



St Mary's Church of England Primary School



DREAM with all your mind,
BELIEVE with all your heart,
ACHIEVE with all your might.

Autumn Term Newsletter

October 2023

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening this week - how can it be half-term already? Walking around school this half - term has been an absolute pleasure as always. The children are working really hard in class and are especially enjoying their time outside with friends in the beautiful weather we have had recently. Our new Foundation children have made a super start to their school career and are quickly learning, 'The St Mary's Way!' I have really enjoyed getting to know them all over the last few weeks and am looking forward to watching them grow and flourish over the next seven years. As the weather will ultimately get colder, please make sure that your children are appropriately dressed for school, with a warm coat and hat/gloves. Please make sure your child's clothing is named as we are already building up a new lost property supply!

It is fast approaching the time when the Year 6 parents need to apply for their secondary school places. I hope that all of our Year 6 parents have managed to take their children to the feeder secondary school open evenings over the last few weeks. The deadline for applying for a secondary school place is 31st October 2023. The deadline for applying for a primary school place is 15th January 2024. For both applications, the simplest way is online at www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions. If you need any further information please contact the Admissions team via the contact form on their website here <https://tinyurl.com/47mfv6ej> or on 0116 305 6684.,

Can I ask that parents in Foundation collect any older siblings from the bottom playground via the outside of school? Cutting through the Key Stage 2 lines on the bottom playground causes a safeguarding issue. Alternatively, we are happy for your older children to meet you in the top playground, just speak to a member of staff and we will facilitate this.

Finally, I want to thank you all for your support during our recent Ofsted Inspection. We are delighted that Ofsted recognised our hard work in making St Mary's the wonderful school that it is. Your children are truly amazing and we are very fortunate to work with them on a daily basis. As I said in my covering letter we will continue to push ourselves to be the very best for our children, staff and community.

I hope that you all have a wonderful week's holiday and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 23rd October ready for a busy but exciting half-term in the build up to Christmas.

Best wishes

Mrs R Ayres
Headteacher

Ofsted 2023

One of the highlights of this half-term has been the publication of our Ofsted Report. Inspectors rated St Mary's as 'Good' in all areas : The Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership and Management and Early Years.

We are so proud of the 'Good' rating and are delighted that our continuing journey of improvement has been recognised. The decision of the Ofsted inspection team to rate our school 'Good' in all areas and to release our report so quickly, on 22nd September less than 2 weeks after our inspection, demonstrates their confidence in their decision and the wonderful school community we have built.

The acknowledgement from the Ofsted inspection team during the inspection that we met some of the outstanding grade criteria for Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development and Early Years is something we are incredibly proud of.



Well done to Daniel, Beatrix, Yusra and Ezra for using their Christian value of perseverance while trying to hold up our 'Good' balloons on a very windy Wednesday!



Foundation News

The children have had fun learning about our five senses and how we can explore the world around us.

The children learnt to use their sense of touch to feel and describe what was hidden in the feely box.



The children have also been working on their communication and ability to work together as a team during our Commando Joe's missions. They had great fun working together to move around the playground whilst tied together as a team!

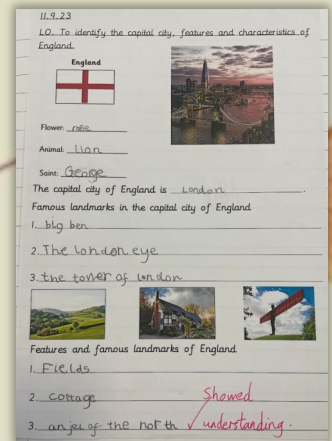


We used our sense of taste and smell when making an apple crumble, the children thought the best part was tasting their delicious creation!



Year 1 and 2 News

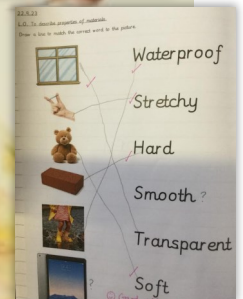
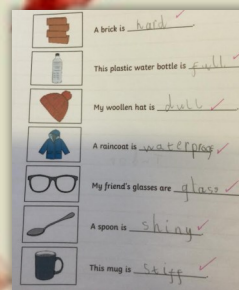
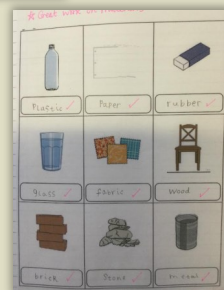
We have been busy reading books from the 'Oi Frog!' series. We have written letters to the frog about how the animals weren't happy with his rules!



The children have started learning about the four countries in the UK and some facts about them such as names of important landmarks and what each country's flag looks like.



In Science, we have started to find out about materials and their properties. The children will take part in a science experiment to test how waterproof certain materials are.



The children have also been busy exploring their new classrooms, making new friends and accessing our independent learning areas (continuous provision).

We have enjoyed celebrating the children who read 5 times a week at home by getting a golden ticket. The winners got to choose a book from our vending machine!



Our Year 1 and 2 football team took part in a football development tournament recently. They did really well and won two of the four games played. Brilliant effort by all involved and great teamwork boys!

We are delighted to announce that St Mary's will be taking part in Young Voices 2024 in January next year. Our KS2 children will have the opportunity to be part of the choir, singing in one of the largest arenas in the UK to a sold-out audience!

Be part of the super amazing YV family! Learn some lyrics, get your rhythm, and be awesome! Mrs Malin and Ms Parry are running practice sessions every Monday after school. Please let the office know if you want to take part and have a chance to go to the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham next year.

For more information on Young Voices visit their website at www.youngvoices.co.uk



On Tuesday 3rd October we celebrated our Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church. A huge thank you to all our families who donated food and produce that will help other families in need. Amazing!
All donations will go to Hinckley Food Bank.

Head Boys and Girls 2023-24

Hello, I am Arshia, Head Girl at St Mary's C of E School.

I am a diligent, humble, compassionate and co-operative girl with a caring nature. I love reading and solving maths problems. In my spare time I enjoy dancing, drawing, singing, swimming and martial arts.

I am approachable and will do my best to represent my fellow students. With our Christian values and our motto 'Dream, Believe, Achieve!' I am sure we can fulfil our ambitions. I appreciate this wonderful opportunity and hope to accomplish many achievements for our school.



I am Zach and I am delighted to have been chosen as Head Boy and I can't wait to support the school in as many ways as possible.

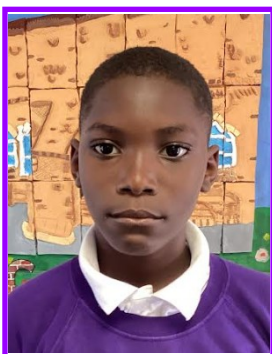
Throughout the year I am looking forward to working closely with Mrs Ayres and the other head boys and girls to achieve great goals and influence others.

If you would like to share any of your thoughts and ideas please come and let me know. I am looking forward to representing this school.

Hi, my name is Freya and I am in Year 6 at St Mary's and your Deputy Head Girl.

I am a kind and caring person who loves to look after others. I would like to be a good role model to all of the children whether they are just starting school or leaving at the end of the year. I have a positive outlook on most things, whether it is a good or bad situation, and will be a good example to the rest of the school. I would like to help make our school a more eco-friendly place.

I enjoy dancing, cheerleading and school!

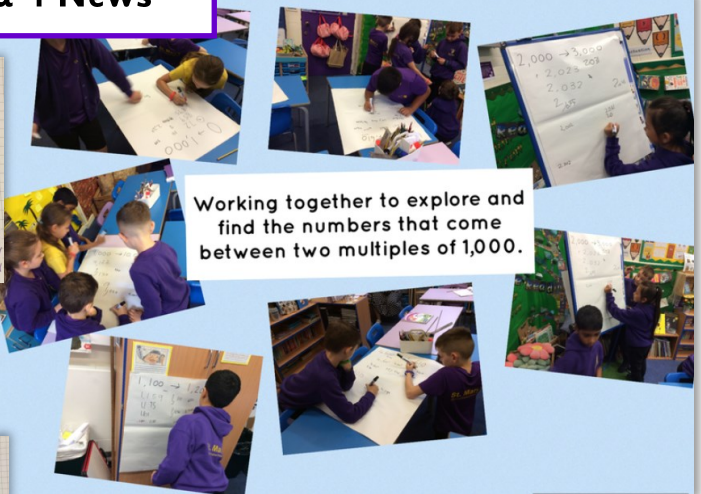


Hi, my name is Tito and I am happy to have been chosen as your Deputy Head Boy. This will give me the opportunity to improve the school community and help out with important jobs.

I will be a positive role model by ensuring I am doing my tasks and homework in good time and appearing neat and tidy in my school uniform. I would like to achieve taking the top playground to a whole new level and help make St Mary's a pride to the community.

Year 3 and 4 News

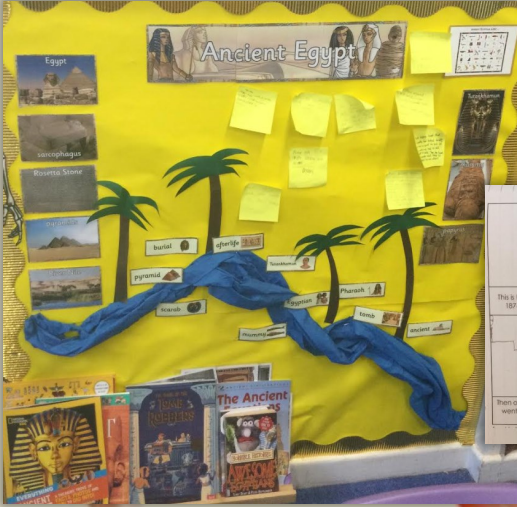
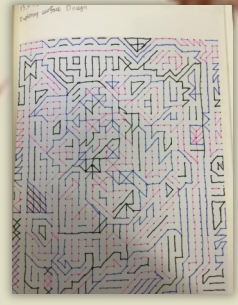
We have been securing our understanding of place value in 3-digit and 4-digit numbers.



Working together to explore and find the numbers that come between two multiples of 1,000.

In art, we have been exploring different patterns. The children have produced some wonderful patterns of their own!

The children have loved learning lots of interesting facts about Ancient Egypt!



We have been enjoying reading Charlotte's Web by E.B. White. Take a look at the amazing immersive displays and some fantastic writing the children have produced.

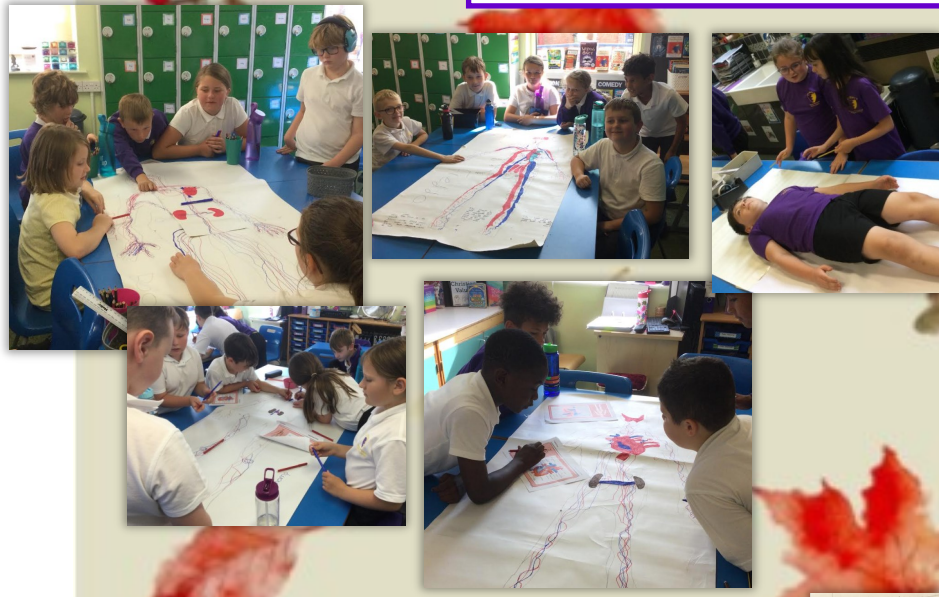
Thursday 21st September
6.0 to write a diary entry

Dear diary,
Today was absolutely AMAZING! I had breakfast at 8:30 because I like extra sleep! Mmm breakfast was so yummy I had... skinned milk, porridge, potato skins, vegetables, a few grapes, a few peas. Fern came she brought me peas because it was great day. The roses Fern brought me some carrots and peas.
When Fern left I had a chat with Tempson she told about what we were doing. After we chatted we played DANCE it was so fun! When Tempson left I had a play in the mud. It was so long until I had some lunch but it only took half an hour so I had lunch at 12pm and finished at 2 o'clock I LOVE extra lunch.
After I had a nap that finished at 3 o'clock I walked outside and saw some daisy daisy because I didn't see any know what to do.
Then I tickled or tickled my back on the fence. After that I had a long nap which lasted to 4:5. Finally supper I had two potatoes, vegetables, corn, fish, and whole cakes.

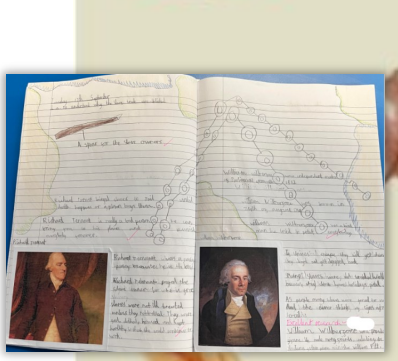
Dear diary,
Today was a fantastic day. To start of the day at 6:30 I had breakfast my breakfast included was croutons, wheat cakes, potato skins and bits of Shredded wheat.
Next, at seven o'clock, I went and had a chat with Templeton. It was so boring that I wish to sleep. I liked the nap but not the talk so I left.
Then at eight o'clock, I had like a two hour nap out in the sun when I woke up from the nap I gasped at the sizzling skin.



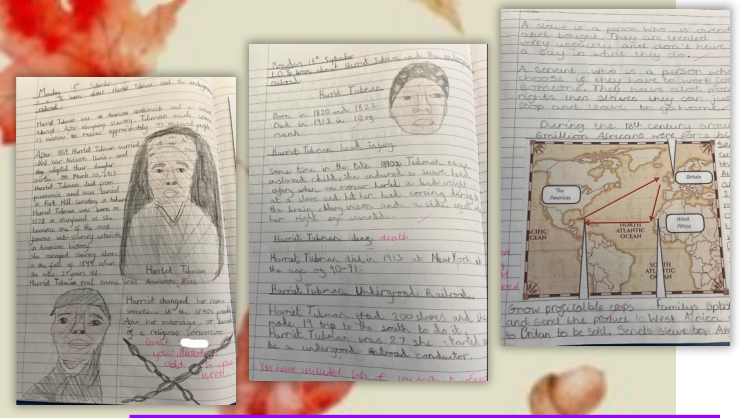
Year 5 and 6 News



Studying the Healthy Bodies science focus has led children to discover the importance of a balanced diet, the circulatory system and why our heart rate rises when we exercise. Further investigation relating to our health, is that of medicines, drugs and alcohol and how it affects our body.



The Atlantic slave trade has generated big discussion points about slavery – past and present, also giving the children opportunities to investigate Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad.



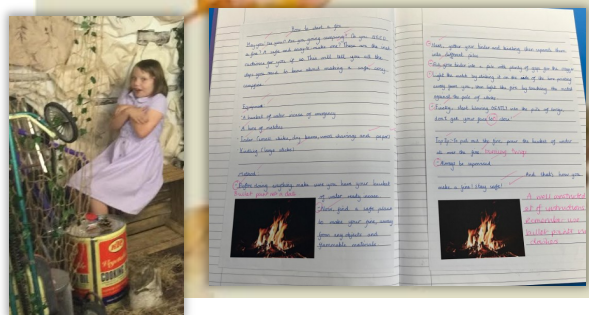
Already some amazing work has been produced in all areas of the curriculum, particularly our studying of package design in Art.



Commando Joe's has enabled us to study the explorer Ranulph Fiennes and how he circumnavigated the earth crossing both the North and South Pole.



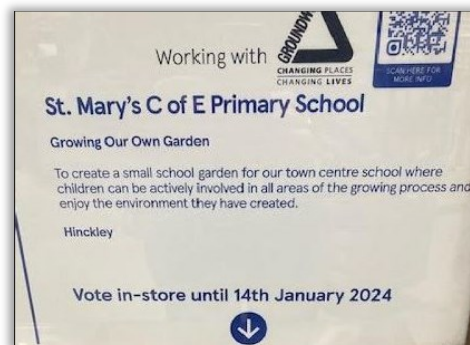
Stig of the Dump has inspired the children to produce some quality writing, beginning with instructions on how to light a fire safely.



Tesco Stronger Starts



If you shop at Tesco please look out for our Stronger Starts token collection boxes, located in the big Tesco in Hinckley and the Express stores on London Road and Barwell Moore. We are hoping to create a small school garden where the children can be actively involved in all areas of the growing process and enjoy the environment they have created. Thank you.



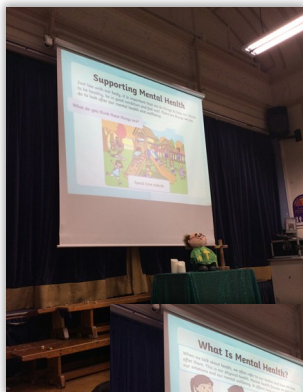
This week 10 Year 6 pupils attended Bikeability training which is run by Leicestershire County Council. The trainers could not praise our children highly enough for their behaviour and attitudes - as Ofsted did.

On Wednesday they received their certificate and badge in assembly and a bronze politeness badge for showing such respect whilst out and about in the community. Lydia was the first St Mary's pupil to receive a silver politeness badge. Well done all!



World Mental Health Day

On Thursday 10th of October the children at St Mary's dressed up in clothes which made them Happy, to celebrate World Mental Health Day. Along with having an assembly raising the importance of our mental health, the children took part in both physical and classroom based activities. It was great to see so many different outfits and costumes.



The agencies below are provided to support you and signpost you to relevant resources that you may find helpful.

Action for Happiness
Young Minds
Mental Health First Aid England
MIND (A-Z on Mental Health)
NHS Advice
CAMHS
Healthier Together
Chat Health
Samaritans
The Laura Centre
(Bereavement Service)



A message from our Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers

The governors were delighted to speak to Ofsted about school during our recent inspection. Working on your behalf, we wanted to make sure they knew that your children are receiving an holistic education that will prepare them for their future.

We have been part of the journey looking at the curriculum, ensuring good standards and progress are achieved and that the school deals with the finance in an equitable way providing good value for money.

It was exceptionally pleasing to read that our pupils feel safe In school. Something that all parents want and need to know. Children are precious and to educate them is a privilege. School is a safe enriching environment and we are grateful to all staff who work hard to ensure that the school is a home from home.

Thank you for your continuing support. Thank you to the staff and most of all to your children who make a teacher's vocation rewarding and worthwhile.

Kind regards
Judy Williams
Chair of governors

Fundraising

Our school community always goes the extra mile when it comes to charity fundraising and this term is no exception. Already in the first month of the term we have raised £207.00 for our local air ambulance and £146.45 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you as always for your kindness.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 27th October	Flu Vaccinations (whole school)
Wednesday 1st November	Irwin Class Assembly @ 09.10 in the Hall
Thursday 2nd November	Kindness Matters Day
Friday 10th November	Remembrance Service @10.50 at the War Memorial
Monday 13th November	SEND Coffee Morning @ 08.50 in the Hall
Monday 13th November	Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools collection
Wednesday 15th November	Cadbury Class Assembly @ 09.10 in the Hall
Friday 17th November	Christmas Fair @3.30pm / Hinckley Christmas lights switch on
Tuesday 21st November	Rock Kidz visit
Wednesday 29th November	Sports for Schools - Sponsor Event with athlete visit
Thursday 30th November	KS1 Gold Award Assembly @ 09.10 in the Hall
Friday 1st December	KS2 Gold Award Assembly @ 09.10 in the Hall
Friday 1st December	Live Advent begins - more details to follow
Tuesday 5th December	Foundation Production - @ 2.00pm in the Hall
Wednesday 6th December	Foundation Production - @ 10.00am in the Hall
Thursday 7th December	Choir to sing at Lights to Remember Service @ 7.00pm in St Mary's Church
Tuesday 12th December	KS1 Production @ 2.00pm in the Hall
Wednesday 13th December	KS1 Production @ 9.30am in the Hall
Wednesday 20th December	Shakespeare Class Assembly @ 09.10 in the Hall
Friday 22nd December	Christmas Service @ 1.30pm in St Mary's Church
Friday 22nd December 2023	School closes for Christmas holidays
Tuesday 9th January 2023	School opens for Spring 1 term



We now have a Facebook page here at St Mary's so why not give us a follow or a like! www.facebook.com/stmarysceps
Thank you.

Christian Values

The Christian Value we are focusing on next half term is Respect.



Disclaimer

You will notice that from time to time the school circulates information provided by outside groups, regarding the services they offer or about local events in the area. Whilst we are happy to circulate the information for these parties, in the interests of offering our parents a varied picture of what is available outside of school, we in no way endorse them. We therefore recommend that Parents/ Carers should satisfy themselves that the group or event runs the necessary checks and precautions to safeguard themselves or their children before participating.

FREE Money Advice & Wellbeing Events

Informal, friendly help and advice to navigate the impact of the cost of living crisis

Advice available on a wide variety of topics such as;

- Household budgeting
- Managing debt
- Energy & fuel bills
- Housing costs, benefits and more

There will also be health & wellbeing assistance & cooking on a budget advice.

FREE refreshments of tea & coffee.
No booking required.

Enquiries to Charlotte Clayton:
charlotte.clayton@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk
01455 265567



BARLESTONE

Saturday 4th November
10am to 12pm

Barlestone Community Centre,
Bosworth Rd,
CV13 0JE

BARWELL

Saturday 18th November
10am to 12pm

The George Ward Centre
Church Lane,
Barwell
LE9 8DG

Hinckley & Bosworth
Borough Council



Just scan the QR code for more advice and support from organisations and schemes that could benefit you.



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BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM**

If you are unsure what to put in the bags

**STOP AND THINK
WOULD YOU WEAR IT?**

Please use the clothing bag provided.
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:

Monday 13th November

Please remember - NO UNIFORM



St Mary's, Hinckley

everybody welcome

**OCTOBER
HALF TERM**

Tuesday 17th October

11am-1pm

St Mary's Church Hall

Autumn Craft,
Toys and Games
Drinks & Biscuits
Provided

£1 children &
Adults

Please bring your
picnic lunch,
eat at 12.15pm

**Booking essential by Thursday 12th October
via text or email bevrettsome@hotmail.com,
07973830668**

Please state ages of children when booking





The award winning

Trinity Players

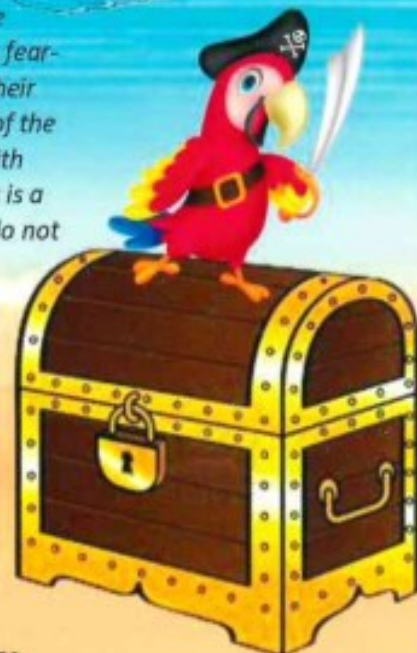
Presents

TREASURE ISLAND

The Pantomime
By Ben Crocker



Ahoy there, me hearties – all aboard for the adventure of a lifetime! Long John Silver and his fearsome crew may think that treasure is within their grasp, but they've reckoned without the ladies of the Smuggler's Cove Women's Institute! Filled with mischief, custard pies, songs and laughter, this is a voyage into panto mayhem that you definitely do not want to miss!



At the Trinity Centre,
Marchant Road, Hinckley

30th November – 3rd December 2023

Thurs, Fri and Sat at 7pm & Sat and Sun at 2pm

Matinees to include a special visit from Father Christmas

Tickets £8

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Half term Nerf wars @ Spartans academy



Monday 16th Oct
10-12 & 12:30-2:30

Wednesday 18th Oct
10-12 & 1-3

£8 per session

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP

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October half term craft activities at Hinckley & District Museum

Saturdays 14th and 21st, and Monday 16th.

**Come along between 10am and 3.30pm to join in a
variety of craft activities on historical themes.**

All ages £2

(Includes admission to the museum).



**Hinckley and District Museum
30 Lower Bond Street, Hinckley, LE10 1QU**

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