West berkshire **MUSEUM**

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It is lovely that spring is here and as such it is a good time to think about a school trip for the summer term.

It is **free** to do a self-led visit of West Berkshire Museum and we can usually provide a **free** museum trail to accompany your visit. There are clipboards and pencils you can borrow too.

We host school visits on Mondays and Tuesdays (closed to the public). We can accommodate one class (max. of 35 pupils) on site at any one time. If you have several classes who would like to visit on the same day, we can stagger the visits.

You can choose to combine a gallery visit with a led session (£45 per session). Unable to visit West Berkshire Museum? Most of the led sessions can be delivered in school.

West Berkshire Museum Learning Panel

We're planning our second (since COVID-19) inperson West Berkshire Museum Learning Panel meeting at West Berkshire Museum on Wednesday 27 April at 4.30pm.

This is an opportunity to meet other teaching colleagues from West Berkshire schools, to find out more about what's on offer at the Museum and to share your thoughts on what you'd like the Museum to offer in the future.

The meeting is no longer than an hour and you're welcome to leave early.

The meeting is held in the museum café and includes refreshments. If you'd like to find out more or come along, please email Clare: <u>clare.bromley@westberks.gov.uk</u>

Easter school holiday

We're got family friendly activities at both Shaw House and West Berkshire Museum during the Easter school holiday. For details and to book: www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

Current exhibitions at the Museum

Special exhibition: Barrels and Bottles. Looking at the story of brewing in West Berkshire.

Special exhibition: Together. Individuals describe their courtship and matrimonial rituals and traditions.

Special exhibition: Focus on Hungerford. An exploration of the history of this parish. Special exhibition: The Age of Dinosaurs. Exploring the Mesozoic era. Open May 2022. Special exhibition: Hoards – New Treasure. Special exhibition: The Stories We Tell. Folklore, myths and legends of West Berkshire.

Permanent exhibition: Lives and Landscapes. The story of West Berkshire told chronologically.



Image: Two of the Roman-themed Messy Museum mornings at West Berkshire Museum during the Easter school holiday.

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