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!

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 are 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).

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.

SEASONAL TRAILS

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.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

EVERY SATURDAY, 11AM–1PM
OBJECT HANDLING 🍪
Discover more about wonderful and fascinating objects from the museum’s collection.

PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

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**

**THURSDAY 5TH, 15TH, 25TH & 30TH, 10.30–11.45AM**

**LITTLE ASHMOLES: MONEY, MONEY, MONEY**

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

- **ASHMolean MUSEUM**

**FRIDAY 6TH, 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

- **ASHMolean MUSEUM**

**SATURDAY 11TH, 2–2.45PM & 3.15–4.15PM**

**ASHVENTURE: ANCIENT ROMAN EMPIRE**

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

- **ASHMolean MUSEUM**

**SATURDAY 18TH, 10–11.30AM & 11.15–12.15AM**

**A MAGIC MOVIES**

What did the Victorians know about the moving image? Find out and make your own magical movie toy.

- **MUSEUM OF SCIENCE**

**MONDAY 14TH, 10.15AM & 11.30AM**

**A LITTLE LOOK AT... DINOSAURS**

Scare and roar around the museum as we spot some of our dino-saur friends.

- **MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**

**SATURDAY 21ST, 10.15AM–11.15AM**

**BOARD GAME SCIENCE**

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

- **MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**

**TUESDAY 21ST, 10.10AM–11.30AM**

**CURIOUS CUBS**

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

- **ASHMolean MUSEUM**

**SUNDAY 25TH, 12–4PM**

**ALICE IN TYPHOIDIAN**

Journey down the sewer hole into Oxford’s underside to discover the science of Typhoid.

- **WESTON LIBRARY**

**SATURDAY 4TH, 2–4PM**

**SCIENCE SATURDAYS**

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

- **MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**

**SUNDAY 5TH, 9TH, 15TH, 22ND & 29TH, 2–4PM**

**SCIENCE SATURDAYS**

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

- **MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**

**SUNDAY 1ST, 12–1.10PM**

**LITTLE ASHMOLES: CHINESE NEW YEAR**

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

- **ASHMolean MUSEUM**

**FRIDAY 14TH & 25TH, 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: www.ashmolean.org/tickets

- **ASHMolean MUSEUM**

**SUNDAY 7TH, 9AM–3PM**

**SNOWFLAKE BOOKS: TAIWANSESE FESTIVALS**

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

- **PITT RIVERS MUSEUM**

**SUNDAY 7TH & 20TH, 12–3PM**

**BOARD GAME SCIENCE**

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

- **MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**

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**FEBRUARY**

**MONDAY 10TH, 16.30AM & 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 1ST, 2–10AM**

**AUTISM-FRIENDLY OPENING**

Enjoy a relaxed morning opening for families in a quiet environment. Booking essential: education@oam.ox.ac.uk

- **MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**

**SUNDAY 2ND, 12–3PM**

**ASHVENTURE: VICTORIAN ART REBELS**

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

- **ASHMolean MUSEUM**

**SUNDAY 7TH, 2–2.45PM & 3.15–4.15PM**

**CREATURE COLOURS**

Discover the vibrant colours in nature and create your own dazzling creature.

- **MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**

**WEDNESDAY 14TH, 1–3PM**

**SEARCHING FOR SIGNS**

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

- **HATHEROFT ABBEY**

**WEDNESDAY 15TH & 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 LGBT+ 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.

- **MUSEUM OF SCIENCE**

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**MINDGROWING.ORG PG.2**

*Events may occasionally be changed or cancelled. For the latest information, please check the venue’s website.*
**THURSDAY 17TH, 10.00AM-12.30PM**
**CURIOS CUBS**
Pick up an activity bag and explore the museum with our furry friends.
**MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**

**SATURDAY 23RD & 25TH, 10.30AM-11.30AM**
**SUSTAINABLE FUTURE**
Join us for sustainable science talks and activities. Find out how you can make a difference.
**ASHMolean Museum**

**TUESDAY 27TH, 10.00AM-11.30AM**
**FAMILY CRAFT**
Enjoy spring-themed craft activity in the beautiful setting of Harcourt Arboretum.
**HARCOURT ARBORETUM**

**SUNDAY 25TH, 11.00AM-4.00PM**
**SPRING FAIR**
Enjoy live music, delicious food, local craft stalls and games in the beautiful setting of Harcourt Arboretum.
**HARCOURT ARBORETUM**

**SUNDAY 26TH & MONDAY 27TH, 10.00AM-11.00AM**
**UNCORNS OF THE SEA AND GIANTS OF THE SAVANNA**
Find out how you can help protect these amazing animals.
**PIT RIVERS MUSEUM**

**SUNDAY 26TH, 11.00AM-4.00PM**
**MARCONI DAY**
Scan the airwaves with amateur radio operators and enjoy fun radio activities.
**HISTORY OF SCIENCE MUSEUM**

**THURSDAY 14TH & FRIDAY 15TH, 11.00AM-12.00PM**
**MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**

**WBAS 2019**

**KEY**

- **All ages**
- **Crafts**
- **Basics under 5**
- **Display**
- **2 to 5 years**
- **Drawing**
- **3 to 5 years**
- **Entertaining**
- **Under 5 years**
- **Games**
- **Over 4 years**
- **Gardening**
- **Over 5 years**
- **Maths**
- **5 to 9 years**
- **Music making**
- **Over 6 years**
- **Object handling**
- **Over 7 years**
- **Performance**
- **Over 8 years**
- **Picnic**
- **Over 9 years**
- **Play**
- **Over 10 years**
- **Science**
- **Under 12 years**
- **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: www.ashmolean.org/tickets
- ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

SATURDAY 2nd, 9-10am
AUTISM-FRIENDLY OPENING 🍃 🐞
Enjoy a relaxed morning opening for families in a quiet environment.
Booking essential: education@ox.ac.uk
- 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 4th, 1-3pm
SEE, CREATE, WONDER: CREATIVITY POP-UP 🍃 🌸 🌼
Pop up to the museum balcony and make art inspired by objects.
- PIT RIVERS MUSEUM

SCIENCE SATURDAYS 🍃 🌸 🌼
Meet scientists to investigate real natural history specimens from the collection.
- MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

THURSDAY 7th, 14th & 21st, 10.30–11.30am
LITTLE ASHMOLES: MUSICAL MAY 🍃 🍃 🌸 🌼
Explore the galleries, with a mix of singing, crafts, stories and gallery hunts.
- ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

SATURDAY 9th, 2–2.45pm & 3–4.45pm
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, 1–2pm
BOARD GAME SCIENCE 🎮 🎁 🍼
Play family-friendly science-themed board games with scientists.
- MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

MONDAY 11th, 10-10.30am & 10.30-11.30am
A LITTLE LOOK AT... NURSERY RHymes 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
PETE 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, 1–4pm
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 19th – FRIDAY 22nd, 1-4pm
THE SECRET LIFT OF ROBOTS 🇬🇧 🌸 🌼
The robots meet and test their skills in the museum.
- PIT RIVERS MUSEUM

WEDNESDAY 27th, 1–4pm
FAMILY CRAFT 🌸 🌼
Enjoy summer-themed craft activity in the beautiful Hanscourt Arboretum.
- HANSCOURT ARBORETUM

FRIDAY 30th & THURSDAY 6th, 1–4pm
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 2nd, 2–2.45pm
HOUSE OF WISDOM 🌼 🌹 🎨
Discover the science and medicine in the early Islamic world, with activities and games.
- HISTORY OF SCIENCE MUSEUM

JUNE

THURSDAY 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th, 10.30-11.30am
LITTLE ASHMOLES: SUPER SHAPES 🌼 🌻 🎨 🌸 🌼 🌼
Explore the galleries, with a mix of singing, crafts, stories and gallery hunts.
- ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

THURSDAY 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th, 10.30-11.30am
LITTLE ASHMOLES: SUPER SHAPES 🌼 🌻 🎨 🌸 🌼 🌼
Explore the galleries, with a mix of singing, crafts, stories and gallery hunts.
- ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

THURSDAY 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, 12–3.30pm
FAMILY BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATION 🌸 🌼
Create a beautiful botanical illustration using blooms from the Garden. Booking required - £10 per ticket. Children must be accompanied by a paying adult.
- BOTANIC GARDEN

SATURDAY 13th, 3–4pm
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 15th & 22nd, 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 & PIT RIVERS MUSEUM

TUESDAY 23rd, 10.30am–12.30pm
CURIOS CUBS 🌸 🌼
Pick up an activity bag and explore the museum with our furry friends.
- MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY