

Autumn
& Winter
Events
2018

The Samuel Johnson *Birthplace Museum & Bookshop*

Johnson's Birthday Celebrations



Saturday 22 September
10.30am – 4.30pm, Free

Celebrate Samuel Johnson's Birthday at his family home with a slice of birthday cake for all! Plus as part of Lichfield Heritage Weekend's '100 years of...' theme, step back in time and experience the Museum as visitors would have seen it in 1918 with a special exhibition and family activities.

Dr Johnson's Wikiwords: Birthday



Saturday 29 September
7pm and 8.15pm, £10 (£8 students)
Early booking discounts available

Dr Johnson has the Birthday blues until rumours that he is to lose his birthday force him to think of revolution. Another evening of comic dabbling in the world of words, birthday parties and bouncebackability.

Silver Sunday



Sunday 7 October. 11am – 1pm, Free
Join the Birthplace team for a cup of tea, gentle craft activities and a behind the scenes peek at the Museum's stored collections on this annual day of fun for older people across the UK*

The Extraordinary Journey of Francis Barber



Sunday 14 October. 2pm, £4
A fascinating talk on Johnson's heir 'Frank' Barber, from a plantation in Jamaica to high-society London and a Staffordshire schoolhouse. Includes a behind the scenes visit to the Museum's library, with original letters, documents and items from Frank on display. Part of Black History Month.

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Halloween Storytelling for Adults



Wednesday 24 October, 7pm
£8.50 including a drink

As we approach All Hallows Eve, for one night only, the museum will be haunted – by sinister tales. Lichfield Storytellers will thrill and delight you with traditional stories of spectral encounters, creeping horrors and creatures from your nightmares!

Crafty Sundays



Sundays 4, 11 and 18 November
11am-3pm, Free

Browse while visiting the Museum, meet local makers and find unique Christmas gifts in our series of tiny craft fairs.

Christmas Light Night



Sunday 25 November
3.30pm – 6pm, Free

Warm up while visiting the Christmas Light Switch On with hands-on activities and festive refreshments including mulled wine.

The Johnson Family Christmas



Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 December
11am – 3pm, Free

Enjoy the historic house decorated for Christmas, with activities for all ages and events throughout the weekend including carol singing, storytelling, mulled wine, magic and special moving displays!

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Wintry Indoor Storywalk



Monday 17 December
Timed slots from 7pm, £6

Four storytellers, four traditional wintry tales, four rooms from the cellar kitchen to the attic. Hear stories sparkling with winter frost and glowing with fireside warmth as our guides lead you through the house!

Words Alive!

WORDS
Live

Term-time Saturdays
10.30am – 11.45am

£3 per session, discounts for family groups

A weekly club for 7-11 year olds who love words! Read, write, create, act, and illustrate in an inspiring setting

Kids
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Samuel
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Halloween Storytelling for Families



Wednesday 31 October. 1pm, 2pm and 3pm
£4. Booking essential

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Three storytellers telling scary tales and spooky stories in an eerie witches' lair, it'll be an exciting interactive session for all ages. Dress up if you like, it'll add to the fun!

Half Term Fun



Thursday 1 November. 11am & 2pm, £2
Booking in advance advised

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Our popular hands-on arts and craft activities for the school holidays are perfect for family fun

Professor Custard's Toy Workshop



Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 December
2pm, £4. Booking in advance advised

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Hands-on activity session for the festive season, make a selection of traditional toys to take home!

Regular
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Birthplace Writers Group



Second Saturday of the month
2pm, Free

Facilitated by an experienced teacher, both beginners and current writers are welcome to this friendly adult group to nurture and fulfil their writing aspirations in our inspiring venue

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Term-time Tuesday afternoons
1pm, £20 per 5-week half term
or £5 per session

A fascinating and friendly course starting from the basics of the ancient language. Contact us for dates and to book

Birthplace Book Club



First Wednesday of the month
1pm, Free

Friendly and informal group reading along with Radio 4's Book Club show, new members welcome

* Please note that the Museum is accessed by a small flight of steps and there are stairs throughout

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