



The Amelia Scott Visual Story



Created in consultation with students from The Oaks Specialist College

Using the Visual Story

These symbols will help you use our Visual Story



Bright Spaces



Busy Spaces



Smelly Spaces



Quiet Spaces



Dark Spaces



Noisy Spaces



**Noisy during
school hours**

Visiting the Amelia Scott



We are open every day except Bank Holidays, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Monday 9am - 6pm

Tuesday 9am - 6pm

Wednesday 9am - 6pm

Thursday 9am - 6pm

Friday 9am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Sunday 10am - 4pm

The **quietest time** to visit is at the start of the day.



Tuesday and Thursday mornings can be noisy as we have **Rhyme Time** for young children outside Children's Library.



School children sometimes have workshops in the galleries during weekdays.



Entering the Amelia Scott



This is the main entrance to The Amelia Scott.

The Welcome Hall



The Welcome Hall is an echoey space.



As you enter the building, you will meet friendly members of staff asking how they can help you.

Members of staff are available throughout the Amelia Scott.

We wear black tops with our colourful logo:



Welcome Hall: Council Services



If you have questions about council services, such as how to pay your Council Tax, staff at our Help Point will be happy to help you.



If you prefer, you can use our self-service machines.

Museum Galleries



During your visit, you may get to visit some of our exciting gallery spaces!

Ground Floor Museum Galleries



The **Story of the Wells** gallery tells the story of why there is a town called Tunbridge Wells.

There are interactive screens you can explore.



Ground Floor Museum Galleries



In the **Look Behind the Scenes** gallery, you can see some objects from the museum store.

You can open the drawers to find more objects.



Ground Floor - Temporary Exhibition Space



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Previous exhibitions include:

1. Cabaret Mechanical Marvels 2022

2. Brickosaurs 2024

3. Oh! Oh! Oh! Subbuteo 2024

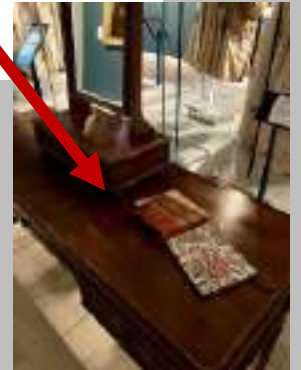
4. Life Through a Royal Lens 2026

The **Temporary Exhibition** changes three times a year, so it might look quite different from visit to visit.
Sometimes it is a dark, quiet space.
Sometimes there are lights and it is noisy!

First Floor Museum Galleries



There are
fabrics for
you to feel.



The **Georgian Spa** gallery has paintings and costumes from 300 years ago when Tunbridge Wells was very fashionable.

First Floor Museum Galleries



Sometimes
this room is
closed.



The **Workroom** gallery celebrates historical local industries. People often work in here on their laptops.

First Floor Museum Galleries



The **Origins of Collecting** gallery has lots of objects from natural history, including taxidermy (stuffed animals).

You can open the drawers to find more objects.



You may want to spend lots of time here!

Libraries



The **Children's Library** is on the ground floor.



The **Adult Library** is on the first floor.



Library Services



Our friendly staff will be happy to help you borrow books, or you can use the self-service machines.



We have public access PCs that you can use.

Printers and photocopiers are available too.

Places to sit and read a book, study or relax



There are lots of chairs and tables around The Amelia Scott where you can sit and chat or read a book.



There is a grand piano in front of the big window in the Adult Library. People are welcome to play the piano at certain times.

Places to eat and have a drink



There is a café at The Amelia Scott where you can buy light snacks, cakes and drinks.

There are tables inside the café.



You can also take your food and drink outside to sit in the Amelia Courtyard.

Events and activities at The Amelia Scott



During school holidays, there may be craft activities outside the Children's Library.

Events sometimes take place in the evenings too.



You can find out if any special events are happening by looking at the 'What's On' page on our website before your visit.

Useful Places



There are two main flights of stairs between the ground floor and the first floor.



There is also a lift.



There are toilets and baby changing facilities both on the ground floor and first floor.



There is a large buggy park on the ground floor.

Emergency evacuation



If you hear the fire alarm, you will need to leave the building straight away.

Follow the instructions from our staff who will help you leave by the quickest and safest route.



If you use a wheelchair, we have Evac Chairs which a member of staff will operate to help you leave safely.



**We hope you have a lovely visit.
If you have any questions, please contact
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