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Welcome to the latest Educational Visits digital magazine bringing you news and updates on what is happening for schools and families in your region during Autumn. Hopefully you have all had a lovely summer getting back to some normality after an extremely challenging 18 months.

October Half Term, Halloween and Bonfire night will soon be upon us (we won't mention Christmas yet) and we hope that this magazine gives you and your family some inspiration of exciting things to do and places to visit on your doorstep. If you are able, please support your local businesses to help them get back on track and feel free to tell friends and colleagues about this publication so that they too are aware of exactly what is happening in your area. As always, please follow all guidance to stay safe and we hope you have a fantastic time this Autumn.

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COP26 - Together For Our Planet

Glasgow Scottish Event Campus (SEC) is hosting the 26th Conference of the Parties, known as COP26, from Sunday 31st October – Friday November 12th 2021.

With delegates from all over the world expected to attend, COP26 is designed to produce an international response to the climate emergency. Glasgow is a perfect host with a carbon neutral target of 2030 and a city rating of 4th in the world in the Global Destination Sustainability Index.

We think that now, more than ever, is a vital time to be talking about this all important issue. Our advertisers agree and they will be contributing to an online discussion throughout 2021 about how global warming is affecting them but just as importantly, the positive things they are doing to help eradicate it. We would love to hear from you and how your school is helping. Do send us information that we can post on social media as the more schools that join in the debate the better. As well as discussing global issues, we will also be promoting what is happening near you. So make sure that you are following us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Tell us what articles you like and what you want to hear about, feedback is always welcome whether it be positive or negative. We share events, competitions, offers and the latest news from all our favourite places so make sure you are in the know by following us on social media and on <https://www.educationalvisitsuk.com/>



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Updated throughout the year with blogs, educational workshops as well as events and new listings, the www.educationalvisitsuk.com website brings together everything to make planning your next educational adventure effortless. We have combined the website with School Trips UK, our sister site, that offers bespoke school trips, this will make it easier for you to choose whether you want to book and organise your school trip yourself or decide to use our services and let us take the strain of organising and planning your next adventure!

Listings for over 200 attractions and accommodation from all over England and Wales that we think are perfect for school trips or education groups. You will also find more information about each attraction including the key stages/ages catered for and subjects as well as the facilities they have including accessibility.

Direct links to each advertiser's website for ease of booking or making an enquiry.

TripAdvisor ratings for each attraction so you can see what other teachers think before you book.

An active events page which lets you know special events and exhibitions that are going on – check back regularly so as not to miss a thing!

A compelling blog, written by our team with contributions from our advertisers ensures that our articles have the latest news to continually inspire you throughout the year.

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Spotlight on Leicester

Heritage and history are at the heart of the city of Leicester, the county town of Leicestershire in the East Midlands. The city lies on the River Soar and has been called Legorensis civitatis, Ligera ceastre, Ledecestre and now Leicester. The Romans, Saxons, Danes and Normans have all left their mark on the city and at the end of the War of the Roses, King Richard III was buried in Leicester's Greyfriar's Church. The construction of the Grand Union canal in the 1790s finally linked Leicester to other big cities like London and Birmingham and rail links also helped the city embrace the industrial revolution. Textile, hosiery and footwear factories opened and flourished followed by steel works and foundries. More recently, the 2012 unearthing of the remains of King Richard III hit the news, especially as they were found in a less than regal council car park.

Don't Miss

National Space Centre – UK's largest planetarium with the iconic 42m high Rocket Tower, it has 6 interactive galleries, spacesuits, moon rocks and just about everything you can imagine wanting to see in space.

The Golden Mile – the stretch on Belgrave Road known for its many Indian restaurants, jewellers and sari shops.

Leicester Museum and Art Gallery – with general free entry, the galleries are varied and include dinosaurs, ancient Egypt and a German expressionism collection.

Abbey Pumping Station – with an imposing 150ft chimney, the museum shows you how the Victorians kept clean water flowing for the ever-expanding city.

Jewry Wall – dating from AD 160, the wall of this roman bath house is over 9m high and one of the tallest remaining sections of roman masonry left in Britain.

King Richard III Visitor Centre – close to the Cathedral, the attraction showcases the life of Richard III and the story of how his remains were found in 2012.

Leicester Cathedral – the imposing Cathedral that has been reconstructed over the centuries, it has a 220ft spire and stunningly beautiful stained glass.

Interesting Facts

Leicester is home to the fictional Adrian Mole, made famous by Sue Townsend in a series of extremely popular books.

Leicester Tigers Rugby Union team are the most successful ever English side winning the title 10 times since the League began in 1987.

Leicester Market holds the record as the largest outdoor covered market in Europe. Gary Lineker's family had a stall on the market for many years.

The city is understood to be the birthplace of the modern standard English language. It is also the birthplace of the 'package holiday' with Thomas Cook organising the first ever tour from Leicester to Loughborough in 1841.

The River Soar that runs through Lincoln used to be pink in colour. This was due to the waste that used to run from the textile factories into it.



Spotlight on Lincoln

Lincoln is a beautiful historic city in the East Midlands that is the county town of Lincolnshire and is famous for its medieval Cathedral. With picturesque cobbled streets, stunning architecture and numerous visitor attractions, it is a popular place for families to visit and enjoy. In Roman times, Lincoln was known as 'Lindum Colonia' developed from an Iron Age settlement on the River Witham and it has had a rich history over the centuries. Nowadays, it has two universities, the University of Lincoln and Bishop Grosseteste University and the economy is based mainly on commerce, public administration and arable farming. It also has an ever-growing IT economy with many mail order companies now based in the city.

Don't Miss

Lincoln Cathedral – completed in 1092, it is the third largest English cathedral with gothic architecture and Norman arches. Make sure you look for the Lincoln Imp carving and crazy vaulting!

Cornhill Quarter - a great place to visit if you like independent shops, quaint cafes and good food.

Doddington Hall - an Elizabethan manor house with tapestries and an impressive walled garden.

Lincoln Castle - an incredible historic attraction, with a Victorian prison, a medieval wall walk and a copy of the Magna Carta.

The Collection Museum and Usher Gallery - the museum displaying local archaeology currently contains over 2,000,000 objects and houses the Usher Art Gallery with works by Turner and Lowry.

The Museum of Lincolnshire Life – celebrates Lincolnshire culture from the 1750s to modern day. Housed in a Victorian barracks, it has nearly 250,000 objects including a tank.

Brayford waterfront – as well as being a great place to relax and get a bite to eat, it also gives an opportunity for you to take a tour on the water on the 'Brayford Belle'. These run from Easter to October.



Interesting Facts

Lincoln Cathedral had to be rebuilt after a fire and then actually succumbed to an earthquake in 1185.

The International Bomber Command Centre is the only place in the world where the losses of the Bomber Command unit during World War II are commemorated.

By the 13th century, Lincoln was England's third largest city.

One of the fatalities of Lincoln's typhoid outbreak of 1904/5 which was caused by polluted drinking water was in fact Liam Kirk, the man responsible for the city's water supply.

The company William Foster & Co, based in Lincoln, invented and built the first ever tanks.

For over 200 years, Lincoln Cathedral was the world's tallest building.

A fact for the future – Lincoln will be the location for the first ever Robotic Farm. The Robot Highways project will stage the development of a fleet of renewably powered robots to reduce waste and boost efficiency in farming. Longer term, the plan is roll out the concept across the UK.

Kids Days Out - Events

Below is a list of great days out over the coming weeks for Autumn events listed by county. Always check the website of the place you are visiting before you go so that you are fully aware of the opening times, booking procedures and any restrictions that may still be in place.

DERBYSHIRE

Matlock Bath Illuminations

Until 31 October
Derwent Gardens, Matlock Bath, Derbyshire
www.ticketsource.co.uk/matlockbathillumination

Chesterfield Oktoberfest

9 October
Assembly Rooms, Market Hall
Chesterfield, S40 1AR
<https://www.seetickets.com/event/chesterfield-oktoberfest-2021/assembly-rooms-market-hall/1505042>

Derbyshire Farmers' Harvest Festival

17 October
Livestock Market, Bakewell
Agricultural Way, Bakewell, DE45 1AH
<https://www.ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk/event/harvest-festival>

Shine a Light

22-23 October
Chatsworth House
Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1PP
<https://www.chatsworth.org/>

Apple Pressing Day – Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

23 October
Peak Village – Nature Reserve
Chatsworth Road, Rowsley, DE4 2JE
<https://www.peakvillage.co.uk/>

Frights of Abraham

23 - 31 October
Heights of Abraham
Dale Road, Matlock Bath, DE43NT
www.heightsofabraham.com

Half term at Calke Abbey

23 - 31 October
Calke Abbey
Ticknall, Derby, DE73 7JF
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/calke-abbey

Wizards and Spooks

23 - 31 October
The Midland Railway – Butterley
Butterley Station, Ripley, DE5 3QZ
www.midlandrailway-butterley.co.uk

Halloween Festival

23 – 31 October
Bluebell Dairy Ice Cream Farm
Locko Rd, Derby DE21 7AR
www.bluebelldairy.co.uk

Fang-tastic Halloween Festival!!

Matlock Farm Park
23 - 31 October
Jaggers Lane, Darley Moor, Matlock, DE4 5LH
www.matlockfarmpark.co.uk

Half Term Halloween Fun

23-31 October
Chatsworth House
Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1PP
<https://www.chatsworth.org/>

Autumn Fun

25 - 28 October
Crich Tramway Village
Crich, Matlock DE4 5DP
www.tramway.co.uk

Family Learning – Beast Bug Hunt

28 October
Derbyshire Eco Centre
Porter Lane, Matlock, DE4 4LS
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-learning-mini-beasts-bug-hunt-tickets-164818555737>

Shine A Light

28-29 October
Cromford Mills
Mill Rd, Cromford, Matlock DE4 3RQ
<https://www.cromfordmills.org.uk/>

The Ghost Train Through the Countryside

29-31 October
Ecclesbourne Valley Railway
Wirksworth Station, Coldwell Street, Wirksworth, DE4 4FB
www.e-v-r.com

Bonfire and Fireworks

30-31 October
Chatsworth House
Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1PP
<https://www.chatsworth.org/>

Fireworks Spectacular

5- 6 November
Conkers
Rawdon Rd, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Swadlincote, DE12 6GA
www.visitconkers.com

Chatsworth Christmas Market

6 - 24 November
Chatsworth
Bakewell, DE45 1PP
www.chatsworth.org/events/christmas-market

Fireman Sam Saves the Circus!

6 November
Pomegranate Theatre
Corporation Street, Chesterfield, S41 7TX
www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk

Fireworks Night

6 November
The Midland Railway – Butterley
Butterley Station, Ripley, DE5 3QZ
www.midlandrailway-butterley.co.uk

Festive Illuminated Walk

6 November 2021 – 9 January 2022
Chatsworth
Bakewell, DE45 1PP
www.chatsworth.org/events/christmas-market

LEICESTERSHIRE

The Big Escape

City-wide Escape game
Until 31 December
St Martins Square, Leicester
<https://www.visitleicester.info/whats-on/the-big-escape-p803491>

Art Artificial Intelligence Festival

Until 31 Mar 2022
Across Leicester
<https://www.visitleicester.info/whats-on/art-ai-festival-2021-p806061>

The Halloween Farm

1 – 31 October
Cattows Farm
Sweepstone Road, Heather, LE67 2RF
www.thehalloweenfarm.co.uk

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LEICESTERSHIRE Cont...

Half Term Halloween Fun & Pumpkin picking

16 – 31 October
Manor Farm Park & Woodlands
Castle Hill, East Leake Nr Loughborough, LE12 6LU
www.manorfarm.info

Halloween at Belvoir Castle

17 – 31 October
Belvoir Castle
Grantham, NG32 1PE
www.belvoircastle.com

Railway Day

19 October
Abbey Pumping Station Museum
Corporation Rd, Leicester LE4 5PX
<https://www.leicestermuseums.org/whats-on/?museum=Abbey+Pumping+Station>

Boo at the Zoo

23 - 31 October
Twycross Zoo
Burton Road, Atherstone, CV9 3PX
www.twycrosszoo.org

Bike Fest

30 October
Leicester Cycle Circuit
New College Learning & Sports Village, Glenfield Road,
Leicester, LE3 6RJ
www.visitleicester.info

Steam with the Team Tour

30 October
Abbey Pumping Station Museum
Corporation Rd, Leicester LE4 5PX
<https://www.leicestermuseums.org/whats-on/?museum=Abbey+Pumping+Station>

Fireworks Evening

5 November
Uptonsteel County Ground
Grace Road, Leicester, L22 8EB
<https://www.visitleicester.info/whats-on/fireworks-evening-p822611>

Bonfire Night at The Engine Yard

5 November
Belvoir Castle
Grantham, NG32 1PE
www.belvoircastle.com

Bonfire Night

5 November
Great Central Railway
Great Central Road, Loughborough, LE11 1RW
www.gcrailway.co.uk

Bonfire Night

6 November
Abbey Park
Leicester, LE4 5AQ
<https://www.visitleicester.info/whats-on/abbey-park-bonfire-and-firework-display-p704811>

LINCOLNSHIRE

Devilish Dragon's Trail

1 - 31 October
Brandby Horses
Bransby, Lincoln LN1 2PH
www.bransbyhorses.co.uk

Lincolnshire Day Event

1-4 October
Lincolnshire Showground
Lincoln LN2 2NA
<https://www.lincolnshireshowground.co.uk/whats-on/event/lincolnshire-day-01-10-2021>

Art and Craft Fair

7-8 October
Walled Garden Baumber
Baumber, LN95 NL
<https://lovelincolnshirewolds.com/events/view/1869/arts-craft-fayre>

Fear Island

9 – 31 October
Fantasy Island
Sea Lane, Ingoldmells, Skegness, Lincs, PE25 1RH
www.fantasyislandresort.co.uk

Lincoln Big Ghost Bus Tour (suitable all ages)

16, 23, 30 October
Lincoln Cathedral
<https://www.lincolnbig.co.uk/who-we-are/events-calendar/lincoln-big-ghost-bus-tour/>

The Burghley Halloween Trail

16 - 31 October
Burghley Hall
Peterborough, Stamford PE9 3JY
www.burghley.co.uk

Halloween Pumpkin Festival

22 - 31 October
Rand Farm Park
Rand, Lincoln, LN8 5NJ
www.randfarmpark.com

Half Term fun at Belton

23 - 31 October
Belton House
High Rd, Belton, Grantham NG32 2LW
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/belton-house

Frequency Festival of Digital Culture

28 - 31 October
Across Lincoln
www.frequency.org.uk

Crowle Foodfest

29 October
Market Place, Crowle
Scunthorpe
<https://m.facebook.com/events/1180909892391247>

Enchanted Pumpkin Evening

30 October
Rand Farm Park
Rand, Lincoln, LN8 5NJ
www.randfarmpark.com

Kids Ghost Hunt at the Park

31 October
Dickon Hill Road
Friskney, Boston, PE22 8PP
www.lincswildlife.com/events

Halloween Scare Train

31 October
Lincolnshire Wolds Railway
Ludborough Station, Station Road, Ludborough, DN36 5SQ
<https://www.lincolnshirewoldsrailway.co.uk/>

Autumn Lights

6 November
Lincolnshire Showground
Lincoln, LN2 2NA
www.lincolnshireshowground.co.uk

Fireworks Display & Night Run

6 November
Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre
East Kirkby, Spilsby, PE23 4DE
www.lincsaviation.co.uk

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Totally Spooky

2 - 31 October
Rufford Abbey Country Park
Ollerton, NG22 9DF
www.parkwoodoutdoors.co.uk/centre/rufford-abbey

Bedknobs & Broomsticks

6 - 10 October
Theatre Royal Nottingham
Theatre Square, NG1 5ND
www.trch.co.uk

Notts Car and Motorbike Show

9 October
Thoresby Park
Ollerton, Notts, NG22 9EP
<https://classicshow.org/events/sunday-10-october-2021-notts-classic-car-motorcycle-show-at-thoresby-park>



Robin Hood Town Tour

9, 16, 23, 30 October
Fletcher Gate, Nottingham
<http://visitnottinghamshire.gigantic.com/robin-hood-town-tour-tickets>

Dino Kingdom

15 -31 October
Thoresby Park
Ollerton, Notts, NG22 9EP
<https://dinokingdom.com/>

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Thoresby Leaf Kick Trail

17 October
Thoresby Park/
Ollerton, Notts, NG22 9EP
<https://www.sbrevents.co.uk/events/thoresby-leaf-kick-2021>

Bushcraft sessions

21, 28 October
Notts Maze
Lime Lane Woods, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 8PW
<https://www.maize-maze.co.uk/bushcraft>

Kids' Ghost Hunt Tours

22, 23, 28, 29, 30 & 31 October
National Justice Museum
High Pavement, Nottingham, NG1 1HN
www.nationaljusticemuseum.org.uk

A Weekend of Witches and Wizardry

29 – 31 October
Nottingham Castle
Lenton Road, Nottingham, NG1 6EL
www.nottinghamcastle.org.uk

Bonfire Bonanza at the Notts Maze

4 November
Notts Maze
Lime Lane Woods, Lime Lane,
Nottingham, NG5 8PW
www.maize-maze.co.uk

RUTLAND

Rutland Food and Drink Festival

10 October
Oakham, Rutland
<https://www.facebook.com/events/oakham-rutland/rutland-food-drink-festival/2850662548504781/>

Barnsdale's Scary Spooktacular

29 - 31 October
Barnsdale Gardens
The Avenue, Exton, Oakham, Rutland LE15 8AH
www.barnsdalegardens.co.uk

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Pumpkin Farm Spooktacular

16 - 31 October
Rectory Farm
Rectory Way, Wappenham, Northants, NN12 8SQ
www.wappenhamfarm.co.uk

Spooky Half Term Fun

16-31 October
West Lodge Farm Park
Back Lane, Desborough, Kettering, NN14 2SH
www.westlodgeruralcentre.co.uk

Discover Boughton Gardens in Autumn

17 October
Boughton House
Geddington Rd, Kettering NN14 1BJ
<https://www.boughtonhouse.co.uk/events/>

Halloween 2021

17 – 31 October
Mini Meadows Farm
Naseby Road, Welford, Northants, NN6 6HZ
www.minimeadowsfarm.com

Halloween Fun

19 – 21 & 26 – 28 October
Rockingham Castle
Rockingham, LE16 8TH
www.rockinghamcastle.com

Autumn Half Term Fun

23 - 31 October
Wicksteed Park
Barton Rd, Kettering NN15 6NJ
www.wicksteedpark.org

Big Bonfire Party

4 - 5 November
West Lodge Farm Park
Back Lane, Desborough, Kettering, NN14 2SH
www.westlodgeruralcentre.co.uk

Festive Gift Fair

6-7 November
Holdenby House
Northampton, NN6 8DJ
<https://www.holdenby.com/events/events-diary/festive-gift-fair-2021>



School Trips - Bespoke to You



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With over 25 years of experience in the travel industry, our school trips team can help organise your ideal trip. We are proud of our trips and know that whatever the destination we can deliver bespoke packages that will inspire students of all ages.

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All trips are created to your requirements and can be arranged around specific topics that are relevant to your class. We can include workshops, talks, company visits or other relevant activities to your requirement. Everything for your trip is organised for you by us and personally sourced, from local restaurants to evening activities such as theatre shows or ghost walks.

Before you depart on your trip you will be provided with detailed itineraries, all your booking information, travel maps and walking guides where appropriate and if needed 24-hour emergency contact details.

Check out the sample itineraries on our website for ideas and inspiration. These itineraries are just an illustration of the kind of trip we can organise, whatever you have in mind get in touch to discuss how we can help you plan the perfect school trip.

www.educationalvisitsuk.com/school-trips-and-travel-experiences/

If you have ideas but are not sure how to bring them all together, get in touch and see how we can help make your perfect school trip come to life.

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- Entry to attractions
- Evening meals
- Packed lunches
- FREE teacher places
- Information packs
- Personal guide on request
- Risk assessments
- 24 hour support



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Virtual Learning



The challenges of 2020/21 have meant that everyone has had to adapt the ways in which we learn, communicate and interact with others. We have all certainly improved and increased our use of video conferencing services to virtually meet and chat with friends and work colleagues. School children have also had to adapt with many being home-schooled by 'willing' parents and completing schoolwork online and on platforms like Google Classrooms.

Similarly, museums and other visitor attractions had to adapt the way in which they were able to ensure that schools could still access learning experiences, especially when they were not allowed to physically visit. Virtual outreach is one way in which learning can be achieved and here is a list of some of the country's museums and attractions offering other ways of learning during the new academic year.

Aerospace Bristol – have a vast array of fun and educational activities & resources to enjoy at home or in the classroom.
<https://aerospacebristol.org/at-home-with-aerospace-bristol>

Beamish – The Living Museum – bring classroom learning to life through remote and onsite, immersive experiences for KS1-5.
<https://www.beamish.org.uk/learning/learning-activities>

Bristol Museums – Book online for FREE lessons on Bristol Blitz, Prey and Predators or Brilliant Bristol Women!
13 October, 20 October
<https://www.bristolmuseums.org.uk/learning/>

British Motor Museum – offering virtual sessions and bespoke virtual museum visits.
<https://www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk/learning/schools>

Cornish Seal Sanctuary – the Education team have created curriculum linked online workshops including videos, discussions and activities.
<https://sealsanctuary.sealifetrust.org/en/visiting-us/virtual-workshops/>

Jewish Museum – offer award-winning workshops through distance learning. Workshops are based on a guided exploration experience of the unique collection of authentic objects.
<https://jewishmuseum.org.uk/virtual-classrooms/>

Jorvik Viking Centre – Virtual Vikings – students can spend 45 minutes discovering what life was like in the Viking Age in York.
<https://www.jorvikvikingcentre.co.uk/education/outreach/>

Jorvik DIG – virtual outreach sessions - deliver digital history lessons straight to the classroom.
<https://digyork.com/education/outreach-and-virtual-outreach/>

Malton Museum – deliver amazing outreach Roman Legacy sessions at schools.
<https://www.maltonmuseum.co.uk/school-groups/>

National Coal Mining Museum for England – can provide 1 hour live workshops for schools including Meet a Miner, Victorian Miner and Rocks and Fossils virtual sessions.
<https://www.ncm.org.uk/learning-hub/>

National History Museum – free for a limited time, the Natural History Museum can be brought into the classroom with live virtual workshops and streamed shows.
<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/schools/virtual-workshops.html>

National Memorial Arboretum – give access to a multitude of materials available for free to use from home.
<https://www.thenma.org.uk/visit-us/plan-your-visit/visiting-for-learning-and-training/learning-from-home>

National Science and Media Museum – resources available include activities, games and videos to support a range of curriculum topics for use in the classroom and at home.
<https://learning.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/learning-resources/>

Observatory Science Centre and Planetarium – the award winning outside the classroom provider, has with everything from quizzes to the fantastic Science at Home section to try.
<https://www.the-observatory.org/science-at-home>

Scarborough Museums – have a free 'Arts Discover At Home' resource that will keep the kids busy for hours.
<https://www.scarboroughmuseumstrust.com/arts-award-at-home/>

Royal Armouries Museum – offer a bookable live digital outreach service to schools.
<https://royalarmouries.org/learning/?where=LearningResources>

Stratford Butterfly Farm – providing downloadable resources to help support learning from home/within schools on the Lifecycle of a Butterfly/Ancient Maya Rainforest Civilisation.
<https://www.butterflyfarm.co.uk/attraction/schools-and-groups>

The Deep – offering fun home learning resources to cover 17 conservation topics including 'The Big Fish Campaign'.
<https://www.thedeep.co.uk/education/school-trips>

Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium – educational and fun resources with the Ultimate STEM School Takeout.
<https://www.winchestersciencecentre.org/>

ZSL London Zoo – offer Digital Outreach sessions linking up to the classroom live from ZSL.
<https://www.zsl.org/zsl-london-zoo/schools>

Get Creative



Autumn is a great time for looking at how nature is changing the foliage around us. As a result of the long hot spells we experienced in the spring combined with the damper months of summer, this season is expected to be even better than usual with a spectacular display of golds, oranges and reds. Children love this time of the year, crunching through a pile of dried leaves, foraging for leaves, conkers and other treasures teaches them about the natural world around them and inspires their creativity. By working together as a team it gently helps bring them together and reforge friendships after so long apart.

Make a collage or sculpture

Get your students into teams to hunt for natural foliage such as twigs, logs, leaves and berries to create a collage or sculpture. This could be an imaginary animal or perhaps an abstract piece of art. Get them to plan the design and whether it is going to be flat, three dimensional and viewed from all sides.

Alternatively they all have to bring five things into use and the teacher can bring in some objects too in case any child forgets.

The winning team is the one with the most creative idea.



Make a bug hotel at your school or in your garden

Children are fascinated by creepy crawlies and this can keep them entertained for hours.

If you have an old cupboard, wooden pallets or chicken coop you could use this as a frame and fill it with logs and other structures that creepy crawlies love. Alternatively you can create a framework from a pile of logs, flower pots preferably terracotta and twigs.

What you need.

- Collection of logs
- Old terracotta pots
- twigs
- leaves
- bricks
- pine cones

Make an Abacus

All children love collecting conkers and hording them, so here is a useful way of making use of them.

- Collect conkers
- Get an adult to drill a hole through them.
- Use those green long thin gardening sticks or wooden skewers to thread the conkers on.
- Use a large cereal box and cut out the front section leaving a frame.
- Then glue the sticks with the conkers on inside the box so there is just enough room in between each row for the conkers to move up and down.

Get Creative



Work Of Art

Collect leaves, bark, stones etc and get your children to take rubbings of the different textures using coloured crayons and textures of paper. Then create a large collage, mount it in a frame and it will look great on the wall. Great way of teaching them to look at colours and textures and work as a team.

Make a hat/crown or cats ears

Cut out from a template shapes for a pointed hat, crown or pair of ears. Or use recycled cartons, for example loo rolls. Get your children to cut out and make their chosen headgear. They can paint and decorate it. When finished tie some elastic string across the front piece so that it is secured when wearing.

Face Painting

Each child has their face painted to coordinate with their hat on the last day before the half term holiday begins. Then they can proudly go home wearing their new headgear and faces!

Fireworks

Mix up the different primary colours of paint and put sponges into the paint then onto the paper and using a hammer hit the sponge to make a big mess. The end result will look like fireworks. Great fun and the children will learn how the different primary colours create a whole rainbow of colour as they mix together.

Funny people

Collect empty loo rolls or used stiff coloured paper and roll them into cones. If using loo rolls paint them in different colours. Use stick on shapes, paint and pipe cleaners to make faces, arms and hair.

Make a necklace

Collect a mixture of conkers all sizes and grade them from very small to large. Make a hole in each conker and thread them on a piece of string the smallest at the back to the largest at the front.

Ghost bunting

Decorate your classroom or hang at the windows. Collect some lovely large leaves, long large oval ones are best. Take a piece of white paper and place the leaf on the paper, draw around it and cut it out. Then you will have the shape of a ghost. Either make two slits for eyes and mouth or draw on two slits for the eyes and an oval for the mouth. Thread string or thin white cord.



WHERE TO PICK YOUR PUMPKIN

Make Halloween an event to remember this year and visit a pumpkin farm.

Plenty of fresh air activities are being organised at farms and garden centres across the region and it is a chance to get out and have some fun! Please remember to check if you need to pre-book.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE Cont...

PYO PUMPKINS

2 - 31 October
Overstone Grange Farm
Kettering Road, Northampton, NN3 7XA
www.overstonegrangefarm.co.uk

Spooky Half Term Fun

16 - 31 October
West Lodge Farm Park
Back Lane, Desborough, Kettering, NN14 2SH
www.westlodgeuralfarm.co.uk

Halloween Fun

17 - 31 October
Mini Meads Farm, Naseby Road, Welford, Northants, NN6 6HZ
www.minimeadowsfarm.com

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Goachers Fruit PYO Pumpkins

1 - 31 October
Wood Lane
North Wheatley, Retford, Nottinghamshire, DN22 9BG
www.goforgoachers.co.uk

P..P..Pick up a Pumpkin!

1 - 31 October
Maxeys Farm Shop
Hockerton Road, Kirklington, Nottinghamshire, NG22 8PB
www.maxeysfarmshop.co.uk

Brittains Berries PYO Pumpkins

1 - 31 October
School Farm
Ollerton Road, West Drayton, Retford DN22 8DB
www.brittainsberries.co.uk

Nottinghamshire 'Pick Your Own' Pumpkins

13 - 31 October
Haywood Oaks Lane
Blidworth, Nottingham, NG21 0PE
www.nottinghamshirepickyourownpumpkins.com

RUTLAND

Rutland Pumpkins

16 - 31 October
Oakham
LE15 8DF
www.raddlemans.co.uk

DERBYSHIRE

Ashover Pumpkins

2 - 31 October
Eastwood Lane
Ashover, Chesterfield, S45 0BD
www.ashoverpumpkins.co.uk

Mr Pumpkin

3, 9, 10 and 16 - 31 October
Lime Farm
Mansfield Road, Morley, Derby DE7 6JU
www.mrpumpkin.co.uk

Bluebell Dairy and Farm Pumpkin Picking & Halloween Festival

23 - 31 October
Locko Road
Derby, DE21 7AR
www.bluebelldairy.co.uk

LEICESTERSHIRE

Brooklea Nursery PYO Pumpkins

Selected dates in October
Brooklea Nursery
1000 Loughborough Road, Rothley, Leicester, LE7 7NL
www.brookleanursery.co.uk

PYO Pumpkins

1 - 31 October
Cattows Farm
Sweepstone Road, Heather, Leicestershire, LE67 2RF
www.pick-your-own-pumpkins.co.uk

Farndon Fields PYO Pumpkins

9 - 31 October
Farndon Fields Farm
Farndon Road, Market Harborough, LE16 9NP
www.farndonfieldsevents.merlintickets.co.uk

Wymeswold Fruit Farm Pumpkins

1 - 31 October
Wide Lane
Wymeswold, Leicestershire LE12 6SE
www.wymeswoldfruitfarm.co.uk

PYO Pumpkins

2 - 31 October
Doddington Hall
Main St, Doddington, Lincoln LN6 4RU?
www.doddingtonhall.com

Pecan's Pumpkin Patch

8 - 31 October
Brandby Horses
Bransby, Lincoln LN1 2PH
www.bransbyhorses.co.uk

Manor Farm Park & Woodlands Ghou School

16 - 31 October
Manor Farm Park
Castle Hill, East Leake, Loughborough LE12 6LU
www.manorfarm.info

Pumpkin Patch

16 - 31 October
Bells Gardening Outlet
Lowfield Road, Boston, PE22 0EE
www.bellsgardening.com/

Halloween Pumpkin Festival

22 - 31 October
Rand Farm Park
Rand, Market Rasen LN8 5NJ
www.randfarmpark.com

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

PYO Pumpkins

2 - 31 October
Overstone Grange Farm
Kettering Road, Northampton NN3 7XA
www.overstonegrangefarm.co.uk



Photo courtesy of Stratford Butterfly Farm

Edible Conkers!



A simple recipe for children to follow but always with adult supervision

Ingredients

250g/8oz digestive biscuits
150g/5oz milk chocolate
300g/10oz dark chocolate
100g/3½oz unsalted butter
150g/5oz golden syrup
100g/3½oz dried apricots, chopped
75g/2½oz raisins
60g/2oz pecans, chopped (optional)

Method

1. Bash the biscuits into pieces using a rolling pin. (Put them in a plastic bag first so they don't go everywhere!)
2. Melt chocolate, butter and golden syrup in a heatproof bowl set over a pan of simmering water. Stir occasionally.
3. Remove the bowl from the heat and stir in the broken biscuits, apricots, raisins and pecans (optional).
4. Let the mixture cool and mould with your hands into balls making them different sizes.
5. Leave to go hard on a rack in the refrigerator.

Cover the Conkers

6oz dark chocolate
6oz cream
3oz white chocolate
3oz cream

1. Break the chocolate into small pieces and melt in a double saucepan or a bowl over simmering hot water.
2. At the same time warm the cream gently to blood temperature (it should be warm to the touch when you stick your finger in).
3. When the chocolate has melted gradually add the warmed cream slowly to make a sauce.
4. With a pair of tongs dip the conkers in the chocolate sauce and cover them.
5. Leave to dry on a cake rack.
6. Whilst drying melt the white chocolate using the same method.
7. When the conkers are dry dip the front in the white chocolate and leave to dry again.

Create Marzipan Shells

Block of marzipan
Green food colouring
Use an egg cup as a cutter

1. Colour the marzipan green.
2. Roll out with a rolling pin.
3. Cut circles using the egg cup.
4. Wrap around the chocolate conker so they are popping out of the marzipan shell.
5. Cut some of the circles in half to alter the shells.
6. Leave to chill and then serve and enjoy!

Coming soon!

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Highlighting events and
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up to and including February
half-term

