

# OUT & ABOUT



## Farming fun for half-term

Longdown Activity Farm will be opening the farm gates again for lots of farming fun from February half-term.

Come and join us for a fantastic day out with the whole family. A daily schedule of farming activities includes kid goat and calf bottle-feeding, duck feeding, and meeting small animals such as baby chicks, rabbits, and guinea pigs in the brilliant Animal Encounter Barn.

There is always lots of playtime fun to be had at the farm including our fantastic all-inclusive outdoor play area, featuring an accessible swing for wheelchair users, as well as other fun activities. If the weather takes a

turn, the Piglets Play Barn is a large undercover area fitted with numerous interactive activities and piggy-themed fun from floor to ceiling which will have your children squealing with delight. There are plenty of other playtime favourites, including the Pitchfork and Putt crazy golf course\*, trampolines, ride-on toy tractors, go-karts and diggers\*.

The tearoom and kiosk, serving drinks and snacks, has outdoor seating and a limited amount of covered seating nearby. There is also a gift shop, nappy changing and quiet room. Longdown Activity Farm is proud to offer a Changing Room facility complete with an adult-sized changing bed and lifting hoist for visitors with assisted needs.

The Longdown Farm Shop has

a large range of delicious locally sourced produce, and the Chicken Shack is stocked with plenty of poultry feed and equipment. There is no charge to visit the Farm Shop, which is open to visitors and non-visitors of the Activity Farm.

Longdown Activity Farm will be opening the farm gates for the 2024 season from Saturday 10th February, every day until 3rd November, and then on further selected days through November and December.

Why not buy a fantastic value season ticket so that you can visit us whenever we are open throughout the season? See our website or ask in the gift shop for details.

\*Small extra charge.

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VISIT OUR FARM SHOP FOR DELICIOUS LOCAL PRODUCE

## February Half Term Children's Activities at St Barbe Museum + Art Gallery



Free Activities

Which one will you do? Also in Pennington!



## Half term family fun blooms at St Barbe Museum + Art Gallery

This February Half Term, St Barbe Museum + Art Gallery is the perfect destination for family creativity, offering a huge range of activities inspired by our **Planting Ideas** exhibition. Families can enjoy self-led activities, workshops and free craft drop-ins throughout the week, exploring all things botanical.

On Monday, 12 February, St Mark's Church Hall in Pennington hosts a free drop-in session, **Blooming Art**, where participants can create art inspired by Planting Ideas.

For budding artists, Wednesday, 14 February provides an opportunity to be creative with free drop-in sessions at the Museum, featuring flower bookmarks and paper crafts.

On Thursday, 15 February the Foliage and Flower Pressing Workshop offers an engaging experience for ages 6 and above. Participants can

create a flower press, learn flower pressing techniques and produce unique artworks - ES, limited spaces, adult supervision required for under 13. To help you get the most out of your time in the gallery there is a self-led activity available all week! Grab an explorer's hat and discover all things botanical. Challenge yourself and make your own paper flowers.

Planting Ideas leads visitors on a journey through the stages in creating an Herbarium, introducing contemporary art inspired by science and botany. The exhibition looks at historic practices

in preserving and presenting plant species and shows how these techniques inspire artists today. It explores plant collecting, pressing and drying, mounting and arranging, preservation, recording, illustration and economic botany.

Full details on our website [www.stbarbe-museum.org.uk](http://www.stbarbe-museum.org.uk)

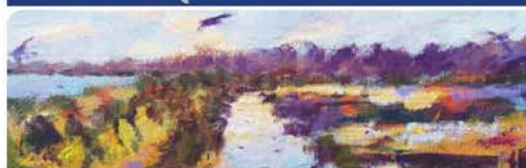
Make this half term memorable for the whole family at St Barbe Museum + Art Gallery. Join us for a week filled with creativity, exploration, and 'blooming good times'!



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St Barbe Museum and Art Gallery is an independent registered charity no. 1018279.

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## Art workshops with Heather Jolliffe

As a landscape painter born in this wonderful location of the New Forest coast, Heather's artwork is continuously inspired by the ever changing landscape of the local saltmarsh and sea wall surrounding the lower end of the Solent between Keyhaven, Hurst and Lymington.



Her paintings aim to capture some of the changing light and weather, sunshine and shade, textures and colours through the seasons of this natural environment.

Her art workshop days bring her practice as a contemporary artist to small groups of people, showing practical ways to achieve painting skies and clouds or the theme of mixing successful green colours and capturing convincing tree shapes. More workshop days and themes will follow later in April and May.

The art days begin with a demonstration by Heather on the topic and practical instruction on finding your way to use the paint, achieve colour mixes or how to get the best from your brushes to improve your painting, and more. Heather provides photo images of the topic to work from on the day, along with refreshments through the day and workshop biscuits to sustain your art energy on the day!



### ART WORKSHOP DAYS

**SOLENT SKIES - PAINTING CONVINCING CLOUDS**  
Saturday 24th February  
10am to 3pm £50  
St Marys hall, Everton

**PAINTING TREES WITH SUCCESSFUL GREENS**  
Saturday 9th March  
10am to 3pm £50  
St Marys hall, Everton



Booking is required, contact Heather on 07545 973870 or email her at [hjolliffeart@gmail.com](mailto:hjolliffeart@gmail.com).



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