



# EDUCATIONAL VISITS UK DAYS OUT - WEST MIDLANDS

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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**

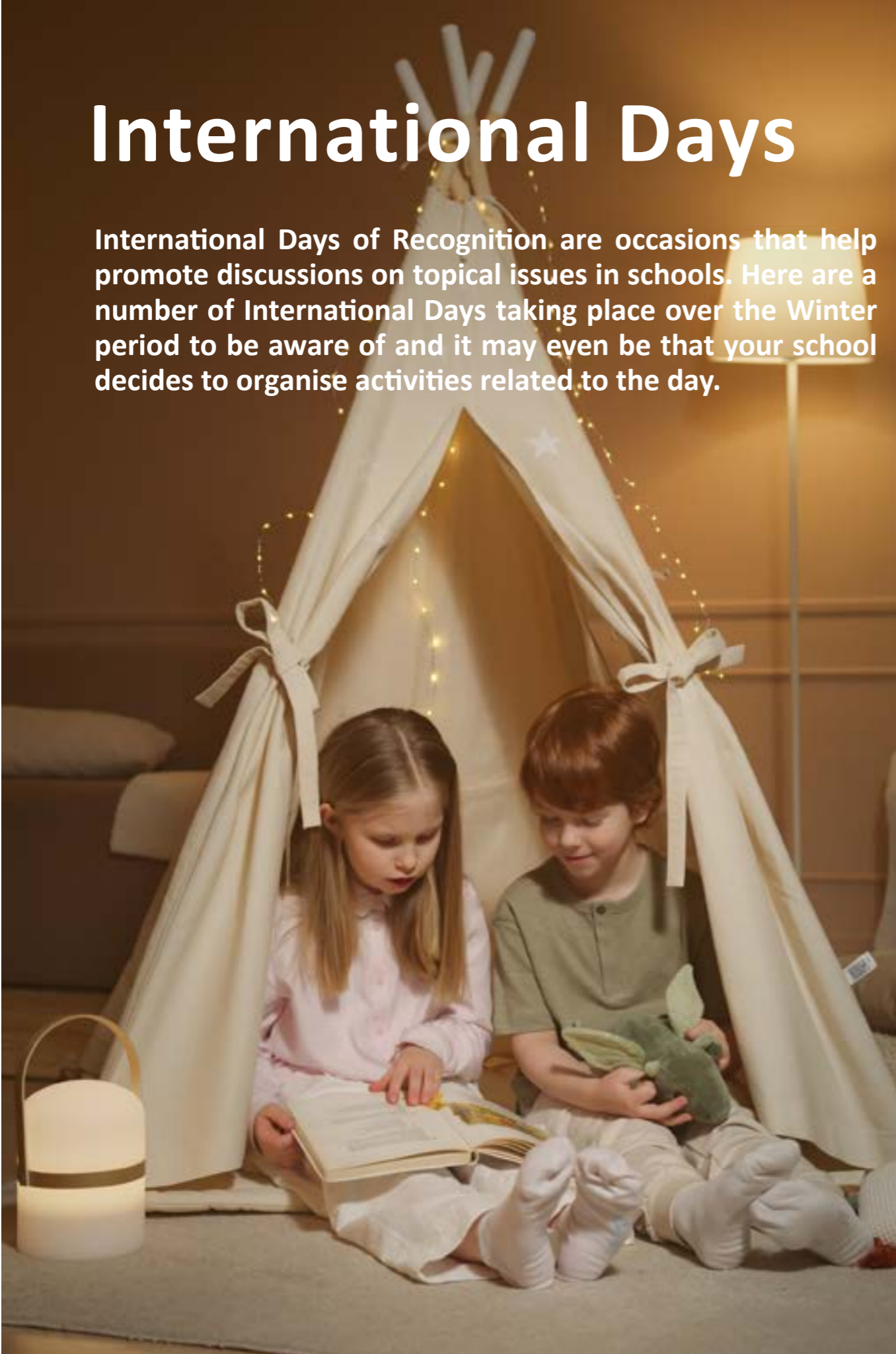
28 - 29 – January - A free to join Birdwatch that can be completed from your own school, garden or local park. Simply check the RPSB website for more information and to register in December.

### **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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# 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.

## HEREFORDSHIRE

### Open Days

16, 23 and 30 November  
Water Works Museum  
Broomy Hill, Hereford HR4 0LJ  
<https://www.waterworksmuseum.org.uk/>

### Christmas Fair

21 November  
Moreton-on-Lugg  
Village Hall, Moreton-on-Lugg, Hereford HR4 8DY  
<https://www.eatsleeliveherefordshire.co.uk/event-pro/moreton-on-lugg-christmas-fair/>

### Hay Festival Winter Weekend

24-28 November  
Hay on Wye, Herefordshire  
<https://www.eatsleeliveherefordshire.co.uk/event-pro/hay-festival-winter-weekend/>

### Jack and the Beanstalk

26 November – 2 January  
Courtyard Centre for the Arts  
Edgar Street, Hereford HR4 9JR  
<https://www.eatsleeliveherefordshire.co.uk/event-pro/jack-the-beanstalk/>

### Royal Welsh Winter Fair

29-30 November  
Hereford House  
3 Offa Street, Hereford HR1 2LL  
<https://www.eatsleeliveherefordshire.co.uk/event-pro/royal-welsh-winter-fair/>

### Bromyard Christmas Tree Festival

3-5 December  
St Peter's Church  
Church Lane, Bromyard HR7 4DZ  
<https://www.eatsleeliveherefordshire.co.uk/event-pro/bromyard-christmas-tree-festival/>

### Open Days

7 and 14 December  
Water Works Museum  
Broomy Hill, Hereford HR4 0LJ  
<https://www.waterworksmuseum.org.uk/>

### Mother Goose Panto

10-18 December (selected dates)  
Ralph Court Gardens  
Edwyn Ralph, Bromyard HR7 4LU  
<https://www.ralphcourtgardens.co.uk/copy-of-events>

### Christmas Winter Wonderland

10-23 December (selected dates)  
Ralph Court Gardens  
Edwyn Ralph, Bromyard HR7 4LU  
<https://www.ralphcourtgardens.co.uk/copy-of-events>

### Winforton Xmas Fair

11 December  
St Michael and All Angels  
Winforton, Herteford HR3 6SP  
<https://www.eatsleeliveherefordshire.co.uk/event-pro/winforton-christmas-fayre/>

### Hereford Christmas Fair

18 December  
Hereford Cathedral  
Hereford HR1 2NG  
<https://www.eatsleeliveherefordshire.co.uk/event-pro/hereford-cathedral-christmas-fair/>

## SHROPSHIRE

### Christmas Wonderland

27 November – 23 December (selected dates)  
Wonderland  
Telford Town Park, Telford, TF4 3NZ  
[www.wonderlandmidlands.co.uk](http://www.wonderlandmidlands.co.uk)

### Follies Santa Safari

3-23 December  
Hawkstone Park Follies  
Weston-under-Redcastle, Shrewsbury, SY4 5JY  
[www.hawkstoneparkfollies.co.uk](http://www.hawkstoneparkfollies.co.uk)

### Christmas Food and Craft Fayre

4-5 December  
Weston Park  
Weston-under-Lizard, Shifnal, TF11 8LE  
[www.weston-park.com](http://www.weston-park.com)

### Breakfast with Santa

4, 11 and 12 December  
Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre  
School Road, Craven, Shropshire, SY7 9RS  
<https://www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk/>

### Santa Experience

4-24 December (selected dates)  
Park Hall Farm  
Park Hall, Oswestry, Shropshire SY11 4AS  
[www.parkhallfarm.co.uk](http://www.parkhallfarm.co.uk)

### Enchanted Weston

9-23 December  
Weston Park  
Weston-under-Lizard, Shifnal, TF11 8LE  
[www.weston-park.com](http://www.weston-park.com)

### Christmas Experience

11-24 December (selected dates)  
Rays Farm Country Matters  
Billingsley, Bridgnorth, WV16 6PF  
[www.raysfarm.com](http://www.raysfarm.com)

## STAFFORDSHIRE

### Ice Skating at Bretby

Until 2 January 2022  
Planters Bretby  
Bretby Lanen, Burton-on-Trent DE15 0QS  
<https://www.plantersgc.com/>

### Reindeer and Christmas Reindeer Experiences

Until 16 January 2022  
Amerton Farm  
Stowe By Chartley, Stafford, Staffordshire, ST18 0LA  
[www.amertonfarm.co.uk](http://www.amertonfarm.co.uk)

### Christmas Wreath Making Workshops

20 November  
Staffordshire Wildlife Trust  
The Wolseley Centre, Wolseley Bridge, Stafford, ST17 0WT  
<https://www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk/events/2021-11-20-christmas-wreath-workshop-wolseley-centre>

### English Winter and Christmas Country Fair

20-21 November  
Staffordshire County Showground  
Weston Rd, Stafford ST18 0BD  
<https://www.staffscountyshowground.co.uk/forthcoming-events/12/2021/>

### Meet Father Christmas

21 November – 24 December  
Planters Tamworth  
Woodlands Road, Trinity Rd, Tamworth, B78 2EY  
<https://www.plantersgc.com/>

### North Pole Adventure

27 November – 24 December  
National Forest Adventure Farm  
Postern Road, Tatenhill, Burton on Trent, DE13 9SJ  
<https://www.adventurefarm.co.uk/>

### Christmas at Alton Towers

27 November – 2 January  
Alton Towers Resort  
Farley Lane, Alton, Staffordshire, ST10 4DB  
[www.altontowers.com](http://www.altontowers.com)

### Toy Fair

12 December  
Staffordshire County Showground  
Weston Rd, Stafford ST18 0BD  
<https://www.staffscountyshowground.co.uk/forthcoming-events/12/2021/>

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16 December  
Staffordshire Wildlife Trust  
The Wolseley Centre, Wolseley Bridge, Stafford, ST17 0WT  
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## WEST MIDLANDS AND WARWICKSHIRE

### Santa Paws

Selected dates in December  
Dobbies at Atherstone  
Cross Lane Farm, Nuneaton Rd, Atherstone CV9 1RF  
[www.dobbies.com/events](http://www.dobbies.com/events)

### Santa Paws

Selected dates in December  
Dobbies at Rugby  
Burton-on-Dunsmore, Frankton CV23 9QQ  
[www.dobbies.com/events](http://www.dobbies.com/events)

### Feel the Festive warmth this Christmas

Until 24 December  
Stratford Butterfly Farm  
Swan's Nest Lane, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 7LS  
[www.butterflyfarm.co.uk](http://www.butterflyfarm.co.uk)

### The Enchanted Gardens

Until 2 January 2022  
Webbs of Wychbold  
Worcester Road, Droitwich, Worcestershire, WR9 0DG  
[www.webbsdirect.co.uk](http://www.webbsdirect.co.uk)

### Turner Prize Exhibition

Until 12 January 2022  
Herbert Art Gallery & Museum  
Jordan Well, Coventry CV1 5QP  
[www.theherbert.org](http://www.theherbert.org)

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### Magical Christmas

13 November – 31 December (selected dates)  
Drayton Manor Theme Park  
Tamworth, Staffordshire, B78 3TW  
[www.draytonmanor.co.uk](http://www.draytonmanor.co.uk)

### Christmas Craft Fair

20 - 21 November  
Brandon Marsh Nature Reserve  
<https://www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/BrandonMarsh>

### Christmas Markets

20 November – 19 December (selected dates)  
Hatton Country World  
Dark Lane, Hatton, Warwick CV35 8XA  
<https://hattonworld.com/>

### Christmas at Cadbury World

20 November – 23 December (selected days)  
Cadbury World  
Linden Road, Bournville, Birmingham, B30 1JR  
<https://www.cadburyworld.co.uk/en>

### Santa Experiences

27 November - 24 December (selected dates)  
Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway  
The Railway Station, Cheltenham GL54 5DT  
<https://www.gwsr.com/>

### Enchanted Christmas Kingdom

27 November – 24 December  
Hatton Country World  
Dark Lane, Hatton, Warwick CV35 8XA  
<https://hattonworld.com/>

### Christmas Adventure Quest

27 November – 2 January (selected dates)  
Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan Garden  
Castle Green, Off Castle Road, Kenilworth, CV8 1NG  
[www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/kenilworth-castle](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/kenilworth-castle)

### Christmas at Warwick Castle

27 November – 3 January  
Warwick Castle  
Castle Lane, Warwick, CV34 4QU  
[www.warwick-castle.com](http://www.warwick-castle.com)

### Festive Aston Hall

1-17 December (selected dates)  
Aston Hall  
Trinity Road, Aston, Birmingham, B6 6JD  
[www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/aston](http://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/aston)

### Victorian Evening

2 December  
Hoar Park Craft Village  
Hoar Park Farm, Ansley, Nuneaton CV10 0QU  
<https://www.hoar-park.co.uk/>



### Visit Santa! Vintage Sleigh Ride and Winter Wonderland

Coventry Transport Museum  
4 – 23 December  
Millennium Place, Coventry CV1 1JD,  
<https://www.transport-museum.com/>

### Christmas Model Fair

5 December  
Midland Air Museum  
Rowley Rd, Coventry CV3 4FR  
<http://www.midlandairmuseum.co.uk/events.php>

### Eventmasters Christmas at the Races

9 December  
Warwickshire Racecourse  
Hampton St, Warwick, CV34 6HN  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk>

### Christmas Crackers

10 - 11 December  
CBSO Centre  
Berkley Street, Birmingham, B1 2LF  
[www.cbso.co.uk](http://www.cbso.co.uk)

### Santa at Blakesley

11 – 12 December  
Blakesley Hall  
Blakesley Road, Birmingham, B25 8RN  
[www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/blakesley](http://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/blakesley)

### Santa at the Schoolroom

11 - 23 December (selected dates)  
Shakespeare's Schoolroom and Guildhall

Festive Fun for All the Family - Join Santa and his Elves on a magical history tour around Shakespeare's Schoolroom & Guildhall: selected dates this December.

Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6HB  
[www.ShakespearesSchoolroom.org](http://www.ShakespearesSchoolroom.org)



### Reindeer Races

14 and 17 December  
Brandon Marsh Nature Reserve  
Brandon Ln, Coventry CV3 3GW  
<https://www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/BrandonMarsh>

### Himley's Magical Christmas Portal

16 - 19 December  
Himley Hall and Park  
Himley, Dudley, West Midlands, DY3 4DF  
[www.himleyhallandpark.co.uk](http://www.himleyhallandpark.co.uk)

### Meet Father Christmas

17-19 December  
Aston Hall  
Trinity Road, Aston, Birmingham, B6 6JD  
[www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/aston](http://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/aston)

### Christmas Jigsaw Trail

17-23 December  
British Motor Museum  
Banbury Road Gaydon, Lighthorne Heath, Warwick CV35 0BJ  
<https://www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk/>

### Make and Play Engineers: Winter Magic

27 and 29 December  
Coventry Transport Museum  
Millennium Place, Coventry CV1 1JD  
<https://www.transport-museum.com/>

### Sleeping Beauty Panto

27 - 30 December  
Cadbury World  
Linden Road, Bournville, Birmingham, B30 1JR  
<https://www.cadburyworld.co.uk/en>

### Winter Origami

Herbert Art Gallery & Museum  
28 – 30 December  
Herbert Art Gallery & Museum  
Jordan Well, Coventry CV1 5QP  
<https://www.theherbert.org/>

### Winter in Bloom Guided Tour

27 January 2022  
Birmingham Botanical Gardens & Glasshouses  
Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham. B15 3TR  
<https://www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/>

### Outdoor Markets Frost Fair

19-20 February 2022  
Hatton Country World  
Dark Lane, Hatton, Warwick CV35 8XA  
<https://hattonworld.com/>

### February Frolics and Curious Creatures

19-27 February 2022  
Hatton Country World  
Dark Lane, Hatton, Warwick CV35 8XA  
<https://hattonworld.com/>

### Half Term Explorer Quest

19-27 February 2022  
Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan Garden  
Castle Green, Off Castle Road, Kenilworth, CV8 1NG  
[www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/kenilworth-castle](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/kenilworth-castle)

### Smethwick Engine Steaming Day

23 February 2022  
Thinktank  
Millennium Point, Curzon Street  
Birmingham, B4 7XG  
[www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank](http://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank)

## WORCESTERSHIRE

### Lantern Festival

Selected Dates  
Until 5 December  
West Midland Safari Park  
Spring Grove, Bewdley, DY12 1LF  
[www.wmsp.co.uk](http://www.wmsp.co.uk)

### Winter Glow

Until 9 January 2022  
Three Counties Showground  
Malvern WR13 6NW  
<https://www.threecounties.co.uk/>

### Steam in Lights, Christmas Carol Trains, Enchanted Trains and Santa Express

19 November – 23 December  
Severn Valley Railway  
The Railway Station, Bewdley, DY12 1BG  
[www.svr.co.uk](http://www.svr.co.uk)

### Victorian and Craft Fairs

20 November – 18 December  
Guildhall Worcester  
High St, Worcester WR1 2EY  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/807511033280565/>

### Santa Safaris and Santa's Grotto

26 November – 24 December  
West Midland Safari Park  
Spring Grove, Bewdley, DY12 1LF  
[www.wmsp.co.uk](http://www.wmsp.co.uk)

### Arctic Animals Trail and Craft

1 – 31 December  
The Commandery  
Sidbury, Worcester WR1 2HU  
<https://www.museumsworcestershire.org.uk/>

### Christmas at Avoncroft 1400-1700

4 - 5 December  
Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings  
Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove B60 4JR  
<https://avoncroft.org.uk/>

### Christmas at the Castle

4 - 5 December  
Hartlebury Castle  
Hartlebury, DY11 7XZ  
[www.hartleburycastle.com](http://www.hartleburycastle.com)

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[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.

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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 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.

<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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