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# 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 Winter.

Christmas 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 Santa before the big day! As well as the festive period, there are also some great events taking place into the new year and over February Half Term so please check these out too and remember to book ahead to avoid disappointment. 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 Winter.

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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.

## 2021

### **National Tree Week**

27 November – 5 December – an annual celebration of UK's trees, National Tree Week marks the start of the winter tree planting season. Check out the website for online programmes featuring cultural events and inspiring online programmes.

### **Human Rights Day**

10 December - In 1948, the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of human Rights. This stated the rights of every human being, regardless of religion, sex, race, colour, language, political or other opinion, social or national origin, birth, property or status. The date in 1948 was 10 December which is why Human Rights Day falls on this day every year.

## 2022

### **World Religion Day**

16 January - Observed on the third Sunday of January every year since 1950, World Religion Day promotes peace and understanding between all religions. It also encourages people to learn about other faiths.

### **International Day of Education**

24 January - A celebration of the role of education for peace and development, the Day is also a timely reminder of the millions of children around the world who are not afforded the opportunity to attend school. It also recognises that many adolescents and adults do not have any basic education.

### **International Holocaust Remembrance Day**

27 January - A commemoration day in memory of the victims of the Holocaust in which the United Nations reaffirms its commitment to countering racism, anti-semitism and other forms of intolerance.

### **RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch Weekend**

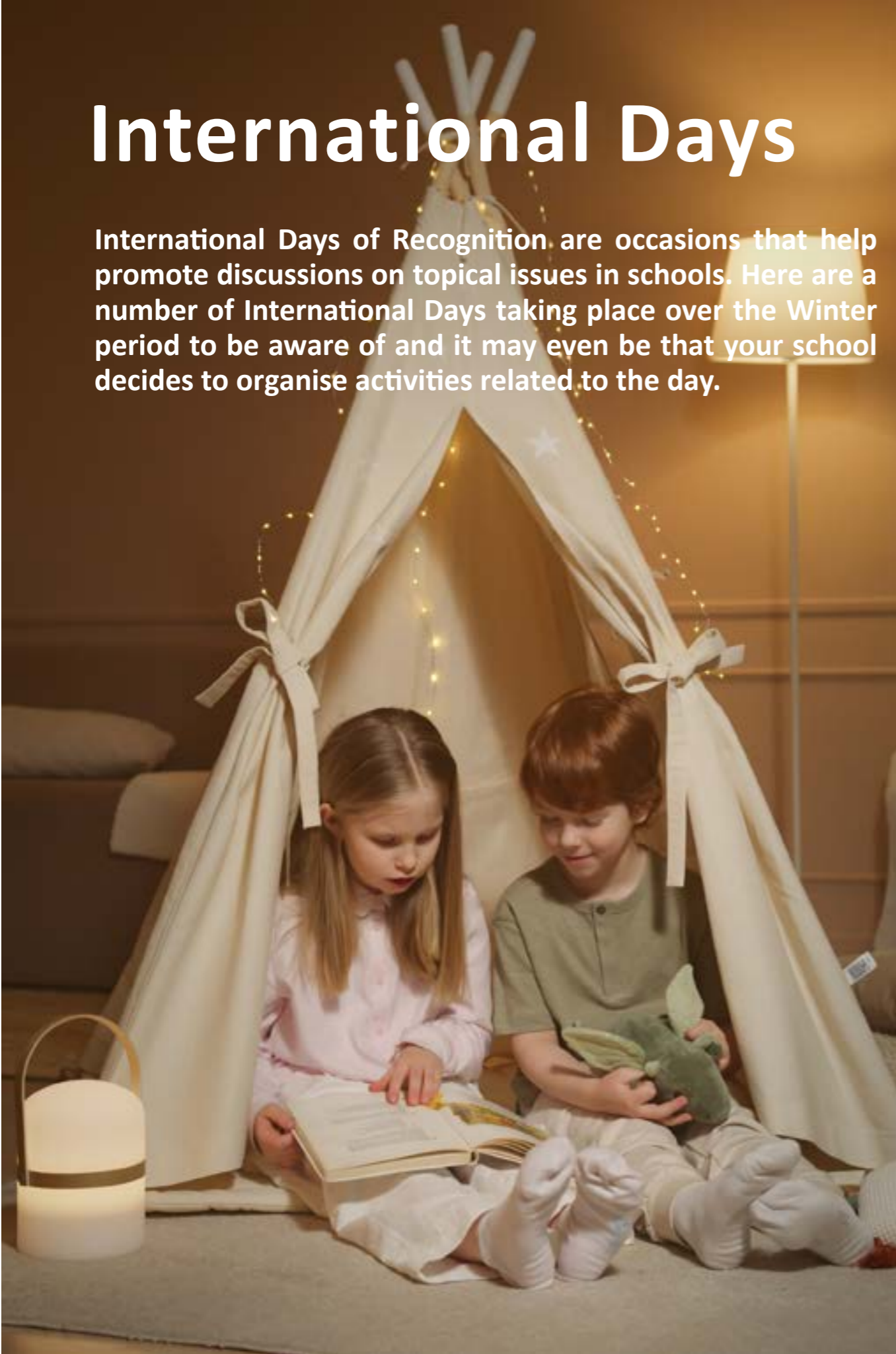
28 - 29 – January - A free to join Birdwatch that can be completed from your own school, garden or local park. Simply check the RPSB website for more information and to register in December.

### **National Storytelling Week**

29 January - 4 February - Every year, children and adults celebrate the wonder of stories. It is not just schools where the magic of storytelling takes place though with museums, hospitals and care homes also participating through the UK.

### **International Day of Women and Girls in Science**

11 February - The day has a focus on gender equality to ensure that women and girls have equal access to and participation in science.





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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!

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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.

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# Kids Days Out - Events

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



## CO. DURHAM

**Aurora Night**  
Selected dates until 19 December  
Grassholme Observatory  
West Pasture, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 0PW  
<https://www.grassholmeobservatory.com/whats-on/an-introduction-to-astronomy/>

**An Introduction to Astronomy**  
Selected dates until 29 December  
Grassholme Observatory  
West Pasture, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 0PW  
<https://www.grassholmeobservatory.com/whats-on/an-introduction-to-astronomy/>

**Forest of Light**  
Until 16 January  
Beamish Hall Country House Hotel  
Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0YB  
<https://beamish-hall.digitickets.co.uk/category/32040?navitem=214171>

**Christmas Fair**  
19-21 November  
Beamish Hall Country House Hotel  
Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0YB  
<https://beamish-hall.digitickets.co.uk/category/32040?navitem=214171>

**Robin Hood**  
24 November – 9 January  
Gala Theatre  
Millenium Place, DH1 1WA  
<https://galadurham.co.uk/whats-on/>

**Winter Wonderland**  
27 November - 24 December  
Adventure Valley  
Union Hall Farm, Brasside, Durham, DH1 5SG  
<https://www.adventurevalley.co.uk/christmas-winter-wonderland/>

**Enchanted Festive Forest**  
27 November- 24 December  
Raby Castle  
Raby Park, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH  
<https://www.raby.co.uk/>

**Santa's Wonderland Grotto**  
1 December  
Bowes Museum  
Newgate, Barnard Castle DL12 8NP  
<https://www.thebowesmuseum.org.uk/Whats-On/Events>

**Christmas Market**  
4-5 December  
Raby Castle  
Raby Park, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH  
<https://www.raby.co.uk/>

**Christmas Evenings at Beamish**  
9-17 December (selected dates)  
Beamish Living Museum  
Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG  
<https://www.beamish.org.uk/whats-on/>

**Christmas with Durham Cathedral Choir**  
11 December  
Durham Cathedral  
Durham DH1 3EH  
<https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/whats-on>

**Singaround Sunday**  
12 December  
Beamish Living Museum  
Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG  
<https://www.beamish.org.uk/whats-on/>

**Christmas Market with Santa**  
17 December  
Bowes Museum  
Newgate, Barnard Castle DL12 8NP  
<https://www.thebowesmuseum.org.uk/Whats-On/Events>

**The Snowman Tour**  
20 December  
Durham Cathedral  
Durham DH1 3EH  
<https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/whats-on>

## NORTHUMBERLAND

**1761 Hexham Riot Interactive Trail**  
Weekends on selected dates  
Hexham Old Gaol  
Hallgate, Hexham NE46 3NH  
<https://museumsnorthumberland.org.uk/hexham-old-gaol/>

**Saints and Angels Christmas Extravaganza**  
13 November - 3 January  
Bamburgh Castle  
Bamburgh, Northumberland, NE69 7DF  
<https://www.bamburghcastle.com/whats-on/>

**Father Christmas at Bamburgh Castle**  
20 November - 24 December  
Bamburgh Castle  
Bamburgh, Northumberland, NE69 7DF  
<https://www.bamburghcastle.com/whats-on/>

**Ford Christmas Market**  
27-28 November  
Ford and Etal Estates  
Cornhill-on-Tweed, TD12 4TJ  
<https://www.ford-and-etale.co.uk/events/>

**Santa's Enchanted Elf Journey**  
27 November - 24 December  
Whitehouse Farm Centre  
Whitehouse Farm Centre, Morpeth, NE61 6AW  
<https://www.whitehousefarmcentre.co.uk/>

**Santa Paws**  
Selected dates in December  
Dobbies at Morpeth  
Heighley Gate, Morpeth NE61 3DA  
[www.dobbies.com/events](http://www.dobbies.com/events)

**Light Trail and Santa visits**  
3 December - 2 January  
The Alnwick Gardens  
Greenwell Road Alnwick, Northumberland NE66 1HB  
<https://www.alnwickgarden.com/>

**Santa Specials**  
11 - 19 December  
Heathershaw Light Railway  
Ford Forge, Heatherslaw, Cornhill On Tweed TD12 4TJ  
<https://www.heatherslawlightrailway.co.uk/santa-specials>

**A Portrait of Northumberland Exhibition**  
19 February - 24 April 2022  
Woodhorn Museum  
QEII Country Park, Ashington, NE63 9YF  
<https://museumsnorthumberland.org.uk/woodhorn-museum/>

## TEESSIDE

**Behind the Seams**  
Until 19 February 2022  
Preston Park Museum & Grounds  
Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 3RH.  
[www.prestonparkmuseum.co.uk](http://www.prestonparkmuseum.co.uk)

**Magical Victorian Christmas**  
27 November – 19 December  
Preston Park Museum & Grounds  
Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 3RH.  
[www.prestonparkmuseum.co.uk](http://www.prestonparkmuseum.co.uk)

**Festive Farm and Santa's Grotto**  
4-24 December  
Newham Grange Farm  
Wykeham Way, Middlesbrough, TS8 0TG  
[www.newhamgrangefarm.co.uk](http://www.newhamgrangefarm.co.uk)

**Alice in Wonderland**  
9 January  
Middlesbrough Town Hall  
Albert Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2QJ  
[www.middlesbroughtownhall.co.uk](http://www.middlesbroughtownhall.co.uk)

## TYNE AND WEAR

**Illuminature**  
Until 9 January 2022  
WWT Washington Wetland Centre  
Pattinson, Washington, Tyne and Wear, NE38 8LE  
[www.wwt.org.uk](http://www.wwt.org.uk)

**Open-air Ice Rink**  
Until 9 January 2022  
Life Science Centre  
Times Square, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4EP  
[www.life.org.uk](http://www.life.org.uk)

**The Night Before Christmas**  
1 - 21 December  
Seven Stories  
30 Lime Street, Ouseburn Valley, Newcastle NE1 2PQ  
<https://www.sevenstories.org.uk/whats-on?page=1>

**Christmas Jumper Raceday**  
18 December  
Newcastle Racecourse  
High Gosforth Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 5HP  
[www.newcastle-racecourse.co.uk](http://www.newcastle-racecourse.co.uk)

**A Christmas Carol**  
20 – 23 December  
Newcastle Castle  
The Black Gate, Castle garth, Newcastle NE1 1RQ  
<https://www.seetickets.com/tour/a-christmas-carol-live-at-newcastle-castle>

**End of Year Party**  
29 - 31 December  
Seven Stories  
30 Lime Street, Ouseburn Valley, Newcastle NE1 2PQ  
<https://www.sevenstories.org.uk/whats-on?page=1>



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[www.educationalvisitsuk.com/school-trips-and-travel-experiences/](http://www.educationalvisitsuk.com/school-trips-and-travel-experiences/)

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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.

<https://aerospacebristol.org/at-home-with-aerospace-bristol>

**Beamish – The Living Museum** – bring classroom learning to life through remote and onsite, immersive experiences.

<https://www.beamish.org.uk/learning/learning-activities/>

**Bristol Museums** - Offering a great school webinar 'Brilliant Bristol Women!' on 17 November. 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/>

**Jorvik Viking Centre and DIG** – deliver immersive virtual outreach sessions that are interactive and curriculum based. With expert presenters, these are suitable for all Key Stages but in particular Key Stage 2.

<https://www.jorvikvikingcentre.co.uk/education/outreach/>

**Leeds Museums and Galleries** – providing online Exhibitions, 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.

<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.

<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.

<https://www.thenma.org.uk/visit-us/plan-your-visit/visiting-for-learning-and-training/learning-from-home>

**National Science and Media Museum** – climate and maths related resources are some of the topics available online with our favourite being the Kitchen Science activities.

<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. Aimed at children 5-11, it will also be enjoyed by older children too.

<https://www.scarboroughmuseumstrust.com/arts-award-at-home/>

**Royal Armouries Museum** – have a plethora of Learning resources covering subjects such as the British Empire, the Saxons and the Second World War.

<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>

**Vatican Museums** – a breath taking way to explore the Vatican Museums from home or the classroom with 360 degree Virtual Tours a highlight.

<https://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/en.html>

**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.

<https://www.winchestersciencecentre.org/>

**ZSL London Zoo** – offer Digital Outreach sessions linking up to the classroom live from ZSL suitable for KS1, KS2 and 16+.

<https://www.zsl.org/zsl-london-zoo/schools>



# Get Creative



Christmas is an exciting time for children but for parents it is a lot of hard work, keeping to a budget, juggling work and keeping children happy. Here are some fun and cheap ideas to keep them happy and learning part of the fun is contributing to the festivities.

## Make Use of Leftover Wrapping Paper

If you are the type of person who is well organised and wraps their presents as soon as you buy them in good time for Christmas then hold on to all those spare scraps of wrapping paper.

Children love the assortment of wrapping paper that you collect and there are tons of Christmas decorations you can make with them. A great indoor activity for a cold and rainy day which will keep them occupied for hours. You'll be able to make most of these with everyday household items and few easy to buy low cost extras.

## Bottle and Jar Lid Decorations

This first one is super easy to make. Materials you will need:-

- Leftover plastic milk bottle tops or jar lids
- Wrapping paper to get started
- String

- 1.For the milk tops, simply place the lids on the wrapping paper and draw around with a pencil.
- 2.Next cut out the circle and glue it to the top of the milk lid.
- 3.Add glue all around the sides of the lid and then wrap the string around about half way.
- 4.Make a loop of about 2cm before sticking the strings back down on the side of the lid again.
- 5.Wrap the string around until all the sides are covered.

For larger lids repeat the first step but this time stick the wrapping paper to the inside of the lid. There's no need to wrap the string around the edges as it's too thin so all you'll need to do is glue a string loop to the back of the lid so you can hang it up wherever you like.



## Mini Christmas Tree

Materials you need:-

- Wrapping paper
- Light cardboard or poster board, light cardboard or even decorative paper.
- Glue
- Buttons, fringes of coloured paper even newspaper looks effective
- Gold and silver spray paint

- 1.Roll the cardboard or decorative paper into a Cone to make a Christmas tree shape.
- 2.Glue together.
- 3.Then decorate with almost anything. Suggestions are to cut out strips of decorative paper and fringe it and roll around the cone. Glue on buttons or cover in glitter there are plenty of ways to create a stunning effect.

## Cardboard Loo Roll Christmas Tree and Characters

Create Father Christmas, Christmas trees and other festive characters out of loo rolls.

Materials you will need:-

- Loo rolls • Cardboard •Coloured paper • Coloured adhesive shapes • Pipe cleaners • Cotton Wool
- Paint • Glue

If you have some red wrapping paper, a Christmas tree, an elf or the Grinch if you have some green and Rudolph if you have any brown. It doesn't matter if they have patterns on and if anything makes them even better! You can make a snowman simply by using the white inside of any coloured wrapping paper. And you can do the same for making the eyes of any of the characters too. You'll just need a black marker pen for the eyeballs. You may want to use some different coloured card for some of the accessories such as a hat for santa and the elves or the top for the Christmas tree.



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**Educational  
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**Highlighting events and  
activities over the Spring  
months and up to and  
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