

Southwell Minster and The Archbishop's Palace

School Visits

for Key Stages 1, 2 & Foundation Stage



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Welcome

Southwell Minster is the Cathedral for the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham and a centre of prayer and worship for the region. With the Archbishop's Palace and gardens, it is an awe-inspiring, rich learning resource. Steeped in history from its Roman and Saxon beginnings, with soaring Romanesque and Gothic stonework, Victorian windows and furniture and modern day sculpture, the site tells the cultural history of our country.

Outlined here are some of our events and activities on offer for schools, which can be adapted for SEND, Parish and Community groups or to suit your learning objectives. Our aim is to deliver relevant, interactive activities, giving staff the chance to relax, have a cuppa and enjoy the visit too. Visits are planned, delivered and organised by Diana Ives (Education Officer), with Matt Hustwayte (Administrator) and our team of volunteers. We look forward to welcoming you and your pupils.

With best wishes

Diana, Matt and the education team



"Children were asked to evaluate and think.... I was astounded by their observations and reflections..."

(Education Volunteer 2018)



Proud winner of a Sandford Award for excellence in Heritage Education 2018



Tailor-Made Learning

Adaptable for full day, half day or as a series of short 'taster' modules—mix and match elements to suit you.

Worship and Sacred Space: A look at furniture, special clothes, signs, symbols and / or faith practice. Choose the content according to your needs.

Music: become a chorister and sing with our musicians, listen to sacred music, join a costumed procession, organ demonstration.



Explore the Bible: best loved stories / parables told in different ways.

Journey of Life / Remembrance: a sensitive exploration of rites of passage (birth, marriage, death), how and why they are marked in a church. Discover how and why the Minster is a place of public and private remembrance.

Spirituality and Art: A look at our collection of stained glass, sculpture and paintings—a reflective exploration. Creative art or poetry sessions available.

Faces and Forces/Art and Architecture: Science and art meet at the Minster—we learn how it is both strong and beautiful!

Who, What, Where, When...?: A chronological, interactive romp through the Minster's history from the Romans to the present day.

Pilgrimage experience: Become a Medieval / Saxon pilgrim. May include: Costume, quills, ancient texts & illumination, herbs and medieval artefacts.



Shape, space and measurement:
For Key Stage 1.

Time and space: enjoy the peace of the ancient building to sketch, reflect or think. Reflective activities available.

"All the activities were well thought out and hooked the children... they will remember it for years to come."

(Teacher, Key Stage 2 visit 2018)

Early Years Foundation Stage

"...the volunteers were wonderful. They had a lovely manner and their prior experience of working with children clearly shone through."
(Foundation Stage teacher)

Themed, introductory visits to the Minster for our youngest visitors created with the Early Learning goals in mind. Using language and observation skills, developing awe and wonder, we take a one hour interactive tour of the Minster in small groups, with a drink, biscuit and story. For a half day we add craft and active themed games / songs.

One hour session: £2.50 per child

Full morning or afternoon £3.50 per child

Nursery Rhymes Colours

Shapes Opposites

Measures Story Seekers

Animal safari



Christian Festivals: Explore Easter and Christmas



Add depth to your teaching about some key concepts in Christianity as we investigate how and why these great festivals are celebrated by Christians. Material is adaptable for any age group. We use drama, crafts story telling and close observation of artefacts to help us draw our conclusions and draws on concepts in 'Understanding Christianity' and the Nottinghamshire Agreed Syllabus for RE.

Easter: 26th March 2019

Christmas: 27th & 28th November 2019

Alternative dates or shorter trails may be available

Year 6 Festival : 'Make a Difference'

(information / booking form sent to all church schools in January 2019)

"We love coming to the Year 6 leavers' day, it definitely 'makes a difference' to our year 6 children.... Super messages given to take back and follow up." (Year 6 teacher 2018)

Our special days for year 6 students making the transition to secondary school offer time for celebrating the past and looking forward to the future. With a reflective trail, crafts and activities in the Minster and a dramatic retelling of the story of William Booth by Footprints Theatre, children consider what it takes to 'Make a Difference'.

Donation of £5 per child to help with costs:

9th 10th 11th 15th & 16th July 2019

To book, contact us or download booking form from www.southwellminster.org

Note: final content and programme for Year 6 days 2019 may be subject to change.



The Romans In Southwell: new for 2018/19



Southwell stands on the site of a Roman villa—one of the largest in the country. Together with Southwell Community Archaeology Group, we offer a day comprising 3 hands-on sessions.

Archaeology: Wash and identify genuine finds, look at evidence and make a pottery 'sherd'.

Living History: what was life like in 'our' villa? Food, handling collections and daily life.

Site walk: using a map and photos, investigate the site to find the locations of the bath house, mosaics and key parts of our villa.



Time Travelling: Pilgrimage for Key Stages 1&2

“...we went to Southwell Minster and it was an awesome experience. Me and Isla had to go up and get our candle... then we sang ‘God Goes With Us’. The saddest part was leaving, but it was the best trip ever.”

(Oliver, Year 5 pupil 2018)

Time Travelling brings together schools from the region, with over 3000 pupils visiting each year. We become modern day pilgrims, journeying and learning together. Gather in the awesome Nave to sing our special songs, meet a Priest and hear the organ play. Welcomed by your Pilgrim Guides, groups will explore architecture, artefacts, symbols, beliefs and practice.

Learning outcomes are taken from the Nottinghamshire RE Agreed Syllabus and linked to the ‘Understanding Christianity’ concepts.



Key Stage 2: 11th - 15th March 2019

£4 per child 10am-2.15pm. Bring packed lunch—indoor space provided.

Key Stage 1: 10th - 14th June 2019

£3 per child 10am-12.30pm. Schools may stay for a picnic lunch (room provided if wet), and enjoy optional self-led activities in the afternoon.

Booking forms are sent to all City / County schools in September, or download from www.timetravelling.co.uk

or call us 01636 817993

“Time Travelling is a tour de force of heritage education.”

(Sandford Award Judge’s Report 2018)



The Archbishop's Palace and Education Garden

"We were really impressed with the organisation, enthusiasm of the staff and how welcome we were made to feel."

Year 5 teacher, 'The Dark Book' 2017

To the south of the Minster lie the Palace ruins and Great Hall, containing the magnificent State Chamber. A home of the medieval Archbishops of York, the site has a stunning community garden, where we can learn, play and eat packed lunches.

The Dark Book (Key Stage 2): The year is 1108, and Archbishop Gerard of York is found dead in the Palace gardens. Using evidence based enquiry, children investigate his life and death, learning about medieval life as they go, and pass judgement on him: Was he a saint or a sinner?

Town Tales (Key Stages 1 & 2): Specially written stories bring the history of the palace alive:

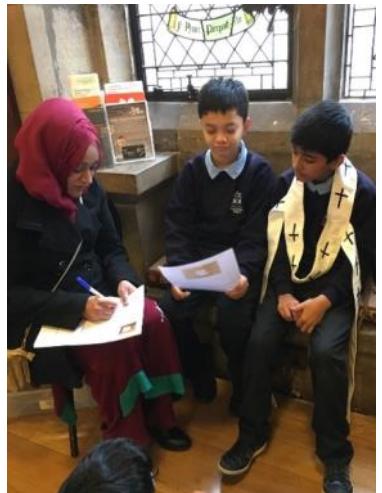
'The King and the Shoemaker': Charles I and the Civil War

'Wolsey's Letter': Henry VIII and Cardinal Wolsey

'Dora's special Book': Victorians and education

Poetry (Key Stages 1 & 2): Creative fun with words taking inspiration from the site.

Playing and Learning (All age groups): Fill a day with outdoor / indoor fun—green men, herbs, make lavender bags, scavenger hunt, minibeasts, parachute games, story circle, marshmallows and laughter.



Special Events / Family Fun

Threads Exhibition: October /

November 2018. Textile art created in response to the book of Revelation in the Bible. All age groups welcome for a themed colour and art day.

Remembrance: An upper KS2 day of art, music and drama to commemorate the centenary of the end of the Great War. £5 per child, 8th or 13th November 2018.

World Book Day: Explore the best selling book of all time—the Bible! Ancient texts and illumination, drama



and stories. 7th March 2019

Cathedral in Schools: Some of our sessions can be delivered in school. Contact us to discuss your requirements.

Informal Learning: trails are available in the Minster and Palace for children and families all year round. No booking needed, free to enter.

Crafty Romans fun day: 21st February 2019 10.30am-3pm

Summer fun day: 30th July 2019 10.30am-4pm



Practical Information

In cold or wet weather you'll be provided with a room to eat packed lunches at no charge. Risk assessment notes are provided, pre-visits welcomed. The Minster is a very safe place to visit. Visits are planned, delivered and organised by Diana Ives (Education Officer), with Matt Hustwayte (Administrator) and our volunteer team. For most visits we invite donations of £4.50 per child for a full day; £3.50 for half day to help with costs. The Cathedral subsidises all visits.

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