

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!

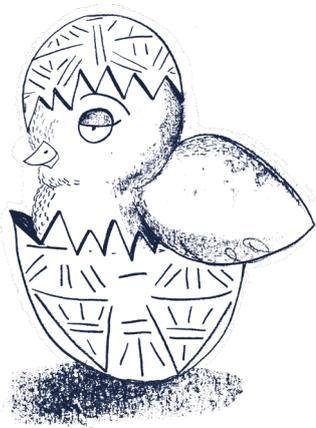


Good news! Almost every activity in our entire programme is free to enjoy, so take your pick and get there quick! Maybe you'll become an animator of stories from around the world. Or get up close and personal with a creepy crawly.

Who knows, perhaps you'll go hunting for fantastic fossils on Planet Dinosaur! Whatever you end up doing, remember to have fun, make friends and let your mind grow.

EASTER EGGSPLORATION

GET SET FOR ADVENTURE



SATURDAY 31ST MARCH–SUNDAY 15TH APRIL
(IN OPENING HOURS)

EGGSTRAORDINARY EASTER TRAIL

Follow the eggciting egg-hunter's trail through the museums.

 MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY & PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

SUNDAY 1ST–MONDAY 23RD APRIL
(IN OPENING HOURS)

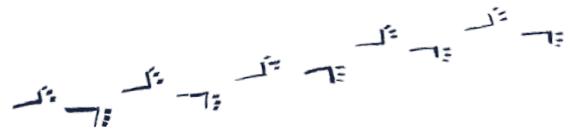
EASTER TRAIL

Challenge yourself to the museum's Easter Trail. Help yourself from the Entrance Gallery.

 MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

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 yourself some dodo feet? Track them down at: www.oum.ox.ac.uk/educate/famtrails.htm
-  In need of a survival guide to Ancient Egypt? Check out the Ashmolean's 8 great trails at: www.ashmolean.org/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 information desk where you can collect family trails and sketching materials every day. On weekends you'll find activity packs, make-and-takes, magnifiers and torches (2–4 PM).

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.

MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

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

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Family-friendly Sundays every week 2–4 PM. Borrow a backpack, try a trail, make something or have a rummage.

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 through the 1800s.

 ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

EVERY SATURDAY, 10.30–12.30PM

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.

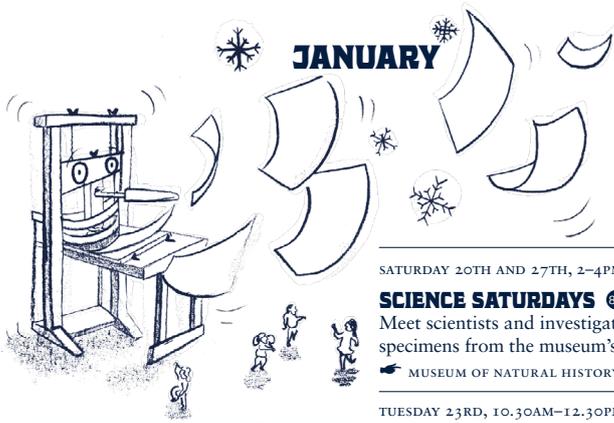
 MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SUNDAYS FROM MARCH, 1–3PM
(SEE WWW.PRM.OX.AC.UK FOR DETAILS)

TOUCHING STORIES

Borrow a book, handle objects or listen to a story from around the world - all provided by museum volunteers.

 PITT RIVERS MUSEUM



JANUARY

EVERY THURSDAY, 10.30-11.15AM

LITTLE ASHMOLES: MONEY, MONEY, MONEY (5-9)

Explore, play and learn together.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

SATURDAY 13TH, 11AM-1PM

TRY YOUR HAND AT THE PRINTING PRESS (A)

Print a keepsake on our old-fashioned printing press at this drop-in event.

WESTON LIBRARY

SATURDAY 13TH, 2-2.45PM & 3.15-4PM

ASHVENTURE INDIA: LORD OF THE DANCE (4+)

Stories, gallery hunts, games and crafts.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

SATURDAY 13TH, 2-4PM

MAGICAL MOVIES (7+)

Find out what the Victorians knew about the moving image, and make your own magical movie toy.

MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

MONDAY 15TH, 10.30 & 11.30AM

A LITTLE LOOK AT: NIGHT-TIME ANIMALS (5)

Help us hunt for animals that are wide awake whilst we are tucked up at night.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 20TH AND 27TH, 2-4PM

SCIENCE SATURDAYS (8+)

Meet scientists and investigate real specimens from the museum's collection.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

TUESDAY 23RD, 10.30AM-12.30PM

CURIOUS CUBS (5)

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

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 27TH, 2-2.45PM & 3.15-4PM

ASHVENTURE ANCIENT ROME: EMPERORS AND EMPIRES (4+)

Stories, gallery hunts, games and crafts.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

KEY

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| (A) All ages | Craft |
| (3-5) 3 to 5 years | Concert |
| (5) Under 5 years | Display |
| (4+) Over 4 years | Drawing |
| (5-9) 5 to 9 years | Festival |
| (6+) Over 6 years | Games |
| (7+) Over 7 years | Object handling |
| (8+) Over 8 years | Performance |
| (9+) Over 9 years | Picnic |
| (10+) Over 10 years | Science |
| | Story-telling |
| | Tour |
| | Trail |

I never knew I could make my own...



FEBRUARY

EVERY SATURDAY, 2-4PM

SCIENCE SATURDAYS (8+)

Meet scientists and investigate real specimens from the museum's collection.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

THURSDAYS (TERM TIME ONLY), 10.30-11.15AM

LITTLE ASHMOLES: LET'S DRAW (3-5)

Explore, play and learn together.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

SATURDAY 10TH, 2-2.45PM & 3.15-4PM

ASHVENTURE CHINA: LAND OF THE DRAGONS (4+)

Stories, gallery hunts, games and crafts.

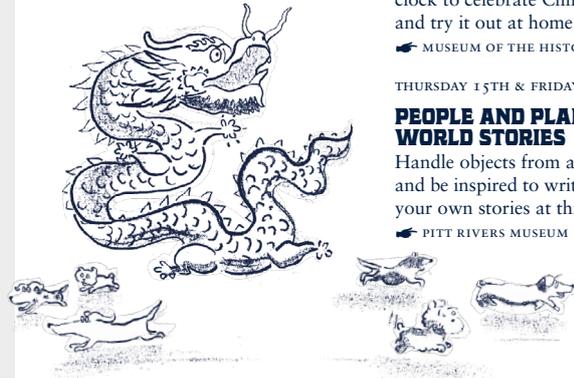
ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

MONDAY 12TH-WEDNESDAY 14TH, 1-4PM

PEOPLE & PLANET: OPERATION EARTH (A)

Marvel at incredible planet Earth—find out what it's made from and some of the spectacular things it can do. Then visit the new *Settlers* exhibition.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY



MONDAY 12TH-WEDNESDAY 14TH, 1-4PM

PEOPLE AND PLANET: WORLD STORIES (6+)

Animate your own story inspired by tales from around the world at this drop-in event.

PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

TUESDAY 13TH, 2 & 3PM

OPERATION EARTH: LIVE SCIENCE SHOW (A)

Prepare to be amazed by our spectacular family science show all about planet Earth.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

TUESDAY 13TH, 1-4PM

WAKING UP AFTER WINTER (A)

Search for signs of spring and enjoy seasonal craft activities.

HARCOURT ARBORETUM

WEDNESDAY 14TH, 10AM-12.15PM

WORLD STORIES: SENSING CULTURES (6+)

Tactile story-making for families with children who are blind or partially sighted. Must be booked in advance.

PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

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

HALF-TERM FUN: CHINESE NEW YEAR PARTY (A)

Take part in our Chinese New Year party with stories and craft activities to celebrate the Year of the Dog.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

THURSDAY 15TH, 11AM-12.30PM

FAMILY-FRIENDLY PRINTING WORKSHOP (3+)

Learn to print the old-fashioned way on hand-operated printing presses. Booking required.

OLD BODLEIAN LIBRARY, PRINTING WORKSHOP

THURSDAY 15TH & FRIDAY 16TH, 12-4PM

CHINESE DRAGON FIRE-CLOCKS (7+)

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

MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

THURSDAY 15TH & FRIDAY 16TH, 1-4PM

PEOPLE AND PLANET: WORLD STORIES (6+)

Handle objects from around the world and be inspired to write, draw and share your own stories at this drop-in session.

PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

SATURDAY 17TH & SUNDAY 18TH, 11AM-4PM

CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL (A)

Join in a weekend of festivities with arts, crafts and performances for all the family.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

TUESDAY 20TH, 10.30AM-12.30PM

CURIOUS CUBS (5)

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

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY-SUNDAY 11TH MARCH

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT DISPLAY (A)

Discover plants that produce Fairtrade products, such as cocoa, bananas and sugar. Free with entrance to the garden.

BOTANIC GARDEN

MARCH



EVERY THURSDAY, 10.30-11.15AM

LITTLE ASHMOLES: MUSIC AND RHYTHM 3-5 Explore, play and learn together.
 ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

SATURDAY 3RD, 2-4PM

SCIENCE SATURDAYS 8+ Meet scientists and investigate real specimens from the museum's collection.
 MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 10TH, 2-2.45PM & 3.15-4PM

ASHVENTURE MUSICAL MARCH: STRINGS ALIVE 4+ Stories, gallery hunts, games and crafts.
 ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

SATURDAY 10TH, 12-4PM

SUPER SCIENCE SATURDAY: PEOPLE & PLANET 8+ Join University researchers at our big science bonanza to investigate and experiment. Learn about planet Earth and the people that live on it.
 MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 10TH, 2-4PM

WOMEN IN SCIENCE A Find out about female scientists from the past, from Caroline Herschel - who discovered several comets - to Dorothy Hodgkin, who deciphered the structure of insulin.
 MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

SATURDAY 17TH, 12-4PM

BUGS AND BIOART A A medically inspired celebration of bacteria and bioart! Meet scientists and artists, and learn about the story of penicillin and the miracle of antibiotics.
 MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE



SATURDAY 17TH, 10AM-12PM & 1-3PM

THIS GIRL CAN MAKE 10+ Work with designer-maker Hattie Speed to create your own useful wood object. £16.50 per child, with free adult place. Booking required.
 PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

MONDAY 19TH, 10.30AM & 11.30AM

A LITTLE LOOK AT: TALL AND SMALL 5 See who's the tallest and who's the smallest in the animal kingdom on this guided walk around the museum.
 MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 24TH, 1-4PM

A RIGHT ROYAL ADVENTURE A Discover a special Oxford painting from the time of the English Civil War and help us create a tactile version of the painting, with Oxfordshire Association for the Blind.
 ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

My favourite book is...



SUNDAY 25TH, 2-4.30PM
(ELAINE WICKSON TALK 2-2.45PM)

PLANET DINOSAUR A Hunt for fantastic fossils and dinosaurs in the museum with fun activities. And join Elaine Wickson for a talk about her children's book 'Planet Stan' (tickets for the talk are £8 and can be pre-booked at oxfordliteraryfestival.org).
 MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 31ST, 2-4PM

OPERATION EARTH: MEET THE EXPERTS A Drop in for a chat with science experts and get hands-on with science.
 MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

APRIL



SATURDAY 7TH, 2-4PM

OPERATION EARTH: MEET THE EXPERTS A Drop in for a chat with science experts and get hands-on with science.
 MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 7TH, 11AM-4PM

SPRING FAIR A Join us for live music, yummy food, craft stalls and games among the trees.
 HARCOURT ARBORETUM

MONDAY 9TH-WEDNESDAY 11TH, 1-4PM

WHAT'S FOR DINNER? A What do animals eat for dinner? Explore the food chain to find out.
 MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

WEDNESDAY 11TH, 2-4PM

FABULOUS FUNDIALS 7+ Make your own Easter sundial.
 MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

WEDNESDAY 11TH & THURSDAY 12TH, 1-4PM

HOLIDAY FUN: GODDESS OF SPRING A Celebrate spring with crafts and listen to an ancient story all about seasons.
 ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

FRIDAY 13TH, 2PM & 3PM

OPERATION EARTH: LIVE SCIENCE SHOW A Prepare to be amazed by our spectacular family science show all about planet Earth.
 MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

THURSDAY 19TH & 26TH, 10.30-11.15AM

LITTLE ASHMOLES: RABBIT HOP 3-5 Explore, play and learn together.
 ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

SUNDAY 22ND, 2.15PM-4.15PM

COME-AND-SING FOLK CONCERT 8+ Sing live during Oxford Folk Weekend and print a ballad on a printing press.
 WESTON LIBRARY

SATURDAY 28TH, 1-4PM

ART WEEKS SPECIAL: BOWLS AND SCROLLS 4+ Create an amulet-inspired artwork with artist Francesca Shakespeare.
 ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

SATURDAY 28TH, 2-4PM

SCIENCE SATURDAYS 8+ Meet scientists and investigate specimens from the museum's collection.
 MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

TUESDAY 3RD-THURSDAY 5TH, 1-4PM

TASTE, THINK, MAKE: HOW DO PEOPLE CELEBRATE SPRING? A Try new foods and make decorations.
 PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

WEDNESDAY 4TH, 10-11AM & 11.30AM-12.30PM

SCIENCE CLUB, IN COLLABORATION WITH SCIENCE OXFORD 8-9 Explore the awesome science of growth. £10 per child. Book in advance.
 BOTANIC GARDEN

WEDNESDAY 4TH, 2PM & 3PM

OPERATION EARTH: LIVE SCIENCE SHOW A Prepare to be amazed by our spectacular family science show all about planet Earth.
 MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

WEDNESDAY 4TH & THURSDAY 5TH, 1-4PM

HOLIDAY FUN: SPRING CHICKENS A Feathery crafts and hunt for chickens.
 ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

THURSDAY 5TH, 11AM-12.30PM

FAMILY-FRIENDLY PRINTING WORKSHOP 8+ Printing on hand-operated presses. Booking required.
 OLD BODLEIAN LIBRARY, PRINTING WORKSHOP

THURSDAY 5TH, 10.30AM-1PM

JURASSIC PACKS A Borrow a fossil-filled backpack and explore prehistoric underwater reptiles.
 MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

THURSDAY 5TH & FRIDAY 6TH, 1-4PM

TOUCH, FEEL, WONDER: CELEBRATING SPRING A Explore spring festivities around the world, hold objects and follow a trail.
 PITT RIVERS MUSEUM



MAY

THURSDAYS (TERM TIME ONLY), 10.30-11.15AM

LITTLE ASHMOLES: TIME FOR TEA 5-5 1 2
Explore, play and learn together.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

EVERY SATURDAY, 2-4PM

SCIENCE SATURDAYS 2 3 4
Meet scientists and investigate real specimens from the museum's collection.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 12TH, 2-4PM

OPERATION EARTH: MEET THE EXPERTS A 1
Drop in for a chat with science experts and get hands-on with science.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 12TH, 2-4PM

DRAWING WITH CAMERA OBSCURAS 2 3 4
Discover the secrets of Renaissance art and how to use a camera obscura to draw in perfect perspective.

MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

SATURDAY 12TH, 2-2.45PM & 3.15-4PM

ASHVENTURE ANCIENT GREECE: OLYMPICS 2 3 4 5 6
Stories, gallery hunts, games and crafts.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

MONDAY 14TH, 10.30AM & 11.30AM

A LITTLE LOOK AT: BUGS 5 6
See creepy crawlies and spiders on a guided walk around the museum.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

WEDNESDAY 16TH, 10AM-12PM

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC 5 6 7
Bring your teddy for a picnic and enjoy craft, stories and more.

BOTANIC GARDEN



TUESDAY 22ND, 10.30AM-12.30PM

CURIOS CUBS 5 6 7
Pick up an activity bag and explore the museum with some of our furry friends.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 26TH, 2PM & 3PM

OPERATION EARTH: LIVE SCIENCE SHOW A 1 2
Prepare to be amazed by our spectacular family science show all about planet Earth.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

TUESDAY 29TH, 1-4PM

FAMILY CRAFT A 2
Enjoy summer-themed craft activity in the beautiful setting of Harcourt Arboretum.

HARCOURT ARBORETUM

TUESDAY 29TH & WEDNESDAY 30TH MAY, 1-4PM (LIVE SHOW AT 2PM & 3PM)

OPERATION EARTH: LIVING EARTH A 2 3 4
Be inspired by the natural world and find out how scientists are learning about what's on our planet.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

TUESDAY 29TH & WEDNESDAY 30TH, 1-4PM

TOUCH, THINK, WONDER: INTREPID WOMEN AND THEIR BELONGINGS 2 3 4 5 6
What did intrepid women take on their journeys around the world? See the objects they packed in their luggage and create your own travel stories.

PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

WEDNESDAY 30TH & THURSDAY 31ST, 1-4PM

HOLIDAY FUN: CITYSCAPES A 2 3
Help us create a huge cityscape inspired by the *America's Cool Modernism* exhibition.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

THURSDAY 31ST, 1-4PM

SEE, THINK, CREATE: WHO ARE THE WORLD'S INTREPID WOMEN? 2 3 4 5 6
Look closely at photographs taken by women around the world. Find out who they are and make your own photographic print.

PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

THURSDAY 31ST MAY AND FRIDAY 1ST JUNE, 12-4PM

AHOY THERE! 2 3 4
Discover early voyages of exploration with maps, globes and hands-on navigational instruments.

MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE



JUNE



EVERY THURSDAY, 10.30AM-11.15AM

LITTLE ASHMOLES: SHIP AHOY! 5-5 1 2
Explore, play and learn together.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

SATURDAY 2ND, 10AM-4PM

WILD FAIR A 1 2 3 4 5
Meet scientists and conservation groups plus some of the creatures they study. In partnership with BBOWT.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 9TH & 16TH, 2-4PM

SCIENCE SATURDAYS 2 3 4 5
Meet scientists and investigate real specimens from the museum's collection.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

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

ASHVENTURE VICTORIAN ART: MYTHS AND LEGENDS 2 3 4 5 6
Stories, gallery hunts, games and craft.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

SATURDAY 16TH, 2-4PM

HOUSE OF WISDOM 2 3 4 5 6
Discover science and medicine in the early Islamic world with activities and games.

MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

TUESDAY 19TH, 10.30AM-12.30PM

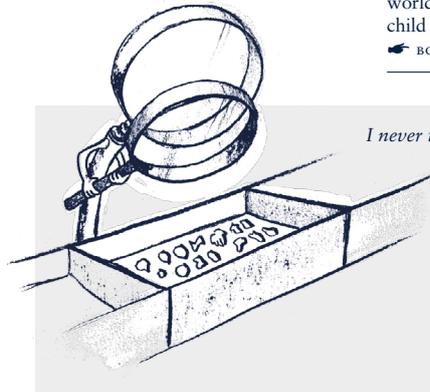
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MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 23RD, 10-11AM & 11.30AM-12.30PM

SATURDAY SCIENCE CLUB, IN COLLABORATION WITH SCIENCE OXFORD 5-9 1
Use your senses to explore the natural world at the Botanic Garden. £10 per child - please book in advance.

BOTANIC GARDEN



I never thought I'd discover...

SATURDAY 9TH, 2-4PM

OPERATION EARTH: MEET THE EXPERTS A 1
Drop in for a chat with science experts and get hands-on with science.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 9TH, 12-4PM

(RE)MADE: AN AFTERNOON OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL FUN 2 3 4
Join Oxford archaeologists to unearth amazing objects found in the ground.

PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

MONDAY 11TH, 10.30AM & 11.30AM

A LITTLE LOOK AT: BIRDS 5 6
Meet some of our feathery friends and glide with us on this guided walk around the museum.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

SATURDAY 23RD, 2-2.45PM & 3.15-4PM

ASHVENTURE ISLAMIC CERAMICS: COLOUR AND PATTERN 2 3 4 5 6 7
Stories, gallery hunts, games and crafts.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

SATURDAY 23RD, 10AM-4PM

TOUCH, THINK, MAKE: PITT FEST 2 3 4 5 6
Drop in and find out what researchers do and get hands-on with activities.

PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

SATURDAY 30TH, 2PM & 3PM

OPERATION EARTH: LIVE SCIENCE SHOW A 1 2
Be amazed by our spectacular family science show all about planet Earth.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY