



Educational Visits

EYFS, KS1 and KS2

Salisbury Cathedral Education Department

Bringing the Curriculum to Life





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Welcome to Salisbury Cathedral's Education Programme for children aged 4 - 11 years old

For eight hundred years, Salisbury Cathedral has been a significant holy building and a special place for millions of visitors and Christians.

Throughout your visit there will be opportunities for pupils to explore, discover and learn in this incredible environment. Pupils will be engaged through activities using discussion, drama and creativity.

Each session is carefully tailored to ensure that it meets the requirements of the curriculum or the relevant syllabus and is led by an experienced team of teachers and trained volunteers.

Choose from our fantastic range of tours and workshops to create the day you would like.

Full Day Visit

1 tour and 2 workshops
£7.00 per pupil

Half Day Visit

1 tour and 1 workshop
£5.00 per pupil

Tower Tour

Limited to 10 students and
2 adults per group
£7.50 per pupil

**Guided (where possible) or
Self-Guided Tour with
trail sheets**

£3.00 per pupil

An example of a typical day
focusing on local history

Arrival and Welcome

10:00

Local History Tour

11:15

Drama Workshop:
Retelling the Past

12:15

Lunch Break

13:00

Creative Workshop:
Stained Glass Windows

14:00

Farewell

All accompanying adults are free of charge.

We offer half price places for those children who receive means tested pupil premium.

You will be invoiced for your visit after it has taken place.

Self-guided visits need to be registered with the Education Centre to achieve the best rate and to ensure access to the Cathedral.





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Tours for EYFS, KS1 and KS2

We have a range of guided tours available linked to religious studies, history and the Magna Carta. Special themed tours looking at specific aspects of the Cathedral are also available.

“This was a truly magical trip for our children. All learning was pitched perfectly. I would highly recommend this trip to other EYFS/Key Stage 1 educators.”

Holy Trinity CofE Primary Academy - EYFS / Y1 Teacher

Religious Focus

Exploring Salisbury Cathedral:
A Place of Worship

Christian Symbolism

Advent

Easter

History Focus

Local History: The Cathedral
That Moved

Cathedral Stories: Chilling
Gothic Tales (KS2)

History of Art and Architecture
(KS2)



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Topic Tours

Can be part of a themed day

Animal Trail - explore the Cathedral to find hidden animals and understand their symbolism.

Materials - investigate what Salisbury Cathedral is made from.

Music - discover Salisbury Cathedral's musical heritage.

Book Trail - includes a visit to our Medieval Library.



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Workshops

EYFS, KS1 and KS2

From art and craft, to quizzing a member of the clergy - we have an activity for you!

Choose from our specially designed workshops, which are planned to support the National Curriculum.

“It is always a pleasure to bring children to Salisbury Cathedral. They always learn new things and return to school with a real buzz.”

Downton Primary School - Y6 Teacher

Workshops

Consecration Crosses - KS1 & KS2

Why is a consecration cross such an important symbol for the Cathedral? Pupils develop an understanding of the importance of blessings by making their own paper craft consecration cross.

Stained Glass Windows - KS1 & KS2

What is stained glass for and how is it made? Surrounded by many wonderful examples of stained glass from the Medieval Ages to today, pupils will learn about its craft and then make a window using coloured film to take home.



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Altar Frontal Designs - KS1 & KS2

Can you identify Christian symbols in the Cathedral? Pupils learn about the meaning of key Christian symbols and use different textured paper to design their own altar frontal.

Clergy Hot Seat - KS1 & KS2

What is a bishop's hat called? How often do Christians pray? What is the font for? Meet a member of our clergy team and find out more about their role at the Cathedral. Pupils can bring their own questions.

Get Involved: Christian Festivals - KS2

What are the key dates in the Christian calendar? Investigate the signs and symbols that are linked to Christian festivals and services.

Spirituality Workshops - KS1 & KS2

What is spirituality? These workshops provide a space to consider feelings of awe and wonder. Pupils develop their understanding of the spiritual aspect of Christianity; considering the importance of light, hope and reflection.



Medieval Dance - KS1

What was life like in a Medieval court? Pupils learn a medieval dance, a popular past time in the medieval court. All costumes provided.

Magna Carta Court Drama - KS1 and KS2

What is the Magna Carta? What was King John really like? Pupils dress up to take part in the court of King John at the time of the Magna Carta. Depending on how grumpy he is feeling, pupils may just escape with their lives after an audience with King John himself! All costumes provided

Magna Carta - KS2

What is the legacy of Magna Carta? Pupils consider their rights and responsibilities linked to the 1215 Charter. Workshop can either run as an improvisation and discussion session, or be creatively based with pupils designing individual freedom banners. *These are only suitable for upper KS2.*

Medieval Scribes and Manuscripts - KS1 and KS2

How was the Magna Carta written? Become a medieval scribe and experience writing with a quill and a reed pen on parchment-style paper.



Setting the Seal

- KS1 and KS2

How did King John prove his authority on a document? Pupils will handle replica seals before making their own seal using air drying clay as part of a special keepsake bookmark to take home.

Retelling the Past - KS1

Why did the Cathedral move here 800 years ago? Using drama, pupils retell the story of the move from Old Sarum and the laying of the foundation stones in 1220. All costumes provided.

“The activities were well planned, resourced and delivered. All the adults had a warm manner towards the children and were engaging.

The children loved all of the activities and we have been inspired in our follow up work.”

*Port Regis School -
Y2 Teacher*



Master Builders Challenge - KS2

Which building techniques help the tower and spire to stand? Pupils face the challenge of building their own spire using given limited materials.

Medieval Clay Tiles - KS1 & KS2

How is a clay tile made? After viewing real medieval tiles from the cathedral interior, pupils create and design their own to take home.

Gargoyles - KS2

What is the meaning and purpose of a gargoyle? After studying the West Front stone carvings, pupils create their own clay gargoyles to take back to school.



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Music - KS1 & KS2

What does an organ sound like and how does it work? Music is a key part of life at Salisbury Cathedral. Come and hear our organ being played and learn how it works. Singing workshops are also available, please enquire about availability at booking.

Materials - KS1

How was the Cathedral built? What is a windlass and how was it used? A series of mini workshops to investigate stained glass, wood and stone.

Advent, Christmas and Easter

Celebrate these festivals with workshops to discover more about these significant events in the Christian year.

“It was an absolute joy to come back to Salisbury Cathedral. The activities were fun and interactive. It was such a successful and enjoyable day - can't recommend it enough nor thank you all enough!”

*Crockerton Primary School -
Y1 and Y2 Teacher*



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