

Norwich Castle, Strangers' Hall and Museum of Norwich at the Bridewell Primary Schools' Programme 2019-2020



Norwich Castle is undergoing some exciting changes! From autumn 2019 until 2021, the Castle Keep will be closing for redevelopment work which will restore it to its medieval heyday as a royal palace. While the work is taking place, we'll still be running our schools programme, with a few tweaks here and there and a slightly reduced provision – there's more information on our website here: <https://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/norwich-castle/learning>. Strangers' Hall and the Museum of Norwich are not affected by the work. Please see below or contact norwichcastle.bookings@norfolk.gov.uk for more details.

At Norwich Museums we offer three types of facilitated activities for schools, led by members of our Learning Team, as well as teacher-led visits:

- **Events:** Half or full day immersive events. Events take place in different locations, include a range of activities, and involve meeting characters from the past.
- **Workshops:** Shorter activities based around object-handling sessions.
- **Tours:** Shorter tours of specific areas.
- **Teacher-led visits, including Take One Picture:** these are flexible visits which teachers can lead for their students. We offer resources to support teacher-led visits on our website.

Events

Life in a Castle KS1 – OUTREACH

School-based, £210 per half-day, max 60 children

Please note: while the Castle Keep is closed, we'll be offering a new outreach session for schools in Norfolk based on the Life in a Castle event.

Learn about life in a medieval Castle with Maud the maid or Jack the rat-catcher and Lady Isabella. Take part in object-handling, enjoy a storytelling session, and make your own pennant to keep.

Meet Florence Nightingale KS1

Museum of Norwich, half-day, £3.50 per pupil, max 45 pupils

Meet Florence Nightingale and learn about her life, explore objects she might have used and make a traditional lamp like the one Florence would have used for her night-time rounds.

Life at the Time of the Great Fire of London KS1

Strangers' Hall, half-day, £3.50 per pupil, max 60 pupils

What was life in Norwich like in the 1660s at the time of the Great Fire? Examine artefacts from the time, meet a costumed character, find out what it was like to be in London during the fire and explore rooms furnished in the style of the period.

Toys in the Past KS1

Strangers' Hall or Museum of Norwich, half-day, £3.50, per pupil, max 45-60 pupils depending on location

Discover how toys in the past were different from those of today. Explore and play with old and new toys, visit our toy gallery and have a go at making your own toy.

Christmas at Strangers' Hall KS1

Strangers' Hall, half-day, £3.50 per pupil, max 60 pupils

Celebrate Christmas Victorian-style! Meet members of the Bolingbroke family and explore their home. Make a Christmas craft and listen to some of their favourite Christmas tales.

A Day with the Romans and Iceni KS2

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £5 per pupil, max 120 pupils

The day is set about twenty years after Boudica's revolt (AD60). The Romans have invaded and settled in Norfolk, bringing with them their own way of life, culture and rules. The original settlers, the Iceni, feel they have suffered terribly at the hands of the Roman army, and that their way of life has been forever changed. Meet Roman and Iceni characters to learn about the conflict and their contrasting cultures.

A Day with the Egyptians KS2

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £5 per pupil, max 120 pupils

A team of Egyptologists has been exploring Ancient Egypt and making fascinating discoveries. They have recently uncovered the tomb of the High Priest Ankh Hor and want to share their exciting finds with the world. However, not everyone feels that uncovering the treasured tombs of the dead is such a good idea. Meet characters from the past, examine real and replica objects, and make an Egyptian-style collar.

A Day with the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings KS2

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £5 per pupil, max 120 pupils

What was life like in Anglo-Saxon and Viking times and how do we know about it? Meet characters from the past and present, hear stories, make an Anglo-Saxon craft, and handle objects from the collections.

The Mystery of Prehistory KS2

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £5 per pupil, max 120 pupils

Meet an archaeologist and use history detective skills to explore and sort genuine Neolithic tools. Learn about daily life 6000 years ago and meet costumed characters from Neolithic and Bronze Age times. The day includes time to see our stunning Iron Age objects in the Boudica gallery.

Life in Tudor Norwich at the Time of Robert Kett KS2

Strangers' Hall, 10am to 2pm, £5 per pupil, max 60 pupils

The year is 1550, and the mayor and city authorities have thwarted Kett's Rebellion. The citizens of Norwich are divided about the rebellion and everyone has their own opinions on the recent events. Discover how our different characters feel about the rebellion, try on authentic Tudor costumes, meet a rebel, and create your own weaving to take home.

Remaking the Mansion: A Strangers' Hall Maths Investigation KS2

Strangers' Hall, 10am to 2pm, £5 per pupil, max 60 pupils

Strangers' Hall has a new mistress, and she wants to remodel the rooms! Become apprentices and meet members of the household and tradesmen. Use number, statistics, geometry and measuring skills to help with the work.

Crime and Punishment KS2

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £5 per pupil, max 60 pupils

Investigate crime and punishment from the Anglo-Saxons to the present. Meet a prisoner from the Castle's past, learn all about Norwich Castle's centuries as a county gaol, handle real and replica punishment objects, find out about the court system in a tour of our historic courtroom, and develop your crime scene investigation skills to help solve a crime.

Tudor Norwich: A Place of Sanctuary? KS2

Strangers' Hall, 10am to 2pm, £5 per pupil, max 60 pupils

1565: the Norwich authorities have invited refugees from the Low Countries to live and work in the city. Meet four characters, each with a different experience and a different story to tell about life in the city.

Missing Treasure KS2 literacy

Norwich Castle, 2 hours, £4 per pupil, max 60 pupils

A precious object has gone missing from the museum. Learn how to be a newspaper reporter by interviewing key witnesses, researching the incident and producing an informative report.

Literacy Workshops

Magical Creatures KS1&2

Norwich Castle, 2 hours, £3.50 per pupil, max 30 pupils

Have you met the Hippostricow or the Chickamungus? Use our collections to combine features of beasts and birds and create a curious magical creature description.

Art and Design Workshops

All That Glitters KS1

Norwich Castle, 1.5 hours, £3.50 per pupil, max 30 pupils

Learn about the properties of materials and create a shimmering transparent piece of art inspired by the beautiful objects in our Decorative Art Galleries.

Looking at Landscapes KS2

Norwich Castle, 1.5 hours, £3.50 per pupil, max 30 pupils

Be inspired by our collection of landscapes, from Norfolk scenes to faraway places. Explore seascapes, rural and urban scenes and create your own landscape art.

History Workshops

Digging & Dustbins KS2

Norwich Castle, 35 minutes, £2.50 per pupil, max 30 pupils

Have a go at being an archaeologist and develop skills in looking at evidence in this hands-on session. 'Dig up' objects from sand trays, record finds and find out what people's rubbish can tell us about the past.

Object-Handling KS2

Norwich Castle, 35 minutes, £2.50 per pupil, max 30 pupils

Choose one of Egyptian, Roman, Anglo-Saxon & Viking, or Medieval object-handling. Each session includes both real and replica objects.

First World War KS2

Norwich Castle, 35 minutes, £2.50 per pupil, max 30 pupils

Handle and try on authentic and replica First World War soldiers' and nurses' clothes and equipment.

Made in Norwich KS1 or KS2

Museum of Norwich, 35 minutes, £2.50 per pupil, max 15 pupils

What has made Norwich a 'Fine City'? Find out local stories and hear about some of the tools and products from the shoe, mustard, chocolate and other industries.

Chocolate KS1 or KS2

Museum of Norwich, 35 minutes, £2.50 per pupil, max 15 pupils

From the Mayans to the present: explore (and taste) different kinds of chocolate and discover its journey from the ancient world to the chocolate factories of Norwich.

Tours

Prison buildings

Norwich Castle, 35 minutes, £2.50 per pupil, max 30 pupils

Find out about Norwich Castle's past as a prison, exploring how the building has changed over the years.

Please note: this tour does not visit the dungeons.

Museum highlights

Norwich Castle, 35 minutes, £2.50 per pupil, max 30 pupils

Take a tour around some of the star objects and significant items in our displays.

Shirehall courtroom

Norwich Castle, 35 minutes, £2.50 per pupil, max 15 pupils

Students go down the dank prisoners' spiral staircase and into the historic Shirehall courtroom, where they find out about justice in the past.

For more details of our programme and resources for teachers or group leaders, please visit www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/norwich-castle/learning.

Information, enquiries and bookings:

Booking is essential for all school visits, and we'd recommend enquiring usually a term in advance. If you'd like to make a booking, contact norwichcastle.bookings@norfolk.gov.uk or 01603 493636, and have the following information to hand:

The name and postcode of your school

The number of students you want to bring

Their year group(s)

The number of accompanying adults

The event or workshop you're interested in

Which half-term/term you'd like to visit

Whether anyone in the group has any access needs

For workshops or half-day events, whether you'd like a space to eat packed lunches. If you visit for a full-day event, you'll automatically be assigned a lunch space. Please note that our lunch spaces will have reduced capacity this year.



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