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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



#### 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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#### **EAST YORKSHIRE**

#### William Constable 300 Exhibition

Until 19 December Burton Constable Skirlaugh, HU11 4LN

www.burtonconstable.com

#### **Christmas at Burton Agnes**

Until 23 December Burton Agnes Rudston Rd, Burton Agnes, Driffield YO25 4NB www.burtonagnes.com

#### The Railway Children

26 November-2 January Hull Truck Theatre 50 Ferensway, Hull HU2 8LB www.hulltruck.co.uk

#### **Magical Santa Experience**

27 November-23 December (selected dates)
Sledmere House
Sledmere, Driffield, YO25 3XG
www.sledmerehouse.com

#### Winter Wonderland

3-23 December Sewerby Hall Bridlington, YO15 1ED www.sewerbyhall.co.uk

#### Santa's Grotto

4 and 11 December Crafty Cat 272 Hull Road, Anlaby Common, Hull, HU4 7RR www.crafty-cat-events.com

#### Magic Mike Christmas Show

5 December Bridlington Spa South Marine Drive, Bridlington, YO15 3JH www.bridspa.com

#### Mother Goose by TaleGate Theatre

11 December
Pocklington Arts Centre
22-24 Market PI, Pocklington, York YO42 2AR
http://www.pocklingtonartscentre.co.uk/

#### Adventures of Peter Pan - The Pantomime

14 December – 3 January Bridlington Spa South Marine Drive, Bridlington, YO15 3JH www.bridspa.com

#### Snowdrops in the Woodland

5 February – 6 March 2022 Burton Agnes Rudston Rd, Burton Agnes, Driffield YO25 4NB www.burtonagnes.com

#### **NORTH YORKSHIRE**

#### **Baby & Toddler Animal Sessions**

Wednesday's, Thursday's, and Fridays. Termtime only.

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Aiskew Watermill, The Bridge, Bedale, North Yorks, DL8 1AW

www.bigsheeplittlecow.co.uk



#### A Kirkgate Christmas Tale

Until January 2022 York Castle Museum Tower St, York YO1 9RY

https://www.yorkcastlemuseum.org.uk/

#### York Christmas Market - St Nicholas Fair

18 November-23 December
York Parliament Street and St Sampson's Square
<a href="https://www.visityork.org/christmas">https://www.visityork.org/christmas</a>

#### Christmas at Mother Shipton's

20 November – 24 December (selected dates) Mother Shipton's

Santa is flying here to see you! Let the twinkling lights draw you into the wonder of Mother Shipton's magical, memory-making Christmas experience. Tickets for Christmas at Mother Shipton's can be purchased ONLINE ONLY, selected dates through November and December.

Mother Shipton's Cave, Prophecy House, High Bridge, Knaresborough, HG5 8DD www.mothershipton.co.uk



#### **Magical Christmas Experience**

20 November - 24 December (selected dates) Brimham Rocks Adventure Farm Fiddlers Green, HG3 3HB Harrogate www.brimhamrocksadventurefarm.co.uk

#### Winter Illuminations Event

20 November – 4 January Stockeld Park The Adventure Park, Stockeld Park, Wetherby,North Yorkshire, LS22 4AN www.stockeldpark.co.uk

#### **York City Cruise**

Until 26 November
City Cruises
King's Staith Landing & Lendal Bridge Landing
https://www.cityexperiences.com/

#### A Retro Christmas

26 November-12 December Kiplin Hall Near Scorton, Richmond, DL10 6AT www.kiplinhall.co.uk

#### **Festive Sightseeing Cruises**

27 November - 23 December
City Cruises York
The Boatyard, Lendal Bridge, York, YO1 7DP
https://www.cityexperiences.com/york/city-cruises/festive-sightseeing-cruise/

#### **Christmas Village with Father Christmas**

27 November - 23 December (selected dates) Bolton Abbey Skipton, BD236EX https://boltonabbey.com/

#### Santa Specials

27 November - 23 December
Bolton Abbey Station
Bolton Abbey
Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 6AF
www.embsayboltonabbeyrailway.org.uk

#### **Chocolate Making with Santa**

27 November – 23 December York's Chocolate Story King's Square, York, YO1 7LD? www.yorkschocolatestory.com/events

#### A Thornton Hall Christmas Adventure

27 November – 24 December Thornton Hall Country Park Thornton-in-Craven, Skipton BD23 3TS www.thorntonhallcountrypark.co.uk

#### Santa's Grotto

Selected dates in December Thorp Perrow Arboretum Bedale DL8 2PS www.thorpperrow.com

#### Santa Paws

Selected dates in December Dobbies at York Upper Poppleton, YO26 6QE www.dobbies.com/events

#### Jack and the Beanstalk

3 – 31 December Stephen Joseph Theatre

A brand new adaptation of the classic tale with plenty of silliness and lots to enjoy for young and old alike! Age guidance 6+.

Westborough, Scarborough, YO11 1JW <a href="https://www.sjt.uk.com/event/1134/jack">https://www.sjt.uk.com/event/1134/jack</a> & the beanstalk



Storytime with Father Christmas
4-19 December (selected dates)
Beningbrough Hall and Gardens
York, YO30 1DD
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/beningbrough-hall-gallery-and-

#### NORTH YORKSHIRE Cont...

#### **Pickering and Grosmont Santa Specials**

4-24 December (selected dates) North Yorkshire Moors Railway Pickering and Grosmont Stations

www.nymr.co.uk

#### The Giant Who Had It All (And Then Lost It...)

13 - 23 December Stephen Joseph Theatre

Jemima the Giant has picked up one of everything on her travels... trouble is, everything keeps disappearing and she needs your help. Age guidance 0-5yrs.

Westborough, Scarborough, YO11 1JW https://www.sjt.uk.com/event/1230/the giant who had it all and then lost it



#### A Christmas Carol

17-19 December York Mansion House St. Helen's Square, York YO1 9QL

https://www.mansionhouseyork.com/whats?categoryId=5

#### York Residents Festival

29-30 January 2022 York Citywide

https://www.visityork.org/events/york-residents-festival

#### **Chinese New Year**

31 January – 6 February 2022 York Citywide

https://www.visityork.org/events/chinese-new-year





#### York Ice Trail

5-6 February 2022 York City Centre

https://www.visityork.org/york-ice-trail

#### **JORVIK Viking Festival**

19-27 February 2022 York Citywide

https://jorvikvikingfestival.co.uk/

The Vikings are back in York

The Vikings will once again be pitching their tents in central York in February 2022 with the welcome return of the JORVIK Viking Festival! Join us for nine days of living history, handson fun, craft workshops and many other favourite activities.

Tickets for two of our most popular events - the Viking banquet and the Battle Spectacular in the Land of Darkness - will go on sale from 06 November 2021 with the full programme of events to be released in January.



#### February half-term Sensory trail

19-27 February 2022 The Yorkshire Arboretum Castle Howard, York, YO60 7BY www.yorkshirearboretum.org

#### February Half Term (Kids Eat Free)

21 – 25 February 2022 Thorp Perrow Arboretum Thorp Perrow, Bedale. DL82PR www.thorpperrow.com

#### Stephenson's Rocket learning workshop (KS1)

Offer for Schools

Wednesday - Friday during term time

National Railway Museum

Leeman Road, York YO26 4XJ

https://www.railwaymuseum.org.uk/

#### Under Pressure science show (KS2)

Offer for Schools

Wednesday - Friday during term time

National Railway Museum

Leeman Road, York YO26 4XJ

https://www.railwaymuseum.org.uk/

#### Mallard: The Fastest Steam Engine storytelling (SEND)

Wednesday - Friday during term time

National Railway Museum

Leeman Road, York YO26 4XJ

https://www.railwaymuseum.org.uk/

#### **SOUTH YORKSHIRE**

#### L.O.L Surprise! - Live VIP Party

19-21 November

Utilita Arena Sheffield

Broughton Ln, Sheffield S9 2DF

https://www.utilitaarenasheffield.co.uk/events/search?q=lol

#### **Christmas Favre**

21 November

Boston Park Farm

Bawtry Rd, Hatfield Woodhouse, Doncaster, DN7 6DSD

https://www.bostonpark.com

#### **Enchanted North**

26 November-24 December (selected dates)

Thornhurst Manor Country Park

Home Lane, Owston, Doncaster, DN5 OLR

https://www.thornhurstmanor.co.uk/events/article/

doncaster-fear-factory

#### **Christmas Adventure Quest**

27 November- 2 January

**Brodsworth Hall and Gardens** 

B6422, Brodsworth DN5 7XJ

www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/brodsworth-hall-

and-gardens

#### Winter Illuminations - Light and Lantern Festival

28 November-9 January

Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Hurst Ln, Auckley, Doncaster DN9 3QY

www.yorkshirewildlifepark.com

#### Young Driver - Driving Scheme for 10-17-Year-Olds

28 November

Utilita Arena Sheffield

Broughton Ln, Sheffield S9 2DF

https://www.utilitaarenasheffield.co.uk/event/young-driver-28-november-2021

#### Star Wars Return of the Jedi - In Concert

29 November

Sheffield City Hall

Barker's Pool, Sheffield City Centre, Sheffield S1 2JA

https://www.sheffieldcityhall.co.uk/events/

search?q=star+wars

#### Amazelab Steam Club: Christmas and Winter Wonderland

Special (ages 5-11)

5 December

Cutlery Works

73-101 Neepsend Lane, Sheffield, S3 8AT

www.cutleryworks.co.uk

#### The Wizard of Oz – The Arena Spectacular

10 December

Utilita Arena Sheffield

Broughton Ln, Sheffield S9 2DF

https://www.utilitaarenasheffield.co.uk/event/wizard-of-oz-10Dec2021

#### Santa's Workshop

11-23 December (selected dates)

Weston Park Museum

Western Bank, Sheffield, S10 2TP

www.sheffieldmuseums.org.uk

#### **Playable Xmas Games Market**

15 - 23 December

National Videogame Museum

Castle House, Angel Street, Sheffield, S3 8LN

https://thenvm.org/

#### Disney On Ice – Find Your Hero

16-19 December

Utilita Arena Sheffield

Broughton Ln, Sheffield S9 2DF

https://www.utilitaarenasheffield.co.uk/events/

search?q=disney

#### Christmas at the Farm

18 - 22 December

Boston Park Farm

Bawtry Rd, Hatfield Woodhouse, Doncaster, DN7 6DSD

https://www.bostonpark.com

#### Snow White - The Fairest Panto in All The Land - Manor Operatic Society

27 December 2021 – 9 January 2022

Sheffield City Hall

Barker's Pool, Sheffield City Centre, Sheffield S1 2JA

https://www.sheffieldcityhall.co.uk/events/

search?q=snow+white

#### **Festive Raceday**

29 December

**Doncaster Racecourse** 

www.doncaster-racecourse.co.uk

#### Star Wars Return of the Jedi - In Concert

8 February

Sheffield City Hall

Barker's Pool, Sheffield City Centre, Sheffield S1 2JA

https://www.sheffieldcityhall.co.uk/events/

search?q=star+wars

#### Half term Explorer Quest

19-27 February 2022

Brodsworth Hall and Gardens

B6422, Brodsworth DN5 7XJ

www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/brodsworth-halland-gardens

#### **WEST YORKSHIRE**

#### Christmas at Harewood

Until 3 January 2022 Harewood House

Delve into a voyage of the imagination this festive season, as Harewood recounts a Christmas tale and the House reveals its magic to all those in need of whimsical wonder... Christmas is back and Harewood House has much missed the company of visitors from far and wide. Created by connoisseurs of make-believe Lord Whitney, the House shares its favourite memory of when a little girl was granted a festive wish to experience a Christmas like no other. Never predictable or ordinary, join us in escaping into an immersive Christmas story.

Harewood House Trust, Leeds LS17 9LG www.harewood.org



#### Joana Vasconcelos Exhibition: Beyond

Until 9 Jan 2022 Yorkshire Sculpture Park West Bretton, Wakefield WF43 4LG https://ysp.org.uk/exhibitions

#### Annie Morris Exhibition: When A Happy Thing Falls

Until 6 Feb 2022 Yorkshire Sculpture Park West Bretton, Wakefield WF43 4LG https://ysp.org.uk/exhibitions

#### **Damien Hurst Sculptures**

Until 1 April 2022 Yorkshire Sculpture Park West Bretton, Wakefield WF43 4LG https://ysp.org.uk/exhibitions

#### Rachel Kneebone Sculpture: 399 Days

Until 24 April 2022 Yorkshire Sculpture Park West Bretton, Wakefield WF43 4LG https://ysp.org.uk/exhibitions

#### **Festive Gift Fair**

18-21 and 25-28 November Harewood House Harewood, Leeds LS17 9LG www.harewood.org

#### Mrs Claus' Christmas Adventure

22 November - 17 December (selected dates) Whistlestop Valley Park Mill Way, Clayton West, Huddersfield, HD8 9XJ www.whistlestopvalley.co.uk

#### **Father Christmas Family Experience**

27 November - 23 December Harewood House Harewood, Leeds LS17 9LG www.harewood.org

#### Santa Underground

27 November-24 December National Coal Mining Museum Caphouse Colliery, New Rd, Overton, Wakefield WF4 4RH www.ncm.org.uk

#### Santa Specials

27 November-24 December (selected dates)
Whistlestop Valley
Park Mill Way, Clayton West, Huddersfield, HD8 9XJ
www.whistlestopvalley.co.uk

#### The Christmas Experience

27 November – 2 January Lotherton Lotherton Lane, Aberford, Leeds, LS25 3EB https://thechristmasexperience.co.uk/

#### **Totally Magical Outdoor Christmas Trail**

27 November – 3 January
Hazlewood Castle & Spa
Paradise Ln, Leeds, Tadcaster LS24 9NJ
https://www.totallytickets.co.uk/totally-magical-yorkshire

#### The Winter Season

Throughout December
Eureka! The National Children's Museum
Discovery Rd, Halifax HX1 2NE
www.eureka.org.uk

#### Christmas Elf Experience

4 -24 December (selected dates)
Whistlestop Valley
Park Mill Way, Clayton West, Huddersfield, HD8 9XJ
www.whistlestopvalley.co.uk



#### Father Christmas comes to The Piece Hall

The Piece Hall
An enchanting interactive tour around The Piece Hall to meet Father Christmas himself.
The Piece Hall, Halifax, HX1 1RE

#### Pinocchio

4 - 24 December

www.thepiecehall.co.uk

7-11 December Leeds Stanley & Audrey Burton Theatre 2 St Cecilia St, Leeds LS2 7PA www.northernballet.com

#### **Sleeping Beauty**

Mince Pie Specials

11 December –16 January Alhambra Theatre Morley Street, Bradford BD7 1AJ https://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk/

2 - 3 January 2022 Whistlestop Valley Park Mill Way, Clayton West, Huddersfield, HD8 9XJ www.whistlestopvalley.co.uk

Yorkshire Games Festival 18-22 February 2022 The National Science and Media Museum Bradford BD1 1NQ www.scienceandmediamuseum.org.uk

#### Teacher Open Day 26 February 2022

RSPB Fairburn Ings

Learn more about the RSPB's schools on reserves programme and the outdoor learning opportunities, while giving your own children a really wild adventure at the same time. Event is free with valid ticket please contact Rebecca.savage@rspb. org.uk for more information.

RSPB Fairburn Ings, Newton Lane, Castleford, WF10 2BH Fairburn Ings Nature Reserve

#### Walk, Talk, Make (for formal education groups)

Term time, pre-booking required Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Bring your class on this outdoor, artist-led, interactive walking tour to build your classes confidence in looking at and responding to contemporary sculpture at YSP. Through questioning, making and drawing, your class develops their creative and critical thinking skills and develops their sculptural vocabulary. Class-led discussion and experimentation with materials raises curiosity, and identifies lines of enquiry supporting learning about and through contemporary art. Explore YSP and support your class to make relevant connections between contemporary art, the world around them and their place within it. Email learning@ysp.org.uk for more information.

West Bretton, Wakefield WF4 4LG www.ysp.org.uk/learning



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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 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



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.

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