



The **Hive**

January to April 2019

# What's On?

## Coming Up:

Harry Potter Night | Half Term  
British Science Week | Children's Theatre  
Royal Meteorological Exhibition of Weather Photography

[www.thehiveworcester.org](http://www.thehiveworcester.org)

# Introduction

Welcome to 2019!

## What's On?

Another year, another jam-packed programme for you to enjoy at The Hive this season.

To brighten up the long days prior to Spring, why not try something new, learn a new skill, meet some new friends or simply curl up with a book and enjoy the view from the 3rd floor windows.

Highlights this term include our infamous Harry Potter Night, the return of Science Week, with lots of insightful and inspiring events to encourage both present and future scientists of all ages.

We also welcome back Rhubarb Theatre with a brand new show for children, The Boy Who Wanted to Fly, plus lots of activity going on in the children's library.

As the Spring term leads into exam time, we have a full Study Happy programme on hand to soothe and ease the stress for our teenagers and students, including free tea and biscuits as well as support for study and mental health. In times of uncertainty, The Hive offers a safe, warm welcome to everyone; we are certain you will continue to find something to enjoy.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to a new year of hope and peace for you all.

**Laura Worsfold, Business Development Manager, The Hive**

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Credits for the **Children's University** scheme. [www.childrensuniversity.co.uk](http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk) can be gained from most of our 5 - 14 year old activities with this symbol.



Look out for our **Study Happy** symbol - lots of activities to take part in to help you study healthier, happier and smarter.



# Harry Potter Night

**Thursday 7 February, 4:15pm to 6:15pm**

Another night of magical fun awaits you at The Hive!

The children's library will become Hogwarts School of Witchcraft & Wizardry and there will be lots of fun activities in which to take part. Will you dare to have your fortune told by Professor Trelawney? Or cast a charm in Professor Flitwick's class? Will you become a world-class seeker on the Quidditch pitch? Or will you just want to read in the Gryffindor common room? The choice will be yours... Remember to dress in your finest Hogwarts's clothes!

**Mad Science Potter Potions Workshops** - 4:15pm, 5pm, 5:45pm

The three shows are 30 minutes long and cost £3.50 per child & £4 per adult.

**Make & Take a Golden Snitch Activity**

£2.50 per child

**Booking is essential**

# Study Happy

Study Happy is a year-round programme designed to help students in Worcester study healthier, happier and smarter.

## Find Your Space

Groups can now book a room, table or Nook up to 48 hours in advance. For more information visit [library.worc.ac.uk/about/visit-us/book-a-space](http://library.worc.ac.uk/about/visit-us/book-a-space)

## Study support at The Hive

The askalibrarian and IT desk on level 3 of The Hive is open to all for resource-based queries, referencing advice and IT support. There is no need to book, just drop in and ask.

## Student study period at The Hive

Study Happy provides additional support for students during the busy January assessment period. Find your space: Look out for additional study spaces created throughout the building throughout the assessment period.

Please note, meeting rooms cannot be booked for study during the assessment period.

Study Happy hour: Free tea, coffee and biscuits will be available in a designated break-out space at selected times during the assessment period. These sessions are open to all students working within The Hive.

## Study Happy sessions

Join us on Wednesday afternoons for stress-relieving Study Happy sessions. From colouring to mindfulness and Pets as Therapy dog visits.

## More to help you Study Happy

### Time To Talk Day - 7 February

Join us in helping to end the stigma surrounding mental health.

## University Mental Health Day

### 7 March

We'll have a range of activities to help promote the mental health of people who live, work and study in higher education settings.

## Nutrition & Hydration Week

### 11 - 17 March

Look out for events and activities to encourage a healthier approach to study.

## Stress Awareness Month

### 1 - 30 April

Find out more about how to manage your stress with events and activities throughout the month.

For more details about all these events, see the Study Happy webpages: [library.worc.ac.uk/study-happy](http://library.worc.ac.uk/study-happy)

# Young at Art

Thursdays, 10:30am - 12pm

## Exploring. Listening. Making.

On Thursdays during term-time The Hive and Worcester City Art Gallery and Museum alternate hosting themed sensory craft sessions for children under five. Find those taking place at The Hive below

**£3 payable on the day. No pre booking required.**

<b>10 January</b>	Snowflakes & Icicles	<b>7 March</b>	Spring Pots
<b>24 January</b>	Snowdrop Pots	<b>21 March</b>	Dazzling Daffodils
<b>7 February</b>	Patterns & Colour	<b>4 April</b>	On the Farm

# Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 5 February,  
10am - 12pm

Come to this free drop-in event to find out how secure your passwords are and learn how to browse the internet safely with the support of West Mercia Police, One Digital and our Digital Champions. Follow us on social media from **1 - 5 February** to get daily tips and tricks on how to stay safe online.

# February Half Term

15 - 25 February

## 'The Curse of Aggara'- Meet the author workshop

Tuesday 19 February,  
11:30am - 1:30pm

A **FREE** fun event for children aged 6-12. Includes storytelling, drama, games and spells!

Meet author Jayn E Winslade as she unveils 'The Curse of Aggara', her latest book in the Chronicles of the Golden Light series.

Come and explore the magical world! Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Booking is essential**

## Coding Activity



Thursday 21 February,  
12pm - 1:30pm

A fun free workshop introducing children aged 9-13 to computer coding.

Bring headphones or purchase for £1.60

**Booking is essential**

## Half Term Tales

Hear the best bits of books read aloud by our lovely librarians.

**Every day, 11am and 2.45pm**

# The Boy Who Wanted to Fly

Friday 22 February, 2pm - 3pm

Billy is poorly, and just a tiny bit scared. He's stuck in a hospital room with drab white walls, nasty tasting medicine and lots of busy grown-ups with not enough patience for this little patient. It's miserable. But all that's about to change...

Join Billy, and family performance specialists Rhubarb Theatre, on their latest quest, as they discover the healing power of stories and try to prove that laughter is the best medicine!

Suitable for children aged 5+

**Booking is essential**  
**Running time: 60 minutes**

**Adults £7 | Child £3 | Babes in arms free**



# Children's Workshop with Rhubarb Theatre

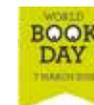
Friday 22 February, 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Chocks away and tally ho - join Rhubarb Theatre as we fly with the Royal Air Force back to old Blighty. But watch out, there's a storm on its way and if we don't hold on tight, we might be blown off course - who knows where we'll end up and how we'll get back.

Suitable for ages 5+ (under 8's need to be accompanied by an adult)

**Children £3 | Accompanying adult goes free**

# Bedtime Stories



Thursday 7 March,  
4pm - 5pm

Put on your dressing gown and slippers, or come in your World Book Day costume, pick up your favourite teddy bear and come and enjoy some traditional bedtime stories told by our wonderful library staff. Milk and cookies will be provided!

**This free event is part of the World Book Day initiative 2019**

If you can't make it in to The Hive make sure you like our Facebook page for updates on how to join our Bedtime Stories online.



# British Science Week 8 - 17 March

## Science for Teachers: Continuing Professional Development by Royal Institution

Monday 11 March, 4pm - 5.30pm

*"The children were agog – (no exaggeration). We listened to the whole story of electricity from Ancients through to Faraday. Fantastic! We're so used to safe, predictable things that it was great to have a bit of the unknown".* Quote from teacher

The Royal Institution, creator of the Christmas Lectures, is running a CPD session for teachers of science. The sessions give practical tips and show how to engage pupils by using easy and fun demonstrations and practical activities as part of science teaching.

Suitable for primary school / secondary school teachers.

**Booking is essential**

**Adults £3**



## Laboratory in the Library



Tuesday 12 March, 4pm - 4:45pm and 4:45pm - 5:30pm

Bring science to life in our Library Laboratory. Learn how to make rain, tornadoes or clouds in a bottle and power a zooming rocket to top it off.

## Bringing Science to Life - Family Science Show



Tuesday 12 March, 5:30pm - 6:45pm

Get ready to get hands-on with surprising experiments, shocking science facts and the odd explosion. The Royal Institution, creator of the Christmas Lectures, present a whistle-stop tour of some of the great scientific discoveries made at the Royal Institution. It introduces interesting science facts through fun, interactive, and above all exciting, science demonstrations.

Specifically designed with a broad audience in mind this show is an ideal introduction to science for all the family.

Suitable for children and adults  
**Children £3.50 | Adults £4**

## The Science Behind Wildlife Conservation

Wednesday 13 March, 6:30pm

Science is at the core of wildlife conservation, helping to discover new species and protect the old. Find out about how science informs wildlife management in this lecture by Dr John Dutton from the University of Worcester.

**Free but booking is essential**

## Ecology Research Forum

Thursday 14 March, 6:30pm

Find out about the latest ecological research at the University of Worcester from Dr Duncan Westbury and his colleagues. Suitable for adults with a specific interest in ecology.

1.5 hours with 20 minute break.

**Free but booking is essential**

## BBC Focus 'Science Discovery Trail'



1 - 31 March

Follow the boards and collect fun science facts around the grounds of The Hive and City Campus, unveil links to the BBC online children's science magazine.

**Free. Collect quiz sheets from the pod in the Atrium**



# Easter

## Easter Trail

14 - 28 April

Drop-in anytime to take part in the Hive Easter Trail.

Solve a “riddle” to find the pictures of famous bunnies hidden in the children’s library. When the trail is complete, you can claim your chocolate treat!

**Cost 50p per entry, payable at the pod in the Children’s Library**

**SHAKESPEARE  
WEEK**  
Join the national celebration

## Shakespeare Week

18 - 24 March

Join us for some free Shakespeare activities on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 March to learn all about the nation’s most famous playwright, 10am - 3pm.

### Magical Make & Take 10am and 1:45pm

Create your own Magical Flower and put your magic to the test! £2.50 **Booking is essential**

### Midsummer Nights Dream Rat-a-Tat Tales

11am and 2:45pm

Join us in the woods to discover the power of the magical flower. The King and Queen of the Fairies are being mischievous and you get to make or break friendships.

## Design a “Shad” fish

22 - 28 April

**Free drop-in activity**

Children are welcome to design, draw, colour and cut out a “shad” fish and then add it to our river display in the children’s library.

## Family Coding Activity

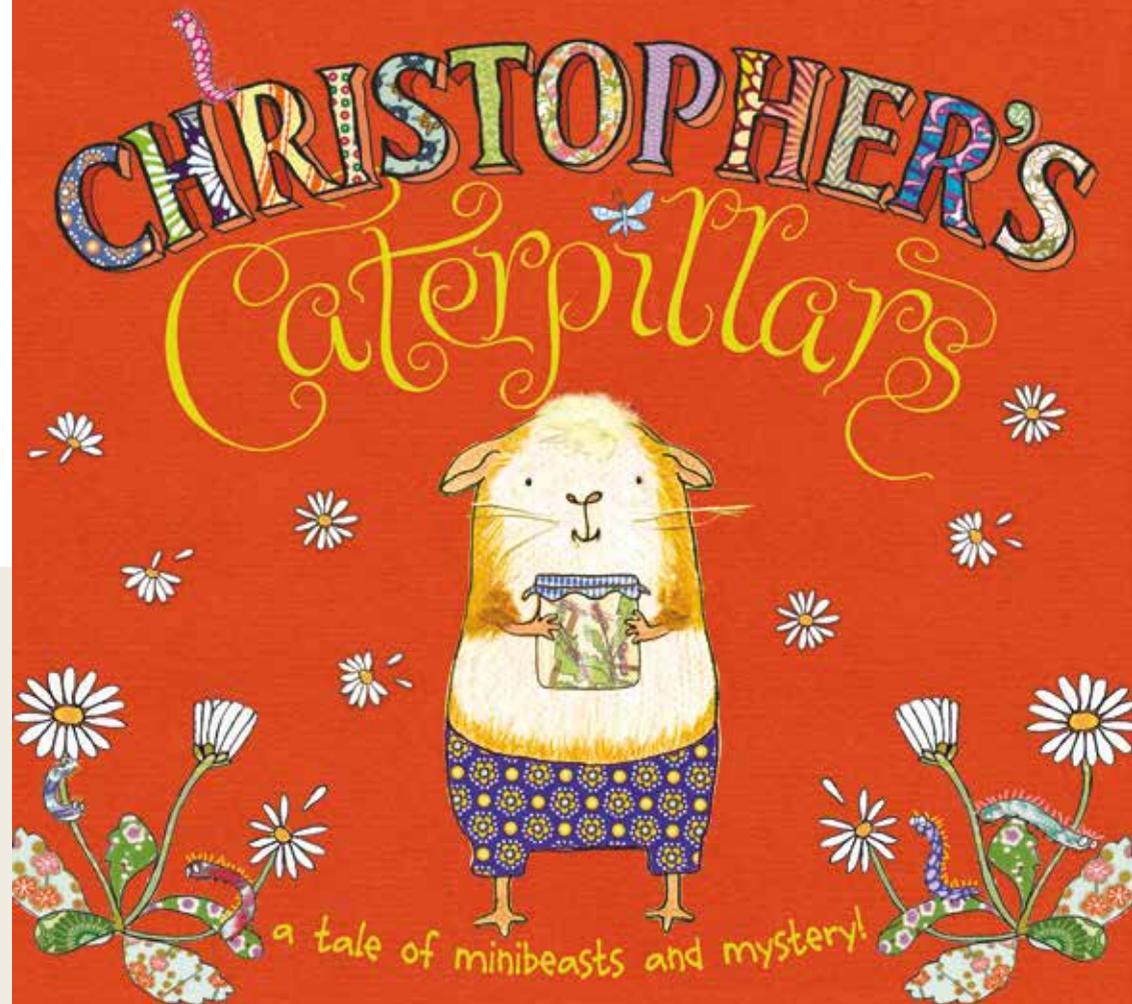


Thursday 18 April, 12pm - 1:30pm

A fun free workshop introducing children and parents to computer coding.

Bring headphones or purchase for £1.60

**Booking is essential**



## Christopher’s Caterpillars

Wednesday 17 April, 11:30am & 2pm

Presented by Topsy Turvy Theatre

Christopher Nibble and Posie have been busy growing plants whilst taking care of their six hairy pet caterpillars. But when their crawly comrades disappear they swap their trowels for magnifying glasses and turn guinea pig detectives! Will they crack the case in this bright and beautiful tale of mini-beasts and mysteries?

**Booking is essential. Running time: 60 minutes**

**Adults £7 | Children £3 | Babes in arms free**

# Explore the Past

## Starting Family History

**13, 20, 27 February, 10am - 12pm**

Want to know how to begin tracing your ancestors and building your family tree? This three-part workshop will explain how to get started, key tips, the main sources you will need, and a chance to put it into practice and have a go online during the sessions.

**Cost £20 per person**

## Explore maps

**28 February, 10am - 3pm**

It is said that all good adventures begin with a map! Join us for a workshop on maps, finding out about the different types we hold, the information they reveal and how to search for and use them here in The Hive.

**Cost £18 per person**

## Explore House History

**27 March, 10am - 1pm**

Are you interested in discovering more about the house you live in, or another historic building? Book onto this 3 hour workshop to find out about the resources we hold that can help you discover more about a building's past.

**Cost £15 per person**

## Hands on History

**Thursday 21 February, 10am - 3pm**

Come along and take part in free history and archaeology activities.

## Civil war Tour

**Saturday 23 February, 2pm - 3:30pm**

Come with us behind the scenes to find out about the Civil War in Worcestershire through documents, books and archaeology in our collections. You'll also get to visit the places the public don't usually get to see. Part of the Love Worcester Heritage festival.

**Cost £6 per person**

## First Steps in Family History

**7 February, 7 March, 4 April, 11:30am - 12:30pm**

These one hour introductions will guide you round the most useful family history resources we hold on the Explore the Past floor and give you some tips on getting started.

**The sessions take up to 5 people and are £6 per person**



## Hive Archaeology Tour

**Saturday 16 March, 11:30am - 1pm**

Join us on this tour in and around The Hive to discover how the site has changed over time, from a Roman street to Civil War defences and Victorian cattle market. This is a great chance to not only learn about, but also see and handle finds from The Hive excavations.

**Cost £5 per person**

## Exhibitions

### St Paul's Hostel Photography Exhibition

8 - 31 January - Café

Display of the photography project from the residents of St Paul's Hostel.

### Holocaust Anne Frank - A History for Today

19 - 31 January - Atrium

Discover the life history of Anne Frank, her family and friends, their life in Germany and later in the secret annex in Amsterdam, against the background of the Holocaust and the Second World War.

The exhibition challenges us to consider how these issues are relevant today and what we can do to prevent prejudice and discrimination. A partnership project between the University of Worcester and the Anne Frank Trust UK.



### Royal Meteorological Exhibition of Weather Photography

1 - 31 March - Atrium

See some of the best photography from around the world that vividly capture the magnificent extremes of weather in the Royal Meteorological Society exhibition at The Hive.

### Migration Exhibition

3 - 29 April - Atrium

An inspiring exhibition, featuring more than 300 postcards from around the world each bearing a drawing of a bird and a written message, representing the theme of migration. Illustrators including the likes of Axel Scheffler, best known for the Gruffalo, and illustrators from the University of Worcester have contributed to this exhibition.

# Business Events at The Hive

## Inspiring Entrepreneurs - Digital Disruptors

11 February, 7pm - 8:30pm

A panel of digital experts will be in conversation at the British Library in London. We will be streaming the webinar at The Hive. Come along and watch and live tweet your questions to the panel in London.

## Haines Watts Business Breakfasts

Tuesday 12 February & 2 April,  
7:30am - 9:30am

Follow us on social media or check The Hive website for an update on the topics of these free business breakfasts at The Hive. Great for upskilling and making new contacts.

# Volunteer at The Hive

Looking to learn new skills, enhance your CV or ease yourself into the workplace? Our jolly team of volunteers give between 1-4 hours per week supporting people in the community.

Wacky Wednesday volunteers encourage children aged 0-5 to get more creative through messy play and inspire a love of reading. If tech is more your thing you can become a Code Club volunteer - learning news skills while inspiring the next generation of coders. You don't need to be a coding genius, just willing to learn some of the basics and you will be registered as an official STEM Ambassador.

Event volunteers help with our growing programme of arts, culture and family events, getting free tickets to see shows and talks. Our digital champions find helping those without computer skills to access essential services online really rewarding.

Now you can gain accreditation for your volunteering hours either at The Hive or elsewhere on our free Accredited Short Course with as little as 10 hours volunteering time.

Check out <http://thehiveworchester.org/jobs> for more detail of how to apply or speak to any member of staff



# Adult Learning

We host a variety of courses from learning languages to business advice. For a full list including times and cost please visit our website.

## Learning a new language

Have you thought of learning Spanish, Italian or improving on what you already know?

- Spanish/Italian for Beginners
- Spanish/Italian for Pre-Improvers

## Business

For you budding entrepreneurs there are courses to help you get off the ground and how to promote yourself.

- **Business Accounts for Sole Traders**  
- Thursday 14 March, 10am - 3pm
- **Using Social Media to Promote your Business**  
- Thursday 11 April, 10am - 3pm

## Volunteering

FREE for those who are eligible

- **Volunteering, Short Course**  
- Thursdays 10am - 12pm

## Leisure

- **Creative Writing**  
- Saturdays 10am - 12pm
- **Gentle Yoga and Relaxation**  
- Thursdays 6pm - 6:45pm

## Understanding & Support

FREE for those who are eligible

- **Understanding and Supporting People with ADHD**  
- Friday 15 February and Monday 1 April, 9:30am - 3:30pm
- **Understanding and Supporting People with Autism**  
- Friday 1 March and Friday 15 March, 9:30am - 3:30pm
- **Understanding and Supporting People with Dyslexia**  
- Friday 19 April, 9:30am - 3:30pm

## ESOL

These course are free and designed for people for whom English is not their primary language.

- **Family Health and Wellbeing**  
- Friday mornings
- **Money Shopping and Skills**  
- Friday afternoons

## Books Together

Sessions for parents/carers and their young children (2.5yrs - 4yrs).

Each session uses a different children's book for fun games, activities and art and craft and includes lots of "school ready" skills.

**Every Tuesday from 15 January for 12 weeks (straight after Bounce & Rhyme)**  
**10:30am - 12pm (including refreshments)**  
**FREE** to those who are eligible

# Regular Events for Adults

## Job Club

Every Wednesday, 2:30pm - 4pm

## Computer Basics

Every Monday, 2:30pm - 3:30pm  
Every Thursday, 10am - 11am

## Creative Writers' Group

Second Monday of each month,  
7pm - 9pm

## Meditation Classes for Everyone

Most Mondays,  
1pm - 2pm & 7:30pm - 9pm  
Check our website for details

## New Chapter - Reading Group

Fortnightly from Monday  
14 January, 10:30am - 11:30am

For adults with mild/moderate learning disabilities. Term time only.

## Home Choice Plus Surgeries

Every Tuesday,  
9:30am - 12pm, The Hub

The Hub also run Licensing Surgeries on Tuesdays 11:30am - 1pm and Thursdays 1:30pm - 3pm.

## Crafty Corner

First & third Tuesday of each month,  
5:30pm - 8pm



# Regular Events for Adults

## Health Walks

Every Wednesday

Approximately one-hour walk, slow to medium pace, suitable for all ages. Meet inside The Hive at 10:15am. Walk starts at 10:30am.

## One to One IT Support

One hour slots available  
Monday to Friday

Book in with our Digital Champions. Basic keyboard and mouse skills required.

## BSL Book Club

First Tuesday of every month.  
Starting on 8 January, 2pm - 3pm

A book group for British Sign Language users with different levels of English. Everyone welcome including deaf and hearing people. A new theme every month.

## Computer Café

First Tuesday of every month.  
Starting February, 10am - 12pm

Brush up your PC and online skills and learn how to use the internet safely and securely with the support of a variety of experts in these free bookable sessions.

## Language Cafés

Join our informal gatherings that give language learners and native speakers the opportunity to practice their language skills, meet like-minded people and make new friends in a relaxed atmosphere. Build confidence in communicating without focusing on mistakes but on understanding and being understood, in a way that encourages spontaneity and fluency.

**English** - every third Thursday of the month  
7pm - 9pm

**Russian** - every second Tuesday of the month commencing in March, 7pm - 9pm

**Spanish and French** - every first and third Monday of the month from 10am - 12pm

**For Spanish:** [www.meetup.com/Worcester-Spanish-Language-Meetup/](http://www.meetup.com/Worcester-Spanish-Language-Meetup/)

**For French:** [www.meetup.com/Worcester-French-Language-Meetup/](http://www.meetup.com/Worcester-French-Language-Meetup/)

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# Regular Events for Young People

## Two Counties Training Support

Two Counties Training Programmes of study include functional skills or GCSE as appropriate, plus vocational.

Contact Kelly on 07568130478 for more information.

## Coder Dojo

**Fortnightly starting Tuesday  
15 January, 5:30pm - 7pm**

A brand new fun and relaxed programming club for young teens aged 11-15.

## Worcester Spark Young Writers' Group

**First Saturday of each month,  
10am - 12pm**

The group meets once a month on a Saturday and is led by writer Rick Sanders.

Register at [www.writingwestmidlands.org/worcester-young-writers-groups](http://www.writingwestmidlands.org/worcester-young-writers-groups)

# Regular Events for Children



## Treasure Trail

Take part in our popular weekly themed treasure trails across the children's library.

## Sustainability Trail

Borrow a self-guided Sustainability Trail map from the pod in the children's library.

## Holiday Storytime

**11am and 2:45pm**

Join us to hear your favourite books read aloud every day during the school holidays.

## Chatterbooks at The Hive

**Second Monday of each month,  
4:45pm - 6pm**

Book club for 8-12 year olds.  
\*Not during school holidays

## Bounce & Rhyme

**Every Tuesday, 10am - 10:30am**

For pre-school children (1-4 years) and their parents and carers to bounce, rhyme and learn skills for reading along the way.



# Regular Events for Children

## Wacky Wednesdays

**Every Wednesday, 1:30pm - 3pm**

Fun stay and play for pre-school children aged between 0-5 years. Help your child learn essential skills for life in a fun, stay and play session for pre-school children aged 0-5 years. Storytime at 2:45pm

## Baby Bounce & Rhyme

**Every Friday, 11am - 11:30am**

Join our lively session of bouncing and rhyming for babies 0-12 months

## Breast Buddies

**Every Friday, 11:30am - 12:30pm**

Breast Buddies for breastfeeding support and information.



## Mini Baby Bounce & Rhyme

**Every Friday, 1pm - 1:30pm**

Gentle singing and rhyming for you and your newborn baby.

## Rat-a-tat Tales

**Every Saturday & Sunday, 11am & 2:45pm. Every Wednesday 2:45pm**

Listen for the sound of the rat-a-tat... storytime is about to begin. Interactive stories for children aged 3-7 and those with the big kid inside.



# Information

## The Hive

**Monday - Sunday - 8:30am - 10pm**

Please refer to The Hive website for Bank Holiday closures.

## Historic Environment Record

**Monday - Friday - 1pm - 4pm**

## Café

**Monday - Sunday - 8:30am - 9pm**

Selection of hot and cold snacks and drinks. Vending machines are available on Level 3.

## Original Archives

**Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday - 10:30am - 1pm & 1:30pm - 4pm**

**Wednesday - 1:30pm - 7pm**

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/waas](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/waas)

Tickets and seat reservations for events detailed in this brochure can be purchased online through The Hive website: [www.thehiveworcester.org/whats-on](http://www.thehiveworcester.org/whats-on) unless stated otherwise.

Prices are stated where there is a charge. If no price is stated the event or activity is free.

For Explore the Past workshop enquiries - email: [explorepast@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:explorepast@worcestershire.gov.uk) tel: 01905 766352 or visit the Explore the Past desk on Level 2.

For all other enquiries - email: [hiveminteam@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:hiveminteam@worcestershire.gov.uk) tel: **01905 765576**

Please note the information in this guide was correct at the time of going to print.

## Worcestershire Hub

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - 9am - 5pm**

**Wednesday - 9:30am - 5pm**

**Telephone - 01905 765765**

## Askalibrarian

**Monday - Friday - 10am - 7pm**

**Saturday - 10am - 5pm**

**July - August, Monday - Friday - 10am - 4pm only**

Anybody can visit the askalibrarian desk on Level 3 for help with resource finding and referencing queries. No need to book, just drop in and ask.

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