

Braintree Museum Holiday Club Newsletter

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Top news

- **This Easter, we welcomed 203 children!**
- **Many children brought in fantastic show and tell items, including a wonderful old camera that had photographed war!**

Easter Break 2026

Our week one themes were: 'Our World: The Netherlands!', 'April Fools Day!', 'Museum Makers!' and 'Easter Eggstravaganza!'. We welcomed Polly Redman, Museum Manager, to share with them what life was like growing up in the Netherlands, This inspired them to create Van Gogh style artwork, Delfte pottery and mini windmills. 'April Fools Day!' sparked our best jokes, creating jester hats and trying juggling and plate spinning. To end the week, the holiday club celebrated 'Easter Eggstravaganza!'. Activities included creating nest cakes, taking part in an Easter Egg Hunt and making cards.



JANE SHOWING US DIFFERENT SEEDS

Fun Activities

In week two, we explored 'Super Mario Galaxy!', 'Welcome Spring!', 'World Art Day!' and 'Super Storytellers!'. 'Super Mario Galaxy!' celebrated the release of the new movie. We played Super Mario Says, created crafts of our favourite characters and made obstacle courses like in the games.

On Wednesday, we welcomed the Spring season by searching for bugs in the museum garden, created Spring inspired paintings and even planted with our volunteer gardener, Jane. To end the week, the holiday club embraced their creative side for 'World Art Day!' and 'Super Storytellers!'. Both days we painted and collaged and then danced the afternoon away to celebrate the end of the school holidays.

The Werewolf Game?

A favourite game among the holiday club is the Werewolf Game! You may know it by other names such as 'Mafia'.

The Rules:

In the village, there are lots of town people and a few secret werewolves. Every night, when the villagers are asleep, the werewolves choose to eat someone. To win the game, the villagers have to kick all of the werewolves out of the village OR the werewolves have to eat everyone! This game involves using our best acting skills to thin of alibis, deduce who is lying and and eliminate from the game.



Finished Planting!



Super Mario!



Decorating Nest Cakes!

Museum Makers!

Over the past few years, the holiday club children have participated in many projects around the museum and garden. This Easter, the holiday club helped create content for the summer exhibit, 'Football: a Local History of the Beautiful Game'. We each drew a football themed picture to become part of the exhibition's I Spy trail. We will also use these pictures to create snap cards! We also have started making an activity for people to try in the museum!



Comic Relief?



During the summer holidays, we were lucky to welcome a Comic Relief's film crew to record our club for their show. We had an incredibly fun day and have excitedly waited to see us on the television. After 5 hours of interviews and filming done at the holiday club, we debuted just three short seconds on the day! To see this, head to BBC IPlayer and skip to 1 hour 44 mins to see if you can see us. Despite our three seconds of fame, it was a great experience and the filming crew said how lovely, polite and interesting all the children were.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m002svj2/comic-relief-2026-funny-for-money?seriesId=unsliced>

Coming Up!

May Half Term:

- Tuesday 26th May- The Great Outdoors!
- Wednesday 27th May - Arghh Pirates!
- Thursday 28th May - Children's Choice!
- Friday 29th May - Essex Book Festival!

Bookings go live on Friday 27th April, 12pm. Please email Bethany directly.



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