



PRIMARY SCHOOLS EDUCATION PROGRAMME 2011



Visit Information

We offer a large range of led educational sessions which give pupils the opportunity to learn and investigate different periods in history, through handling original and replica artefacts, drawing, art, craft and role play. The Education Officer can deliver these in the museum or can come to your school. The workshops listed can all be tailored to meet the needs of your group and the topics you are studying.

Museum Workshop Fee £3.00 (+VAT) per pupil for handling sessions, £3.50 (+VAT) for workshops using craft materials.

For Devizes Schools - £2.00 (plus VAT), £2.50 (plus VAT) for workshops using craft materials (supported by grant funding from the Town Council).

Visits to the museum without an educational workshop are charged at £1 per child.

Outreach to Schools Fee - £3.00 (+VAT) per pupil for handling sessions, £3.50 (+VAT) for workshops using craft materials. Travel expenses charged at 45p per mile.

Times From 1 hour to a whole day, depending on the age of the children and activities being carried out.

Booking Please contact the Education Officer, Ali Rushent on 01380 727369 or at education@wiltshireheritage.org.uk for more information or to make a booking.

Teachers can arrange a pre-visit free of charge.

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KS1 Workshops

Toys Compare and contrast old and new toys. Handle, draw and play with replica and real toys from ancient and Victorian times as well as those grandparents may have had. Investigate how they work and what old toys can tell us about the past.

Fossils

A chance to handle real bones and fossils and find out what Wiltshire was like at the time of the dinosaurs,

An opportunity for drawing time, a chance to look around the gallery and to carry out art activities such as printing and making replica fossils.



Materials in History

Learn about materials and their properties by investigating and handling a variety of objects from the past. Why are the materials used significant, and how and why have the materials we use changed over time? Touchy feely boxes, sand box excavations and materials sorting make this a fun and interactive session.

Stone Age Man

Find out about life in the Stone Age. What were the people's houses like and what did they eat? Handle mammoth bones and ox tusks, investigate the tools and weapons they used and find out about the important monuments of Stonehenge and Avebury. Following this, re-enact a barrow burial and finish by making a Neolithic style pot to take home.

Houses and Homes

Learn how homes and houses have changed over time. With wash day demonstrations, lots of cooking equipments and other unusual Victorian and Edwardian artefacts to handle, this workshop is a fun way to find out about homes in the past.

Optional Activities:
rag rug making .
Washday workshop
available for outreach



KS2 Workshops

Victorian Life

Handle a variety of authentic Victorian objects and investigate how it would have been different to be a rich or poor child in Victorian times. Learn about schools, washing, cleaning and cooking .

Optional Activities: quilling or rag rug making.
Washday workshop available for outreach only.
Make a peg doll

Devizes in the past

What did Devizes used to be like? Through looking at old photos, maps and artefacts from the town, find out how it has changed over time.

A tour of the town can be arranged

Devizes Town Hall Lockup

As part of your visit to the Museum, you can now add a visit to the atmospheric lock up in the cellars underneath Devizes Town Hall.



The lock up was used in Georgian and Victorian times to hold people arrested in the town for minor offences. Go down the steep stairs, see the original cell door, and hear it slam behind you. Use the experience as part of an exploration of crime and punishment in Victorian England.

World War 2: On the Home Front

Find out what it was like to be a child in the Second World War . Evacuation role play, mock 1940's lessons rationing activity and the chance to handle authentic artefacts and look at documents and photos of the time. Optional craft activities available.



[Roman Wiltshire](#)

What was Wiltshire like when the Romans were here? What impact did they have on Britain? This workshop will help answer these questions with fun activities that include identifying mystery roman artefacts found in Wiltshire, trying on a Roman helmet and costumes and a chance to see how they made coins.

*Optional activity: make a Roman mosaic or a Roman pot
Make your own Roman coin.*



[Anglo-Saxons and Viking Invaders](#)

Handle original and replica artefacts to find out why the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings invaded Britain. Find out why the Anglo-Saxons chose to settle in Wiltshire and the impact they had on the area. Why did the Vikings not have a bigger impact here? Recreate a burial and look at the kind of evidence that survives. Visit our Saxon and Viking Gallery to see some of the treasures that have been found in this area.

Schools can look at the impact of both the Saxons and Vikings or you can choose to focus on one.



*Optional activity:
make a Saxon plate brooch or pot
pot.
Make Viking /Saxon Shield
Make Viking Long Boat*

Tudor Life

Learn more about everyday life in Tudor times and the differences between rich and poor.

The chance to try on Tudor costume, investigate a range of replica objects and find out about Tudor writing by having a go at writing with a quill.

Ancient Greece

Handle replica and real artefacts from Ancient Greece to find out about life for people in Ancient Greece. Find out about crafts, religion, theatre and sport.

Practice writing on wax tablets using the Greek alphabet and have a go at pot reconstruction drawings using small pieces found.

Optional Activities: Create an embossed coin design or Greek tile painting.

Egyptian Life and Death

Find out what it was like to live in Ancient Egypt. Learn about the gods, mummification and the death journey through handling a range of replica artefacts.



See how papyrus was made and write in hieroglyphics using reed pens.

Optional activities: Egyptian makeup and making clay amulets.

Prehistoric Wiltshire: Religion and Ritual

Explore the amazing finds of the Museum's Bronze Age collection. Discover who found them, where they are from and the unique landscape they were found in.

Re-enact a barrow burial, handle artefacts from the Neolithic and Bronze Age and take part in investigative experiments to find out how Stonehenge may have been constructed .

Follow this with a visit to our Neolithic and Bronze Age galleries to see some of the amazing treasures found near to Stonehenge and Avebury, to find out more about some of the people who lived in Wiltshire at this time including the Bush Barrow Man and the Shaman.

This is an ideal workshop for those studying the local history of Wiltshire or for those planning a visit to Stonehenge or Avebury.

Optional Activities:

Make and decorate a Bronze Age pot

Make and decorate replica lozenge



Discovery Visits to Stonehenge are a fun interactive way to discover the Stonehenge landscape and booking can be made by contacting English Heritage.