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# EDUCATIONAL VISITS UK DAYS OUT - NORTH EAST

## SPRING 2022



# Welcome

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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 Spring.

Spring will soon be upon us 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. It should also give some inside information on where to find the Easter Bunny! As well as Easter, there are also some great events taking place over the May Half Term holidays and of course, in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in early June. Remember to book ahead to avoid disappointment and if you are able, please support your local businesses to help them get back on track. Please feel free to tell friends and colleagues about this publication so that they too are aware of exactly what is happening in your area. We hope you have a fantastic time this Spring.

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# International Days

International Days of Recognition are occasions that help promote discussions on topical issues in schools. Here are a number of International Days taking place over the Winter period to be aware of and it may even be that your school decides to organise activities related to the day.

## Spring 2022

### **World Book Day**

3 March - the theme in 2022 follows the message "You Are a Reader," with a focus on reaching children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

### **World Wildlife Day (WWD)**

3 March - the theme in 2022 is 'Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration'.

### **International Women's Day**

8 March - celebrates the achievements of women with an emphasis on women's equality.

### **International Day for the Elimination of Discrimination**

21 March – commemorated annually on this date in remembrance of the 69 people killed in 1960 at a peaceful anti-apartheid demonstration in South Africa.

### **World Poetry Day**

21 March - recognises that poetry is unique in capturing the creative spirit of the human mind.

### **International Day of Forests**

21 March - the theme in 2022 is 'Forests and Sustainable Production and Consumption'.

### **World Health Day**

7 April - this global health awareness day draws attention to health concerns all over the world. It is marked on 7 April every year, on the anniversary of the founding of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in 1948.

### **World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development**

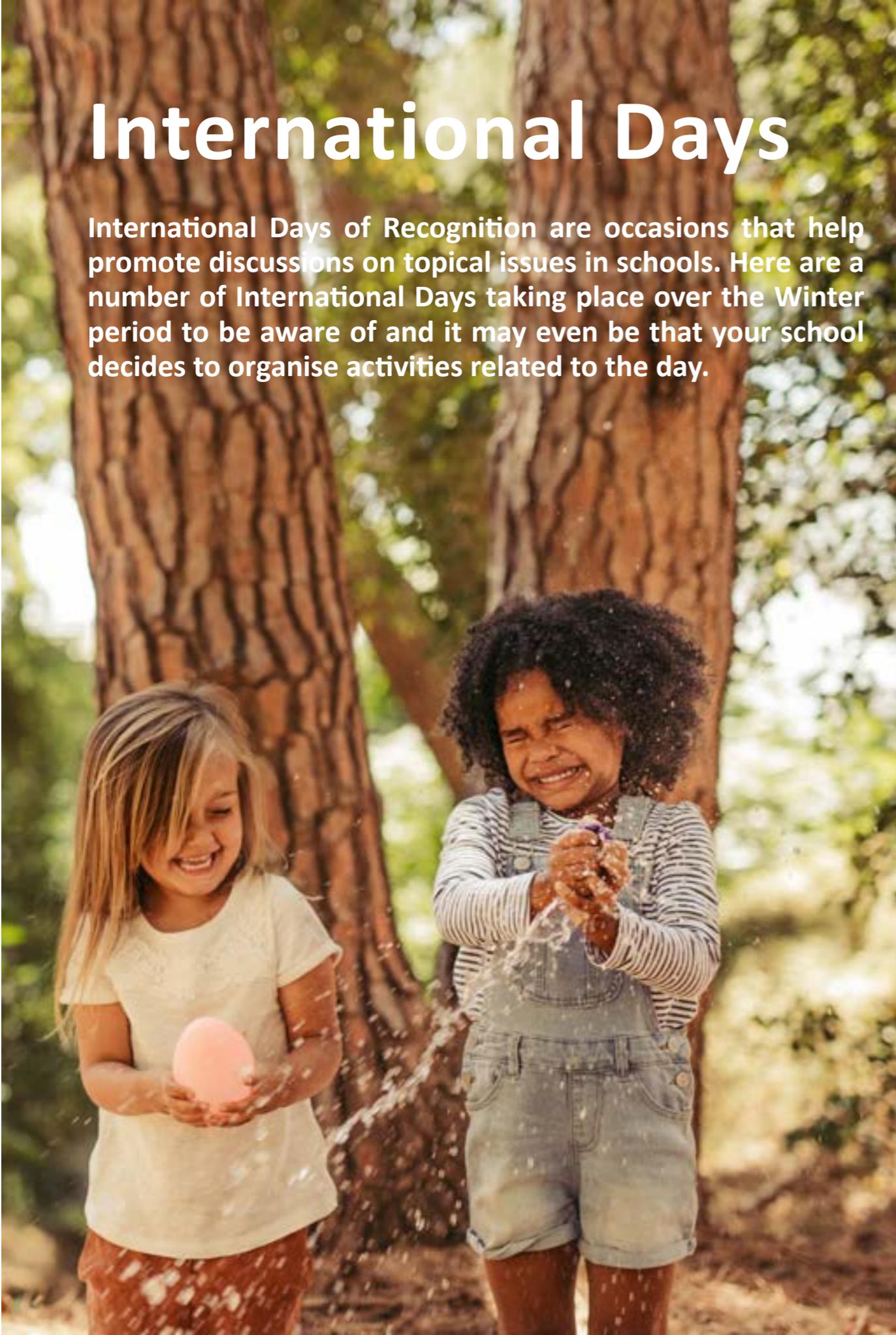
21 May - annually celebrates the essential role of intercultural dialogue for ensuring we sustain and achieve peace and development around the world.

### **World Environment Day**

5 June - the theme in 2022 is 'Only One Earth' with a focus on living sustainably in harmony with nature.

### **World Oceans Day**

8 June - raises awareness about protecting our oceans and ending overfishing.



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Discover an array of museums and places to visits, together with the latest information on our website [www.educationalvisitsuk.com](http://www.educationalvisitsuk.com).

Updated throughout the year with blogs, educational workshops as well as events and new listings, the [www.educationalvisitsuk.com](http://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!

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# FREE nature-connection schools programme at Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust



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WWT have recently launched their Generation Wild programme, which will connect 45,000 children and their families with nature. It includes FREE school visits (including FREE transport), FREE visits for families and a specially designed website to encourage continued nature-connection activity at school, at home and in local greenspaces.

Children and their families will find themselves transported by a magical narrative as they meet Ava, a part-bird, part-human creature in a giant nest. Can they help her to find her family, fulfil her destiny and unlock some of nature's wildest secrets along the way?

The programme is now open to schools in disadvantaged areas, with places offered on a first-come-first-served basis. Eligibility criteria (based on % of pupils eligible for free school meals) vary across centres so please visit the Generation Wild website to find your nearest centre and see if your school qualifies.

See [www.generationwild.org.uk](http://www.generationwild.org.uk)

## The scheme is running at wetland centres across the UK:

### **Arundel, West Sussex, BN18 9PN**

Local Authority Areas Covered: Brighton and Hove, East Sussex, Hampshire, West Sussex

### **Llanelli, Carmarthenshire, S Wales, SA14 9SH**

Local Authority Areas Covered: Bridgend, Caerphilly, Carmarthenshire, Neath Port Talbot, Pembrokeshire, Powys, Rhondda, Cynon, Taf, Swansea, Vale of Glamorgan

### **Barnes, London SW13 9WT**

Bracknell Forest, Brent, Croydon, Ealing, Hammersmith and Fulham, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Kingston upon Thames, Lambeth, Merton, Reading, Richmond upon Thames, Slough, Southwark, Surrey, Sutton, Wandsworth, Westminster, Windsor and Maidenhead, Wokingham

### **Martin Mere, Burscough, Lancashire, L40 0TA**

Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool, Bolton, Bury, Halton, Knowsley, Lancashire Liverpool, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Sefton, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford, Wigan

### **Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, GL2 7BT**

Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol City of, Cardiff, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Monmouthshire, Newport, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Swindon, Wiltshire, Worcestershire

### **Washington, Tyne and Wear, NE38 8LE**

Country Durham, Darlington, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Newcastle upon Tyne North Tyneside, Northumberland, Redcar and Cleveland, South Tyneside, Stockton-on-Tees, Sunderland

# Kids Days Out Events

Below is a list of great days out over the coming weeks for Spring 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.



## DURHAM

### Astronomy Evenings

Throughout Spring  
Grassholme Observatory  
West Pasture, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 0PW  
<https://www.grassholmeobservatory.com/>

### School Visits

March – October  
Raby Castle  
Staindrop, Co. Durham, DL2 3AH  
<https://www.raby.co.uk/raby-castle/>

### International Women's Day

8 March  
Bowes Museum  
Newgate, Barnard Castle DL12 8NP  
<https://www.thebowesmuseum.org.uk/Whats-On/Events>

### Aled Jones Cathedral Tour

22 March  
Durham Cathedral  
Durham DH1 3EH  
<https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/whats-on>

### Mother's Day Live Theatre

25 March  
Ushaw: Historic House, Chapels and Gardens  
Durham, DH7 9RH  
<https://www.ushaw.org/>

### Mother's Day - Picnic in the Park

26-27 March  
Raby Castle  
Raby Park, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH  
<https://www.raby.co.uk/>

### Skiffle Sessions

27 March, 24 April, 29 April  
Beamish Living Museum  
Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG  
<https://www.beamish.org.uk/whats-on/>

### Pinnocchio

8 April  
Gala Theatre  
Millenium Place, DH1 1WA  
<https://galadurham.co.uk/whats-on/>

### Adventures in Wonderland

8 April – 5 June (selected dates)  
Beamish Hall Country House Hotel  
Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0YB  
<https://beamish-hall.digitickets.co.uk/category/32040?navItem=214171>

### Queen by Candlelight

22-23 April  
Durham Cathedral  
Durham DH1 3EH  
<https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/whats-on>

### Queens Platinum Jubilee - Kynren 2022

3 June  
11 Arches Park  
Flatts Farm, Toronto, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7SF  
<https://www.11arches.com/>



## NORTHUMBERLAND

### A Portrait of Northumberland Exhibition

Until 24 April  
Woodhorn Museum  
QEII Country Park, Ashington NE63 9YF  
<https://museumsnorthumberland.org.uk/hexham-old-gaol/>

### Mother's Day Crafts

27 March  
Bamburgh Castle  
Bamburgh, Northumberland, NE69 7DF  
<https://www.bamburghcastle.com/whats-on/>

### Hope the Dragon's Easter

9-24 April  
Bamburgh Castle  
Bamburgh, Northumberland, NE69 7DF  
<https://www.bamburghcastle.com/whats-on/>

### Marley the Miniature Pony

11 April, 2 May and 2 June  
Bamburgh Castle  
Bamburgh, Northumberland, NE69 7DF  
<https://www.bamburghcastle.com/whats-on/>



## TEESSIDE

### The Magical Music of Harry Potter

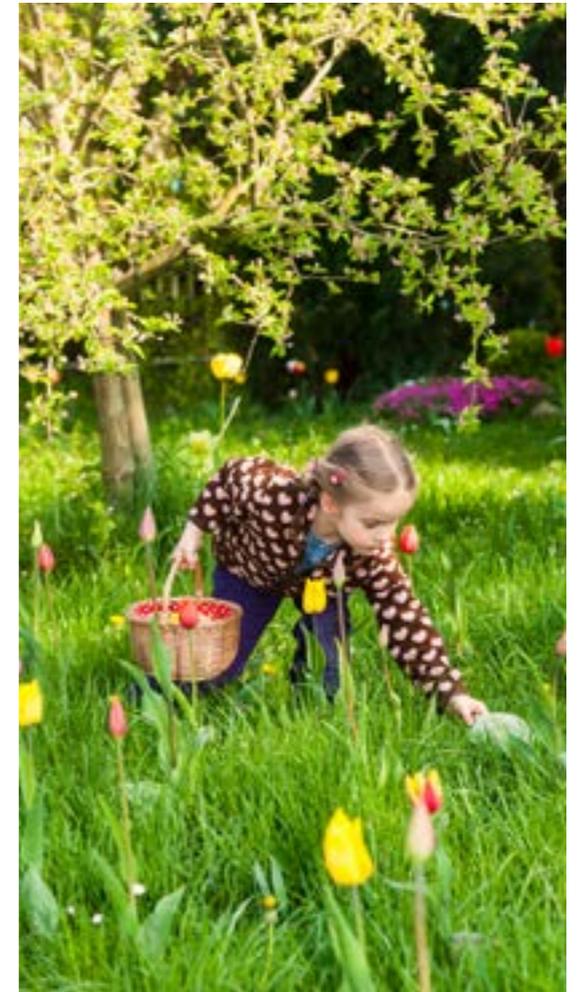
13 April  
Middlesbrough Town Hall  
Albert Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2QJ  
[www.middlesbroughtownhall.co.uk](http://www.middlesbroughtownhall.co.uk)

### Viking Weekend

30 April – 2 May  
Preston Park Museum & Grounds  
Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 3RH.  
[www.prestonparkmuseum.co.uk](http://www.prestonparkmuseum.co.uk)

### The Ironopolis Festival

2 June  
Across Middlesbrough  
Albert Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2QJ  
[www.middlesbroughtownhall.co.uk](http://www.middlesbroughtownhall.co.uk)



## TYNE AND WEAR

### Live Science Shows

Throughout Spring  
Life Science Centre  
Times Square, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4EP  
[www.life.org.uk](http://www.life.org.uk)

### Once There Was Magic Experience

Until 31 March  
Seven Stories  
30 Lime Street, Ouseburn Valley, Newcastle NE1 2PQ  
<https://www.sevenstories.org.uk/whats-on?page=1>

### Holi Festival of Colours

19 March  
BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art  
Gateshead NE8 3BA  
<https://baltic.art/whats-on/family-activities>

### All-Weather Finals Day – Kids go Free

13 April  
Newcastle Racecourse  
High Gosforth Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 5HP  
[www.newcastle-racecourse.co.uk](http://www.newcastle-racecourse.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/](http://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



## Coming Zoom to a classroom near you

In the last 2 years, Museums and other visitor attractions had to adapt the way in which they are able to ensure that schools could still access learning experiences, especially when they were not allowed to physically visit. Virtual outreach, workshops and learning resources are ways 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.

**Aerospace Bristol** – have a vast array of fun and educational activities & resources to enjoy at home or in the classroom. From making Gliders to learning about the science behind rockets, this is the site to visit. Our particular favourite is making your own Airshow!  
<https://aerospacebristol.org/at-home-with-aerospace-bristol>

**Barnsley Museums** – enjoy a 360 degree tour of the fabulous Experience Barnsley and Can-non Hall Museums.  
<https://www.barnsley-museums.com/digital/virtual-exhibitions>

**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** – Offering great school webinars 'Brilliant Bristol Women!' on 8 March and Art and Architecture in ancient Benin. Additionally, they have a popular programme of sessions for Home Educating Families.  
<https://www.bristolmuseums.org.uk/learning/>

**Cornish Seal Sanctuary** – offer Virtual Workshops tailored to individual Key Stage groups and designed to teach students about environmental issues, habitats and species in a fun way.  
<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 enabling students to have awareness of what it means to be Jewish in Britain today.  
<https://jewishmuseum.org.uk/virtual-classrooms/>

**Leeds Museums and Galleries** – providing online Exhibitions including the Open Minds Exhibition, Podcasts and a vast array of online learning resources and online activities for kids.  
<https://museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk/virtual-visit/>

**Life Science Centre** – the #LifeGoesONline programme is full of educational activities and fun demonstrations to try at home including Birthday themed challenges, scavenger hunts and science at home fun.  
<https://www.life.org.uk/life-goes-online>

**Malton Museum** – deliver amazing outreach Roman Legacy sessions at schools and provide the ever popular Museum in a box resource to help you create your own class/school museum.  
<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. Workshops run for 45-60 minutes and are particularly suited to KS2 pupils. Topics currently include volcanoes, earthquakes and virtual evolution.  
<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. Also have fantastic online KS2 and KS3 Activity Worksheets. Subjects available include 'Women at work in World War 1' and 'Children in the second world war'.  
<https://www.thenma.org.uk/visit-us/plan-your-visit/visiting-for-learning-and-training/learning-from-home>

**Observatory Science Centre and Planetarium** – the award winning outside the classroom provider, has with everything from wordsearches to the fantastic Night Sky Objects and Seen from Space sections.  
<https://www.the-observatory.org/science-at-home>

**Scarborough Museums** – take virtual tours of Scarborough Art Gallery and the Rotunda Museums.  
<https://www.scarboroughmuseumtrust.com/arts-award-at-home/>

**Royal Armouries Museum** – have a plethora of Learning resources and offer a bookable live digital outreach service for schools that are unable to visit.  
<https://royalarmouries.org/learning/?where=LearningResources>

**Shakespeare's Globe Theatre** – the Education team have workshops, storytelling sessions, CPD and projects that can be delivered for schools online. Full length productions can also be streamed.  
<https://www.shakespearesglobe.com/learn/>

**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>

**Tower of London** – have a large selection of resources to use in the classroom covering topics like the Tower itself, Walter Raleigh, Elizabeth I, the Stuarts, the Tudors and many more.  
<https://www.hrp.org.uk/schools/learning-resources/#gs.eayvc0>

**Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium** – are now bringing Science to the Classroom with the Ultimate STEM School Takeout. The focus is certainly on learning through fun with workshops and demonstrations designed to spark curiosity in STEM. From Stargazing Guides to Curiosity Challenges, there is something for kids of all ages.  
<https://www.winchestersciencecentre.org/>

**Coming  
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