

Autumn Virtual Open Day

Welcome to our Virtual Open Day where we'll be celebrating autumn!

The House may be closed for now, but you can still explore it with these activities and with our [online virtual tour](#)

John Wesley's House was built in 1779 for John Wesley. Wesley's Chapel was finished the year before and the House provided accommodation for him as well as a second minister and their family. The House would have been a busy place, with a housekeeper and cook looking after Mr Wesley and the family of the second minister. This is our Housekeeper, Elizabeth, and she will be guiding you through the activities.



Welcome to Mr Wesley's House. The year is 1791 and Mr Wesley lives here with Mr Rogers and his wife and children. With the longer nights setting in there is lots to do to keep the house tidy and warm. Can you help me with some of my tasks today?

Clear away the Clutter



Oh no! Some leaves have blown into Mr Wesley's study! This room is used by Mr Wesley to read and write, he often has lots of letters to write to people. Can you help me find the leaves? There are 6 to spot.





Some cheeky hedgehogs snuck in through the open front door into our dining room whilst I was sweeping the courtyard outside! Better be quick before they eat the lunch of bread, cheese and fruit the cook prepared! There are 6 to spot.





I've made it upstairs to light the fire so the room will be warm for Mr ...'s daughter. Looks like there are some autumn acorns that are out of place. Can you help me find 6?





I've been asked to help the cook in the kitchen. She uses her cookbooks to find recipes that use ingredients that are available at this time of year. Some of the ingredients are listed below, can you help to find out what each one is by solving the clues? Draw a line to match up the image and wording.



Bullace - This fruit looks a bit like a plum. It tastes best when made into a jam or ketchup.



Cardoons - this vegetable might look like a thistle but it can be eaten!



Medlars - this fruit is available in winter, but you have to pick it and let it ripen first. It has a very sweet taste and looks brown and squishy when ready to eat.



Salsify - this vegetable looks a bit like a long thin turnip.



Rocombole - this root vegetable might remind you of a bulb of garlic.



My day is not finished just yet. With the shorter days and colder weather it's important I get all my jobs done whilst we have enough light in the House. We use candles to light our house, and have fires to keep us warm. How do you light your house and keep it warm? Below there are a list of daily chores I have to complete, can you find them in the wordsearch?

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Polish	Light candles
Washing	Sweeping
Light fires	Fetch water
Make tea	Warm beds
Dust	Open shutters

I usually get one day off a week, on a Sunday. This is my day to relax. I like to draw and sew, and sometimes walk to visit friends too. I have made an autumn wreath from some leaves and flowers. Why don't you have a go at making one from salt dough? Look on the next page to find out how.





Make an Autumn Wreath decoration from salt dough.
You will need: 1 cupful of plain flour (about 250g) Half
a cupful of table salt (about 125g) Half a cupful of
water (about 125ml) Pens or paints

This makes enough to make 1 wreath and decorations,
with some left over. You will need to allow about 3
hours cooking time before painting

To make:

Mix your salt and flour together, add the water a little at
a time. The dough needs to be quite stiff to make the
wreath shape so don't make it too sticky!

Once the dough can be moulded into shape, and isn't
sticky, roll out two sausage shapes about 30cm long.
They should be about 1cm wide.

Plait the two sausages together.

Join them together to make the wreath shape, a little
water on the join will help it to stick together. It might
be helpful to transfer the wreath onto some greaseproof
paper now, this makes it easier to move to a baking tray.

Now you need to decorate the wreath with an autumn
theme. I included: bread, wheat, an apple and a pear, a
pumpkin and a cauliflower. Other autumn vegetables
include carrots and leeks but you can add different fruit
and vegetables that you like. Use a little water to stick
them on.

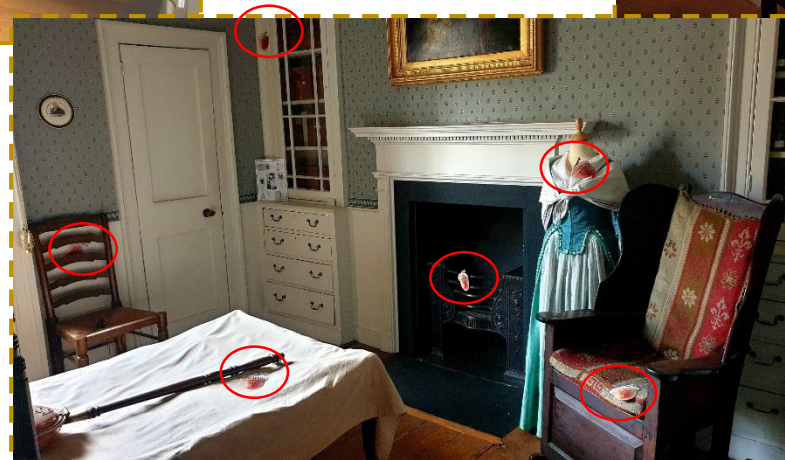
Once it has been decorated, the salt dough wreath can
be baked in the oven at 100°C for about 3 hours or until
hard.

Once the wreath is out of the oven and cooled, you can
paint the fruit, vegetables and other decorations, or
colour them with pens.





Thank you for helping me today! I hope you enjoyed it! The answers to the different activities are below, if you need them.





= Salsify



= Medlar



= Rocombole



= Cardoons



= Bullace

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