAL**

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**MONDAY 15TH, 10.30AM & 11.30AM**  
**A LITTLE LOOK AT: BEARS**  
We’re going on a bear hunt! It’s the perfect museum tour for toddlers.  
ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

**FRIDAY 17TH, 5—8PM**  
**OXFORD’S CHRISTMAS LIGHT FESTIVAL**  
Make a silvery light mobile, and enjoy live music performed by local choirs.  
PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

**SATURDAY 2ND, 1—4PM**  
**TERRIFIC TOYS**  
See toys from all around the world and then make your own to take home.  
PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

**SAT 2ND, 10AM—6PM & SUN 3RD, 10AM—4PM**  
**BOTANIC GARDEN CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
Discover a wonderland of hand-picked gifts, artisan food and family entertainment. Adults £5, free entry for children under 16.  
BOTANIC GARDEN

**THURS 7TH & THURS 14TH, 10.30—11.15AM**  
**LITTLE ASHMOLES: LITTLE ANGELS**  
Explore, play and learn together.  
ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

**FRIDAY 8TH, 10.30AM—12PM**  
**A LITTLE LOOK AT: WINTER ANIMALS**  
Take a guided walk to find out how animals cosy up for the winter.  
MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

**TUESDAY 19TH, 10.30AM—12.30PM**  
**CURIOUS CUBS**  
Get active and explore the museum with Pebbles, Smokey and Huxley.  
MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

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**ONE DAY I’D LOVE TO LEARN HOW TO...**

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**LOOKING FOR MORE?**

Keep an eye out for our 2018 programme, packed full of fun!