

February 2023

Newsletter



Six Inspiring Museums in the Magnificent
Victorian Peninsula Barracks

Come and explore Winchester's Military Museums



Winchester's Military Museums' popular school trips are available to book now for 2023. Situated in the heart of the City of Winchester, the six museums that form Winchester's Military Museums deliver learning experiences that are interesting, engaging, educational and fun. Using real artefacts, expert knowledge, and our unique collections, a school trip to Winchester's Military Museums brings the curriculum to life. We offer programmes for all Key Stages from 1-4 and can create bespoke programmes using our collections. Our most popular sessions focus on WW1, WW2, Local History and Florence in the Crimea. We also offer LEGO coding and the Art Award. For full details, visit the learning pages on our website.

The Mediterranean at War – Exhibition at the AGC Museum



This flag is part of the AGC Museum's 2023 exhibition "The Mediterranean at War: The Fight for North Africa, Malta, and Italy".

The flag was captured during the invasion of Italy during the Second World War by members of 8 Command Pay Office (CPO) of the Royal Army Pay Corps (RAPC). The officers and soldiers signed their names and include the Command Paymaster O.P.J. Rooney. 8 CPO was created specifically for the invasion of Sicily and Italy, and most of the men had also served in North Africa in various Pay units. The Command Pay Office oversaw all financial aspects for the invasion forces, including paying soldiers and paying for local services. Before the invasion, this included crediting soldiers' accounts and exchanging currencies for invasion money.

The exhibition runs until Saturday 16th December 2023.

February Half-Term at Winchester's Military Museums

Join us this half-term for a full range of fun activities to suit the entire family. See each museum's individual website for further information, opening hours and contact details.

The Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum

A FREE Valentine's Day Trail and colouring in during Feb half term from the 11th Feb- 17th Feb. Children are FREE to enter the museum.

The Rifles Museum

Sword Making
15 – 16 February 2023

Make and decorate your own sword from cardboard and tin foil.

Did you know that in The Rifles, what the rest of the Army usually call 'bayonets' are known as 'swords'? Come along to discover why!

10:00 am – 3:30 pm

Suggested donation: £2

Recommended age: 4+



The AGC Museum

Make your own hand print lion and find Addy the Lion on the Museum Trail

Available throughout half-term from 10.30am - 3pm

Donations welcome, Museum entry FREE



The Gurkha Museum

Tuesday 14th February 11am 3pm.

Make your own foil tin hearts, garland of tiny hearts sewn on to sari fabric, and Valentines postcards. You can even try out our kids trail around the Museum! Oh and did we mention our popular Nepali curry tastings will also be available?

Activities are FREE of charge but we welcome donations to support the work of the Gurkha Museum Trust. Children are FREE to enter the museum.



The Royal Hampshire Regiment Museum

Embroidered Card Making activity as well as a design your own Sweetheart Brooch Colouring activity. People are welcome to create Valentines cards for friends and loved ones and design sweetheart brooches linking to our temporary exhibition on letter writing - Return To Sender: Post of the Past.

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For more information visit our website-

<https://www.winchestersmilitarymuseums.co.uk>

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