

EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

AT THE HIGGINS BEDFORD

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Enjoy awesome animal encounters and learn skills to become an Archaeology Detective. Produce a pop-up theatre or your own illustrated book! Create your own character badges from clay, make a mosaic mandala from felt plus lots more.



Teaching Talons: Animal Encounters

Tuesday 31 March, £6.05 per child, suitable for ages 5-12

Workshops 10.15-11.15am, 11.30am-12.30pm, 1pm-2pm

Get ready for an awesome close encounter with the animal ambassadors from Teaching Talons. Come and meet the friendly animals from Teaching Talons. Get up close to a variety of reptiles, mammals, creepy crawlies and even birds from around the World!

Pop Up Theatres

Wednesday 1 April, £6.05 per child, suitable for ages 5-12

Workshops 10am-11am and 11:30am-12:30pm

Come and work with artist Lisa Tilley, to create your own pop-up theatre in a box using collage, paper art and drawings inspired by the exhibition of Noel Carrington. Make your own characters for your theatre to act out your own stories and take it home to put on shows. Generally suitable for ages 5+ but young siblings can join and participate where appropriate for them.



Illustrate your own Book

Thursday 2 April, £6.05 per child, suitable for ages 5-12

Workshops 10am-11am and 11:30am-12:30pm

Using images from the Noel Carrington exhibition to create your own illustrated book with artist Philippa McDonald of Creative Days. You will work directly with images to create collage material and will be shown how to use

carbon paper (in different colours!) to create images of your own. We will talk a little about the printing process all of which will feature in your own book to take home.

Clay Character Badge Making

Tuesday 7 April, £6.05 per child, suitable for ages 10+

Workshops 1pm-2pm, 2.30pm-3.30pm

Join artist Katie Allen to make badges of your favourite characters in clay. The one pictured takes inspiration from Orlando the cat in the Noel Carrington exhibition but you can bring your own ideas to shape your clay creation.



Felt-making Workshop

Wednesday 8 April, £6.05 per child, suitable for ages 5-12

Workshops 10am-11am and 11:30am-12:30pm

Create your own colourful mandala using sheep's wool. Lay out the fibres and cut out shapes, add soap and water for a fun, magical and environmentally friendly activity. Workshop led by artist Anne-Marie Abbate.



Archaeology Detectives

Thursday 9 April. £3.90 per child, suitable for ages 5-12

Workshops 10am-11am, 11:30am-12:30pm

Become an 'Archaeology Detective' and discover how we can learn about the past by what people have left behind. Search through our mini dig trays and start to identify what the objects might be. Have a go at reconstructing items from the past such as a small pot or tile.

Reconstructing the Past; Clay Pot Making

Thursday 9 April, Free, Drop in 1.30pm-3.30pm

Suitable for ages 5+ to adult

In 2025, Albion Archaeology excavated a site at Sutton School which led to the discovery of a medieval kiln. The kiln's contents and other artefacts are to be exhibited at the Higgins Bedford in April. You can get involved and contribute to a reconstruction of the kiln by making a small clay pot that will feature in the display. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please be aware that space is limited and there may be a wait to start.



Puggle Club

Friday 10 April, 10.30am-12noon and 1pm-2.30pm

Free, Drop in, creative sessions for early years age children (age 5 and under)

A chance to get creative, have fun, and socialise! Come and join in the fun. It's a free drop-in activity, so no need to book. Just pop in any time between 10:30am-12pm and 1pm-2:30pm, stay for as long as you like. Siblings are welcome during holiday Puggle sessions.

Sunday Crafternoon

12 April

Free, Drop in, 2pm-4pm

Each month families are encouraged to come and make something together. Experienced artists and volunteers lead the sessions and develop a range of creative activities, often relating to our current displays. Suitable for under 12s although older children are welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please be aware that space is limited and there may be a wait to start. Last admission is 3:30pm.

All workshops last an hour. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking is essential. Adults do not need to book a place. To book a place for children on all holiday activities, visit the website at www.thehigginsbedford.org.uk/Book_Online, call the Box Office on 01234 718044 (open Wednesday – Saturday, 10am-4pm) or scan this QR code.

If a booked place is no longer required for any of our workshops, please let us know so that it can be made available to another family.

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