

The New Art Gallery Walsall

Family Programme

January – March 2025



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SUNDAY ART CLUB MINI MAKERS WEDNESDAYS FOR ALL THURSDAY SKILLS

For information on future workshops follow us on Facebook and Instagram.
Share pictures of your fabulous creations with us!



+LUNAR NEW YEAR +WORLD BOOK DAY +HOLI 25 +HALF-TERM WORKSHOPS

SUNDAY ART CLUB

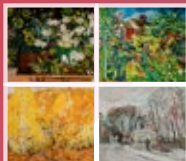
Our weekly art club for children and young people. Meet artists and creatives, learn to paint, print, sculpt, craft and more!

12-3pm

Ages 4+

FREE

Drop-in



5 Jan: 2025 Calendars

Create four seasons calendars using oil pastels.

12 Jan: Clay Hedgehogs

Model a spiky hedgehog using clay and matchsticks.

19 Jan: Warrior Portraits

Pencil, coloured pencil and collage portraits inspired by Charmaine Watkiss's *Plant Warriors*.

26 Jan: Paper Huts

Fold paper huts and decorate with animals, inspired by *The Sanctum of the One Eyed Toad (and Other Spirit Animals)*.

2 Feb: Chinese Chain Snakes

Crochet a red snake for Lunar New Year.

9 Feb: Pom Pom Keyrings

Roll felt pom-poms and create a keyring, a necklace or a bracelet.

16 Feb: Woven Hearts

Make hanging woven hearts using card and wool.

2 Mar: Parrot Prints

Print cardboard relief birds onto paper inspired by Yinka Shonibare CBE's Dutch wax fabric.

9 Mar: Power Badges

Make a badge for a special family member, or a badge to celebrate your own greatness!

16 Mar: Clay Coil Pots

Learn to model pots inspired by Otobong Nkanga's raku vessels.

23 Mar: Plaster Cast Plants

Make a unique cast of flowers, herbs and leaves inspired by Jodie Carey.

30 Mar: Flower Collagraph Cards

Print Mother's Day cards inspired by Tania Kovats's *Last of My Summer Blooms*.



23 Feb: The New Art Gallery's 25th Birthday Party!

Join us to make Gallery bunting and enjoy some tea, squash and birthday cake.



We welcome donations from families to allow us to offer these weekly artist-led workshops free of charge throughout the year.



LUNAR NEW YEAR COMMUNITY DAY

FREE

Saturday 1 Feb
12-4pm. Drop-in. All welcome
WEAR RED OR PINK!

Join us to celebrate Lunar New Year with Chinese folk fan dancing and lion dancing with *DANS Chinese Dance and Performing Arts*.

Have a go at calligraphy, print lucky red envelopes (Hongbao) with artist Mengxia Liu, and complete the Red Gallery Trail.



THE PEACOCK'S FEATHER

FREE

Sensory sessions with Fantastic Journeys

Saturday 1 March
11am-12pm & 1-2pm

Join Peter and Nicola from Fantastic Journeys on a feathery adventure, exploring the wonder of one of the world's most beautiful birds. During this multi-sensory session participants will explore different textures, use a range of props, sing, vocalise and play instruments.

These sessions are designed to deliver a life affirming, empowering and creative experience for children with Additional Needs.



11am - 12pm: A lively session for children with Additional Needs

1-2pm: A quieter session for children with PMLD and/or Complex Support Needs.

Booking essential/places limited
(See back page for details)

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

CALLING ALL YOUNG ORNITHOLOGISTS! (BIRD EXPERTS)

Tuesday 18 Feb — Sunday 23 Feb

FREE

Drop-in during opening hours
All ages welcome

Create bird cages and colourful endangered birds using recycled papers, newspaper, cardboard and crayons. Inspired by *Planets in my head (Young Ornithologist)* by Yinka Shonibare CBE on Floor 3.



MINI MAKERS

Tues 18 Feb
Arty Hearts

Use brushes, forks, spoons and sponges to paint onto heart shaped card and stencils.

Ages 2-4 / 11am - 1pm / Drop-in / £3.50



WEDNESDAYS FOR ALL

FREE

Weds 19 Feb
Rope Coasters

Make rope and wind it into a coaster with artist Alice Burnhope.

Ages 4+ / 11am - 3pm / Drop-in

THURSDAY SKILLS

With artist Alice Burnhope

Thurs 20 Feb

SESSION 1: Age 4+ 11am - 12.30pm

Natural Dye Painting

Paint with natural dye inks onto textiles.

SESSION 2: Age 7+ 1.30 - 3pm

Hapa Zome

Plant and flower printing (hammering technique).

Booking only. £4.50 per child



WORLD BOOK DAY PEACOCKS & PEAHENS

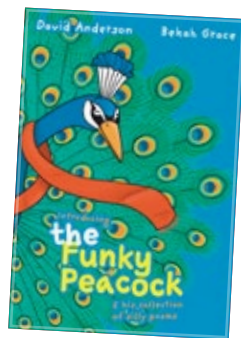
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Saturday 8 March
12-4pm
Drop-in. All welcome.

We invite families to join us for a celebration of books, stories, art and poetry inspired by peacocks.

Enjoy special performances of Princess and the Peacock by Sonia Sabri Company (11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm), and join Pep the Poet for funny, interactive performances of his poem The Funky Peacock. (12.15pm, 1.45pm & 3.15pm).

- Make Perfect Peacock Bookmarks with illustrator Bec Tonks
- Grab your free book from National Literacy Trust
- Pick up your own signed copy of The Funky Peacock



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HOLI 25 FESTIVAL OF COLOURS COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday 15 March
12-4pm
Drop-in. All welcome.

FREE

Join us to celebrate the Festival of Colours with Bharatanatyam dance performances from Jnan Deep Kundu (12.30pm & 2pm), and Kathak dance performances from Roshni Pink (1pm & 2.30pm).

- Spray paint mandalas onto fabric with artist Haseebah Ali
- Make banana leaf parrots with artist Ahalya SP
- Get your Mendhi from Mrs Bedi
- Enjoy authentic food from Hargun Sweet Centre



Bharatanatyam is an Indian classical dance that originated in the Hindu temples of Tamil Nadu in southern India, and Kathak is a form of North Indian classical dance that uses intricate footwork, hand gestures and facial expressions to tell stories.



BABY & ME

8 Jan, 12 Feb, 12 March

10.30am - 12pm & 12.30 - 2pm

Ages 0-2. £3.50 per child.

Booking essential.

Multi-sensory sessions for parents, carers & their babies.

ONLINE WORKSHOPS

Now over 90 workshops to discover! Available on our website and YouTube channel.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Celebrate your child's Birthday with us!

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Young Writers PRESENTS
WALSALL JUNIOR GROUP FOR 2024-25

11 Jan, 1 Feb, 1 March

This group is aimed at young people in school years 3 – 6 (aged 8 – 11).

One Saturday a month, 10.30am - 12.30am

£10 for taster session. £9 for further sessions.

Booking essential via sparkwriters.org



OPENING TIMES

Tuesday – Saturday 10am - 5pm

Sunday 12noon - 4pm

Closed Mondays and Bank Holidays

The New Art Gallery Walsall
Gallery Square, Walsall WS2 8LG

01922 654400
www.thenewartgallerywalsall.org.uk

SHOP

Our shop stocks a range of gallery souvenirs and children's gifts.

COSTA

Monday – Saturday 7.30am – 5pm

Sundays 8.30am – 4.30pm

MAILING LIST

Sign up to our free e-bulletin

We remind families that all children and young people must be accompanied by a parent or carer over the age of 18 for the duration of our workshops.

TO BOOK: Call 01922 654400 or visit our reception



Free WiFi available



Baby changing on the ground floor



Accessible toilets on ground floor & floors 1 & 4



Buggy Friendly



The lifts provide access to all floors



Our friendly, trained staff are always available to provide assistance

1 Theodore Garman, *Arum Lilies, (Easter Flowers)*, oil painting, 1949 / Theodore Garman, *Summer Garden, Harting*, oil painting, 1947 / Sir Jacob Epstein, *Autumn Landscape, Epping Forest*, watercolour, 1933 / Sally Ryan, *Winter Afternoon, Walking Home*, coloured chalk, 1966 2 Charmaine Watkiss, *The warrior focuses intent to overcome adversity*, 2022, pencil, graphite, watercolour, colour pencil and ink on paper. Courtesy the artist. 3 General Public with Grace Emily Manning & Mud Club, *The Sanctum of the one-eyed Toad (& other spirit animals of Walsall)*, 2024. Installation view. Photo: David Rowan. Commissioned by The New Art Gallery Walsall. This commission is supported by the West Midlands Combined Authority and HM Government's Commonwealth Games Legacy Fund. 4 Photo: Mark Hinton 5 Michael Wishart, *Arab Courtyard, Fez*, oil painting, 1971 6 Yinka Shonibare CBE, *Planets in my head (Young Ornithologist)* (detail), 2020. Fibreglass sculpture, Dutch wax printed cotton, birdcage, artificial bird, globe, and brass. Installation view at The New Art Gallery Walsall. Private Collection. Photo David Rowan 7 Photo: Oliver Dixon 8 Photo: Irina Mackie 9 Photo: Stuart Wilde 10 Photo: Dip Chandarana



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