

## **The Harley Gallery Summer Programme Set To Spark Children's Creativity**

Butterflies, bug houses, paper crowns and pottery make up The Harley Gallery's creative summer programme for children. Already a well-regarded venue for the East Midlands showcasing contemporary art of many forms, the gallery is committed to inspiring the creativity of the younger generation.

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A different hands on activity is on offer every Wednesday from 25 July onwards throughout the school summer holidays at the gallery located on the historic Welbeck Estate, near Worksop. Led by a trained education professional, the one hour workshops are inspired by the art of The Harley Gallery and the treasures of The Portland Collection as well as the great outdoors.

Nature inspired workshops will see children making Garden Butterflies, Bug Houses and Seed Heads while the free Portland Explorer trail will reveal a sparkling tiara in the Portland Collection, the perfect inspiration for a crown making workshop.

The Natural Weaving workshop can be combined with an exploration of 'LAID', the immersive 'human-scale' sculpture created by artist Laura Ellen Bacon to twine around the ground floor of the gallery.

Opening on 28 July, 'LAID' will entrance children as they can wander inside the woven sculpture made from willow and birch that has been knotted, woven, twisted and plaited together.

Rebecca Hardy, The Harley Gallery, said: "Our weekly sessions are designed to inspire young minds to be creative, using hand skills to create their own pieces of artwork. These well thought out activities are perfect for entertaining your child and igniting their creative spark."

The Pottery Studio on the Welbeck Estate is also offering weekly Paint a Pot sessions every Thursday and Potter's Wheel taster sessions will be on offer from 22 August, suitable for all ages.

Booking is now open for the next Start Club for children aged 3-5 and Art Club for children aged 6-11. These popular monthly clubs encourage children to look, draw and discover through simple art based activities, encouraging observation, imagination and hand skills. Children will have fun and get messy in these hands-on monthly Saturday sessions. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis are limited. Booking is for eight sessions, kicking off Saturday 13 October.

For dates, times, prices and booking information, please visit [www.harleygallery.co.uk](http://www.harleygallery.co.uk)

## **Ends**

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