LMG February Half Term 2025 Events

Abbey House Museum Year of the Snake 15th – 23rd Feb

Explore our Victorian streets decorated to celebrate Chinese Lunar New Year.

This year is the year of the snake so there will be lots of slithery friends to spot around the museum as well as lanterns and dragons.

Take part in our trails and counting competitions and pick up a craft bag to take home with you.

Drop in, included with admission.

Leeds Art Gallery Who Do You See in the Gallery? 18th – 21st Feb, 11am – 3pm

Have fun drawing people in this school holiday workshop in Artspace, our relaxed, family friendly, creative studio space.

Be inspired by the portraits in our exhibition Silent Echoes, Spoken Truths: Curtis Holder and have a go at drawing your own in our sketchbooks! Help us to make unique portrait books as a creative snapshot of the gallery and the different people in it.

This family-friendly activity is suitable for all ages. Free, drop in.

This event is part of the national #LetsCreateArt2025 campaign.

Kirkstall Abbey <u>Love Birds in the Abbey</u> 15th – 20th Feb

Visit Kirkstall Abbey this February half term for our love birds family trail.

Look out for lots of different birds on our family-friendly trail around the Abbey and enjoy the great outdoors as you explore the ruins.

Included in admission, follow the trail during your visit. <u>Check opening hours.</u>

Owl experiences

Join us on 20th and 21st February for owl experiences with <u>Wild Owl Bird of Prey Rescue</u> who will be bringing owls along to fly across the abbey cloister.

See these beautiful birds up close and learn about their individual personalities as they soar through the spectacular setting.

<u>Leeds Libraries Suffragette Badge</u> <u>Making workshop</u> 20th Feb, 10am – 12pm

A free creative craft session themed around suffragettes in Leeds. Come along to our craft session during the half term holidays to learn about Emmeline Pankhurst and have a go at making her iconic Suffragette's badge.

Explore the museum to find a picture of the real Emmeline Pankhurst and tick her off on your Leeds Libraries
Great Women Trail sheet. Free, drop in.

Leeds City Museum <u>Miffy Family Fun Day</u> 8th Feb, 11am – 3pm

A family friendly fun day celebrating the opening of Miffy's 70th Birthday exhibition. Join us for a day of family fun at the museum as we mark the opening of our brand new special exhibition - Miffy's 70th Birthday. Meet Miffy for a photo opportunity and drop in to our craft stations before exploring miffy's world in our exhibition space.

Miffy's 70th Birthday celebrates Dick Bruna's most famous character through her stories and illustrations. The exhibition will also include a selection of Dick Bruna's artworks and design inspiration.

Entry to the museum and exhibition is free of charge, with donations encouraged.

Miffy Trail

14th - 23rd Feb

Embark on an adventure around the museum with your family following miffy! Inspired by the beloved 'Miffy in the Gallery' book, you're invited to find Miffy hidden in different places around the museum and spot the objects she's looking at. Once you've found them all, head to the gift shop to claim your miffy sticker.

Entry to the museum and exhibition is free of charge, with donations encouraged.

Miffy Crafts: Illustration & Animation

18th – 20th Feb, 10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm

Join us on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the February half term for Miffythemed crafts. You can design your own Miffy ears, make an origami Miffy and create your own Miffy story and story book.

Entry to the museum and exhibition is free of charge, with donations encouraged. Drop in. This event is sponsored by the Grammar School at Leeds.

<u>Miffy and Friends Drawing Workshop</u> 18th Feb, 10.30am – 12pm & 1pm – 2.30pm

A playful drawing and making workshop inspired by miffy and Dick Bruna's art. Join author and illustrator Kristyna Baczynski for a Miffy & Friends Drawing Workshop! In this workshop we will create our own landscapes and characters starting with simple shapes and colours. Then we will add drawn elements and illustrated lines to develop our designs into exciting new Miffy-inspired art pieces.

For all ages. Don't forget to explore our Miffy's 70th Birthday exhibition while you're here!

Free workshop. Booking essential - tickets available soon. Entry to the museum and exhibition is free of charge, with donations encouraged.

<u>Create with LEGO: Rewild our</u> Museum

19th Feb, 10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm Join us for a unique opportunity to explore how nature is taking over our historic museum grounds — through the creativity of LEGO bricks!

Whether you're a fan of LEGO or passionate about wildlife, this event is perfect for all ages. Build your own nature-inspired creations, get hands-on with fun activities, and learn how we can help wildlife thrive in our urban spaces. Free, drop in.

Leeds Industrial Museum

Armley Print Fest 2025
15th Feb, 11am – 5pm
Come and celebrate all things inky with
us at Leeds Industrial Museum
Armley Print Fest is back for another
fantastic year!

From family fun activities, to craft workshops with local printmakers and live letterpress printing demonstrations, there's a whole load of inky greatness to suit every age and interest. Browse our curated Print Fair to fill your home with beautiful and unique prints from independent local makers.

If you're a printmaker who'd like to be part of our Print Fair, fill out our expression of interest form <u>here</u>.

Tickets available on the door but advance booking is recommended.

Animation Workshop

19th Feb, 10.30am – 12pm & 1pm – 2.30pm Create your own animation in this funfilled workshop where creativity comes to life!

Step into a world where your imagination takes centre stage. Using paper and collage, participants will create their own characters and scenes, learning stop-frame animation with cameras and easy-to-use software to bring their stories to life on-screen.

What you'll do:

- Make your own characters and scenes - using paper and collage to design your animated world.
- Create a storyboard plan your animation by creating storyboards that outline your story's flow.
- Learn stop-frame animation discover the basics with cameras and user-friendly software.
- Bring your ideas to life watch your story unfold on screen as you animate your creations.

Additional details:

This workshop is perfect for budding animators and creative minds. No experience is needed - just bring your imagination and enthusiasm. The 10.30am workshop is for 8-11 year old students and the 1pm workshop is for 12-14 year old students.

Free, booking required. Tickets available soon.

Leeds Discovery Centre

The Bug Brigade
17th Feb, 10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm
Join for this free family workshop
during February half term and
explore Leeds Museums & Galleries'
amazing insect collection.

Have a go at some fun, bug-themed craft activities and take a behind-thescenes tour of our collection store, where we keep over a million objects that are not on display.

Free, booking required. Call 0113 3782100 or email discovery.centre@leeds.gov.uk to book.

Half Term Store Tours

18th – 21st Feb, 11am – 12pm & 1pm – 2pm

Join us this February half term for behind the scenes tours of the Leeds Museums and Galleries collection store.

Leeds Discovery Centre is home to over 1.3 million object in our collection, most of which are not currently on display. Our purpose built museum storage and conservation facility holds toucans to telephones, meteorites and masks there's something for everyone to enjoy!

Booking required. Call 0113 3782100 or email discovery.centre@leeds.gov.uk to book.

The tour is free but donations are gratefully received.

Mystery Matinees

15th – 23rd Feb, 2pm Leeds Industrial Museum is home to the smallest cinema in the North of England with just 26 seats- the cosy, 1920s-style Palace Picture House.

Join us for a family favourite film every day of the school holidays, starting at 2pm.

Film screenings are included in the price of museum admission. Drop in. Please note, the museum is closed on Mondays.

Springtime Babies

15th Feb – 20th May Visit Home Farm as we gear up for Spring and welcome our newborn lambs, piglets and other farm animals!

There will be crafts in the Joiner's Shop, a trail round the farm, and you might even be able to feed some of the animals! Keep an eye on our events page and social media for animal encounter days.

Home Farm is Temple Newsam's working conservation farm, and is one of the largest rare-breed centres in Europe. See animals up close, spot our team working hard around the farm, and have a go on our interactive stations to find out what it's like to be part of a farm.

Drop in, included with general admission.

Perfect Printing

18th – 20th Feb, 11am – 2pm Grab an apron and some paint and join us at Leeds Industrial Museum for family fun during February half term.

Come along for drop in workshops on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11am - 2pm during February half term to get creative with printing.

Explore different materials and textures and create something special to take home.

After all your hard work, why not relax in our mini 1920s cinema and enjoy a family film, every day from 2pm?

Drop in, included with admission.

Lotherton Love Birds

15th – 23rd Feb Join us for some feathered family fun this half-term at Lotherton.

Fall in love this half-term with the many types of birds at Lotherton and Wildlife World. Find out more with keeper talks, activities and crafts across the estate, plus a bird spotting trail.

Included in general admission. FREE for members.

Temple Newsam **Sparkle and Shine**

15th – 23rd Feb (during house opening hours)

Visit the BRAND NEW Butler's Pantry this February half term as we celebrate all things sparkly and shiny at Temple Newsam!

Have a go at the jobs the Butlers would have carried out to help make Temple Newsam sparkle and shine this school holiday, along with crafts and trails around the house.

The Butler's Pantry

We started work on the room two years ago, uncovering hidden fireplaces, original wallpaper hidden underneath layers and layers of newer wallcoverings, and sinks which had been stored in the cellars for decades!

The room was left abandoned for many years before being turned into a technical workshop in the mid 1990s, but we knew it had plenty of potential to be restored to its former glory.

The Temple Newsam archives held inventories of items which told us what the room would have been used for, and how we could recreate the space to be as close to the original 1890s pantry.

We're now delighted to open a brand new space for our visitors to explore, show off the impressive collection of silverware, and develop the servants stories which are incredibly important to the House.