



WINCHESTER
CATHEDRAL

Information for School Visits

Experience the Cathedral's atmosphere and spaces.

Hear stories about the Cathedral and learn about historic events.

Examine some of the Cathedral's religious objects and find out how they are used.

See some incredible objects and architecture.

Visit the Crypt and see the famous Antony Gormley statue.

Light a candle and take some time for reflection.

All are welcome!



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In that time they undertake a tour and two workshops which is a total cost of £9 per pupil.

We will cater to your own timetable and can create bespoke tours, workshops and resources.

The next page will give more details about our tours and workshops.

For more information contact Director of Learning Emma Bourner
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Tours



General tour of the Cathedral	60 minutes	£3 per child
Anglo Saxon tour of the Cathedral	60 minutes	£3 per child
House of God tour of the Cathedral	60 minutes	£3 per child
Norman tour of the Cathedral	60 minutes	£3 per child
Medieval tour of the Cathedral	60 minutes	£3 per child
Tudors and the Reformation tour of the Cathedral	60 minutes	£3 per child
Military tour based on the war memorials in the Cathedral	60 minutes	£3 per child
Self-led tour We can provide you with tour notes or a trail if you would like.	–	£3 per child
Any tour PLUS a visit to the Kings and Scribes exhibition. The Learning Team can provide a quiz for the children to undertake whilst they are in there.	90 minutes	£5 per child

Workshops



On the next two pages are details of our most popular workshops.

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Anglo-Saxon workshop	60 minutes	£3 per child
The children create their own illuminated letter, a cloak pin badge and learn how to write in runes.		
Queen Emma workshop	60 minutes	£3 per child
The children are shown a picture of Queen Emma and King Canute. In teams, they have to work together to memorise what they have seen in the picture and recreate it with their team.		
Volsunga Saga story workshop	60 minutes	£3 per child
The children will be shown a photo of the Sigmund Stone cut up into pieces which they have to put back together (like an archeologist). They are then told the story of Sigmund and the wolf from the Volsunga Saga.		
Archaeology workshop	60 minutes	£3 per child
Using items hidden in trays of sand, the children act as archaeologists to find the items, draw them (as an archaeologist would record them) and decide what they may have been used for etc.		
The life of a Medieval Monk	60 minutes	£3 per child
Dressed as a monk, the children take on roles that the monks would have had and spend time in the Cathedral in role.		
Prayer stations	60 minutes	£3 per child
Using various themed spaces and resources for aid, children take time to reflect on topics such as conflict and personal growth.		
St Swithun	60 minutes	£3 per child
Pupils are told two of the miracle stories of St Swithun and then can create either a pilgrims badge, a pop up shrine, or do a story memory worksheet.		
Winchester Bible / illumination	60 minutes	£3 per child
Using the Winchester Bible as inspiration, pupils learn how books were made in the past and create their own illuminated letter.		
The Great West Window	60 minutes	£3 per child
The children create their own great west window using tissue paper, tracing paper and a frame. They are then told the story of the window.		
Medieval Medicine	60 minutes	£3 per child
Pupils learn about the development of medical science and our understanding of the body from the Ancient Greeks to the modern day. Pupils then become trainee surgeons and diagnose their patients by looking at fake pee, poo and then creating cures using herbs.		
Gargoyles	60 minutes	£3 per child
After explaining the purpose of gargoyles and grotesques, pupils are split into teams to play a fun 'gargoyle features' game. After being inspired by the game, pupils are given air drying clay and shown how to make a gargoyle, and encouraged to be creative.		

Medieval tile prints	60 minutes	£3 per child
Using the medieval tiles as inspiration, pupils create their own prints using paints..		
Winchester through the Ages	60 minutes	£3 per child
The children learn all about the changes in Winchester through different periods of history. The second part of the workshop is where they work as archeologists to find 'treasures' in the sand trays, establish what they are and accurately draw them.		
Green Man	60 minutes	£3 per child
Using the green men in the cathedral as inspiration, pupils are told what a green man is and then using paper plates and mixed media, create their own green man face to take home.		
Q&A with the a Cathedral Canon	60 minutes	£3 per child
Students are given time ask a member of clergy questions about life and faith. This is done via anonymous notes to begin with, with the opportunity to have discussions.		
WW1 and WW2	60 minutes	£3 per child
This workshops focuses on remembrance.		
Baptism	60 minutes	£3 per child
Pupils write their own prayers which could be said at a baptism. Children then get to read out their prayers while standing around the cathedral font.		
What is it like to live in Winchester?	60 minutes	£3 per child
We recruit volunteers from the Cathedral to speak to the children about what it is like to live in Winchester. The children spend around 10 minutes listening to each adult and get the chance to ask them questions before moving onto the next adult.		
Learning about the High Street	60 minutes	£3 per child
The children will be led on a tour of the High Street and will be able to categorise all of the shops e.g. clothing shop, cosmetic shop. At the top of the High Street, the children will undertake a traffic survey.		
The Art of Sacrifice	60 minutes	£3 per child
Students take part in several activities that get them to focus and reflect on the effects of world conflicts and covid.		
Press Prints workshop	60 minutes	£3 per child
Using the medieval tiles as inspiration, pupils create their own prints using paints.		
Sacred Geometry workshop	60 minutes	£3 per child
Work as a group to solve the problem of how to draw a trefoil with rudimentary equipment.		
William Walker	60 minutes	£3 per child
Pupils are told two of the miracle stories of William Walker and then complete a story memory worksheet.		
City Walk	60 minutes	£3 per child
Led by a volunteer from the Learning Team, the children go on a walking tour of Winchester learning all about the history of the city.		