

MUSEUM IN SCHOOL

we bring the museum to you!

An experienced museum educator will visit your school to deliver a two hour active learning session. All workshops are supported by a wide selection of original and replica artefacts and specimens from the museum collections.



EYFS

The Magical Museum Suitcase

NEW!

Make a cup of tea for a witch, spy a hairy mammoth through story stick 'binoculars' and discover the wonders lurking inside the special museum suitcase. Our little museum adventures workshop session is a fun-filled, storyful intervention for the very young. This active, participatory experience is designed to encourage competence in oral communication and to develop linguistic ability as children participate in the singing and telling of traditional rhymes and tales linked to the museum collections.

EYFS/ KSI

Fossils and Dinosaurs

Children become paleontologists digging up and identifying bones, looking closely at real fossils, placing dinosaurs on a timeline and investigating the varying sizes of dinosaurs in relation to themselves and other creatures.



KSI

TOYS

Children handle original toys and look for evidence of how children played in the past. They look for similarities and differences between old and modern toys, play with a selection of replica Victorian toys and find out about life in the Victorian nursery.

KSI

Charles Darwin

Children learn about Darwin's early life and scientific methods by dressing up in costume of the period and sorting bugs into categories or groups. They also follow the route of the Beagle to discover some of the specimens Darwin collected during the voyage and then create a Darwin notebook to record their findings.

“Absolutely fabulous morning - thank you so much. The children loved getting stuck in!”

Worfield Primary School



Florence Nightingale

Through hands-on activities, children explore Florence's childhood and school days and meet her pet owl Athena. They learn how to tie a bandage and help to make a poultice before identifying the problems faced by the hospital at Scutari, and discovering how Florence addressed them.

KS2

Ancient Greeks

Children develop an understanding of ancient Greek life through close examination of the clues left behind and costumed role-play. Children discover how ancient Greek pottery can provide direct evidence of the Greek way of life, try on replica armour and explore the differences between Athenian and Spartan society.



Original Olympians

Through group discussion, object handling and role play, the workshop will guide learners through a range of imaginary scenarios inspired by real events in Ancient Greece and Victorian England to understand how the modern Olympics developed from ancient ideals.

Ancient Greece and Original Olympians can be booked together as a whole day experience.

“What a fantastic day! The children were fascinated to discover that some of the artefacts were original pieces and were delighted to be able to actually touch objects that had been in use thousands of years ago!”

Lightmoor Village School



Ancient Egyptians

Children discover how Egyptian objects can tell us about the life and beliefs of this ancient civilisation. They draw on a variety of sources to find out what the ancient Egyptians believed about life after death before reconstructing the process of mummification.

“We all agreed that the best part of the morning was when we had a chance to dress up like Ancient Egyptians. We also liked looking at the artefacts and replicas. We couldn't believe that some of these objects were more than 2000 years old – that's nearly as old as Miss Edwards! We loved, loved, loved the chance to play out the mummification process.... We would like to thank you for your time and expertise and we believe this is a great way to start our Autumn term topic”

Class 4 Worthen School

Meet the Romans

Designed to develop investigative skills, children will discover how archaeology can teach us about life in the past. Through handling a wide range of original Roman artefacts and dressing up in replica costume, they will see the wealth and variety of material that has survived from the Roman invasion of Britain.

“Fantastic hands-on approach really suited our children”

Oakwood School

Viking Raiders

More than 1000 years ago, fearsome Viking raiders sailed up the River Severn and into Shropshire. Who were they, where did they come from, and why did they come here? This fun workshop uncovers some of the mysteries of the Viking age, with a chance to handle Viking kit, hear tales of Viking gods and goddesses, and to re-enact some of the struggles between the Vikings and their Shropshire foes!



Anglo-Saxons

Children reconstruct a typical Anglo-Saxon grave to find out what burials tell us about the beliefs, way of life, crafts and technology of Anglo-Saxon invaders and settlers. The grave of an ordinary Saxon is then compared to the royal burial at Sutton Hoo.

Viking Raiders and Anglo-Saxons can be booked together as a whole day experience.

“The Anglo Saxon burial activity was an excellent way to introduce the importance of archaeology to the children. The Viking role-play, complete with dressing up, immersed the pupils and helped them to relate to that period in history. In particular they loved the mock battle!”

Lightmoor Primary School

DIG IT! - After School History Club

Looking for an after school club?

Children take a tour through time and solve a history mystery each week as we delve into the past in our hands-on history club. Find out whether Roman soldiers wore socks with their sandals, why Charles Darwin ate a brown owl and whether the Ancient Egyptians were kind to their mummies. This six week after school club is run by members of the learning team from Shropshire Museums and explores a different history topic each week. Sessions involve craft, drama & role play and an opportunity to handle real museum objects. There will be a visit to Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery in week 6.

Contact us for more information

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BOOKING INFORMATION

For information and to book contact:
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- Two hour session in the morning or afternoon to suit your timetable.
- £110 for a two hour session, £190 for two of the same workshop sessions in one day.
- There will be additional charges for sessions outside of Shropshire. Contact us for further details.