



Learning & Engagement Newsletter Spring 2026

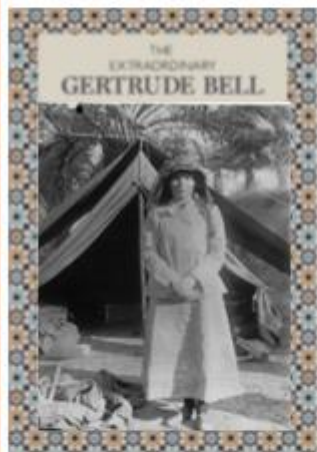
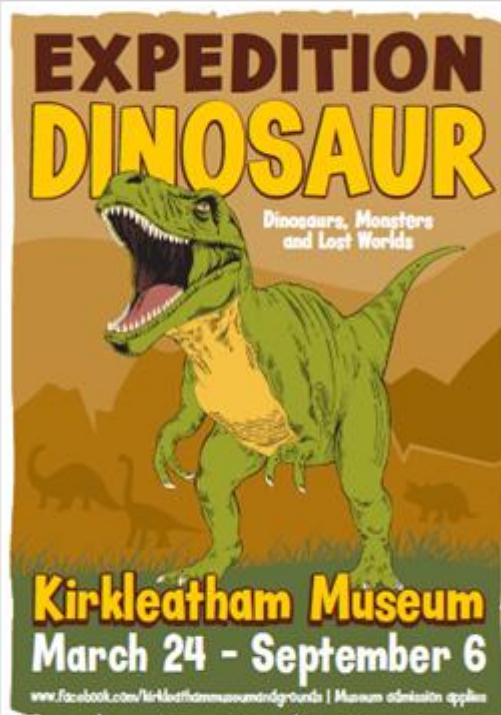


Kirkleatham Museum Learning and Engagement Team is glad to welcome visits to the museum and grounds. Please contact us to find out more about our learning & engagement programmes and workshops or to discuss options for bringing the museums collections to you.

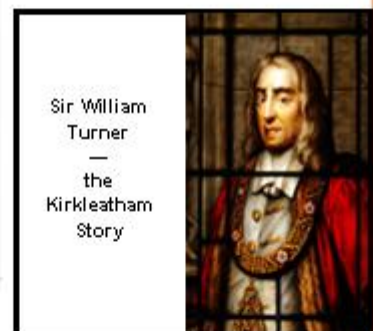
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Our 2026 Exhibitions



Lest We Forget
Footsteps of Courage
Honouring the brave individuals
who fought and sacrificed during
World War II.



STEEL STORIES

Curating Industrial Heritage in a Landscape of Rapid Change



Dino Hunt! & Expedition Dinosaur Exhibition

From 24th March 2026

Hunt for the naughty dinosaurs in the museum gardens and woodland, and encourage literacy skills in Early Years and Foundation Stage children, as they find the names of the runaway dino's. Explore the world of fossils in the Dino Dig! Workshop.

From the end of March, the Dino Hunt! workshop will include a visit to the 'Expedition Dinosaur' exhibition. This will include REAL dinosaur fossils as well as lots engaging stories about fossil hunters and life in the times of the fossilised creatures.



For more information and to make a booking please contact our learning team.

Key Stage 2 & 3 Workshops also available!

Details coming soon—please contact the learning team for more information.

EYFS & Key Stage 1

- Dino Hunt!
- I'm Taking over the Museum! (KS1)
- Museum of Old Things (EYFS)
- Seaside Holidays in the Past
- Mrs Pease's Toyshop & Schoolroom
- Woodland Habitat

Key Stage 2

- Saxon Lives & Battle
- Roman Lives
- Viking Lives
- Tudor Lives
- WWI—Williams War
- WWII—Home Front
- Steel Stories
- Forensic Apprentice
- Darwin: Evolution, Adaptation & the Art of Nature



'My visit to the museum made me feel... excited, fascinated & very happy because there were lots of fun things to do.' Y3 pupil

Workshops costs are *from* £80 per class per session, and are between 60 and 90 minutes long.

A full day visit will include up to 3 activity sessions, and a half day up to two sessions.

Workshop content and itinerary may be tailored to the needs of your students where-ever possible.

Admission to the museum for teacher-led visits only is £1 per head

Please contact Liz or Ellen to discuss your visit in more detail.

Saxons for Schools

Kirkleatham
Exclusive offer!

An offer for schools to visit the Saxon Princess Exhibition at Kirkleatham Museum

- Visit Padraig the Saxon in his encampment
- Explore the exhibition
- Meet Ole the Anglo Dane Trader
- Saxon style art



These FREE sessions are for schools with high levels of Pupil Premium who have not visited Kirkleatham in the last three years. Suitable for KS2 and lower KS3.

19th and 20th February 2026
10am-12noon or 12.30pm-2.30pm
Max 30 students per half day session

For further information and bookings contact:
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Pirate Playscape



with
Theatre
Hullabaloo

January —
April 26



A relaxed play-space for our youngest visitors to explore with their families and carers.

Drop in for 20 minute sessions of fun and discovery.

(Museum admission charges apply)

Please contact our learning team for information on Additional Needs sessions or Nursery group visits.

Unpacking the Past

Our loans boxes bring objects from the past into your own spaces, inspiring children's imagination as part of any project. Whether based in a classroom, community centre, or as a way of supporting work around a museum visit, they are great at helping young people to develop enquiry skills and creative learning.

Hire of the resources is £30 per half term.

We offer a discount for block booking of multiple boxes across the school year:

£100 for 4 boxes £120 for 5 boxes £150 for 6 boxes

- Unpacking Seaside Holidays
- Unpacking Victorian Childhood
- Memories of Childhood
- Unpacking Anglo Saxon
- Unpacking Vikings
- Unpacking Romans



- Labyrinth for Learning — Lindisfarne Gospels
- A WWI Home Front
- WWI Soldiers Life
- WWI Home Front
- WWI VE day

'The children... loved the hands on experience... fantastic, thank you' Y5 teacher



**Delve Deeper
with your
Local Museums!**

**Tees Valley
Museums**



Museum of old Things

A simple way to make a role-play museum in your classroom setting, offering open ended learning as well as play opportunities through a whole variety of EYFS themes linked to Early Learning Goals.



www.teesvalleymuseums.org/moot2/

[Museum of Old Things - Tees Valley](#)

Museum in your Classroom



Create a museum at school that enables children to take a lead in their own learning, and develop a sense of pride in their local area. This resource has been developed to support a whole half term of topic planning.

"The final exhibition exceeded all our expectations. Everyone was blown away by how much information the children had taken in and were able to share - and wanted to share!" Y4 Teacher

[Museum in Your Classroom Toolkit - exhibitions](#)

Literacy Loans

An opportunity to work with a real object from the museums collections alongside a published writer to develop literacy and especially creative writing in your classroom.



"The sessions sparked weeks of writing work. The students were particularly motivated and engaged. We would definitely do it again" Teacher

[Literacy Loans - Tees Valley Museums](#)

Please check out our on-line resources:

Redcar-Cleveland.co.uk/enjoy/kirkleatham-museum [Enjoy](#)

[Kirkleatham Museum - YouTube](#)

[Facebook.com/kirkleathammuseumandgrounds](https://www.facebook.com/kirkleathammuseumandgrounds)

[Schools - programmes for all key stages - Tees Valley Museums](#)

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