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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 Cardiff



Cardiff (or Caerdydd in Welsh) is the largest and capital city of Wales. That said, it is also one of the smallest capital cities in Europe and one of the newest having become the capital city in 1955. Three rivers run through Cardiff, the Taff, the Ely and the Rhymney and the huge port of Cardiff Bay is now a fantastic place to shop, eat and relax. The large university student population gives the city a vibrant feel and there are year-round events and festivals to keep locals and tourists entertained.

Don't Miss

Senedd Building – is the main public building of the Welsh Parliament and the main centre for democracy/devolution in Wales. It is also accessible for you to pre-book tickets to watch Senedd debates live in the building.

Cardiff Castle – located in beautiful parklands in the heart of the city, the castle was once a Roman Fort and is one of Wales' leading heritage attractions. With exposed Roman walls, a medieval Keep and Wartime Shelters, it's an exciting place to visit.

National Museum – a world class natural history and art museum with ever-changing events and exhibitions – and it's Free!

St Fagans National Museum of History – another Free Museum to enter this time open-air, that embraces Welsh lifestyle, culture and architecture.

Roath Park – one of the city's first public parks, it was established in 1894. At over 130 acres, it is huge with a lake, rowboats, adventure playground, wild garden and even a lighthouse.

Interesting Facts

The 1607 flood in the Bristol Channel that changed the course of the River Taff is now recognised as likely to have been a tidal wave.

Cardiff is widely regarded as the city with the most castles in the world and these attract millions of visitors each year.

The Principality Stadium is the largest stadium in the world of its capacity with a retractable roof.


Cardiff has the world's oldest record store, Spiller's records, founded in 1894.

Per person, it has more green space than any other UK city.

Cardiff has over 1000 listed buildings ranging from castles to small houses.

The Wales Millennium Centre has won the 'Toilet of the Year Awards' twice. You could call that flush with trophies!

Spotlight on Anglesey

An aerial photograph of Anglesey, Wales, showing the coastline, the town of Holyhead, and the surrounding green landscape. The sea is a vibrant blue, and the sky is a clear, bright blue with some light clouds. The town of Holyhead is visible on the right side of the image, with its buildings and harbor. The coastline is rugged and beautiful, with a mix of green fields and rocky shorelines.

Anglesey is a small island lying off the northwest mainland of Wales. Accessed by the famous Menai and Britannia bridges, it is an inspirational place that appeals to adventure seekers. Miles of scenic walks are available on the Isle of Anglesey Coastal Path as well as plethora of suitable paths for the cycling contingent. The scenery here is really something special and much of the coastline has been declared an Area of Outstanding Beauty. Anglesey is the largest island in Wales at 260 square miles and is also the second most populous island in Britain, after the Isle of Man. The port town of Holyhead is the largest in Anglesey and handles over 2 million passengers a year to and from Ireland.

Don't Miss

Anglesey Sea Zoo – Wales' largest marine aquarium has over 40 tanks displaying the best of British marine wildlife. It's also a great place to learn about sea habitats and all about the research and conservation work being done here.

Anglesey show – held on the second Tuesday and Wednesday every August, this really is a sight to see with farmers competing in livestock rearing contests.

Beaumaris Castle – is famous as the greatest castle never built! Created by Edward I, this was to be a castle to end all castles but a lack of money meant that it never reached these intended dizzy heights. That said, it is still a gloriously incomplete fortress and a must see.

Benllech Beach – a really safe beach to take children, Benllech has a fine golden beach, stunningly blue clear waters and sand that stretches for miles at low tide.

Holyhead Breakwater Country Park – near to the port town, the park is situated on the site of an old quarry and is now a great place to enjoy the natural beauty of the area.

Interesting Facts

Anglesey has long been associated with druids and the island was attacked in AD60 by the Romans trying to break their hold.

During the Second World War, Anglesey was designated a reception zone for evacuee children. It also received Italian Prisoners of War.

Anglesey is home to the village with the longest name in Europe (58 letters) Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch.

Famous people from Anglesey include actress and comedian Dawn French and singer and presenter Aled Jones.

Ten points if you can name the capital of Anglesey? Answer – it doesn't have a capital or a county town – instead it has a county council office in Llangefni.

The Easy Care breed of sheep was first bred in the 1960s on Anglesey by farmer Irlo Owen. The breed was quite radical and revolutionary as the wool of the sheep is shed naturally in the summer months.

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.

CARMARTHENSHIRE

Exhibition of Hope

Until 15 January 2022

National Wool Museum

Dre-Fach Felindre, Felindre, Llandysul SA44 5UP

<https://museum.wales/wool/>

What Lurks Beneath

16 - 31 October

WWT Llanelli Wetland Centre

Llwynhendy, Llanelli SA14 9SH

www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/llanelli

Halloween Outdoor Cinema

23 October

Pembrey Country Park

Pembrey, Burry Port SA16 0EJ

www.pembreycountrypark.wales

Halloween Week

23 - 29 October

Pembrey Country Park

Pembrey, Burry Port SA16 0EJ

www.pembreycountrypark.wales

October Half Term at Dinefwr

23 - 31 October

Dinefwr Park

Newton House, Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire, SA19 6RT

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dinefwr

Carmarthen Fireworks Bonanza

5 November

Pembrey Country Park

10 Picton Terrace, Carmarthen SA31 3DF

<https://m.facebook.com/events/carmarthen-town-park/carmarthen-round-table-charity-fireworks-bonanza-2021/4937106032971375/>

CEREDIGION

Terror Mountain Halloween event (over 12s only)

22, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31 October

The Silver Mountain Experience

Llywernog, Ponterwyd, Aberystwyth SY23 3AB

www.silvermountainexperience.co.uk

Halloween Celebrations

23-31 October

Fantasy Farm Park

Aberystwyth, B4337, Llanrhystud SY23 5DA

www.fantasyfarmpark.co.uk

Halloween Half Term

23 - 31 October

The Silver Mountain Experience

Llywernog, Ponterwyd, Aberystwyth SY23 3AB

www.silvermountainexperience.co.uk

Halloween Half Term

23 - 31 October

Watermouth Castle

A399, Ilfracombe EX34 9SL

www.watermouthcastle.com

October Half Term

27 - 31 October

Llanerchaeron (National Trust)

Ciliau Aeron, near Aberaeron, Ceredigion, SA48 8DG

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/llanerchaeron

CONWY

Lockdown Exhibition

Until 8 October

Llandudno Museum

17-19 Gloddaeth Street, LL30 2DD

<https://llandudnomuseum.co.uk/>

Northern Eye Photography Festival

9-10 October

Theatr Colwyn

Abergele Rd, Colwyn Bay LL29 7RU

<https://theatrcolwyn.co.uk/>

Colwyn Bay Artisan Market

16 October and 20 November

Colwyn Bay

<https://www.visitconwy.org.uk/whats-on/colwyn-bay-artisan-market-p440901>

Ffear Fforest

22 - 31 October

Zip World Fforest

A470, Betws-y-Coed LL24 0HX

www.zipworld.co.uk/ffear-fforest

Visit Conwy Cambrian Rally

30 October

Conwy County

<https://cambrianrally.co.uk/>

FLINTSHIRE

Hallowe'en at Greenacres

23 - 31 October

Greenacres Animal Park

Cottage Ln, Mancot, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 2AZ

www.greenacresanimalpark.co.uk

GLAMORGAN

Cricket Coaching and/or Stadium Tour

All Year Round

Glamorgan County Cricket Club

Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, CF11 9XR

<https://glamorgancricket.com/stadium-tours>

Adventure Britain Family Activities

All Year Round

Seven Sisters

Neath, Port Talbot

<https://www.adventurebritain.com/>

The Future has a Past Exhibition

Until 21 January 2022

St Fagans National Museum of History

Cardiff CF5 6XB

<https://museum.wales/stfagans/>

Apple Harvest Celebrations

2-31 October

Erdig Hall (National Trust)

Erdig, Wrexham LL13 0YT

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/erddig/features/squeezing-more-juice-from-erddigs-harvest>

Pumpkin Picking, Scare Crow Maize and

Twilight Pumpkin Picking

2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23-31 October

Greenland Farm

A48 Bonvilston CF5 6TQ

www.valepickyourown.co.uk

Eye Cymru Laser/Sound Show

14-17 October

Cardiff Castle

Castle Street, Cardiff, CF10 3RB

<https://eyecymru.com/>

Men's European Hockey World Cup Qualifiers

21-24 October

Sophia Gardens

Cardiff, CF11 9XR

<https://www.hockeywales.org.uk/wc-qualifiers>

Kids Days Out - Events



GLAMORGAN Cont...

Halloween Haunted Gardens

22-31 October
Fonmon Castle
Fonmon, Vale of Glamorgan, South Wales, Barry CF62 3ZN
<https://fonmoncastle.com/whats-on-at-fonmon-castle/>

Gower Halloween Event & PYO

23-31 October
Poundffald Farm
Three Crosses, Swansea, SA4 3PB
www.gowerfreshchristmastrees.co.uk

Halloween Toddlers Daytime

23-31 October
Fonmon Castle
Fonmon, Vale of Glamorgan, South Wales, Barry CF62 3ZN
<https://fonmoncastle.com/whats-on-at-fonmon-castle/>

Cosmeston Halloween Festival

23-31 October
Cosmeston Lakes Country Park & Medieval Village
Penarth, CF64 5UY
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/penarth/cosmeston-lakes-country-park-medieval-village/cosmeston-halloween-festival/e-pjylap>

Half Term Fun (Welsh Folklore)

25-31 October
Erdig Hall (National Trust)
Erdig, Wrexham LL13 0YT
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/erddig/features/squeezing-more-juice-from-erddigs-harvest>

Wallace and Gromit: The Royal Mint Experience

From 26 October
The Royal Mint Experience
Heol-Y-Sarn, Ynysmaerdy, Pontyclun CF72 8YT
<https://www.royalmint.com/the-royal-mint-experience/events/wallace-gromit/>

Halloween at Cardiff Castle

29 October-1 November
Cardiff Castle
Castle St, Cardiff CF10 3RB
<https://www.cardiffcastle.com/events/>

Festival of Voice Arts Festival

4-7 November
Cardiff
Bute Place, Cardiff, CF10 5AL
<https://www.wmc.org.uk/en/what-we-do/artistic-programme/festival-of-voice/>

Cardiff Christmas Market

11 November – 23 December
Various Streets in Cardiff
<https://www.cardiffchristmasmarket.com/>

Luminate Wales

18-30 November
Margam Country Park & Castle
Margam, Port Talbot, West Glamorgan, SA13 2TJ
<https://www.luminate.live/margam-country-park>

GWYNEDD

Explore the Tree Trail

Until 17 October
Penrhyn Castle and Garden (National Trust)
Bangor LL57 4HT
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/penrhyn-castle/features/autumn-at-penrhyn-castle>

International Sculpture Show

1-30 October
Life: Full Colour, Caernarfon
23-25 Hole In the Wall Street, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 1RF
<https://www.gonorthwales.co.uk/whats-on/2021-international-sculpture-show-p443241>

Wild Thoughts Festival

15-17 October
Llechwedd
Snowdonia
<https://llechwedd.co.uk/wild-thoughts>

Half Term Fun – World on a Plate

23-31 October
Penrhyn Castle and Garden (National Trust)
Bangor LL57 4HT
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/penrhyn-castle/features/autumn-at-penrhyn-castle>

Half Term Fun - Stinky Stories

30-31 October
Penrhyn Castle and Garden (National Trust)
Bangor LL57 4HT
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/penrhyn-castle/features/autumn-at-penrhyn-castle>

MONMOUTHSHIRE

Firestarter Exhibition

Until February 2022
National Royal Legion Museum
Caerleon, Nr Newport, NP18 1 AE
<https://museum.wales/roman/whatson/>

Parents and Kids Waterfalls and Forest and Tunnels

18 October
Blaen y Glyn Uchaf car park
Talybont-on-Usk, Merthyr Tydfil LD3 7YT
www.walesoutdoors.co.uk

Halloween Toddlers Daytime

23 – 31 October
Fonmon Castle
Vale of Glamorgan, South Wales, Barry CF62 3ZN
www.fonmoncastle.com

Gower Halloween Event

23 - 31 October
Gower Fresh Christmas Trees
Poundffald Farm, Three Crosses, Swansea, SA4 3PB
www.gowerfreshchristmastrees.co.uk

Halloween Hunt!

26 - 31 October
Cyfarthfa Castle Museum and Art Gallery
Brecon Road, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 8RE
www.cyfarthfa.com

Spooky Soapmaking for Little Rebels

26 - 29 October
Gower Heritage Centre
Parkmill SA3 2EH
www.gowerheritagecentre.co.uk

Halloween Ghost Trains

Various date
Pontypool and Blaenavon Railway
Furnace Sidings, Garn Yr Erw, Blaenavon, NP4 9SF
www.bhrailway.co.uk

PEMBROKESHIRE

Spooktacular

16,17 & 23 – 31 October
Oakwood Theme Park
Canaston Bridge, Narberth SA67 8DE
www.oakwoodthemepark.co.uk

Skeleton Trail

23 - 31 October
Carew Castle and Tidal Mill
Castle Ln, Carew, Tenby SA70 8SL
www.pembrokeshirecoast.wales/carew-castle

Fireside Tales

23 & 24 October
Carew Castle and Tidal Mill
Castle Ln, Carew, Tenby SA70 8SL
www.pembrokeshirecoast.wales/carew-castle

Spooky Halloween

23 – 31 October
Folly Farm
Begelly, Kilgetty SA68 0XA
www.folly-farm.co.uk

Picton Castle Gardens' Family Halloween

23 - 31 October
Picton Castle
Rhos, Haverfordwest SA62 4AS
www.pictoncastle.co.uk

Haunted Henllys

25 - 31 October
Castell Henllys
Meline, Crymmych SA41 3UR
www.pembrokeshirecoast.wales/castell-henllys



Kids Days Out - Events



PEMBROKESHIRE CONT...

Halloween Fun

26, 27 & 31 October
Clerkenhill Adventure Farm
Clerkenhill, Haverfordwest,
Pembrokeshire, Wales. SA62 4PE
www.clerkenhill.co.uk

Halloween Hijinks

27 & 28 October
Carew Castle and Tidal Mill
Castle Ln, Carew, Tenby SA70 8SL
www.pembrokeshirecoast.wales/carew-castle

Kids Halloween Party 2021

28 October
The Queens Hall
High St, Narberth SA67 7AS?
www.thequeenshall.org.uk

Horrid Histories

29 - 31 October
Carew Castle and Tidal Mill
Castle Ln, Carew, Tenby SA70 8SL
www.pembrokeshirecoast.wales/carew-castle

Tenby Blues Festival

12-14 November
Various locations across Tenby
Tenby
<http://www.tenbyblues.co.uk/>

POWYS

Celtic Rainforest Experience

Various dates
Cefn Coch Farm
Glaspwll, Machynlleth, Powys, SY20 8UA
<https://www.cefncochfarm.co.uk/activities>

Pumpkinfest

15 – 31 October
Park Hall Farm
Park Hall, Oswestry, Shropshire SY11 4AS
www.parkhallfarm.co.uk

Brecon Baroque Festival

22-25 October
Brecon Cathedral
Cathedral Close, Brecon, LD3 9DP
<https://www.breconbaroquefestival.com/2021>

Pumpkin trail

23-31 October 2021
Powis Castle and Garden
Welshpool, Powys, SY21 8RF
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/powis-castle-and-garden

The Wizards of Once Halloween Quest

Stokesay Castle
23 - 31 October
Stokesay, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 9AH
www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/stokesay-castle

Hay Festival

24 - 28 November
Hay on Wye
HR3 5PJ
www.hayfestival.com

WREXHAM

FOCUS Wales Festival

7-9 October
Multiple venues across Wrexham
<http://www.focuswales.com/>

Spooky Maize Maze and PYO Pumpkins

9, 10, 16, 17 and 23-31 October
Bellis Farm
Wrexham Road Farm, Wrexham Road, Holt Village, Wrexham,
LL13 9YU
www.bellisbrothers.co.uk



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.

After we have received your initial enquiry, you will work with one team member from the start to the completion of your trip. Throughout the process your agent will keep you in the loop to ensure you are happy with things every step of the way.

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.

For your free, no obligation quote get in touch:

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WE INCLUDE:

- Transport
- Accommodation
- 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.

Matthews Pumpkin Patch

Selected dates in October
Aberbran, Brecon LD3 9NG
www.aberbranfawr.co.uk

Pembrokeshire Pumpkins

2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 23 – 31 October
Moylegrove, Pembrokeshire SA43 3PF
www.pembrokeshirepumpkins.co.uk

Twilight Pumpkin Picking, Pumpkin Picking and Scare Crow Maize

2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23-31 October
Greenland Farm, A48 Bonvilston CF5 6TQ
www.valepickyourown.co.uk

Greenacre Market Garden PYO

2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23-31 October
Old Amroth Road, Llanteg, Pembrokeshire
SA67 8QG

Brooksgrove Farm

2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 - 31 October
Brooksgrove Lane, Haverfordwest SA61 1XR
www.brooksgrove.co.uk

Porthcawl Picking Patch

9, 10, 16, 17, 22 - 31 October
Tycoch Farm, Pyle, Bridgend CF33 4RR
www.pickingpatch.com

PYO Pumpkins and Spooky Maize Maze

9, 10, 16, 17, 23 - 31 October
Bellis Farm, Wrexham Road Farm, Wrexham
Road, Holt Village, Wrexham, LL13 9YU
www.bellisbrothers.co.uk

Cardiff Pumpkin Picking Patch

9, 10, 16, 17, 22 - 31 October
A48, St Nicholas, Cardiff, CF5 6SF
www.pickingpatch.com

Pumpkin Festival 2021

23 - 31 October
Penllyn Estate, Llwynhelig CF71 7FF
www.foragefarmshop.co.uk

Gower Halloween Event & PYO

23 - 31 October
Poundffald Farm, Three Crosses,
Swansea, SA4 3PB
www.gowerfreshchristmastrees.co.uk

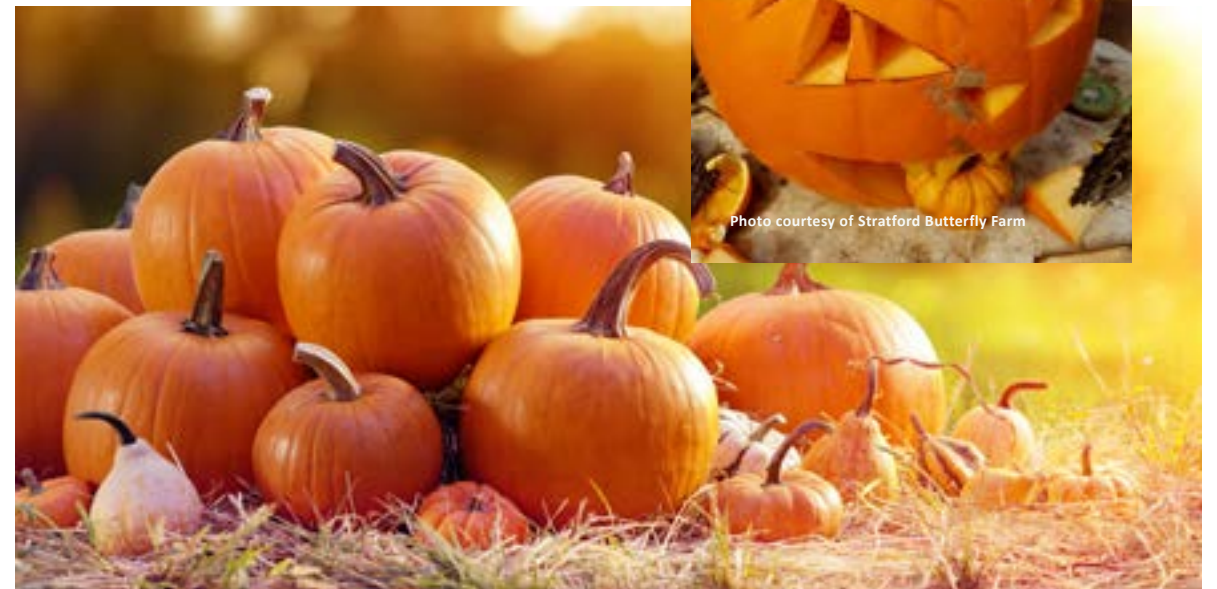


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Edible Conkers!



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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