

PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITS 2023 – 2024

Rochester Cathedral is not just for RE!

We have a wide-ranging programme covering many curriculum areas.
Our workshops can be adapted to match your learning requirements.

Science

Sound

How does the organ work?
How does sound travel?
Work as a group to make a bottle organ.

Light

Investigate why the monks built their Monastery on the south side of the Cathedral.

Materials & Structure

Investigate how the Cathedral was built and which materials were used.

English

Creative writing/poetry

Use the sights, sounds and smells of the Cathedral to inspire writing.

Dickens & Rochester

Find out about our links to Dickens. Act out Great Expectations, A Christmas Carol or Oliver Twist.

Book an Explore Day

Extend your visit to the Cathedral by choosing any two workshops and a trail sheet or workbook.

Lunchrooms offered free of charge for Explore Days.

Mathematics

Tessellation

Explore tessellated patterns in the Cathedral.
Create your own pattern.

Shape

Explore 2D and 3D shapes in the Cathedral.

Art & Design

Heraldry

Design your own shield and discover the hidden codes in heraldry.

Poor Mans Bible

Decode the Cathedral's many artistic treasures.

Cross-site visits

Book a cross-site visit to either Rochester Castle or the Guildhall Museum, both within walking distance of the Cathedral.

Guildhall Museum linked workshops:

Anglo Saxons; Normans; Feudal System / Magna Carta; Dickens; World War I and World War II.

Rochester Castle linked visits

Normans; Heraldry; Feudal System / Magna Carta.

We are also able to create bespoke cross-site visits.

RE

Role Play Baptisms & Weddings

Dress up and learn.

Interactive RE Tours

Explore the Cathedral's rooms and furnishings and find out how the spaces are used **or** focus on how the Cathedral demonstrates God's love and holiness.

Stories in Glass

Learn about the stories and messages in the windows. Design a stained glass window.

Drama session on Parables/Miracles

Christmas and Easter

Various activities and workshops available.

Foundation Stage Story Trails

Fun interactive story trails which include craft activities.

Choose from:

Noah's Ark

Kings & Queens

Christmas

Easter

History

Anglo Saxons

Find out about the arrival of Christianity in Anglo Saxon Kent (includes drama).

Normans

Re-enact the Battle of Hastings and find out how the arrival of the Normans changed Rochester.

The Feudal System & Magna Carta

An interactive session linked to British Values. The session includes a dramatic re-enactment of the 1215 siege of Rochester Castle.

Interactive Timeline Tour

Anglo Saxons, Normans, Tudors.

Costumed Trails

Become a medieval monk or pilgrim to discover more about the Cathedral's history.

Reformation Trail

Meet Prior Walter and discover what the Tudors did for us.

World War I

Design a peace themed window and explore ways of remembering.

World War II

Find out how World War II impacted on the Cathedral.

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Workshop information

- Workshops usually last 45 minutes – 1 hour
- We will supply guidelines for your risk assessments when visiting the Cathedral

Prices *(Valid until August 2024)*

Price per pupil	
1 hour	£2.60
Up to 2 hours	£4.40
Day visit	£5.80

- All visits must be pre-booked
- Charges apply to guided and self-guided visits
- We have two lunchrooms, each holding up to 30 students plus accompanying adults, available to pre-book at £20 per half hour
- All charges are inclusive of VAT
- We invoice after your visit
- Payments should be made to "Rochester Cathedral Enterprises Ltd"

How to book a visit

To book a school visit to Rochester Cathedral please call or email our Education Team

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Contact numbers for cross-site visits

Rochester Castle **01634 332901**

Guildhall Museum **01634 332680**

We host a variety of themed learning events throughout the year.

Visit the Learning pages on our website to explore the full programme for visiting schools, youth groups and families.

Special Events

The Fenland Black Oak Table September 2023 – February 2024

Made from 5,000-year-old wood, this amazing 13m long table is an inspiring piece of furniture. The table can be viewed as part of your pre-booked cathedral visit or you may wish to book the 45 minute "Table Timeline" workshop. Students will have the opportunity to find out how the table was created, and then place major historical events onto the table timeline before reflecting on an important event in their own lives. Suitable for upper KS2. Charges apply.

The Rochester Bestiary September – October 2023

On loan from the British Library, this amazing book dating from circa 1230, contains a host of amazing creatures – real and imagined. The Bestiary can be viewed as part of a pre-booked visit. You can also book a 45 minute creative workshop inspired by the Bestiary. Students will design their own fantastical creature and describe its characteristics. Charges apply.