



Family activities

Family festival: rebellious, revelling, rotten Romans

Monday 12 – Friday 16 February 2024
11.00–16.00
Free, drop-in event

This is a family event featuring exciting, playful, and exploratory Roman-themed activities for all ages inspired by our major new exhibition *Legion: life in the Roman army*. All activities are drop in unless otherwise stated.

Please always stay with your children.

Monday 12 February

Legionary figures

11.00–16.00, Great Court (south-east corner)

Create your own legion figure with artist Christina Rose Brown to take home.

[Ages 5+](#)

***So You Think You've Got It Bad? A Kid's Life in Ancient Rome* with author Chae Strathie**

Performances 11.30, 13.30, 15.00 BP Lecture Theatre

Book signing 14.15–14.30 & 15.15–15.30 Great Court Book Shop

Would you like to snack on dormice, wash your clothes in wee or fight in gladiatorial combat? No?? Then you'll be glad you don't live in Ancient Rome! Step into the past with award-winning author Chae Strathie for a must-see event for kids with a passion for horrible history! A hilarious introduction to Roman times packed with songs, dancing, drawing and fascinating (sometimes gross!) facts!

[All ages](#)

Trails, backpacks, and art materials

10.00–16.30 (backpacks available until 15.00)

Families Desk, Great Court

Collect activities to do in the galleries.

[All ages](#)

Tuesday 13 February

Legion figures

11.00–16.00, Great Court (south-west corner)

Create your own legion figure with artist Christina Rose Brown to take home.

[Ages 5+](#)

Object handling and Roman games

11.00–16.00, Great Court (south-west corner)

Handle replica Roman objects and play Roman games in this interactive area.

[Ages 6+](#)

Time travelling trolley

10.45–11.45 in Room 49, 12.45–1.45 in Room 50 and 1.30–2.30 in Room 49

Work with artist Ian Crichton as he travels across our Roman galleries. Look at objects and respond with craft activities.

[Ages 5+](#)

Trails, backpacks and art materials

10.00–16.30 (backpacks available until 15.00)

Families Desk, Great Court

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[All ages](#)

Copper helmet, London England, AD 1-100.

Cheekpiece, River Thames, England, AD1-100.

Wednesday 14 February

Legion figures

11.00–16.00, Great Court (south-east corner)
Create your own legion figure with artist Christina Rose Brown to take home.
[Ages 5+](#)

Trails, backpacks, and art materials

10.00–16.30 (backpacks available until 15.00)
Families Desk, Great Court
Collect activities to do in the galleries.
[All ages](#)

Thursday 15 February

Legion figures

11.00–16.00, Great Court (south-east corner)
Create your own legion figure with artist Christina Rose Brown to take home.
[Ages 5+](#)

Time travelling trolley

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[Ages 5+](#)

Trails, backpacks, and art materials

10.00–16.30 (backpacks available until 15.00)
Families Desk, Great Court
Collect activities to do in the galleries.
[All ages](#)

Horrible Histories: Martin Brown Book signing

Great Court Book Shop 11.30-12.30 & 15.00-15.30
Meet Horrible Histories illustrator Martin Brown and have your Scholastic books signed.
Please book in advance.
[All ages](#)

Friday 16 February

Legion figures

11.00–16.00, Great Court (south-east corner)
Create your own legion figure with artist Christina Rose Brown to take home.
[Ages 5+](#)

The Plot Against the Emperor: An Ancient Roman Puzzle Mystery with author Andy Seed

Performances 13.45-14.15 & 14.45-15.15 BP
Lecture theatre
Book signing 14.15-14.30 & 15.15-15.30 Great Court Book Shop
Join Blue Peter award-winning author Andy Seed for a puzzle-solving event with The Plot Against the Emperor as ancient Roman friends, Flavia and Julius uncover a plot to overthrow the emperor! Expect fun puzzles to solve, fascinating facts about ancient Rome and learn how to read Latin in this fun and interactive event!
[All ages](#)

Trails, backpacks, and art materials

10.00–16.30 (backpacks available until 15.00)
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Bronze mask, Italy, around 2 BC.