



**LEARNING AT SHROPSHIRE  
MUSEUMS AND ARCHIVES  
2018/19**

**SCHOOLS' WORKSHOP PROGRAMME**

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# WELCOME TO LEARNING AT SHROPSHIRE MUSEUMS & ARCHIVES

The learning team at Shropshire Museums & Archives offer opportunities for learners of all ages to discover the unique sites and collections cared for by Shropshire Council. Activities include a curriculum linked workshop programme for schools and home educators, early years and family workshops, adult education courses and professional development courses for teachers and educators.

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## Shropshire Museums Collections Centre Ludlow

### **Dinosaur Detectives** EYFS/KS1

Come and dive into ancient seas to find incredible creatures from the time of the dinosaurs. Teeth, claws, eggs, footprints and a dinosaur hunt help us discover so much about these fabulous creatures before we do our own dino dig and paint a beautiful fossil to take home.

### **The Key to the Castle** EYFS/KS1

Unlock the creaking castle door and take an exciting trip back to castle times. Children discover what life was like a very long time ago through dressing up, songs and stories and access to original and replica artefacts. They spend the afternoon visiting Ludlow Castle for a special guided tour.

### **Glorious Groups - an Introduction to Classification** Lower KS2

How do we group all living things? This session answers the question by introducing classification. Children have hands on practise grouping real specimens and learn about the importance of describing living things in detail.

## Looking at Life with Linnaeus

### Upper KS2

Discover the amazing world of Carl Linnaeus and dive into the world of classification. Children use real specimens and practice grouping a range of living things. The session includes a rare opportunity to visit the wonderful natural history store at Ludlow Museum Resource Centre to focus on groups of vertebrates and invertebrates.

## Meet the Tudors

### KS2

Children will follow in the footsteps of real characters from Tudor times, from the poor to the wealthy, including Tudor Royalty! A walking tour of the town and a selection of original and replica objects and archive documents bring this fascinating period to life. Each child will create their own unique document complete with Tudor seal to take away.

## Rock Detectives

### KS2

Children dress up in lab coats and become scientists for the day, conducting experiments and using microscopes. They visit the museum's climate-controlled stores for a special tour and take a 'rock walk' around Ludlow.

**Rock Detectives is available at Shropshire Museums Collections Centre and Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery**





## SM&AG

Shrewsbury museum and Art Gallery

### Bears!

February - April 2019  
EYFS

We are excited to announce the arrival of a very special exhibition in February 2019 as we embark on a bear-illiant teddy bear adventure with an exhibition inspired by the wonderful world of bears in children's literature. This delightful exhibition features original illustrations and manuscripts from Martin Waddell, Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury, Michelle Paver, Philip Pulman and many more. Book our bears workshop. Bring a bear, bounce a bear and sing some beary good songs! 45 minutes of active participation for the museum's youngest visitors followed by a bear themed craft to take away.

### We're Going on a Mammoth Hunt

EYFS

Join us for a mammoth story and song session in the museum's prehistory gallery and discover fascinating facts about our collection of mammoth bones. Hunt for mammoths in the museum galleries then make a clay mammoth to take away.

### Dinosaur Detectives

EYFS/Yr1

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➔ Our Little Museum Adventures bags contain beautiful, collections themed sensory mats and ideas to help you and your group to explore the museum galleries. They are available to borrow as part of a booked workshop visit or a teacher-led session.

## Portrait Tour & Art Workshop

KS1, 2 & 3

During this interactive tour pupils are encouraged to look closely at the works on display to reveal clues about the sitter and the artist. In the museum education room pupils use the museum's portrait collection for inspiration as they create a finished piece of art work using your choice of:

- Clay sculpture
- Printing
- Collage

## Stone Age, Bone Age! - An interactive workshop from the Ice Age to the Iron Age

KS2

See the remains of Shropshire's very own woolly mammoths, have a go at hafting tools onto sticks to make an axe or an arrow. Find out how the earliest farmers grew and harvested food and what it was like to live in an Iron Age Round House. This interactive workshop is aimed at helping explain prehistory and the change from hunter-gatherer to farming economies.

## Landscape Tour & Art Workshop

KS1, 2 & 3

Pupils tour the museum galleries to look closely at the collection of landscape paintings on display. Pupils will discover how the artist has used their choice of media to evoke a sense of place and will learn a landscape vocabulary to describe the paintings. Pupils then create their own landscape using either:

- Watercolour paints
- Collagraph printing
- Collage

## Meet the Romans

KS2

Shrewsbury Museum's Roman Gallery displays a range of beautiful and unique objects from Wroxeter, the fourth largest city in Roman Britain. Through handling a range of Roman artefacts pupils will see the wealth and range of material which has survived from the Roman invasion of Britain.

NEW!

## Medieval & Tudor Shrewsbury

KS2/3

Shrewsbury is one of the best preserved Tudor towns in Britain, but what was it like to live here? Through investigating portraits, handling artefacts and trying on Tudor clothing, the children find out about the lives of the rich and the poor in Medieval and Tudor times. This session can be combined with a town tour.

## Investigating Evolution - following Darwin's footsteps

KS2

Children are introduced to the life and evolutionary work of Charles Darwin, the famous naturalist who was born in Shrewsbury. Children handle a fabulous range of original and replica objects including trilobite specimens from the museum's geology stores.

A full day workshop includes either a tour of Shrewsbury following in the footsteps of the young Charles Darwin or a visit to Shropshire Wildlife Trust.





## ACTON SCOTT HISTORIC WORKING FARM

### Little Red Hen

(available June - October)

Who will help me to plant the corn....? Bring the story to life with an interactive farm tour accompanied by the little red hen and the lazy rat, cat & pig. Follow a loaf of bread on a fun-filled journey from field to fork.

**NEW!**

### Three Little Pigs

Bring the story to life by visiting our pigs, snug in their brick-built sty, and all their farmyard friends. Then try making homes of straw, wood and bricks to see which material is best. Can the children construct a home so strong that even a wolf can't blow it down?

### Old MacDonald

A tour of the farm designed to heighten the senses while finding out how Old MacDonald looks after his animals. Children create a journey stick to help them recall their experiences and then make a big Old MacDonald scarecrow using recycled materials.

## The Ploughman's Lunch

KS1 (September and October only)

The Ploughman is hungry! Can you help us to find the ingredients to make his lunch? In this interactive farm tour children find out about daily life on the farm and discover where food comes from. It's a race to gather all the ingredients we need to feed the hungry ploughman...can we get his lunch ready on time?

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## Harvest Home

KS1, 2 (September & October only)

Learn how both young and old pulled together during Victorian harvest time. Reap the wheat, bind the sheaves, build the stooks and glean in the fields before threshing, winnowing and milling in the barn. Learn why the harvest was celebrated and why everyone had their part to play.

## The Secret Life of Plants

KS1

Children will gain an understanding of how plants grow from seeds and the importance of water and light in growth. Practical activities introduce them to a variety of common species and provide the opportunity to name and understand the different parts of plants.

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## A Farm through Time

KS2

Uncover and interpret evidence found above and below ground to trace the story of Acton Scott's farming community over two thousand years.

## Animal Homes

KS1

Children are introduced to a range of different animals and consider how the appearance and diet of the animals are well suited to the habitats in which they live. The session concludes with children "becoming" particular animals and deciding on the perfect home - especially if you can eat you neighbours!

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## The Power of Plants

KS2

Children will learn the importance of plants through games and practical activities that illustrate conditions required for growth as well as plant structure and function.





## SHROPSHIRE ARCHIVES

### Medieval & Tudor Shropshire

KS2/3

The session involves using original 16th century archives. The main emphasis will be on maps of Shropshire, and on Royal documents, concentrating on their Great Seals, calligraphy and illumination. We also look at documents about the plague, inventories, and Tudor buildings.

### English Language & Literature

'A' Levels

Shropshire Archives has a fantastic range of material to demonstrate the use of the English language across the centuries, from the twelfth century to the present day.

### Local study

KS2/3

A look at your local area and how it has changed, using maps, census returns, photographs, original parish registers, newspapers/trade directories and poor relief documents (if available).

### The First World War in

Shropshire

KS2/3

Explore the First World War experiences of soldiers and those coping at home using a varied range of firsthand accounts from diaries and correspondence, photographs, newspaper sources and military records.



# 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.

### The Magical Museum Suitcase

#### EYFS

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 designed to encourage competence in oral communication and linguistic ability as children participate in the singing and telling of traditional rhymes and tales linked to the museum collections.

### TOYS

#### KS1

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 investigate childhood pastimes from the Victorian era to the present day.

### Charles Darwin

#### KS1

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.

## Florence Nightingale

KS1

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.

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## Ancient Greeks

KS2

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.

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## Meet the Romans

KS2

Through handling a wide range of original Roman artefacts and dressing up in replica costume, children will see the wealth and variety of material that has survived from the Roman invasion of Britain.

## Viking Raiders

KS2

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!

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## Original Olympians

KS2

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.](#)

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## Anglo-Saxons

KS2

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. [Viking Raiders and Anglo-Saxons can be booked together as a day experience.](#)

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## Ancient Egyptians

KS2

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.

### DIG IT! -

#### After School History 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. 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 six.



# SHREWSBURY FLAXMILL MALTINGS



## Mill Apprentice Experience

KS1/2

Children as young as nine years old worked at Shrewsbury Flax Mill. Some were supplied under the apprenticeship system from orphanages, the local workhouse and further afield. During this interactive workshop children will discover what life was like for a child apprentice living and working at Shrewsbury Flax Mill in the early 19th century. Children will adopt a role, dress in costume and try out some of the daily tasks performed by a hard working mill apprentice.

## LEGO® Education Simple Machines- Pulley Power

KS2

Shrewsbury Flaxmill Maltings is a pioneering building of the Industrial Revolution. Built from 1796, the Main Mill is the world's first iron framed building - a building that has helped shape the skyline of every major city in the world. During this hands-on workshop children will investigate the reasons for constructing the mill and look at how steam power was used to turn the machinery of this fascinating factory. Children will use LEGO® Education Simple Machines kits to actively investigate the forces at work in the mill, recognising that some mechanisms, including pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

The Friends of the Flaxmill Maltings were formed in August 2010 in response to public consultation and growing interest and enthusiasm in the development of the Flax Mill Maltings amongst the community. Their vision is that Shrewsbury Flax Mill Maltings is brought back to life at the heart of the community.

To find out more visit [www.flaxmill-maltings.co.uk](http://www.flaxmill-maltings.co.uk)

**Why not combine your visit to Shrewsbury Flax Mill with a visit to Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery?**

# WORKSHOP PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

## SHROPSHIRE MUSEUMS COLLECTIONS CENTRE

### LUDLOW

WORKSHOP	DURATION	KEY STAGE	COST PER CLASS
Dinosaur Detectives	2 hours	1	£95
The Key to the Castle	4 hours	1	£140
Glorious Groups	2 hours	1	£95
Looking at Life with Linnaeus	2	2	£95
Rock Detectives	4 hours	2	£140
Meet the Tudors	4 hours	2/3	£140

## SHREWSBURY MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

WORKSHOP	DURATION	KEY STAGE	COST PER CLASS
Bears! Workshop	1.5 hours	EYFS	£60 (includes museum admission)
We're Going on a Mammoth Hunt	1.5 hours	EYFS	£60 (includes museum admission)
Dinosaur Detectives	2 hours	EYFS	£95 (includes museum admission)
Portrait Tour & Art Workshop	2 hours	1/2/3	£95 (includes museum admission)
Landscape Tour & Art Workshop	2 hours	1/2/3	£95 (includes museum admission)
Medieval & Tudor Shrewsbury	2 or 4 hours	2/3	£95 or £190 (includes museum admission)
Stone Age, Bone Age	2 hours	2	£95 (includes museum admission)
Rock Detectives	2 or 4 hours	2	£95 or £190 (includes museum admission)
Meet the Romans	2 hours	2	£95 (includes museum admission)
Investigating Evolution	2 or 4 hours	2	£95 or £190 (includes museum admission) for WLT add £25 per class

## ACTON SCOTT HISTORIC WORKING FARM WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP	DURATION	KEY STAGE	COST PER CLASS
Little Red Hen	1 hour 30 mins	EYFS/YR1	£55 plus admission charge of £3.25 per pupil
Three Little Pigs	1 hour 30 mins	EYFS/YR1	£55 plus admission charge of £3.25 per pupil
Old MacDonald	1 hour 30 mins	EYFS/YR1	£55 plus admission charge of £3.25 per pupil
The Ploughman's Lunch	1 hour 30 mins	1	£55 plus admission charge of £3.25 per pupil
The Secret Life of Plants	1 hour 30 mins	1	£55 plus admission charge of £3.25 per pupil
Animal Homes	1 hour 30 mins	1	£55 plus admission charge of £3.25 per pupil
Harvest Home	1 hour 30 mins	1/2	£55 plus admission charge of £3.25 per pupil
A Farm Through Time	1 hour 30 mins	2	£55 plus admission charge of £3.25 per pupil
The Power of Plants	1 hour 30 mins	2	£55 plus admission charge of £3.25 per pupil

## SHROPSHIRE ARCHIVES WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP	DURATION	KEY STAGE	COST PER CLASS
Local Study	2 hours	2	£95
Medieval & Tudor Shropshire	2 hours	2/3	£95
The First World War in Shropshire	2 hours	2/3	£95
English Language and Literature 'A' Level	2 hours	A Level	£95

## SHREWSBURY FLAXMILL MALTINGS

WORKSHOP	DURATION	KEY STAGE	COST PER CLASS
Mill Apprentice Experience	2 hours	1/2	£95 (includes site admission & guided tour)
LEGO® Education Simple Machines - Pulley Power	2 hours	2	£95 (includes site admission & guided tour)

## MUSEUM IN SCHOOL

WORKSHOP	DURATION	KEY STAGE	COST PER CLASS
The Magical Museum Suitcase	1 hour	EYFS	£65 (for a single session) £130 (for two or more sessions in one day)
Toys	2 hours	1	£110 (for a single session) £190 (for two sessions in one day)
Charles Darwin	2 hours	1	£110 (for a single session) £190 (for two sessions in one day)
Florence Nightingale	2 hours	1	£110 (for a single session) £190 (for two sessions in one day)
Viking Raiders	2 hours	2	£110 (for a single session) £190 (for two sessions in one day)
Anglo Saxons	2 hours	2	£110 (for a single session) £190 (for two sessions in one day)
Ancient Greeks	2 hours	2	£110 (for a single session) £190 (for two sessions in one day)
Original Olympians	2 hours	2	£110 (for a single session) £190 (for two sessions in one day)
Ancient Egyptians	2 hours	2	£110 (for a single session) £190 (for two sessions in one day)
Meet the Romans	2 hours	2	£110 (for a single session) £190 (for two sessions in one day)

## ENQUIRIES

Email us at:

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