

1 February 2017

## It's plane fun for youngsters at half term

**Date:** 20-24 February 2017

**Time:** 11.00am to 3.30pm

**Cost:** £3.00 per person / Admission to Museum FREE

February half term is just around the corner, so if you're starting to plan how you're going to entertain the children, look no further than the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford who are inviting families to participate in a fun model making activity. Taking place from Monday 20 to Friday 24 February, little aviators can choose from a vast number of Airfix kits to build, including a 1:72 Spitfire, Mosquito, Sea Harrier, Mitsubishi Zero, Albatros or Sopwith Pup.

During 'Airfix Make and Take' week, children will build their models alongside the Museum's aircraft in Hangar 1 next to the famous 1:1 scale Airfix model Spitfire built by TV Presenter James May. Suitable for children aged 8+, you don't have to be a skilled modeller to take part as staff will be there to lend a hand and to ensure visitors get the most from their modelling. Plus, if you need a little inspiration on how to paint your Airfix model, take a look at some of the real aircraft on display in the Museum hangars.

If building an Airfix kit is too fiddly for your little ones, families with younger children can opt to assemble and decorate a wooden biplane. Each kit contains pre-cut wooden pieces, plastic screw and easy to follow instructions. To give your wooden kit the wow factor, the Museum will provide all the colours and accessories needed to help personalise your model including foam letters and coloured jewels!

Not only do participants get to take their models home, organisers are also giving modellers the chance to **WIN an Airfix prize bundle worth over £75**. Packed with everything any young modeller could wish for including three Airfix sets with accessories and two Airfix quick build kits. To enter the competition, hit 'Like' on the Museum's Facebook page @rafmuseumcosford and tag us in a photo of your completed model kit by the end of the day on 26 February 2017. The winner will be selected and the prize will be posted out so they can continue the model making fun at home. Plus, two lucky runners up will also receive an Airfix starter kit. So if you think you can build the perfect Airfix kit or give your model the most creative makeover, why not give it a go!

On Wednesday 22 February there will be a free Airfix Walking Talk entitled '**The V-Bombers and Airfix – Kits and the Cold War**', hosted by Simon Owen, Lead Researcher at Hornby Hobbies Ltd. Simon will be discussing the different ways the 3 V-bombers (Vulcan, Victor and Valiant), kitted by Airfix were developed and how Cold War aircraft have shaped the brand and the world. Event organisers are delighted with the interest from dedicated modellers in this talk which is now FULLY BOOKED. This walking talk will take place in the National Cold War Exhibition where visitors will be led around the three iconic aircraft as part of the talk, lasting approximately one hour.



**RAF Museum Cosford Public Events Manager, Abi Betteridge said:**

*"Model making is one of our most popular activities and one that even adults love getting involved with. By offering both Airfix kits and wooden kits, the half term activity is suitable for families with children of all ages, plus we have a fantastic prize full of model making goodies up for grabs! There will also be members from the Shropshire Scale Modellers on hand to help out and give youngsters advice on building the perfect*

*model. Once again we are delighted to have Simon Owen from Airfix on board for a special walking V-bombers talk. He proved to be very popular with visitors last summer and we are sure he will have plenty more Airfix 'inside info' to share with us again this half term."*

Tickets for the model making activity are available from the Visitor Centre on arrival. The activity will run from 11.00am to 3.30pm each day and participation is just £3.00 per person. All materials including glue, paints and brushes will be provided by the Museum (children will need to be supervised by an adult and may require assistance with the model making). Then why not continue the fun at home...all participants will receive a 10% discount voucher to use on model kits for sale in the Museum shop.

The Museum is open daily from 10am and entry is FREE of charge. For further information about the Museum and other events taking place throughout 2017, visit: [www.rafmuseum.org/cosford](http://www.rafmuseum.org/cosford).

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