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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 ither 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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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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BERKSHIRE

Winter Wonderland in the Garden 12 November - 31 December The Chequers Hotel 6-8 Oxford Street, Newbury RG14 1JB www.chequershotelnewbury.co.uk

November Race Weekend 19-20 November Ascot Racecourse High Street, Ascot, Berkshire, SL5 7JX www.ascot.co.uk

Artisan Christmas Market 21 November Reading 2B Southview Park, Marsack Street, Caversham, RG4 5AF https://www.whatsonreading.com/venues/madebytamaliaart-sanctuary/whats-on/artisa-christmas-market-free-entry

LEGOLAND at Christmas 27 November – 3 January LEGOLAND® Windsor Resort Winkfield Road, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 4AY www.legoland.co.uk

Christmas Craft Fair 28 November The Chequers Hotel 6-8 Oxford Street, Newbury RG14 1JB www.chequershotelnewbury.co.uk

Winter Fairy Tales Toddler Day 2 - 3 December The Look Out Discovery Centre Nine Mile Ride, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 7QW www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/leisure-services/look-outdiscovery-centre

Elf Junior 16-19 December The Oakwood Centre Headley Road, Woodley RG5 4JZ www.whatsonreading.com

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.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Santa Paws Selected dates in December Dobbies at Milton Keynes Belvedere Lane, Watling Street, Milton Keynes MK17 9JH www.dobbies.com/events

Christmas Specials See website for dates Buckinghamshire Railway Centre Quainton Road Station, Quainton, Aylesbury, HP22 4BY www.bucksrailcentre.org

Christmas Fair 13 November-23 December (selected dates) Waddesdon Manor Silk Street, Waddesdon, Aylesbury, HP18 0JH www.waddesdon.org.uk

Christmas at Waddeson 13 November – 3 January (selected dates) Waddesdon Manor Silk Street, Waddesdon, Aylesbury, HP18 0JH www.waddesdon.org.uk

Festive Illuminations 18 November-23 December Missenden Abbey London Road, Great Missenden, HP16 0BD www.missendenabbey.co.uk

Father Christmas Land 20 November – 24 December (selected dates) Green Dragon Eco Farm Claydon Road, Hogshaw, MK18 3LA www.greendragonecofarm.co.uk

Once Upon a Christmas 1-24 December Odds Farm Park Wooburn Common, Wooburn Green, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, HP10 0LX www.oddsfarm.co.uk Snow White 3-31 December Elgiva Theatre St Mary's Way, Chesham, Bucks, HP5 1HR www.elgiva.com

Christmas Weekend 4-5 December Chiltern Open Air Museum Newland Park, Gorelands Lane, Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire, HP8 4AB www.coam.org.uk

Sleeping Beauty 10-11 December Queens Park Arts Centre & Limelight Theatre Queens Park, Aylesbury, HP21 7RT https://tickets.queensparkarts.com/

Brunch with Santa 11-12 December Missenden Abbey London Road, Great Missenden, HP16 0BD www.missendenabbey.co.uk

EAST SUSSEX

Santa Specials 27 November – 24 December Drusillas Park Alfriston, Alfriston, East Sussex, BN26 5QS www.drusillas.co.uk

Christmas Adventure at Battle Abbey 27 November – 2 January (selected dates) 1066 Battle of Hastings, Abbey and Battlefield Battle Abbey Gatehouse, High St, Battle TN33 OAE https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/whats-on/

Christmas Wreath making (age 7+) 4-5 December Ditchling Museum of Art + Craft Lodge Hill Lane, Ditchling, East Sussex, BN6 8SP www.ditchlingmuseumartcraft.org.uk

Steam Lights Until 8 January Bluebell Railway Sheffield Park Station, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 3QL www.bluebell-railway.com



HAMPSHIRE

Acoustic Explorers at Winchester Science Centre Until 21 November Winchester Science Centre

Sound is set to get awesome this autumn. Put your investigation skills to the test and take an adventure through some epic sounds. Find out what reverberation is and how we use it to control sound. Experience awesome live demos and fun audience participation, including the mind-blowing, light-bending laser harp.

Telegraph Way, Winchester, SO21 1HZ www.winchestersciencecentre.org



Aircraft Enthusiasts' Fair and Model Show 21 November Army Flying Museum Middle Wallop, Stockbridge, SO20 8FB www.armyflying.com

Steam Illuminations 26 November – 2 January (selected dates) The Mid Hants Railway "Watercress Line" Station Road, Alresford, Hampshire, SO24 9JG www.watercressline.co.uk

Science Dino-mite 27 November to 16 January Winchester Science Centre

Enjoy the sights, sounds and science of Christmas past...way past. Between 21 November and 16 January, enjoy a roarsome festive season at Winchester Science Centre's Science Dino-mite. Experience a Jurassic adventure filled with dino digs, fossil festival, dino-mite science demos and shows, plus a special guest appearance from Santa Claus himself.

Telegraph Way, Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 1HZ https://www.winchestersciencecentre.org/

Christmas at the Museum Selected dates Milestones Museum Leisure Park, Churchill Way West, Basingstoke, RG22 6PG www.milestonesmuseum.org.uk

Hayling Winter Wonderland 4-24 December (selected dates) Funland Hayling Island The Seafront, Hayling Island, Hampshire, PO11 0AG www.funland.info

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Breakfast with Santa

4-24 December (selected dates) Spinnaker Tower Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO1 3TT www.spinnakertower.co.uk

Christmas Carol Concert

11 December Army Flying Museum Middle Wallop, Stockbridge, SO20 8FB www.armyflying.com

Avon Tyrrell Christmas Activity Trail 11 December Avon Tyrrell Outdoor Activity Centre

Join us at Avon Tyrrell for some festive activities including climbing, archery, adventure course, problem solving, bushcraft and many more. Suitable for children aged 5+ years old. It costs just £7 per person and parents go for free!

Bransgore, Christchurch, BH23 8EE www.avontyrrell.org.uk



Father Christmas Flying Visit 22 December Hawk Conservancy Trust Sarson Lane, Weyhill, Andover, Hants SP11 8DY https://www.hawk-conservancy.org/events/fatherchristmas-flying-visit/

Winter Woodland Lights 14 - 30 Jan 2022 Hawk Conservancy Trust Sarson Lane, Weyhill, Andover, Hants SP11 8DY https://www.hawk-conservancy.org/events/winterwoodland-lights/

KENT

Hangloose Adventure Bluewater Hangloose Bluewater

Students will learn how to set and achieve their own goals, show support for their peers as well as having a completing England's Longest Zipline

Bluewater Parkway, Dartford, Greenhithe DA9 9ST https://hangloosebluewater.com/



The Wealdon Times Mid-Winter Fair 18-20 November The Hop Farm Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood, TN12 6PY www.thehopfarm.co.uk

Christmas and Twilight Christmas at Hever Castle 20 November – 3 January Hever Castle Hever Rd, Hever, Edenbridge TN8 7NG https://www.hevercastle.co.uk/whats-on/

Family Advent Wreath Workshop 27 November Canterbury Cathedral Schools Department, Canterbury Cathedral, The Precincts, Canterbury. CT1 2EH https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org

Christmas at the Castle 27 November – 2 January Leeds Castle Maidstone, Kent, ME17 1PL www.leeds-castle.com/events

Christmas Adventure Quest 27 November – 2 January Dover Castle Castle Hill, Dover, CT16 1HU www.english-heritage.org.uk

Frozen Afternoon Tea 28 November Hempstead House Hotel & Spa London Rd, Bapchild, Sittingbourne, ME9 9PP www.hempsteadhouse.co.uk Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust 28 November, 5 and 12 December 1st Floor North, Fitted Rigging House Anchor Wharf, The Historic Dockyard, Chatham, ME4 4TZ https://thedockyard.co.uk/whats-on/

Santa Paws Selected dates in December Dobbies at Gillingham Courteney Road, Gillingham ME8 0FB www.dobbies.com/events

Christmas Wreath Workshop 4 December Godinton House & Gardens Godinton Lane, Ashford, TN23 3BP www.godintonhouse.co.uk

Santa's Grotto 4-19 December Reuthes Lost Gardens of Sevenoaks Sevenoaks Rd, Seal Chart, Sevenoaks, TN15 OHB www.reuthes.com

Christmas Weekend Special 11-12 December Bredgar and Wormshill Light Railway Autumn Leaves and Steam The Warren, Bredgar, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8AT www.bwlr.co.uk

Santa Experience 11-23 December (selected dates) Hempstead House Hotel & Spa London Rd, Bapchild, Sittingbourne, ME9 9PP www.hempsteadhouse.co.uk

Breakfast with Santa and Special Santa's Grotto 20 December Reuthes Lost Gardens of Sevenoaks Sevenoaks Rd, Seal Chart, Sevenoaks, TN15 OHB www.reuthes.com

Christmas and New Year's Steam Hauled Train 28 December - 2 January Spa Valley Railway West Station, Nevill Terrace, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN2 5QY www.spavalleyrailway.co.uk

Winter Steam Up

8-9 January 2022 Spa Valley Railway West Station, Nevill Terrace, Royal Tunbridge Wells, TN2 5QY www.spavalleyrailway.co.uk

Dick Whittington 28 January 2022 Sheppey Little Theatre Meyrick Road, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 2NX www.sheppeylittletheatre.co.uk

SURREY

Military Vehicles Day 21 November Brooklands Museum Brooklands Drive, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 OSL www.brooklandsmuseum.com

A Magical Christmas 25 November – 24 December Bocketts Farm Park Young Street, Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 9BS www.bockettsfarm.co.uk

Denbies Santa Express 27 November - 24 December (selected date) Denbies Wine Estate London rd, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6AA https://www.denbies.co.uk/events/family-events/

Santa Paws Selected dates in December Dobbies at Woodcote Green Woodmansterne Lane, Wallington, Surrey SM6 0SU www.dobbies.com/events

Father Christmas Visits Limnerslease 5 December Watts Gallery – Limnerlease Room Down Lane, Compton, Guildford, Surrey, GU3 1DQ www.wattsgallery.org.uk

Christmas Make and Take Weekend

18-19 December Rural Life Living Museum The Reeds Road, Tilford, Farnham, GU10 2DL www.rural-life.org.uk

Father Christmas at Godstone 20-24 December Godstone Farm Tilburstow Hill Road, Godstone, Surrey, RH9 8LX www.godstonefarm.co.uk

February Farming Week 12-20 February 2022 Bocketts Farm Park Young Street, Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 9BS www.bockettsfarm.co.uk



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Virtual Learning



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

Bristol Museums - Offering a great school webinar 'Brilliant Bristol Women!' on 17 November. Additionally they have a popular programmes 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. <u>https://sealsanctuary.sealifetrust.org/en/visiting-us/virtual-workshops/</u>

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.

 $\underline{https://royalarmouries.org/learning/?where=LearningResources}$

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 once 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.

Coming soon!

Educational Visits UK Online Spring Nagazine

Highlighting events and activities over the Spring months and up to and including May half-term