



BEYOND WONDER

7TH - 22ND FEBRUARY 2026

Dundee Science Centre **celebrates 25 years of wonder** - opening minds, sparking imagination, and bringing science to life for all. As we mark this milestone, we're looking ahead to the next 25 years: **Beyond Wonder**.

Celebrating 25 years of impact and building for the next 25 and beyond!



www.dundeesciencecentre.org.uk/festival

Dundee Science Festival 2026

Dundee Science Festival 2026 invites you to celebrate 25 years of Dundee Science Centre - marking 25 years of wonder. During this time, both the centre and Dundee Science Festival have opened minds, sparked imagination, and brought science to life for people of all ages and backgrounds

To celebrate this milestone, we're looking to the next 25 years - **Beyond Wonder**.

You can plan your visit by reading this physical programme or exploring the online programme on our website.

We can't wait to welcome you to Dundee Science Festival 2026 — celebrating 25 years of impact and building for the next 25 and beyond!



We are excited to showcase a fantastic array of exhibitors this year — whether it's uncovering the health benefits behind video games, understanding how we defend historic places under attack from climate change, or exploring the connections between science and music, there are loads of opportunities for exploration and enjoyment with a mix of in-centre, digital, and community events.

**We can't wait to welcome you
for two weeks of science fun
between Saturday 7th and
Sunday 22nd February!**

Visiting Dundee Science Centre

Our award-winning visitor attraction is available to visit throughout the festival.

While most events throughout the festival and in-centre do not require booking, we do recommend pre-booking your admission tickets to avoid disappointment.

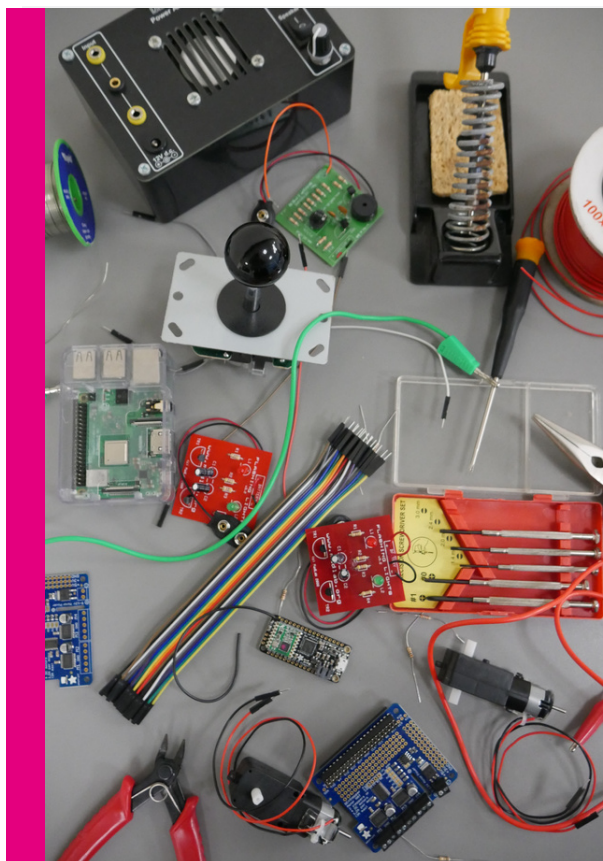


Scan the QR code or visit the link below to book your Dundee Science Centre Exhibition Visit.

www.dundeesciencecentre.org.uk



In Centre Activities



NEW SHOW for Dundee Science Festival 2026

Have you ever wondered how artificial intelligence (AI) works, what that means for you and how it may shape your future? Join us for our live interactive family show to demystify, decode and discover the wonders behind recent developments in AI. Afterward, explore our exhibition space to engage with extra activities delving deeper into AI and its applications. Join us in shaping the discussion around how AI fits into your daily life.



**FREE
WITH
ENTRY**

7 - 22 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

**Booking
recommended**

**Dundee Science Centre,
14 Greenmarket, Dundee, DD1 4QB**



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7 & 8 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

Scottish Water - Drop-in Activities

In partnership with Scottish Water, explore the journey of water through two hands-on activities. Create a mini water cycle to see evaporation, condensation, and rainfall in action, then try filtering water using household items. Learn how water is treated and transformed into the safe supply we use every day, brought to you by Scottish Water's Generation H2O Programme.

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**Booking
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CEREBRAL APE

**FREE
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21 & 22 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

Data Dash with Cerebral Ape

Discover how sensors are used to collect real-time data in an exciting off-Earth challenge. Take on a lunar racecourse as you guide a rover across the Moon's surface, using live telemetry to track speed, movement, and performance against the clock. Along the way, explore how scientists and engineers use data from sensors to understand unfamiliar environments and overcome the challenges of operating vehicles in space. Learn how this technology is helping shape future missions and support plans to send humans back to the Moon.

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In Centre Activities



7 - 22 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

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Gone Smishing Video Game

This educational game by Abertay University and Konglomerate Games teaches young people about mobile phone scams. *Gone Smishing* raises awareness of phishing and 'smishing' - deceptive emails and texts that trick people into giving away passwords or financial details.

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7 - 22 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

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Scottish Nature Photography Awards 2024 Winners' Screen Presentation

This special screening of the 2024 winners features the winning images (1st to 3rd) from all the Scottish Nature Photographer of the Year competition categories, along with the junior and student awards and the Scottish Nature Video Award winning and shortlisted films.

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7 - 22 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

FREE

Lord Provost STEM Inspiration Award Showcase

Explore Dundee primary school pupils' competition submissions as they explore what artificial intelligence will look like in 25 years. The STEM Inspiration Award, sponsored by the Lord Provost of Dundee, celebrates our future STEM Superstars. The winning student and their class will receive a visit to the Dundee Science Centre, sponsored by **Scottish Water**.

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No booking
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7 - 22 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

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Outdoor Exhibit Competition Showcase

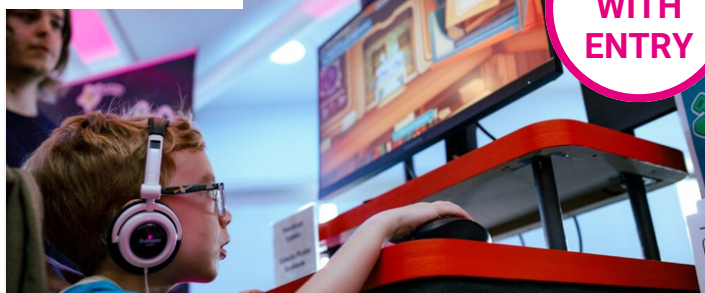
Dundee Science Centre is teaming up with DJCAD students and pupils from Dundee secondary schools to reimagine our outdoor spaces – by transforming creative ideas into bold, imaginative proposals that could be realised. See the ideas for these co-created outdoor exhibits in this showcase of competition entries!

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In Centre Activities



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9 & 13 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

T-Wrecks Cycling Video Game

T-Wrecks is a fast-paced cycling game where players power a dinosaur by pedalling a real bike. Set in a colourful city, it's a lane-changing runner with hazards, coins, and boss battles. Created as part of research into cycling exergames, it blends physical activity with fun, showing how bike-based games can make exercise exciting, accessible, and motivating.

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9, 11, 13 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

Water Resilient Dundee - working with communities to enhance nature and reduce flooding

Join us for an interactive Raingarden activity. Learn how water flows in our communities and how we are working with nature to make our city better for people and planet. Project partners: Abertay University, Scottish Water and Dundee City Council.

Dundee Science Centre,
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Booking
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University of Dundee

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Tuesday 10 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

Life-Long Brain Health

Step into the fascinating world of neuroscience with the University of Dundee. Learn about the brain and how it works through interactive games and activities, with neuroscience researchers from the School of Medicine and Psychology. Explore topics such as dementia, learning & memory, and early life adversity, and even look at a brain under the microscope!

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Wednesday 11 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

Camouflage Testing Video Game

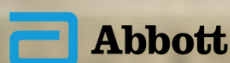
This prototype uses the same camouflage techniques that are used by animals in the wild to hide from predators. In order to better understand how human's perceive deceptive visual patterns, we are studying how easily different types of pattern can be spotted. This work is part of a project on widening access to competitive video games for blind and partially sighted people, it supported by the Royal National Institute of Blind People.

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Wednesday 11 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

Fastest Pipette in the West (of Dundee)

Think you've got what it takes to be the fastest pipette in Dundee? Grab a real lab pipette and race against the clock to fill a 96-well plate as quickly and accurately as possible! Learn how scientists use precision and speed in real diagnostic tests! For ages 6+!

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11, 12, 13 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

Brilliant Brains

Meet Psychologists and Undergraduate Psychology students and explore what makes our brains brilliant. We will have interactive activities, challenges, and infographics available for all ages that show us how our brains work.

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Booking
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School of Dentistry
University of Dundee

11, 14 & 21 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

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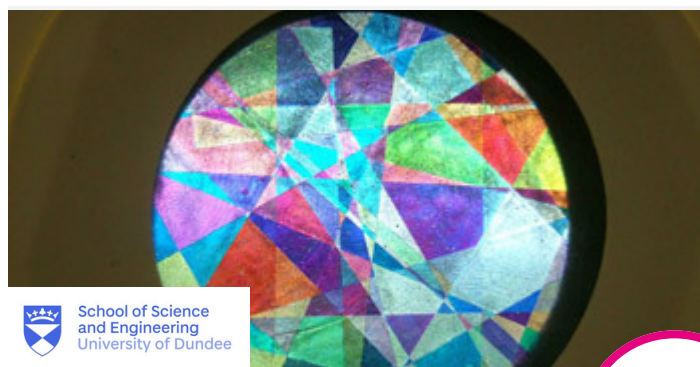
Learning to be a Dentist!

Try your hand at being a dentist using low-cost 3D printed tools! Learn the story about how these were developed in Dundee, and the potential other applications of this technology.

Recommended ages 10+

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12 & 15 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

FREE
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Mathematical Wonder

Explore the wonder of curious phenomenon through several interactive Mathematical activities, with the Mathematics department from the University of Dundee. Have a go at solving problems mathematically using soap bubbles and drinks cans. You can even make your own Kaleidoscope using polarised films!

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TECHFEST
Promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
Scottish Charity No. SC010349

Thursday 12 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

Electromagnetism - Presented by TechFest, supported by CNOOC International

Understanding the properties of magnets is central to the energy industry and to many aspects of our daily lives. In this hands-on investigative workshop, working in small teams, visitors discover the properties and uses of magnets and magnetism and are introduced to the amazing phenomenon of electromagnetism.

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Booking
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School of Life Sciences
University of Dundee



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Friday 13 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

Mini Magnificent Microbes

Come along to learn about the world of microbes and how they help humans.

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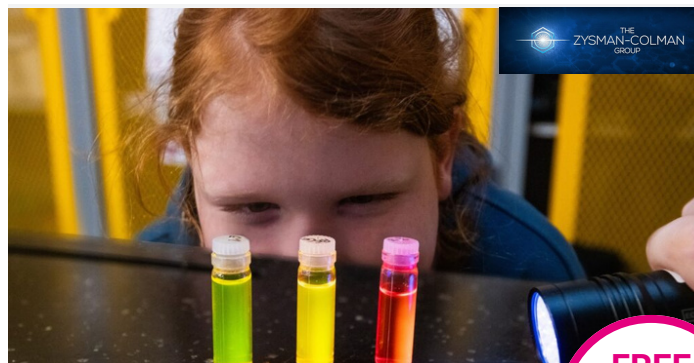
Friday 13 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

Defending Scotland's Heritage

How do we defend historic places under attack from modern threats like climate change? Learn how we can protect them for future generations through science and conservation work.

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13 & 14 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

Molecules & Light

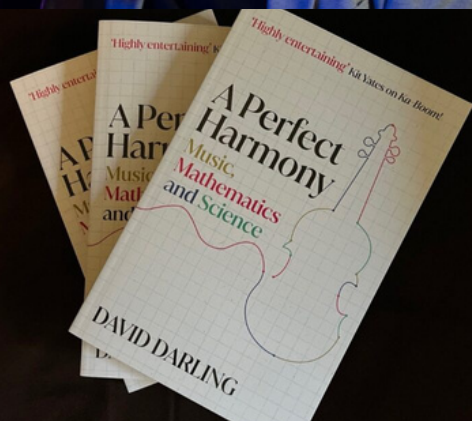
Learn about emissive materials and the work of the Zysman-Colman Group from the University of St. Andrews. With the use of a 3D printed spectrophotometer, discover what emissive materials are as well as the science behind them, and have a go at making your own art using emissive materials!

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In Centre Activities



A Perfect Harmony: Science and Music

An interactive series of displays showing how science and music are connected. We'll be answering questions such as: What is musical sound? How do musical instruments work? How can music be created digitally? Is AI a good thing for music? The exhibit will include demonstrations of instruments, music being created, and short performances by a professional musician.

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**Saturday 14th & Saturday 21st February 2026,
10am - 4pm**

**Booking
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**Dundee Science Centre,
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Forensic Science Takeover! + New Technology in Forensic Science

Join the Leverhulme Research Centre for Forensic Science from the University of Dundee for a day of investigation. Learn about the ways in which robotics and machine learning are being used to change the landscape of forensic science and get hands on with a variety of activities suitable for the whole family.



Leverhulme Research Centre
for Forensic Science
University of Dundee

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Monday 16th February 2026, 10am - 4pm

**Dundee Science Centre,
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In Centre Activities

SHARE

13 & 17 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

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Engagement Stand with SHARE

Explore a range of scientific models and puzzles with SHARE – a register of people, aged 11 and over, who are interested in taking part in health research projects. Be part of Medical Research and join 300,000 Scots who are helping health research in Scotland.

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Scottish
Water

Trusted to serve Scotland

13 - 15, 17, 19, 20 Feb 2026, 10am - 4pm

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Scottish Water - From Source to Sea

Discover the world of water in Dundee. Carry out your own lab tests on water samples, find out how much water you use through daily tasks, what happens to waste water and test your flushing knowledge. Celebrate Scotland's water with Scottish Water

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Booking
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School of Dentistry
University of Dundee



14 & 21 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

FREE
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Oral Health and Me - How to keep a healthy mouth and healthy body!

Did you know a healthy mouth can help you keep a healthy body? Learn about good oral health practise and how diet affects your oral hygiene at this interactive session!

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Booking
recommended



University
of Dundee

Health
Informatics
Centre

University
of St Andrews

14 & 15 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

FREE
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Superbug Showdown: Data vs. Microbes!

Join Research Data Scotland to explore antimicrobial resistance through two hands-on activities: a Lego challenge where you investigate antibiotic-resistant bacteria, and a creative task designing your own "bacterial supervillain" based on data insights.

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14, 15, 21, 22 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

Wonder at The Scottish Deer Centre - Hands-on touch table

Hands-on artefacts and engagement linked to the animals at the Scottish Deer Centre!

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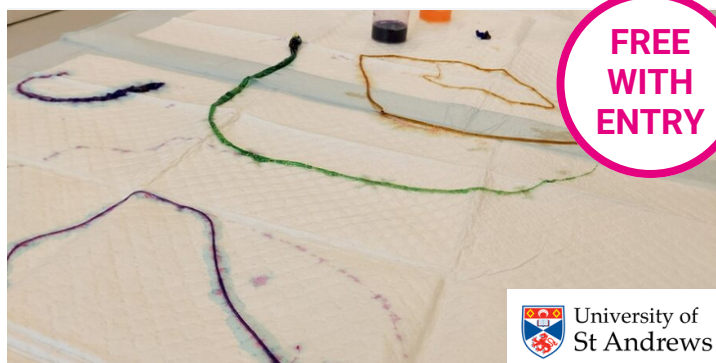
Sunday 15 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

The Oral Microbiome

Explore the bacterial constituents of the oral microbiome with the School of Dentistry – Learn about the types of bacteria and discover the methods that can be used to identify what is present in your mouth.

Dundee Science Centre,
14 Greenmarket, Dundee, DD1 4QB

Booking
recommended



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University of
St Andrews

Saturday 21 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

Hands-On Science: Chemistry Fun Lab

Join the team from the Chemistry Department at University of St. Andrews for a range of interactive activities – all using Chemistry!

Dundee Science Centre,
14 Greenmarket, Dundee, DD1 4QB

Booking
recommended



WOODLAND
TRUST

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Sunday 22 February 2026, 10am - 4pm

Charity Awareness and Fundraising with Woodland Trust

Learn more about the fight to protect woods and trees by the Woodland Trust to build a healthier future for everyone, in both the UK and around Dundee. Find out more about the charity and how you can get involved.

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Science4all - Science Colouring Pages

Science4All inspires young minds in STEM through relatable colouring pages that show science is for everyone. The site features 10 pages, each highlighting a chemist connected to the University of St Andrews, with illustrations based on their lives and research.



SCIENCE4ALL

Scan the QR code to learn more and access the colouring pages!

Community

Events taking place at locations outside Dundee Science Centre, in the community and throughout Dundee

Discovery Science

Celebrate 100 Years of RRS Discovery with a new exhibition included in museum admission. The exhibition celebrates a century of exploration and innovation embodied by these iconic research ships, and the people on board who continue to push the boundaries of ocean science.

**PAID
ENTRY**

12 - 17 February 2026

Visit website for more information and booking.

Discovery Point
Riverside Drive, Dundee, DD1 4XA

**Booking
recommended**



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SCOTLAND



Pigeon Walk - Wonders of Urban Birdwatching

FREE

Discover the iridescent beauty of city pigeons, our familiar yet overlooked neighbours and see how they open a window into urban nature. Join our guided walking tour for an immersive experience or pick up a self-guided map at the Dundee Science Centre and explore at your own pace. Share your shining moments with #PigeonWalkDundee but remember to keep a respectful distance and let the birds behave naturally.

Guided Tour: Friday 13th February 2026, 2pm - 3:30pm

Self Guided Tour: 9 - 22 February 2026

Visit website for more information and booking.

Starting at: Dundee Science Centre,
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Futurista: Going Wondering

The Eden Project will be delivering a community focused offer for Dundee Science Festival 2026 called *Futurista: Going Wondering* - which invites participants to imagine what their community could look like 25 years from now.

Sunday 22 February 2026

Visit the online programme on our website for further information.

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Story
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DSF 2025 Image Gallery



Check out some fantastic photos from the Dundee Science Festival 2025 archive!

We want you to help us tell the story of Dundee Science Festival 2026!



Tag us in your photos on social media and use the hashtag below!



@DundeeScienceCentre

#DundeeScienceFestival2026

Exhibition Zones

A ticket to the Dundee Science Centre during Dundee Science Festival also unlocks full access to our award-winning permanent exhibits!

Check out what we've got on offer below!

**One ticket,
double the
discovery!**



We Are Discovering

Get hands-on with our augmented reality sandbox - watch volcanoes erupt and oceans swirl - then create animation films, launch cloud rings, and capture water drops in stunning slow motion.



Medical Marvels

Step into the world of medical technology! Explore innovations over time, featuring medical and surgical artefacts from the University of Dundee's Medical History Museum and Ninewells Hospital, plus Teddy Bear's Hospital for early years audiences.



We Are Inventing

Bring your imagination to life! Build, tinker and design - from floating paper crafts on our Air Table to puzzling it out on the Tinkering Wall.



We Are Exploring

Perfect for younger children! Explore the treehouse in The Midnight Garden, slide down the chute, get creative in the Building Zone, or go fishing in Water Works with its giant Archimedes screw.

For more information, visit
www.dundeesciencecentre.org.uk/discover/exhibitions/

We look forward to welcoming you to Dundee Science Festival 2026!

Tickets

Admission tickets are required for events taking place inside Dundee Science Centre.

Scan the QR code to find out more, or to book your ticket!



Please see our admission costs below:

Adult (16-59 yrs)	£6.95
Child (3-15 yrs)	£5.50
Infants (1-2 yrs)	£4.50
Babies (0-1)	Free
Senior (60+)	£6.00
Student	£6.00
Carer	Free

Location & Opening Hours



Dundee Science Centre is located at 14 Greenmarket, Dundee, DD1 4QB.



Our exhibition zone is open daily, from 10am - 4pm.



The centre is readily accessible by public transport, and there is both pay & display parking and a multistorey car park adjacent to the building.



We advise that you pre-book your ticket online to avoid disappointment. Tickets can be purchased in the centre; these are subject to availability.

Each ticket entitles you to 2 hours and 30 minutes exploring our exhibitions & exhibitors; the last session for the day will begin at 1:30pm.

For more details including directions, parking, and accessibility, please see our website

MANY THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Dundee Science Festival is brought to you by Dundee Science Centre, an independent charity. It would not be possible without the support of our funders, as well as the commitment and enthusiasm of the many organisations who get involved each year.



Below is an overview of our key funders, for full information on all our partners please visit www.dundeesciencecentre.org.uk



*Please note – all dates and timings were correct at the time of print, please see the online event listing for up-to-date information.



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