January

20 January

Performance: Folk Music

Free, 11am – 12pm
Musician Emma Thorpe will be playing in the gallery.

23 January, 5 April, 6 April

Caring for your Piano

Free, 1pm – 3pm
Geoff Tinniswood will be restoring a piano action in the gallery and answering questions.

28 January, 4 February, 25 February, 17 March

The Art of Mending

Free, 1pm – 3pm
Wendy Shaw will be in the gallery repairing an antique textile using visible mending techniques. Join her and bring your own mending project or find something from our stash of fabrics.

1 February and selected Thursdays

Stitching my Shroud

Free, 1pm – 3pm
Louise Presley will be in the gallery making the shroud that she will one day be buried in. You are invited to join her as she works and talk about the project.

3 February

Stitched up Shoes

Booking required
Upcycle and embellish your trainers using vintage silks, tapestries and more with Louise Presley.

6 February

Piecing together Pottery

Booking required
Learn how to mend broken ceramics with restorer Fiona Hutchinson. There will be an opportunity to put your new-found skills into action during the session.

February

10 February

Chocolate Gilding

Booking required
Gold leaf gilding with conservator Claire Ridley. Decorate chocolates and a presentation box, just in time for Valentine's Day.

13 February

Crochet Bobble Hats

Booking required
Make a hat in a day with textile artist Ruth Waller. All ages and abilities welcome.

14 February and 3 April

Recycled Creatures

Booking required
Children's workshop with sculptor Michelle Reader. Use recycled materials to model a favourite animal or pet.

16 February

Letterpress Printing

Booking required
Write and print your own rhyme using vintage letterpress stamps from Steve Handley's collection. Steve will be on hand to offer hints and tips. All ages and abilities welcome.

17 February and 16 March

Make a Musical Instrument

Booking required
Children's workshop with sculptor Phil Neal. Hammer, screw and nail together your own musical bell tree from recycled materials.

21 February

Build a Clock

Booking required
Children's workshop with horologist Ross Alcock. Design a clockface, adding clockwork mechanisms and hands to create your own working clock.

22 February and 1 March

Pottery Demonstration

Free, 11am – 3pm
Rachel Wood will be in the gallery hand-building with clay. Watch her work and find out more about her practice.

March

23 February

Museum Talk: The Language of Flowers

Booking required
Laura Baxter and Hannah Marples discuss the hidden meanings of flowers in historic portraiture and contemporary jewellery.

27 February

Tassel Making

Booking required
Learn about the endangered heritage craft of Passementerie with Ruth Waller. Make your own elaborate furnishing trimming with an array of textured threads.

2 March

Understanding AI Art

Booking required
Learn how to use AI as your artistic ally with Rebecca Smith, founder of Urban Projections. Practical session for ages 16+.

6 March

Conserving Paintings

Free, 1pm – 3pm
Our painting and frame restorers will be in the gallery to discuss their work on a 17th-century portrait from the Portland Collection.

9 March

Mindful Photography Walk

Booking required
Walk through the Welbeck Estate and learn how to capture the scenery with photographer Emma Thorpe. All ages and abilities welcome.

12 March and 13 March

Caring for your Classical Guitar

Booking required
Learn how to restring and care for your classical guitar with expert guitar maker Richard Hartley.

April

8 March

Gallery Talk: Rob Balfour

Free, 12pm – 1pm
Join Rob Balfour as he lifts the lid on historic organs with tales of restoration and renewal. Watch him tune the organ currently on display.

15 March

Woven Lampshades

Booking required
Make a corded wool lampshade with Jane Withers using unique wool cord made in her studio at Welbeck.

22 March

Museum Talk: Timekeeping and the Tompion Clock

Booking required
Collections Manager Alex Bond and horologist Ross Alcock discuss long-case clocks in the Portland Collection.

23 March

Play with Clay

Booking required
Help to create a large-scale clay sculpture with renowned potter Kyra Cane. Take inspiration from the historic trees at Welbeck and get your hands dirty on this community workshop. All ages and abilities welcome.

27 March

Jewellery Workshop

Booking required
Craft a floral brooch in brass with jeweller Laura Baxter, taking inspiration from the language of flowers.

2 April

Make a Wooden Bird

Booking required
Learn how to sculpt, shape, file and polish wood to create a stylized bird for your home with Simon Mount.