

Newsletter



March 2024

Easter Egg-stravaganza

We are hosting two exciting events for the public over the Easter holidays.

On Wednesday 3rd April families are invited to join us for fun and activities including donning rabbit ears and bouncing around our bunny hop garden. Solving clues and riddles in a scavenger hunt in the Victorian Rose Garden. Meeting the deer and then heading to the Medieval Chapel for some Easter arts and crafts. At each activity children can collect a sticker and exchange their completed activity sheets for a chocolate egg.

On Thursday 4th April there is another opportunity to explore the Estate, this time riding on our tractor trailer to see some of the 350 acres of Parkland. This will take in beautiful views as well as seeing the rare breed sheep, cattle and of course the majestic deer. To keep little one occupied they can use our binoculars to complete an Easter themed I-SPY.

Both events cost only £6.50 per person. Tickets available on our website or via our Facebook page.



Market Field College

This month we hosted 4 students from Market Field college. These young adults all had severe additional needs and came with a one-to-one adult for support. They had an amazing time exploring the grounds and seeing the animals. They even managed to climb to the top of the tower. This was a massive achievement and it was clear to see how much they enjoyed it and how proud they were of their accomplishment.

Education Centre staff thoroughly enjoyed the time they were with us too and it was a great reminder for us that we want to make heritage and St. Osyth Priory, **accessible for all**. We hope this will be the start of an ongoing partnership and opportunity for Market Field College students to benefit from our amazing space.

Outdoor Explorers

The Pre-schoolers are back for March for a series of 4 sessions to explore the Estate in Spring. Each session has a theme with connecting crafts and activities, even themed snacks as the children enjoy the song 'dingle, dangle scarecrow' and decorated scarecrow biscuits to enjoy. Once again, we have received support from Asda with the Community Champion volunteering to help with our first session and also providing biscuits, snacks and the all important tea and coffee for the adults. We're really grateful for this and fortunate that the Community Champion also happens to be Forest School trained! A wonderful partnership.



Plasters at the ready!



This month our Home Educating families tried their hand at Lino cutting to create some Easter prints. For most this was their first time doing this art and they were a little wary of using the sharp gouging tool. The perseverance was worth it as every child managed to create a unique print. Miraculously only two entries in the accident book and one of them was me cutting myself preparing the materials! We have a new booking system for our Home Educator days.

Tickets for each session can now be purchased online via our website.



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