HEADINGTON SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP : extended learning for all ages

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OXFORDSHIRE ART WEEKS **3 – 26 May** ***https://www.artweeks.org/festival***

North Oxfordshire 17-26 May exhibitions – open studios – workshops amazing opportunities!
Full searchable programme available on line and to download - or to pick up as a hard copy from literature 'bins' in Bury Knowle Library and other venues.
https://www.artweeks.org/sites/default/files/news/oxfordshire_artweeks_festival_guide_2025.pdf

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HALF TERM IN OXFORD'S MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

OXFORD UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY ***Parks Road, OX1 3PW***

What makes a scientist? 1.00-4.00 Meet the scientist – try out research 10.30-12.30
Tuesday 27 May, Wednesday 28 May *FREE drop in* *https://www.oumnh.ox.ac.uk/half-term-events*
as well as the regular Science Saturdays – Family Friendly Sundays
https://www.oumnh.ox.ac.uk/events-for-families-and-children

PITT RIVERS MUSEUM ***Parks Road, OX1 3PW***

Music May! half-term family fun
Wednesday 28 Thursday 29 Friday 30 May, 1.00 - 4.00 on the *Clore Balcony, first floor*
FREE family-friendly drop-in activities.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM ***Beaumont Street, OX1 2PH***

Find the top ten items in the museum – this and other trail maps available from the museum welcome desk
https://www.ashmolean.org/files/learning-families-trail-top-ten-treasures-january-2021

MUSEUM OF OXFORD ***The Town Hall, St Aldate's, OX1 1BX***

HANDS ON HISTORY **Tuesday 27 May 11.00-4.00**

Have a go at handling some of the museum objects at a hands-on history drop-in session!

NURSERY RHYME CRIME **Wednesday 28 May 10.30-11.30 or 2.00-300** ***for ages 5-11***

Who pushed Humpty Dumpty? Can you clear the King, the horse, or the Duke of York?
In this highly interactive workshop led by Dr Rowena Fletcher-Wood, a science communicator, you will set up your own crime scene - carry out your investigation by scanning with UV light, collecting evidence, testing for fingerprints and conduct egg spatter analysis.
Tickets are **FREE** and can be booked online via Eventbrite or at the Museum Shop. Each child's ticket includes entry for one accompanying adult. Please ensure children are supervised at all times.
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nursery-rhyme-crimes-tickets-1312798749399?aff=oddtdtcreator

A HARE'S JOURNEY **Thursday 29 May 10.30-12.30 or 1.30-3.30** ***for ages 5-11***

Be inspired by the Museum of Oxford's Henry Hare, and create your own brown hare puppet using recyclable materials. Explore the place of the brown hare in our natural environment and consider the impacts of a changing climate.
This workshop is Inspired by **THE HERDS *https://www.theherds.org/*** and supported by the Art Fund
THE HERDS is a groundbreaking work of public art and climate change action on an unprecedented scale, featuring life-sized puppet animals travelling 20,000km from Central Africa to the furthest tip of Northern Europe.
Tickets cost £1.50 per child and can be purchased online via Eventbrite (booking fee applies) or at the Museum Shop but booking in advance is recommended to secure your place very few tickets left, as of 21/05
Each child ticket includes free entry for one accompanying adult. Children must be supervised at all times.
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-hares-journey-tickets-1312821266749?aff=oddtdtcreator

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HEADINGTON FESTIVAL **Saturday 31 May, Sunday 1 June *https://www.headingtonaction.org/festival.html***

Headington Festival is a vibrant two-day summer event hosted in Bury Knowle Park and in the retail area of Headington, with a variety of attractions including community stalls, live music, sports activities, delicious food, a beer tent, outdoor cinema (tbc), and much more, it offers a FREE exciting and joyful experience for the entire family.

Saturday 31 May	**9.00-2.00**	**extended Saturday market**	**central Headington**
	4.00, 7.30	**outdoor cinema screenings – films yet to be announced with bar and food stalls**	**Bury Knowle Park**
Sunday 1 June	**1.00-5.00**	**the community festival** **farm animals - balloon modeller - Go-karts - stalls - raffle** **sports - bands - music - dancing - inflatables - Jebb the jester** **food - tea - cake - bar**	**Bury Knowle Park**

all FREE but there's a raffle to help cover costs – tickets available at the Saturday market on 24 & 31 May and at the Headington Action stall at the Festival

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OXFORD FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS *https://artsfestivaloxford.org/*

MAGNIFICENT OXFORD **1 May to 23 July – a cross Oxford celebration of art – music – theatre – film**
Based at Magdalen College School, Oxford OX4 1DZ but covering events all over the City – for everyone

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SCIENCE OXFORD *The Science Oxford Centre, Stansfeld Park, Quarry Road, OX3 8SB*

FAMILY DAYS **every Saturday – two hours in the Exploration Zone 10.00-12.00, 12.30-2.30, 3.00-5.00**
and all day access to the woodlands ***best for ages 3+ but all are welcome***
£8 per person which includes the Eventbrite fee - free for Under 3s

You are advised to book in advance ***https://scienceoxford.com/events/family-days-every-saturday/***

STEM THEMED SATURDAY CLUBS **most Saturdays 10.00-11.30, 12.30-2.00, 3.00-4.30**
£14 per child – accompanying adult(s) free https://scienceoxford.com/centre/science-oxford-centre-events/
helping you and your child to learn from each other and work together while trying out new things
book now - they sell out quickly! ***https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on*** /

SCIENCE CLUB – CRIME SCENE SCIENCE **Saturday 31 May 10.00, 12.30, 3.00**
for ages 5-9 ***https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/crime-scene-science/***

CREATIVE COMPUTING CLUB – CODE IN TIME **Saturday 7 June 10.00, 12.30**
for ages 9-12 ***https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/code-in-time-ages-9-12/***

SCIENCE CLUB – SUN POWER **Saturday 21 May 10.00, 12.30, 3.00**
for ages 5-9 ***https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/sun-power/***

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HILL END OUTDOOR CENTRE *Hill End Outdoor Centre, Eynsham Road, OX2 9NJ*

booking essential for all Hill End events – no open public access – no dogs

WILD DAYS

Tuesday 27, Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 May 9.00am – 4.30pm
NEW Wild Days for 7-12 year olds, for small groups of up to 16 children, offer nature-immersive activities exploring stunning woodland, meadow, ponds and streams at Hill End and in next-door Wytham Woods.
Book just one day – or all three! Each fun-filled day will offer a different theme and activities.
The cost per day is £48 per child
Early drop-off from 8.30am is available for an extra £5 per day, and late pick up at 5.00pm is also £5 per day.
booking arrangements : https://hill-end.org/news/wild-days/

HALF TERM FAMILY DAY : MAPS AND TRAILS **Wednesday 28 May 10.00-2.00**

A fun day for getting outside and enjoying this special place, with trails and nature-based activities - map games for the youngest children and all the way up to more challenging orienteering courses…something for everyone, of all ages! This is a self-led day for children and their parents/carers to enjoy together.
Please bring a picnic to enjoy outdoors - pop up cafe for hot and cold drinks, cakes and biscuits – cash or card
£6 adult/£4 under 16 ***https://hill-end.org/news/trails_2025/***

FFENNELL FESTIVAL **Saturday 7 June 11.00-4.00**

The annual summer festival celebrating the heritage of the ffennell family who founded the Hill End outdoor school in the .1920s – get outdoors - relax - have fun - learn new skills – explore
downhill racers - climbing wall - circus skills - Real Kingdoms adventures - live music - Oxford Sailing - pond dipping bushcraft skills - natural arts - WW1 practice trenches tour - knot skills - willow weaving - Friends of Hill End cafe & BBQ – raffle – free car parking
£8 adults/£4 under 16 ***booking essential*** ***https://hill-end.org/news/ffennellfestival25/***

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BARTON MOVES *open to all* *https://www.oxford.gov.uk/dance/dance-classes-oxford*

MOVEMENT AND RELAXATION **Mondays 1.00-3.00** ***Barton Neighbourhood Centre, OX3 9LS***
DANCE FOR HEALTH **Wednesdays 1.00-3.00** ***Barton Neighbourhood Centre, OX3 9LS***
Both offer an hour of gentle exercise followed by a social hour with refreshments and chat
£3 per day, on a drop in basis – free if necessary
contact Jane Castree – Barton dancer in residence info@dancinoxford.co.uk 07538 789 721

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BRIGHT SPARKS **for ages 5-11** ***Barton Neighbourhood Centre, OX3 9LS***
Wednesdays 3.30-4.45 lively and fun creative movement sessions

MOVEMENT POWER **for ages 11-18** ***Barton Neighbourhood Centre, OX3 9LS***
Wednesdays 4.45-6.00 dynamic and energetic movement sessions

FREE – including refreshments book ahead or just turn up
contact Jane Castree – Barton dancer in residence info@dancinoxford.co.uk 07538 789 721

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