

Learning as a family can help us to become confident, lifelong learners with all the benefits that brings – from better health to being happier. Family learning supports children to achieve at school. It can be transformative, helping us to find new passions and interests, and realise our aspirations through further learning.

All activities in this leaflet are free of charge.

Monday 15 – Thursday 18 October
3pm – 4.30pm

Discovery Centre
Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are invited to come and visit our Discovery Centre and learn more about the Accelerated Reader programme used to improve pupils' reading ability. For more information and to arrange a visit, contact Christine Conbeer, Discovery Centre Manager, at: conbeerc@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk or call **01225 792713**
Melksham Oak Community School, Bowerhill, Melksham SN12 6QZ

Every Tuesday and Thursday
10.30am – 11am

Rhyme time
Rhyme time is a fun group singing session for all preschool children and their parents/carers. Singing together



and repeating rhymes helps your child develop listening, visual and memory skills, which will help them all the way through school.
Melksham Library, 14 Lowbourne, Melksham, SN12 7DZ

Wednesday 17 – Friday 19 October
3pm – 4pm

PE Clubs
Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are invited to come along and participate in some of our after-school PE Clubs.
Hockey – Wed 17 Oct.
Rugby – Thur 18 Oct.
Badminton – Fri 19 Oct.
Please email the Head of PE, Liam Collins, to book a place email collinsl@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk or call **01225 792759**
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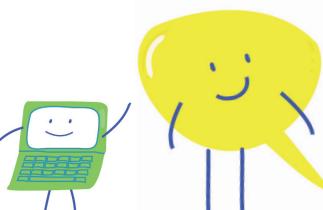


them for that long! Suitable for all ages and abilities, this is a lovely drop in where skills can be learnt and repeated at home time and time again.

Melksham Assembly Hall, Market Place, Melksham, SN12 6ES

Friday 2 November
10am – 2pm

The Mobile Museum
Suitable for all the family, the Mobile Museum will bring their full armoury for you to handle, try on and read. Artefacts including a deactivated machine gun, artillery shells, medal sets telling soldier's stories, as well as a big dressing up box with uniforms from different eras. There will also be kids activities around spying, trench fighting as well as talks about the various conflict themes. Pop in anytime from 10am.
Melksham Library, 14 Lowbourne, Melksham, SN12 7DZ



Saturday 10 November
12noon – 4pm
Melksham Remembers Exhibition with Wiltshire Scrapstore

Come and explore what life was like in the Melksham area during the First World War. Discover what the factories of Melksham were making, find out about the Red Cross Hospital, how food was in short supply and make up a parcel to send to a British prisoner of war. Wiltshire Scrapstore will be available from 12noon – 3pm with First World War themed activities.
Melksham Town Hall, Market Place, Melksham, SN12 6ES

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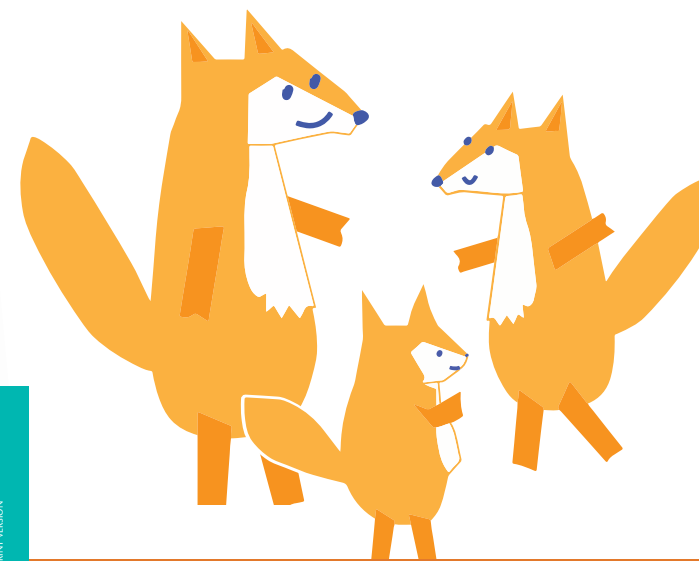
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Melksham Community Area

Monday 15 October – Sunday 11 November 2018



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Thursday 18 October
5.45pm – 7.30pm

Working together evening

Year 5 pupils and a parent are invited to come and experience some taster lessons in Maths, Music, Modern Foreign Languages and Art. Places are limited so you will need to reserve a place. Please email Jane Furnivall furnivallj@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk or call **01225 792847**.

Melksham Oak Community School, Bowerhill, Melksham SN12 6QZ

Friday 26 October
10am – 12noon

Dry clay decorations

Come make a mess and create stunning but simple clay decorations. You could make a key ring, hanging decoration or just get creative. You will create your own master pieces which you can then take home to complete the drying process. All materials are provided, and Sarah will have examples along with lots of cutters and ideas to get you started.

Melksham Assembly Hall, Market Place, Melksham, SN12 6ES

Every Saturday
9am

Family parkrun

Free, fun, weekly, 5km timed runs around the world are organised by parkrun. They are open to everyone, free, and are safe and easy to take part in. Come along with your family and go at your own pace, but please register first at www.parkrun.org.uk/melksham. If not all the family want to run then some could volunteer to help make it happen and cheer everyone on! Go to 'Volunteer' on the website. King George V Park, Lowbourn, Melksham, SN12 7DZ

Every Saturday
10.10am – 11.10am

Matt Fiddes martial arts

There is nothing more rewarding than being able to train with your children and other family members. Ensure you and your family have the life skills you need, both inside and outside the classroom, in a fantastically unpressurised learning environment. "Families that kick together, stick together". Suitable for ages seven and over. For enquiries please contact mfleads@hotmail.com The Manor School, Ruskin Ave, Melksham, SN12 7NG



Saturday 27 October
7pm

Family halloween party

Come and join us for a fun family Halloween disco. Free entry and fancy dress is optional. Have a fun, spooky night with us at the community centre.

Forest Community Centre, Bowmans Court, Melksham, SN12 7FF

Sunday 28 October
10.30am – 2pm

Visit to Caenhill Countryside Centre

Come along to our rural learning centre and take part in some outdoor activities. You can meet and feed the animals, have a tractor ride, do some farm foraging and try some rural craft with clay, willow and straw. Please book in to make sure you have a place, email contact@caenhillcc.org.uk or call **07837 568699** Caenhill Countryside Centre, Caen Hill, Devizes, SN10 5TF

Monday 29 and Wednesday 31 October
11am – 2pm

Young Melksham Family Fun Day

Come and join us for sports, fun and adventure. Be one of the first to try out our new Zorb Ball Suits and find out more about what we do at Young Melksham. Our café and tuck shop will be



open selling hot and cold drinks and snacks. There will be activities indoors and outside for whatever the weather brings! Suitable for all supervised children and young people aged six and over. For enquiries call **01225 667327** or email hello@youngmelksham.org.uk

Canberra Centre, 56 Spa Rd, Melksham SN12 7NY

Tuesday 30 October
10am – 12noon

Circus skills

Participants will have the opportunity to try a variety of circus skills including juggling with balls, clubs and scarves, flower sticks, poi, spinning plates and staff. A drop-in session for ages seven and over. River Mead School, Lowbourn, Melksham, SN12 7ED

Tuesday 30 October
12.30pm – 2pm

Try it here and take it home

Drop into Melksham library and share making an easy peasy, simple and fun craft together. You'll want to make it again when you get home! Join the Wiltshire Family and Community Learning – for enquiries call **01225 770478** Melksham Library, 14 Lowbourn, Melksham, SN12 7DZ



Wednesday 31 October
10am – 12noon

Family cookery session

Learn how to cook a simple, economical and nutritious meals with your child/children. Booking is not essential however, if you know you would like to attend please call **07825 223146** or email enquiries@anybodycancook.co.uk to give an idea of numbers. River Mead School, Lowbourn, Melksham, SN12 7ED

Wednesday 31 October
10am – 12noon

Pumpkin carving

Carve your very own terrifying pumpkin and enjoy some toasted pumpkin seeds and a gory Halloween punch. To book your place please call **01380 829070** Conigre Mead Nature Reserve, SN12 6UL

Thursday 1 November
10am – 12noon

Cardboard arcade

An engaging design, build and play activity suitable for groups of all ages. Unleash your creativity, making arcade games out of junk and cardboard. No need to book, but please turn up for 10am to give time to build, test and play with your arcade game. Melksham Town Hall,

Market Place, Melksham, SN12 6ES

Thursday 1 November
11am – 1pm

Terrarium building

Come along and make your own terrarium – a mini green ecosystem in an open-top glass jar. All materials will be provided but you're welcome to bring your own clean jar if you like. Suitable for all ages. No need to book. For more information contact Melanie Vincent melaniev@wiltshirewildlife.org Conigre Mead Nature Reserve, SN12 6UL

Thursday 1 November
2pm – 2.45pm

Hoop Fit

On and off body hula hoop. Demos and play. Low to moderate intensity for all. Suitable for ages eight and over. No need to book and hoops are provided. Melksham Town Hall, Market Place, Melksham, SN12 6ES

Friday 2 November
10am – 12noon

Truffle making drop in Immersed in the smell of chocolate, participants will create three hand-finished truffles with personalised packaging for the journey home - if you can resist

