

# Great offers for schools at Portsmouth Museums

**Portsmouth**  
the **great** waterfront city

Autumn and Winter 2015/16



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## Children's television exhibition opens at Portsmouth Museum

Discover the history of children's television in a major new exhibition at Portsmouth Museum. The Story of Children's Television from 1946 to Today is packed full of hands-on activities for children and the young at heart. It traces the development of children's television from the early days of one channel in black and white to the multi-channel, multi-platform world we live in today and brings together original props and characters, film clips, images, memorabilia and merchandise.

From Muffin the Mule to the Muppets, Play School to Pingu, Grange Hill to Gordon the Gopher, Teletubbies to Tweenies, Blue Peter to Mr Bloom's Nursery and Rastamouse to Rosie and Jim this exhibition has something for everyone.

Join us for a trip down memory lane and help us to celebrate the changing face of children's television.

Exhibition guide and trail available for download from mid-November via [www.portsmouthcitymuseums.co.uk/portsmouth-museum/information-for-schools](http://www.portsmouthcitymuseums.co.uk/portsmouth-museum/information-for-schools)

**The Story of Children's Television is on show at Portsmouth Museum from 17 October 2015 until 28 February 2016. Admission is free. Group visits must be booked in advance.**



The exhibition has been created by the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry in partnership with the Department of Film and Television Studies, University of Warwick. It is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, BBC, Ragdoll Productions, ITV, Kaleidoscope and the Children's Media Foundation.

### Contact details

For further information on all of our museums visit [www.portsmouthmuseums.co.uk](http://www.portsmouthmuseums.co.uk)

To book a self-led visit, a led session or a Wonder Box and for general enquiries:

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To discuss how you can work with Portsmouth Museums to complement and enhance teaching and learning in your school please contact me direct. I work four days per week, usually Monday to Thursday:

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## Explore seaside holidays, leisure and entertainment at Portsmouth Museum

Winter may be approaching but the sun always shines in the Portsmouth at Play gallery in Portsmouth Museum.

- Follow the development of Southsea as a seaside resort.
- Try out the distorting mirror and working historic amusement machines including the iconic 'Laughing Sailor' from Clarence Pier.
- See bathing costumes from the past, photos, posters and memorabilia from local theatres, cinemas, coffee bars, ice cream parlours, pubs and parks including a Walls Ice Cream seller's box tricycle and an original booth from Verrecchia's, Portsmouth's most popular café from the 1930s to the 1960s.
- See photos and objects relating to sports and outdoor pursuits and marvel at the incredible racing bicycle from the 1880s.
- Watch archive film footage of seaside holidays, fairs, the circus and other leisure activities in the city.
- Bring your study of the British seaside up to date with a trip to the nearby seafront to sample the entertainment on offer for the 21st century holidaymaker.

## Toys, games and pastimes workshop

This fun, hands on session enables children to investigate and play with a range of toys and games from the past including vehicles, moving toys and board games.

Taking on the role of Toy Detectives, children will explore materials, mechanisms, graphics and packaging to compare old and new and put the toys in chronological order.

Why not book a session to complement your visit to The Story of Children's Television or the historic room settings, Portsmouth at Play and Study in Sherlock galleries at Portsmouth Museum?

**Age:**

Suitable for Key Stages 1 and 2

**Venue:**

Portsmouth Museum

**Dates:**

Available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays subject to availability of staff and the Activities Room.

**Times:**

Sessions last for one hour. Earliest start time 10.15am. Allow 15 minutes between sessions.

**Numbers:**

Maximum 24 children per session

**Cost:**

£2 per child.

Minimum session fee £40.



## Home front experience

Find out what everyday life was like for families during the Second World War in this lively, interactive session.

- Investigate original artefacts and documents including gas masks, items used by Air Raid Wardens, clothing and domestic objects.
- Explore the different roles people played on the home front.
- Learn about rationing and evacuation.
- Use role play to simulate an air raid and find out how people prepared for them.

### Age:

Suitable for Key Stages 1 and 2

### Venue:

D-Day Museum

### Dates:

Friday 13 November 2015, Monday 29 February 2016, Thursday 3 March & Friday 4 March

### Times:

Sessions last for one hour and start at 10.15am, 11.30am & 1pm

### Numbers:

Maximum 30 pupils per session

### Cost:

Portsmouth City Council maintained schools £3 + VAT per pupil. All other schools £6.65 + VAT per pupil. Price includes admission to the museum.



## Observational bee hive up and running at Cumberland House

There's a buzz around Cumberland House Natural History Museum as visitors flock to see the new observational bee hive.

Up to 50,000 European Honey Bees live in a colony in the hive, producing honey combs and raising their young. They enter and leave via a short tunnel that connects the hive to the museum gardens and its bee-friendly plants. Visit the hive to learn about the life cycle of bees, the complex social structure of their colonies, how they communicate and why they are so important.

Admission is free. Group visits must be booked in advance.

Visit [www.portsmouthnaturalhistory.co.uk](http://www.portsmouthnaturalhistory.co.uk) to check out the museum's other displays including An A to Z of Natural History, rocks and fossils, the habitats of Portsmouth, the Butterfly House and Emily the dinosaur.

## Wonderful Wonder Boxes

Have you discovered the new-look Museum Loans Collection?

Our fabulous Wonder Boxes are the perfect stimulus for creative work across the curriculum including art and design, science, literacy and history.

- Bring a little awe and wonder into your classroom with bird, mammal, amphibian and reptile specimens or skulls and skeletons.
- Bring the past to life with high quality model dinosaurs and original and replica artefacts illustrating life in Ancient Egypt.
- Download a catalogue at [www.portsmouthcitymuseums.co.uk/portsmouth-museum/information-for-schools](http://www.portsmouthcitymuseums.co.uk/portsmouth-museum/information-for-schools)
- Look out for new Stone Age, Bronze Age and geology boxes in 2016.



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# Be amazed and inspired at Portsmouth Museums!



## Portsmouth Museum

(formerly City Museum)  
Museum Road, PO1 2LJ  
Open Tuesday to Sunday and Bank  
Holiday Mondays  
April to September 10am–5.30pm  
October to March 10am–5pm  
[www.portsmouthcitymuseums.co.uk](http://www.portsmouthcitymuseums.co.uk)

## D-Day Museum

Clarence Esplanade, PO5 3NT  
Open daily  
April to September 10am–5.30pm  
October to March 10am–5pm  
[www.ddaymuseum.co.uk](http://www.ddaymuseum.co.uk)

## Cumberland House Natural History Museum

Eastern Parade, PO4 9RF  
Open Tuesday to Sunday and Bank  
Holiday Mondays  
April to September 10am–5.30pm  
October to March 10am–5pm  
[www.portsmouthnaturalhistory.co.uk](http://www.portsmouthnaturalhistory.co.uk)

## Charles Dickens' Birthplace

393 Old Commercial Road, PO1 4QL  
Closed for Winter; re-opening Easter  
2016. Check for special Christmas  
openings in December.  
[www.charlesdickensbirthplace.co.uk](http://www.charlesdickensbirthplace.co.uk)

## Southsea Castle

Clarence Esplanade, PO5 3PA  
Closed for Winter; re-opening Easter  
2016. Check for special events  
including Christmas at the Castle.  
[www.southseacastle.co.uk](http://www.southseacastle.co.uk)

## Eastney Beam Engine House

Henderson Road, PO4 9JF  
Open on the last full weekend of  
each month except December  
1–5pm  
[www.portsmouthmuseums.co.uk/  
museum-service/Eastney-Beam-  
Engine-House](http://www.portsmouthmuseums.co.uk/museum-service/Eastney-Beam-Engine-House)

## Group visits

Group visits are welcome at  
Portsmouth Museums. Please book  
in advance to guarantee admission  
and help us to make sure that you  
get the most from your time with us.

## Admission charges

### Portsmouth City Council maintained schools

Free admission to all Portsmouth  
Museums for pre-booked groups.

### All other schools and educational groups

Free admission to Portsmouth  
Museum, Cumberland House  
Natural History Museum, Southsea  
Castle and Eastney Beam Engine  
House for pre-booked groups.

### D-Day Museum:

£3.65 per pupil for pre-booked  
groups (2015)

### Charles Dickens' Birthplace:

£2.20 per pupil for pre-booked  
groups (2015)

## How to book

Book by email via  
[mvs@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:mvs@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)  
Book by phone on **023 9283  
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