

# HAVE FUN WITH THE FAMILY

*A season of surprises awaits you in Oxford University's Gardens, Libraries & Museums. So what are you waiting for? Let's go!*



## SEASONAL TRAILS

SATURDAY 4 APRIL – SUNDAY 19 APRIL

### EGGSTRAORDINARY EASTER TRAIL

Eggsplore the museums with an eggciting egg-hunters trail! Available during opening hours.

 MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND PITT RIVERS MUSEUM



SATURDAY 4 APRIL – SUNDAY 19 APRIL

### EASTER TRAIL: STORIES IN THE MUSEUM

Follow clues around the museum and discover links within the collection to children's storytelling past and present. Did some of our objects inspire Philip Pullman? And how is the museum linked with *Lord of the Rings* and *Alice in Wonderland*?

 HISTORY OF SCIENCE MUSEUM

Good news! Almost every activity in our entire programme is free to enjoy, so take your pick and get there quick! Maybe you'll make a magical movie toy, learn Morse Code, or take part in botanical experiments. Who knows, perhaps you'll meet a robot or celebrate Chinese Year of the Rat? Whatever you end up doing, remember to have fun, make friends and let your mind grow.

## 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 information desk, where you can borrow an Ashventure activity pack about Ancient Rome, or Anglo-Saxons and Vikings (ages 6+) or an Explorer Toolkit (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.

### HARCOURT ARBORETUM

Pick up an explorer's backpack from the ticket office and use it to help you explore the 130-acre site.

### HISTORY OF SCIENCE MUSEUM

Help yourself to family-friendly trails in the entrance gallery. Ages 5+.

### MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Pick up one of our family-friendly trails at the family trolley to explore the museum together. Family explorer backpacks available on Sunday afternoons, 2–4pm.

### PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

Borrow a torch to discover the hidden wonders in the nooks and crannies of the museum (£2 deposit).

## WEEK-IN WEEK-OUT

EVERY SATURDAY, 11.30AM–3.30PM

### HANDS-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](http://www.ashmolean.org/tickets)

 ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

## JANUARY

THURSDAY 9TH, 16TH, 23RD & 30TH,  
10.30-11.15AM

**LITTLE ASHMOLES: MONEY, MONEY, MONEY** 🎵🎨📖🔍  
Explore a gallery, with a mix of singing, crafts, stories and gallery hunts.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

FRIDAY 10TH, 17TH, 24TH & 31ST,  
10.30-11.30AM

**BABY ASHMOLES IN PRE-RAPHAELITE ART** 🎵🎨📖🔍  
Join us for singing and sensory play for babies and a talk for grown-ups. Booking essential: [www.ashmolean.org/tickets](http://www.ashmolean.org/tickets)

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

SATURDAY 11TH, 2-2.45PM & 3.15-4PM

**ASHVENTURE: ANCIENT ROMAN EMPIRE** 🎵🎨📖🔍  
Explore the Ancient Rome gallery, with a mix of gallery hunts, stories, objects and crafts.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM



SATURDAY 11TH, 2-4PM

**MAGICAL MOVIES** 🎵🎨📖🔍  
What did the Victorians know about the moving image? Find out and make your own magical movie toy.

HISTORY OF SCIENCE MUSEUM

MONDAY 13TH, 10.30AM & 11.30AM

**A LITTLE LOOK AT... DINOSAURS** 🎵🎨📖🔍  
Stomp and roar around the museum as we spot some of our dinosaur friends.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 18TH & 25TH, 1-3PM

**BOARD GAME SCIENCE** 🎵🎨📖🔍  
Play family-friendly science-themed board games with scientists.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

TUESDAY 21ST, 10.30AM-12.30PM

**CURIOUS CUBS** 🎵🎨📖🔍  
Pick up an activity bag and explore the museum with our furry friends.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 25TH, 12-4PM

**ALICE IN TYPHOIDLAND** 🎵🎨📖🔍  
Journey down the sewer hole into Oxford's underside to discover the science of Typhoid.

WESTON LIBRARY

SATURDAY 25TH, 2-4PM

**SCIENCE SATURDAYS** 🎵🎨📖🔍  
Meet scientists to investigate real natural history specimens from the collection.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY



*My favourite song is...*

Events may occasionally be changed or cancelled. For the latest information, please check the venue's website.



## FEBRUARY



MONDAY 10TH, 10.30AM & 11.30AM

**A LITTLE LOOK AT... PATTERNS** 🎵🎨📖🔍

From dots and spots to stripes and swirls, look at patterns in nature on this guided walk around the museum.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 15TH, 10AM-4PM

**OXFORD MATHS FESTIVAL** 🎵🎨📖🔍  
Join Ada Lovelace and friends for mathematical fun, activities and problem-solving.

TEMPLE SQUARE SHOPPING CENTRE, COWLEY

MONDAY 17TH - WEDNESDAY 19TH, 1-4PM

**MY NORMAL LGBTI+ HISTORY MONTH** 🎵🎨📖🔍

Celebrate diversity with activities organised by inclusive youth group My Normal.

PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

MONDAY 17TH - WEDNESDAY 19TH, 1-4PM

**CREATURE COLOURS** 🎵🎨📖🔍  
Discover the vibrant colours in nature and create your own dazzling creature.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

WEDNESDAY 19TH, 1-3PM

**WAKING UP AFTER WINTER** 🎵🎨📖🔍

Search for signs of spring in beautiful woodland and enjoy nature-inspired craft activities.

HARCOURT ARBORETUM

WEDNESDAY 19TH & THURSDAY 20TH, 2-4PM

**HOLIDAY FUN: CHINESE NEW YEAR** 🎵🎨📖🔍

It's the Chinese Year of the Rat and we have ratty crafts, stories with Snowflake Books, and a gallery hunt to find animals of the Chinese Zodiac.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

THURSDAY 20TH & FRIDAY 21ST, 1-4PM

**MY NORMAL LGBTI+ HISTORY MONTH** 🎵🎨📖🔍

Celebrate diversity with objects selected by inclusive youth group My Normal.

PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

FRIDAY 21ST, 2-4PM

**CHINESE DRAGON FIRE-CLOCKS** 🎵🎨📖🔍

Make a working Chinese dragon fire-clock to celebrate Chinese New Year, and try it out at home.

HISTORY OF SCIENCE MUSEUM



SATURDAY 1ST, 9-10AM

**AUTISM-FRIENDLY OPENING** 🎵🎨📖🔍

Enjoy a relaxed morning opening for families in a quiet environment. Booking essential:

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MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 1ST, 1-4PM

**SEE, CREATE, WONDER: CREATIVITY POP-UP** 🎵🎨📖🔍

Pop up to our balcony and make art inspired by objects.

PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

SATURDAY 1ST, 2-2.45PM & 3.15-4PM

**ASHVENTURE: VICTORIAN ART REBELS** 🎵🎨📖🔍

Explore the Pre-Raphaelite gallery, with a mix of gallery hunts, stories, objects and crafts.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

SATURDAY 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22ND & 29TH, 2-4PM

**SCIENCE SATURDAYS** 🎵🎨📖🔍

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

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

THURSDAY 6TH, 13TH & 27TH,  
10.30-11.15AM

**LITTLE ASHMOLES: CHINESE NEW YEAR** 🎵🎨📖🔍

Explore the galleries, with a mix of singing, crafts, stories and gallery hunts.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

FRIDAY 7TH, 14TH & 28TH, 10.30-11.30AM

**BABY ASHMOLES IN CHINA GALLERY** 🎵🎨📖🔍

Join us for singing and sensory play for babies and a talk for grown-ups. Booking essential:

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ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

SATURDAY 8TH, 1-4PM

**SNOWFLAKE BOOKS: TAIWANESE FESTIVALS** 🎵🎨📖🔍

Join Snowflake Books to find out how to celebrate key Taiwanese Festivals.

PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

SATURDAY 8TH & 22ND, 1-3PM

**BOARD GAME SCIENCE** 🎵🎨📖🔍

Play family-friendly science-themed board games with scientists.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY



THURSDAY 5TH, 12TH, 19TH & 26TH, 10.30-11.15AM

## LITTLE ASHMOLES: LET'S DRAW

Explore the galleries, with a mix of singing, crafts, stories and gallery hunts.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

FRIDAY 6TH, 13TH, 20TH & 27TH, 10.30-11.30AM

## BABY ASHMOLES IN BAROQUE ART

Join us for singing and sensory play for babies and a talk for grown-ups.

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ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

SATURDAY 7TH, 2-4PM

## SCIENCE SATURDAYS

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

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 7TH, 2-2.45PM & 3.15-4PM

## ASHVENTURE: SHIVA LORD OF THE DANCE

Explore the India gallery, with a mix of gallery hunts, stories, objects and crafts.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

SATURDAY 7TH, 1-4PM

## SEE, CREATE, WONDER: CREATIVITY POP-UP

Pop up to our balcony and make art inspired by objects.

PITT RIVERS MUSEUM



MONDAY 9TH, 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.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 14TH, 1-4PM

## LOVELACE'S LABYRINTH

Join Ada Lovelace and friends for mathematical fun, activities and problem-solving.

HISTORY OF SCIENCE MUSEUM

SATURDAY 14TH, 12-4PM

## SUPER SCIENCE

Meet scientists to explore the variety of life on the planet.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

TUESDAY 17TH, 10.30AM-12.30PM

## CURIOUS CUBS

Pick up an activity bag and explore the museum with our furry friends.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 21ST, 2-4PM

## MULTAKA-OXFORD - SPRING EQUINOX

Discover how scientific instruments in the museum can demonstrate the Spring Equinox, and learn how spring is celebrated by different cultures and faiths.

HISTORY OF SCIENCE MUSEUM

SATURDAY 28TH, 12-4PM

## THE ART OF ADVERTISING

What do adverts from the past, present and future reveal and conceal about society?

WESTON LIBRARY

SATURDAY 28TH, 1-4PM

## MULTAKA-OXFORD PRESENTS SPRINGTIME

Meet volunteers from the Multaka team and learn how spring is celebrated by different cultures and faiths.

PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

SATURDAY 28TH, 1-3PM

## BOARD GAME SCIENCE

Play family-friendly science-themed board games with scientists.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 28TH & SUNDAY 29TH, 12-2PM

## INKY FINGERS: PRINTING PRESS

Discover old-fashioned printing and print a keepsake to take home with you.

WESTON LIBRARY

THURSDAY 2ND, 23RD & 30TH, 10.30-11.15AM

## LITTLE ASHMOLES: RAINBOW

Explore the galleries, with a mix of singing, crafts, stories and gallery hunts.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

FRIDAY 3RD & 24TH, 10.30-11.30AM

## BABY ASHMOLES IN ISLAMIC MIDDLE EAST GALLERY

Join us for singing and sensory play for babies and a talk for grown-ups.

Booking essential:

[www.ashmolean.org/tickets](http://www.ashmolean.org/tickets)

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

SATURDAY 4TH, 2-2.45PM & 3.15-4PM

## ASHVENTURE: MYTHICAL MONSTERS OF ANCIENT GREECE

Explore the Ancient Greece galleries, with a mix of gallery hunts, stories, objects and crafts.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

SATURDAY 4TH & SUNDAY 5TH, 12-2PM

## INKY FINGERS: PRINTING PRESS

Discover old-fashioned printing and print a keepsake to take home with you.

WESTON LIBRARY

MONDAY 6TH - WEDNESDAY 8TH, 1-4PM

## EGGTASTIC

Join us for an eggastic afternoon and make your own egg creation.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

MONDAY 6TH - FRIDAY 10TH, 1-4PM & THURSDAY 16TH & FRIDAY 17TH, 1-4PM

## TOUCH, THINK, WONDER: HOW DO PEOPLE CELEBRATE SPRING?

How do you celebrate spring? Handle objects that are important in celebrating spring across the world.

PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

WEDNESDAY 8TH, 1-4PM

## FAMILY CRAFT

Enjoy spring-themed craft activity in the beautiful setting of Harcourt Arboretum.

HARCOURT ARBORETUM

SATURDAY 11TH & 25TH, 1-3PM

## BOARD GAME SCIENCE

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MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

TUESDAY 14TH, 9-10AM

## AUTISM-FRIENDLY OPENING

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MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

TUESDAY 14TH & WEDNESDAY 15TH, 1-4PM

## TASTE, THINK, WONDER: HOW DO PEOPLE CELEBRATE SPRING?

How do you celebrate spring? Use all your senses to explore how people from across the world celebrate spring.

PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

WEDNESDAY 15TH, 10-11.30AM & 1-2.30PM

## SCIENCE CLUB - JUNIOR BOTANISTS

Find out how plants survive, with activities, experiments and things to take home and grow. £10 per child, 1 free adult entry per child.

BOTANIC GARDEN

WEDNESDAY 15TH, 2-4PM

## SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC

Design and make your own Zodiac constellation viewer.

HISTORY OF SCIENCE MUSEUM

THURSDAY 16TH & FRIDAY 17TH, 2-4PM

## HOLIDAY FUN: CELEBRATE SPRING

Celebrate the season with spring-themed crafts and listen to an ancient story of spring.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

TUESDAY 21ST, 10.30AM-12.30PM

## CURIOUS CUBS

Pick up an activity bag and explore the museum with our furry friends.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 25TH, 11AM-4PM

## SPRING FAIR

Enjoy live music, delicious food, local craft stalls and games in the beautiful setting of Harcourt Arboretum.

HARCOURT ARBORETUM

SATURDAY 25TH, 1-4PM

## UNICORNS OF THE SEA AND GIANTS OF THE SAVANNA

Find out why humans used ivory and make your own sock animals.

PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

SATURDAY 25TH, 12-4PM

## MARCONI DAY

Scan the airwaves with amateur radio operators and enjoy fun telegraphic activities.

HISTORY OF SCIENCE MUSEUM

SATURDAY 25TH, 11AM-4PM

## MICRO:BITS, MORSE CODE AND MR MARCONI

Celebrate Marconi Day with fun digital-making activities using a micro:bit.

Booking essential: [visit.bodleian.ox.ac.uk](http://visit.bodleian.ox.ac.uk)

WESTON LIBRARY

## KEY

- All ages
- Babies under 1
- 2 to 5 years
- 3 to 5 years
- Under 5 years
- Over 4 years
- Over 5 years
- 5 to 9 years
- Over 6 years
- Over 7 years
- Over 8 years
- Over 9 years
- Over 10 years
- Under 12 years
- Craft
- Display
- Drawing
- Festival
- Games
- Gardening
- Maths
- Music making
- Object handling
- Performance
- Picnic
- Play
- Science
- Story-telling
- Tour
- Trail



## MAY

FRIDAY 1ST, 15TH & 22ND,  
10.30-11.30AM

### BABY ASHMOLES IN MUGHAL INDIA GALLERY

Join us for singing and sensory play for babies and a talk for grown-ups.

Booking essential:  
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ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

SATURDAY 2ND, 9-10AM

### AUTISM-FRIENDLY OPENING

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MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 2ND, 12-2PM

### INKY FINGERS: PRINTING PRESS

Discover old-fashioned printing and print a keepsake to take home with you.

WESTON LIBRARY

SATURDAY 2ND, 1-4PM

### SEE, CREATE, WONDER: CREATIVITY POP-UP

Pop up to the museum balcony and make art inspired by objects.

PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

SATURDAY 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD & 30TH, 2-4PM

### SCIENCE SATURDAYS

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

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

THURSDAY 7TH, 14TH & 21ST,  
10.30-11.15AM

### LITTLE ASHMOLES: MUSICAL MAY

Explore the galleries, with a mix of singing, crafts, stories and gallery hunts.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM



SATURDAY 9TH, 2-2.45PM & 3.15-4PM

### ASHVENTURE: MUSIC

Explore the musical instruments gallery, with a mix of gallery hunts, stories and crafts, plus live performance from Baroque guitarist Matthew Nisbet.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

SATURDAY 9TH & 23RD, 1-3PM

### BOARD GAME SCIENCE

Play family-friendly science-themed board games with scientists.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

MONDAY 11TH, 10.30AM & 11.30AM

### A LITTLE LOOK AT... NURSERY RHYME ANIMALS

Sing along to some of your favourite nursery rhymes and meet the animals that feature in the songs.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

WEDNESDAY 13TH, 10AM-12PM

### PETER RABBIT

Look out for cheeky Peter Rabbit in the vegetable patch! Take part in craft and gardening activities, a mini guided tour and story time.

BOTANIC GARDEN

SATURDAY 16TH, 2-4PM

### DRAWING WITH CAMERA OBSCURAS

Discover the secrets of Renaissance art and how to use a camera obscura to draw in perfect perspective.

HISTORY OF SCIENCE MUSEUM

TUESDAY 26TH - FRIDAY 29TH, 1-4PM

### THE SECRET LIFE OF ROBOTS

Meet the robots and test their skills in the museum.

PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

WEDNESDAY 27TH, 1-4PM

### FAMILY CRAFT

Enjoy summer-themed craft activity in the beautiful Harcourt Arboretum.

HARCOURT ARBORETUM

WEDNESDAY 27TH & THURSDAY 28TH, 2-4PM

### HOLIDAY FUN: ANCIENT EGYPTIAN AFTERLIFE

Find out about the ancient Egyptian afterlife, design a mummy case and make a scarab amulet to take home.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

FRIDAY 29TH, 2-4PM

### HOUSE OF WISDOM

Discover the science and medicine in the early Islamic world, with activities and games.

HISTORY OF SCIENCE MUSEUM

## JUNE

*My favourite thing to draw is...*



THURSDAY 4TH, 11TH, 18TH & 25TH,  
10.30-11.15AM

### LITTLE ASHMOLES: SUPER SHAPES

Explore the galleries, with a mix of singing, crafts, stories and gallery hunts.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM



FRIDAY 5TH, 12TH, 19TH & 26TH,  
10.30-11.30AM

### BABY ASHMOLES IN EUROPEAN ART

Join us for singing and sensory play for babies and a talk for grown-ups.

Booking essential:  
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ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

SATURDAY 6TH, 12-2PM

### INKY FINGERS: PRINTING PRESS

Discover old-fashioned printing and print a keepsake to take home with you.

WESTON LIBRARY

*Looking for more?*

Keep an eye out for our July-December 2020 programme, packed full of fun!

MONDAY 8TH, 10.30AM & 11.30AM

### A LITTLE LOOK AT... UNDERGROUND

From animals to rocks and fossils, find out what's beneath our feet.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 13TH, 11AM-1PM

### FAMILY BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATION

Create a colourful botanical illustration using blooms from the Garden. Booking required - £10 per ticket. Children must be accompanied by a paying adult.

BOTANIC GARDEN

SATURDAY 13TH, 2-4PM

### WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED AN ASTROLABE?

Find out what an astrolabe is and make your own working model.

HISTORY OF SCIENCE MUSEUM

SATURDAY 13TH & 20TH, 2-4PM

### SCIENCE SATURDAYS

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

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 13TH & 27TH, 1-3PM

### BOARD GAME SCIENCE

Play family-friendly science-themed board games with scientists.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 20TH, 1-4PM

### WINDRUSH DAY FAMILY EVENT

Join us to mark Windrush Day, with stories of migration and craft activities.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM & PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

TUESDAY 23RD, 10.30AM-12.30PM

### CURIOUS CUBS

Pick up an activity bag and explore the museum with our furry friends.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY