

The New Art Gallery Walsall

# Family Programme

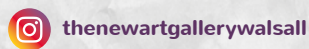
January – April 2026



LOOK INSIDE FOR OUR NEW WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

SUNDAY ART CLUB   MINI MAKERS   WEDNESDAYS FOR ALL   YOUNG MASTERS

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



+LUNAR NEW YEAR   +HOLI   +EID   +VAISAKHI

# SUNDAY ART CLUB

FREE

12-3pm

Ages 4+

Drop-in

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

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



## 4 Jan: New Year New Calendar

Paint seasonal images for your new 2026 calendar in watercolour



## 11 Jan: Window on the World

Use card and fabric to make a 3D scenic window frame



## 18 Jan: Monoprint Pets

Draw your pet portraits and turn them into monoprints

## 25 Jan: Junk Towers

Construct a tower using scrap materials



## 1 Feb: Wish Boxes

Cut, fold and decorate a box to keep your hopes and wishes in



## 8 Feb: Clay Icons!

Celebrate the work of Sally Ryan by sculpting a portrait from clay



## 15 Feb: Monochrome Making

Get creative using just black and white materials

## 22 Feb: Blended Oil Pastel Flowers

Draw colourful flowers from life using oil pastel techniques

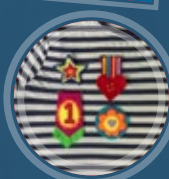


## 1 Mar: Binka Bookmarks

Design a bookmark for World Book Day using simple stitch, stick-on-fabric and appliqué

## 8 Mar: Statement Sashes

Print slogans on a wearable sash in support of International Women's Day

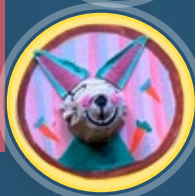


## 15 Mar: You're No1!

Reward someone you love with a fabric medal on Mother's Day

## 22 Mar: Textured Collagraphs

Explore textures in card, wood and string to create collagraph prints



## 29 Mar: 3D Bunny Portraits

Make a 3D animal portrait that pops out from the page

## 12 Apr: Nature Paper Craft

Manipulate paper with cuts, folds and curls to create stunning 3D artworks



## 19 Apr: Decoupage Chickens

Stick colourful paper and tissue to design a decoupage spring chicken

## 26 Apr: Bird Bunting

String up a fabulous flock of decorated colourful birds



# FEBRUARY HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES

FREE

## Galloping Horses

Tues 17 — Fri 20 February

Horsey half-term fun with galloping horses and ponies.

All ages welcome. Drop-in. 10am - 4pm



## MINI MAKERS

### Fabulous Fire Horses

Tues 17 February

Stick, cut and tear fiery coloured papers to create a fabulous filly. You can also dig, play and discover in our sensory sand tray.

Ages 2-5. Drop-in. 11am - 1pm. £3.50



## WEDNESDAYS FOR ALL

FREE

### Power Ponies & Fire Horses

Weds 18 February

Celebrate the year of the Fire Horse with your own fiery filly made of recycled materials.

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



# EASTER ACTIVITIES

FREE

## Funny Bunny Hand Puppets

Tues 31 March — Sun 12 April

Except Sunday 5 April & Monday 6 April - Gallery closed.

Fold a simple hand puppet and decorate to make into a colourful funny bunny.

All ages welcome. Drop-in. 10am - 4pm



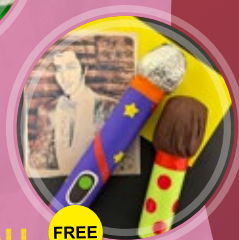
## MINI MAKERS

### Leaping Spring Lambs!

Tues 31 March

Cut, fold, scrunch and stick paper, card and tissue to collage a spritely spring scene and enjoy Easter-themed play in the sensory tray.

Ages 2-5. Drop-in. 11am - 1pm. £3.50



## WEDNESDAYS FOR ALL

FREE

### Paper Easter Wreaths

Weds 1 April

Make a colourful wreath full of springtime shapes and colours to decorate your home.

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



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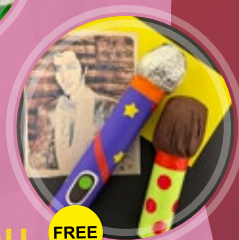
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### Rock 'n' Roll Microphones

Weds 8 April

Use recycled materials to fashion your own rockstar mic.

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



# COMMUNITY DAYS

All welcome  
Drop-in. 12 - 4pm

FREE



## LUNAR NEW YEAR

Saturday 21 February

Join us to celebrate the Lunar New Year - the Year of the Fire Horse.

- Lion dance performances
- Horse lanterns with artist Benny Semp
- Stories of The Great Race Legend accompanied by traditional Guzheng sounds
- Glitter Tattoos with Creative Factory
- Chopstick games!



## HOLI

Saturday 7 March

Join us for our vibrant and colourful celebration of Holi.

- Indian Adventures of music, dance, storytelling and puppetry with Sohan Kailey
- Bollywood dance performance and workshop with Roshni Pink
- Holi-inspired painting with artist Daya Bhatti
- Paper lanterns workshop with artist Ahalya SP
- Mehndi by Mrs Bedi
- Tasty treats from Hargun Sweet Centre



## EID AL-FITR

Saturday 28 March

Join us to celebrate Eid al-Fitr, an Islamic festival marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan.

- Eid card-making with artist Nilupa Yasmin
- Hanging canvas painting with artist Taiba Aktar
- Nasheed and Salah performed by local Imam Ishaq Ayubi
- Mehndi by Walsall Creative Factory
- Delicious food from Hargun Sweet Centre
- Prayer room available

## VAISAKHI

Saturday 25 April

Join us to celebrate Vaisakhi, the birth of Khalsa and Harvest time in India, and learn about the bravery and the great achievements of Sikh Women, like Mai Bhago.

- Sikh women art display
- Live music with authentic Indian instruments
- Bhangra dancing
- Live poetry and singing by Gobind Sarvar Gurmat School
- Hear of the great work by Midland Langar Seva Society here and abroad
- Mehndi by Mrs Bedi
- Art workshop with artist Daya Bhatti, celebrating Sikh women in Sikhi
- Quiz and prizes!



# YOUNG MASTERS

Brand new workshops for aspiring young artists. Work with experts to explore processes and techniques in a range of art mediums, develop skills and create unique artworks with professional quality materials.

Ages 6+

Workshop 1: 11am - 12.30pm

Workshop 2: 1.30 - 3pm

£4.50 per child

**Advance booking essential.**

**Numbers limited.**



## Thursday 2 April Botanical Living Inks

Science meets art in this experimental painting workshop. Join artist Sam Mace in creating paintings that have a life of their own.

Mix natural botanical inks with everyday foodstuffs such as lemon juice, vinegar and bicarbonate of soda, then watch the magic happen as the colours change.

Thursday 19 February

## Felt Horse Keyrings

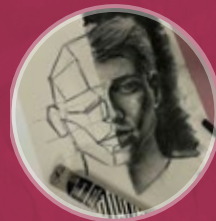
Join Kate from Stitchety for this crafty sewing workshop. Learn the basics of sewing with colourful felt pieces and decorative stitches for pony perfection. Add a keyring to hang your horse from your favourite bag.



Thursday 9 April

## Plane Faced Portraits

Join artist Alex Fawson in exploring the art of portraiture. Learn about proportions of the face, how to build tone using charcoal techniques, and how to use erasers as a drawing tool. After this session you'll be well on your way to becoming an expert.



# AMAZINGLY ME, UNIQUELY YOU!

Sensory sessions with Fantastic Journeys

Saturday 14 February

Faces are made up of the same features and yet somehow each one is unique. Join Peter and Nicola in an interactive, creative session that will explore our faces and celebrate all that makes us original, distinctive and amazingly different from everyone else. Inspired by the faces and portraits found in the 3rd floor exhibition, this session will include singing, instrument playing, moving, dancing and exploration of multi-sensory props.

These sessions are designed to facilitate a life affirming, empowering and creative experience for children with additional needs.

FREE



12pm - 1pm: A lively session suitable for most children with additional needs.

2pm - 3pm: A quieter session for children with Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities (PMLD) and/or complex support needs.

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



## BABY & ME

14 Jan, 11 Feb, 11 Mar, 8 Apr

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!

**Spark**   
Young Writers PRESENTS  
**WALSALL JUNIOR GROUP**

10 Jan, 31 Jan, 28 Feb,  
21 Mar, 25 Apr

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

10.30am - 12.30am

£9 per session  
(Free places available)

Booking essential via  
[sparkwriters.org](http://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](http://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

 Jacob Epstein, Sally Ryan, bronze.



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