



## **PRESS RELEASE**

Bumper pumpkin harvest creates boo-tiful display at Eden Project this Halloween

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A spellbinding collection of over 500 pumpkins is on show and ready to welcome visitors at the Eden Project in Cornwall this half term.

The impressive haul can be found in the atmospheric Myth and Folklore area of the attraction's Outdoor Gardens, where they are displayed alongside lush planting, an enchanting labyrinth and the captivating Eve sculpture.

More than 580 pumpkins were grown by participants of the Eden Project's therapeutic horticulture programme designed to improve mental and physical wellbeing by connecting people with nature and learning new skills.

They were harvested with the help of the Defence Gardens Scheme who provide nature-based therapy for veterans of the armed forces community.

Kate Francis, the Eden Project's live producer, said: "This time of year is so special for exploring our relaxing, dog-friendly Outdoor Gardens as they transform with the colours of autumn. The Myth and Folklore area in particular is such a unique hidden gem, where we explore how stories help keep plants and landscapes alive in our memories and in the ground.

"The beautiful setting and powerful aura of the garden makes it the perfect location for our pumpkin display. It's been wonderful to work alongside the Therapy Garden and Defence Gardens Scheme to bring this display to our visitors and we hope it helps to get them into the spirit this Halloween."

After the half term programme, the pumpkins will not be going to waste as they will be returned to the participants who grew them to repurpose.

The pumpkin display is one of a multitude of offerings for visitors to enjoy for Halloween this half term taking place from October 26 to November 3.

Other activities will take visitors on a deep dive into the extraordinary world of critters great and small, including magnificent minibeast shows, a mega-beast safari and a marvellous bug fair.

Visitors can meet real-life bugs from around the world, including Chilean tarantulas, giant African snails and Asian forest scorpions, courtesy of ethical educators ZooLab.

The bug fair will showcase a world of minibeast marvels, including slimy snail racing, sticky spider slingshots and teeny tiny crafts.

Fearless explorers can embark on a tropical mega-beast safari through the Rainforest Biome, following a trail into a magical world of not-so-mini beasts.

Throughout the safari there are opportunities to encounter gigantic critter sculptures by Studio ROOF, which bring the weird and wonderful world of Earth's small creatures to life amongst the jungle canopy.

Alongside the Halloween programme, October half term also sees the return of the Eden Project's ice rink, where guests can skate in a magical setting.

For more information on Halloween and to pre-book online for the best price see [www.edenproject.com](http://www.edenproject.com).

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