

Library Gets Lively: Astronauts

Saturday 15th March, 10.15am-10.45am

Dorchester Library & Learning Centre

18 months - 5 years

Calling all space explorers, come and join us for a story, craft and rhyme session that is out of this world!

FREE, booking is essential via Eventbrite

Solar System Walk with Weymouth Astronomy Club

Saturday 15th March, 2 sessions

10.30am-11.30am | 2pm-3pm

Start: Cricket Club / End: Town Pump

How big would the solar system be if the Sun was only half a metre across? On this family walk, you will encounter all the planets and learn interesting facts about each one.

FREE, booking is essential via Eventbrite

Sensory Safe Science Day

Saturday 15th March, 2 sessions

10.30am-12.30pm | 1.30pm-3.30pm

Borough Gardens House Community Room

4+ years

Drop-in sessions offering interactive science activities, especially aimed at children who are neurodivergent or who might prefer a quieter environment. Come and practise some hands-on physics experiments which you can try at home, learn about the Moon & Mars through history with fun facts and games, and meet and handle some incredible invertebrate creatures with the Critter Clan.

FREE drop-in, no booking required



Starlight Planetarium Show

Sunday 16th March, 6 shows

10am, 11am, 12pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm

The Town Hall, Corn Exchange, DT1 1HF

4+ years

Join us for an unforgettable journey through the cosmos at the Starlight STEM Planetarium! Our immersive 45-minute show transports you into the heart of the night sky, where you can explore the Solar System, dazzling stars, mesmerising galaxies, and the mysteries of the universe.

FREE, booking is essential via Eventbrite

Crafty Fools Adventures in Science

Sunday 16th March, 2pm-3pm

Dorchester Arts, Corn Exchange, DT1 1HF

6+ years

The Discovery Lab is a spaceship, and home to travelling aliens on an Earth exploration mission. Don't worry, they come in peace and they're keen to make discoveries with you. Improvised theatre meets interactive science by award-winning theatre company Brave Bold Drama.

£13 Adults / £11 Concessions

Tickets available at www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

DORCHESTER SCIENCE FESTIVAL 2025

Friday 7th March - Sunday 16th March



Refreshments will be available during the events from a wide variety of outlets in town. For the Family Science Day on the 16th of March, the Taste Café in the Museum will be open from 10am - 4pm.



Ticket links can be found through Dorchester Science Festival Facebook events:
www.facebook.com/DorchesterScienceFestival



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Family Science Day 2025!

Sunday 16th March

11am-1pm | 2pm-4pm

Dorset Museum & Art Gallery,
High West Street, Dorchester, DT1 1XA
4+ Children, Adults and Families
FREE

Come and meet a real scientist! Get involved with some fascinating hands-on learning and experiments. Lots of interesting experts to ask those tricky science questions.

Admittance to Family Science Day will be by ticket only. **Tickets are FREE and can be obtained by going to the Dorset Museum website to book.** Due to high demand for this event, we sincerely ask that if you book a ticket but then are unable to go, **that you cancel it to make the place available.**

There will be 2 time slots available from 11am-1pm and from 2pm-4pm. Places are available on a first come first served basis. You will need the ticket on the day, either printed, or on your phone, to be admitted. Please check the Dorset Museum website or Dorchester Science Festival Facebook page for additional information.

From Blood Letting To Life Saving (The Evolution of Phlebotomy)

Thursday 6th March, 4pm-5pm
Pathology Library, Level 3 North Wing,
Dorset County Hospital, DT1 2JY
14+ years

Dorset County Hospital returns to support the Science Festival following last year's sell out. We'll look at blood taking (Phlebotomy) from a historical and practical viewpoint in an interactive session using simulation.

FREE, booking essential. To reserve a place email: widening.participation@dchft.nhs.uk

Creation Station

Saturday 9th March, 2.30pm-3.30pm
Dorchester Library & Learning Centre
4+ years

Join us for a science themed craft session, available all day, just drop in!

FREE, booking is essential via Eventbrite

Dipping into Pond Life

Saturday 8th March, 2 sessions
10.30am-12.30pm | 1.30pm-3.30pm
Kingcombe Visitor Centre, Dorchester
DT2 0EQ

Join Dr George McGavin, one of the UK's leading authorities on the natural world and acclaimed TV and radio presenter, and microbial ecologist Prof Genoveva Esteban to investigate the fascinating world of pond life (including microbes!).

FREE, no booking is required



Female Foundations: The Lives and Legacies of Women in Earth Sciences

Saturday 8th March, 10am-4.30pm
The Dorford Centre, DT1 1RR

How did women contribute to our understandings of the past? What was their legacy, and what we can learn from that? We'll be hosting a day of talks from academics and authors covering notable women such as a geologist Mary Anning and archaeologists Peggy Piggott, Tony Syriax, Susann Palmer.

£45pp, find out how to book through the Dorchester Science Festival event page

Kitchen experiments

Sat 8th March, 2pm-3pm
Waterstones, South Street, Dorchester
DT1 1DQ
5-10 years

Cool kitchen science experiments with Professor Big Bonce!

FREE, Collect tickets from Waterstones

Lego Explorers - STEM edition

Saturday 8th March, 2.30pm-3.30pm
Dorchester Library & Learning Centre
4+ years

Join us for a themed Duplo play session all about vehicles! Bring along your mini mechanic to share the fun!

FREE, booking is essential via Eventbrite

Astrophotography: Capturing the Cosmos and Advancing Science

Saturday 8th March, 6pm-7.30pm
Briantspuddle Village Hall, Briantspuddle
DT2 7HT

Join Dr Charles Finn to discover how astrophotography blends art, science and technology to reveal the wonders of the universe—and how amateurs are making real scientific contributions.

FREE, booking is essential via Eventbrite

Rhymetime, Science & Fun!

Tuesday 11th March, 2 sessions
10.15am-10.45am | 11.15am-11.45am
Dorchester Library & Learning Centre
0-18 months

Sing along with rhymes, make music with shakers and meet new friends.

FREE, booking is essential via Eventbrite

Wild Wednesday

Wednesday 12th March, 2 sessions
10am-12.30pm | 2.30pm-4.30pm
The Retreat, Sculpture by the Lakes
DT2 8QU

Our science day explores the natural world from the soil up, investigating sustainable gardening with biochar and no-dig methods. We'll also delve into the fascinating lives of moths, pond dipping, fungi, lichens, and the healing properties of medicinal plants.

£10 inc. entry & coffee, no booking required

Code Club Digital Explorers

Thursday 13th March, 4pm-4.45pm
Dorchester Library & Learning Centre
8-12 years

An exciting session filled with interactive activities, challenges, and games. No prior coding is required, just curiosity & enthusiasm!

FREE, booking is essential via Eventbrite

Take Me To The River

Saturday 15th March, 10am-1pm
The WaterShed, Sydling St Nicholas DT2 9NS
8+ years

Work with scientists and conservationists as they conduct experiments 'in the field'. A hands-on experience to understand how a scientist conducts experimental work and how that work adds data and knowledge about our climate challenged environment. Wellingtons (and waterproof clothing if raining) needed.

FREE, reserve a place by email: lilylloyd@capefarewell.com



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