The New Art Gallery Walsall

Family Programme

May – August 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!

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BUMPER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS EDITION

MAY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY ART CLUB

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!

FREE

Arts & Travel

With thanks to Arts & Travel for their generous donation towards Sunday Art Club.

Donations allow us to offer free workshops to families throughout the year.

3 May: Simple Stitched Flowers
Learn to sew with wool and plastic needles

10 May: Pointilist Landscapes
Use dots, marks and dashes to paint stunning landscapes

17 May: Positive Printed Posters
Make a positive statement using foam letters to print a poster in support of Mental Health Awareness Week

24 May: Petal Prints
Print colourful patterns using plants and ink pads

31 May: Blow Painting
Using tubes and straws, blow paint across the page to make colourful abstract paintings

HALF-TERM

Bird Cage Thaumatropes
Tues 26 — Sun 31 May

Trick your eyes by making a simple optical illusion toy using card and string

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

FREE

MINI MAKERS

Toddler Tea Party
Tues 26 May

Use fine motor skills to cut, scrunch and stick colourful paper and tissue to decorate giant teacups and cakes. Also enjoy sensory play in our sand tray!

Ages 2-5. Drop-in. 11am - 1pm. £4

WEDNESDAYS FOR ALL

FREE

Block Houses
Weds 27 May

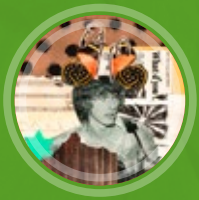
Turn a wooden block into a house and add to our model village

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

JUNE/JULY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY ART CLUB

FREE



7 June: Spirit Animal Collage
Experiment with collage to create a wild hybrid animal

21 June: Junk Inventions
Have fun inventing an amazing thingamabob or a new kind of doodah using recycled materials

5 July: Tinted Photographs
Add a playful hint of colour to black and white photos using watercolour paints

19 July: Draw With Shadows
Play with light, shadows and hand gestures to create striking silhouettes

14 June: 3D Letter Shop Signs
Learn to make lettering bold and eye-catching then make your own shop sign

28 June: Mini Matchbox Suitcases
Pack-up your own tiny collaged case

12 July: Foil Embossed Patterns
Emboss metal foil with patterns inspired by South Asian truck art

26 July: Square Features
Draw 9 facial features to create a single artwork

WEDNESDAYS FOR ALL

FREE

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

Clay Hippos
22 July

Celebrate Walsall's famous hippo by making your own sculpture in clay

Animal Headbands
29 July

Look like your favourite animal by adding funky ears, antlers or horns to a headband

MINI MAKERS

Ages 2-5
Drop-in 11am - 1pm.
£4

Animal Clay Play
28 July

Mould, pinch and squeeze clay into fun animals just like our own Frisky the Dog. Also animal themed play in our sensory sand tray!

AUGUST ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY ART CLUB

FREE

2 Aug: Scrap Sketchbooks
Turn a collection of scrap papers into a usable sketchbook

9 Aug: Floral Sun Catchers
Make and take home a colourful summer sun catcher using pva glue

16 Aug: Saltdough Creations
Allergens: contains wheat
Roll, plait and make squashy shapes with traditional salt dough

23 Aug: Paper People
Collage and colour a whole outfit for a paper doll

30 Aug: Reverse Drawing
Create bold still lifes using black paper and white drawing materials

SUMMER HOLIDAY

FREE

Butterflies, Bugs & Moths

Tues 21 July — Sun 30 Aug

Get creative making a colourful bug using simple paper craft

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

Also see holiday listings for Young Masters Workshops overleaf

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FREE

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

Fish Masks

12 Aug

Use colourful scrap materials to create a fabulous fishy headpiece

Mosaic Medallions

5 Aug

Cut paper tiles in a variety of colours to design an exquisite mosaic medallion

Holiday Zines

19 Aug

Document your summer holiday in a fun and colourful collaged 'zine'

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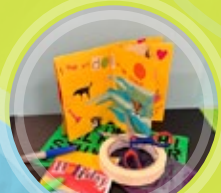
£4

Flower Sun Dials

11 Aug

Decorate a paper plate with paint and stickers and watch how your flower marks the hours. Have fun exploring the sensory sand tray!



Young Masters

New fun, skills based 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 materials.

Ages 6+
Workshop 1: 11am - 12.30pm
Workshop 2: 1.30 - 3pm
£5 per child
Advance booking essential.
Numbers limited.

Thursday 28 May
Slab Pot Houses

Inspired by the streets of Walsall, construct a small house from clay with artist Sam Mace. Master the technique of slab building pottery, learning how to build walls and cut out windows. Pop a tealight inside to add a warm homely glow.

Thursday 23 July
Painting Still Life in Acrylics

Join artist Alex Fawson for this painting masterclass. Learn how to use colour and tone to describe 3D objects using acrylic paint, a variety of brushes and canvas board to create a beautiful still life painting.

Thursday 6 Aug
Handy Plaster Casts

Join artist Benny Semp in this exciting workshop inspired by the sculptures of hands in our Collection. Explore a range of techniques in plaster casting then make a beautifully detailed cast of your own hand.

Thursday 20 Aug
Colourful Coin Pouch

Work with Kate from Stitchety to create a practical felt pouch then personalise it using decorative stitches and colourful motifs. Pre-punched hole versions and plastic needles available for younger children.

CONNECTED

Multi-sensory music sessions for children with Additional Needs

Saturday 20 June

FREE

Join Nicola and Maisy from Fantastic Journeys in a session inspired by the exhibition *Fractured Landscapes and how we heal* on floor 4.

Taking the natural world as inspiration, this session will explore how engaging with nature can enrich our lives. There will be opportunities for music making, singing, dancing and playing. Expect instruments, multi-sensory props, tactile items and more. Be prepared to explore how we connect with nature.

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

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

13 May, 10 Jun, 8 Jul, 12 Aug

10.30am - 12pm & 12.30 - 2pm
Ages 0-2. £4 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!
Email robert.conway@walsall.gov.uk for more info

Spark Young Writers

6 June, 4 July

Creative writing group aimed at young people in school years 3 – 6

10.30am - 12.30am

£10 per session (Free places available)

Booking essential via sparkwriters.org

OPENING TIMES

Tuesday – Saturday 10am – 4.30pm
Sunday – 11am - 4pm

Closed Mondays and Bank Holidays

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

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www.thenewartgallerywalsall.org.uk

SHOP

Our shop stocks a range of gallery souvenirs, children's gifts and art materials

COSTA

Monday – Saturday 7.30am – 5.30pm
Sunday 8.30 – 4.30pm

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

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