

The Herbal Harvest free

Wednesday 27 September, 12:00 – 14:00

Make your own herbal bath scrub with herbs from the garden. Learn about bee-friendly planting, the medicinal properties of plants, and try our famous herbal honey. Free, drop in.

Families: Seasonal Seacole Trail Spooky Edition free

Wednesday 25 October – Saturday 28 October, 10:00 – 16:00

Seacole and her nightingale friends are back. Explore our medicinal garden and spot them all to win a spooky prize! Pick up your trail from Museum reception. Free, drop in.



Have you visited our Cloister Garden? This peaceful green space in the heart of Clerkenwell is an oasis for people and nature, a spot to meet friends, eat lunch or enjoy some quiet time. The Garden is open Monday – Saturday, 10:00 – dusk (* occasionally closed for private events).

Natural Decorations £

Thursday 7 December, 14:00 – 15:30 and 17:30 – 19:00

Make your own wreath or table decoration using festive foliage in our spectacular Victorian Chapter Hall. Learn about the symbolism of traditional ‘festive’ plants, and folklore and superstitions around decorating the home. Tickets £15.

UNDER 5s

Come and join us on the second Wednesday of the month for crafting, storytelling, singing and dancing in partnership with Artburst. Sessions run for 45 minutes followed by refreshments, Paediatric First Aid advice and play. Free, booking essential.

Fantastic Flags free

Wednesday 12 July,
10:00 for under 3s or
11:15 for under 5s

Mr Gumpy’s Day Out free

Wednesday 13 September,
10:00 for under 3s or
11:15 for under 5s

Knights and Castles free

Wednesday 11 October,
10:00 for under 3s or
11:15 for under 5s

Into the Night free

Wednesday 8 November,
10:00 for under 3s or
11:15 for under 5s

My Pet Star free

Wednesday 13 December,
10:00 for under 3s or
11:15 for under 5s



Drop-in

FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Come and make history with us as we celebrate 100 years of the Museum with fun hands-on activities. Aimed at 3-10 year-olds but babies and younger siblings very welcome.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Marbling Medieval Manuscripts free
Wednesday 26 July, 11:00 – 15:30
Use watercolour paints to create your own marbled masterpiece. Plus handle some mystery medieval objects. *In collaboration with the Museum of London.*

Design a Dressing free
Wednesday 2 August, 11:00 – 15:30 (storytelling 13:30 – 14:30)
Did you know that you can tie a triangular bandage 32 different ways? Discover more fun facts and illustrate your own bandage. Includes storytelling with Margaret Bateson-Hill.

Hear All About It? free
Wednesday 9 August, 11:00 – 15:30
Have a go at natural printmaking and discover Clerkenwell's printmaking heritage.

Painting Plants led by Toya Walker free
Wednesday 16 August, 11:00 – 15:30
Draw and paint plants from our Cloister Garden with illustrator Toya Walker. *In collaboration with the Quentin Blake Centre for Illustration.*

Paint Naturally free
Wednesday 23 August, 11:00 – 15:30 (storytelling 13:30 – 14:30)
Discover and create a medieval colour palette. Includes storytelling with Margaret Bateson-Hill.

Animal Keyrings free
Wednesday 30 August, 11:00 – 15:30
Make your own animal keyring using sustainable materials inspired by the animals in the Museum's collection. Includes storytelling with Margaret Bateson-Hill.

OCTOBER HALF-TERM

Seasonal Seacole Trail Spooky Edition free
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Secrets of the Crypt free
Wednesday 25 October, 11:00 – 15:30
Use 3D painting techniques to bring images of our 900-year-old crypt to life, and venture down into the depths to see how it looks today! Includes tours of the crypt and handling collection.

SEACOLE SESSIONS

Seacole Sessions are sensory-friendly events, designed to support autistic and neuro-diverse families. Free, booking essential.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Create Your Own Lemon Boats free
Tuesday 8 August, 11:00 – 12:30 or 13:00 – 14:30
Sail around the Mediterranean and discover the island homes of the Knights of St John. Includes storytelling with Olivia Armstrong.

Coffee Art free
Tuesday 22 August, 11:00 – 12:30 or 13:00 – 14:30
Get arty with coffee as you discover St John's Gate's caffeinated connections with the artist William Hogarth.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Tree Decorating free
Wednesdays – Saturdays in December (until Friday 22)
Get creative with sparkly stars and festive ribbons. Throughout December we're inviting families to drop-in and help us to decorate our very tall Christmas tree.

Booking essential

OCTOBER HALF-TERM

Slimy Dragons free
Tuesday 24 October, 11:00 – 12:30 or 13:00 – 14:30
Join us to create sticky Dragon's slime, as we uncover the story of Gozon the Dragon Slayer. Includes storytelling with Olivia Armstrong.

