



MUSEUM & ART
SWINDON

Discover the Secrets of the Bayeux Tapestry this Half-Term!

This half-term, join us to discover the secrets of the Bayeux Tapestry and get creative at Museum & Art Swindon as part of the Bayeux Around Britain project!



Bayeux Tapestry Creative Drop-in

Sat 24, Wed 28 and Sat 31 October 10.45am–4pm

Create your own Saxon or Norman shield to take home, design a Saxon coin or brooch, add your own designs to our giant collage version of the Tapestry, or try some Battle of Hastings colouring!

Details:

- All activities and entrance to the Museum are free.
- Drop-in on Saturday 24, Wednesday 28 and Saturday 31 October any time between 10.45am and 4pm.
- No need to book.
- Suitable for all ages.
- Children under 18 must be supervised at all times

Bayeux Tapestry craft workshops

Tuesday 27 October 11.15am and 1.45pm

Try your hand at weaving and embroidery and learn about how the Bayeux Tapestry was made. Weave your own Halloween spider-web and create your own mini-embroidery pumpkin to take home!

Workshops are at 11.15am and 1.45pm.

Details:

- Each workshop lasts 60 minutes.
- All materials provided.
- £5 per child ticket, accompanying adults are free.
- Suitable for ages 7+
- Children under 18 must be supervised at all times.

Tickets must be booked in advance:

Book 11.15am workshop [here](#)

Book 1.45pm workshop [here](#)

[Book your ticket here](#)

The Bayeux Tapestry Story Interactive Storytelling Session

Tuesday 27 October 10.30am, 1pm and 3.30pm

Join us in the museum galleries for our Bayeux Tapestry Story Interactive storytelling sessions.

Listen to the tall tale of 1066, the Norman Conquest and the Battle of Hastings. Complete with treacherous enemies, headless soldiers, fake news, kebabs and dodgy haircuts! The bits you know (arrow in the eye), the bits you don't (the mystery woman and the missing ending), and everything in between. Discover Swindon's unique role in the Tapestry and find out about life in Swindon at the time. Learn some battle tactics and hold some replica objects and original artefacts from Swindon at the time.

Sessions are at 10.30am, 1pm and 3.30pm

Details:

- Each workshop lasts 30 minutes.

- All materials provided.
- £4 per person
- Suitable for ages 6+
- Children under 18 must be supervised at all times.

Tickets must be booked in advance:

Book onto the 10.30am session [here](#)

Book onto the 1pm session [here](#)

Book onto the 3.30pm session [here](#)

[Book your ticket here](#)



Bayeux Around Britain

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STEAM - Museum of the Great Western Railway
from 10 - 19 November 2026

Bayeux Around Britain at STEAM Museum

If our half-term activities have inspired you to find out more about the Bayeux Tapestry, visit our sister site STEAM from 10-19 November. A full scale printed reproduction of the Tapestry will be on display along with an information video and other material to allow visitors to get up close with this historic tapestry (that's really an embroidery!).

Immerse yourself in 70m of historical drama and the story of England's most famous year in history!

Home Education groups are welcome for special activities on Wednesday 18 November – please contact steameducation@swindon.gov.uk for further details and to book, charges apply.

[Find out more](#)

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All our activities are part of Bayeux Around Britain, a nationwide programme of exhibitions, events and displays designed to share the historic loan of the Bayeux Tapestry from the French government with everyone around the UK.

We hope you have enjoyed this email and found it informative. Remember to follow us on social media for the latest updates of what's happening at Museum & Art Swindon

We look forward to seeing soon.

Best wishes,

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