



every day!

- See Sir John Soane's 1793 Bank Stock Office, a modern reconstruction on the original site of the first major work for the Bank by the renowned Georgian architect.
- Lift a genuine gold bar, one of several on display.
- Children's activity sheets provide fun for all ages.
- Visit the Museum shop, which offers a range of gifts to suit all budgets.
- You can also explore the Museum online and discover some of the treasures that you will see when you visit us! www.bankofengland.co.uk/museum

Talks and presentations

A variety of talks and presentations on the Bank's history and role today are available free of charge to groups of between 15 and 50 people. An audio described tour of selected exhibits, led by a Museum Guide, is available for blind and partially sighted visitors.

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Bank of England Museum

Entrance in Bartholomew Lane,
London EC2R 8AH



Admission and events are free

Open Monday to Friday: 10:00am – 5:00pm
Last entry at 4:45pm
Closed Public and Bank Holidays, and weekends except where indicated*.
Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve*: 10:00am – 1:00pm
Step free access available.

Bringing money to life

What's on in 2012

FREE ENTRY!



- Learn about the Bank from its earliest days to its current role – setting interest rates to keep inflation low, issuing banknotes and working with others to keep the financial system stable.
- Use our interactive and audio-visual displays. The Monetary Policy Balloon lets you set interest rates to control inflation.
- Examine banknotes, the intricacies of their design and their security features.
- Take our audio tour for a fascinating insight into the Bank of yesterday and today.



In the museum



Bringing money to life

Special events 2012



13 – 17 February
10:30am, 11:30am, 12:30pm,
2:00pm, 3:00pm, 4:00pm

Tales from the Riverbank
A costumed storyteller will recount some adventures of Toad, Ratty, Badger and Mole, the popular characters from 'The Wind in the Willows' by Kenneth Grahame, a former Secretary of the Bank of England.



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Until 23 March

Secure by Design – The Boulton and Watt £50 note
This exhibition will chart the development of the £50 denomination from the 18th century focusing on the new Boulton and Watt note and some of its security features. You can examine the new note under a powerful video-microscope.

28 March – 8 June

Royal Connection – a celebration of the Diamond Jubilee
The link between the monarch and the Bank goes back to the earliest days of the institution in 1694. Today that connection continues, most notably on banknotes.

2 – 5 & 10 – 13 April
10:00am – 4:30pm

Easter EGGstravaganza
Follow the treasure trail to find the chicks and egg hidden in the Museum then create and decorate your own Easter basket to take home. There is a chocolate egg for every child and prizes to be won.



* Friday 18 May
5:30pm – 9:00pm
Museums at Night

A rare opportunity for an evening visit. As well as all the usual displays, there will be presentations on banknotes in the Museum. Bank staff will also be on hand to answer questions about gold.

6 – 8 June
10:00am – 4:30pm
Crowning Glory

Find examples of crowns in our exhibition to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and in the pictures of Kings and Queens in the Museum. Create your own crown to take home. Enter our competition quiz about monarchs and the Bank with prizes to be won.



22 June – *10 November
Gold and the Bank of England

In the year of the Olympic Games in the UK, when the ultimate accolade of gold is given to the best of the world's athletes, this exhibition examines the part gold has played during the Bank's long history and the Bank's role in relation to gold today.

* Saturdays 23 & 30 June
9:30am – 5:00pm

Open Door
The Bank of England and Museum will be open to visitors as part of the City of London Festival. 30-minute guided tours of parts of the Bank not generally accessible to the public. No booking required. Last entry 4:00pm.



23 July – 31 August
10:00am – 4:30pm

A Golden Opportunity
Visit our exhibition to learn about the Bank of England and gold then make a gold-bar-shaped money box to take home. Enter our gold quiz competition with prizes to be won. There will be special lunchtime presentations about gold in the Museum cinema at 1:15pm.



* 22 – 23 September
9:30am – 5:00pm

Open House London Weekend
The Bank of England and Museum will be open to visitors. 30-minute guided tours of parts of the Bank not generally accessible to the public. No booking required. Come early to avoid the queue. Last entry 4:00pm

29 October – 2 November
10:00am – 4:30pm

The Big Draw – Designs on your money
Learn about banknote security features then design your own secure banknote. Enter our competition with prizes to be won. There will be talks on today's banknotes in the Museum's cinema at 12:15pm and 1:00pm.



Did you know?

Kenneth Grahame, author of 'The Wind in the Willows', worked at the Bank for thirty years, becoming the Secretary of the Bank from 1898 – 1908. Little known details of the famous author's Bank career can be found in one of the displays.



* 10 November
11:00am – 5:00pm

Lord Mayor's Show
Face painters bring Ratty, Mole, Badger and Toad to life. Professional make-up artists will turn young visitors into the well-known characters from 'The Wind in the Willows' by Kenneth Grahame, a former Secretary of the Bank of England. Last entry 4:30pm.

17 – 21, 24*, 27, 28, 31*
December and 2 – 4 January
10:00am – 4:30pm

Jigsaw Japes
Draw your favourite Museum object on a pre-cut jigsaw to take home. Will it be a banknote or a gold bar, the old iron chest or the muskets once used to defend the Bank? You'll be spoilt for choice.



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