

The logo for Norwich Castle Schools & Learning. It consists of a gold rectangle on the left with the text 'Norwich Castle' in black, and a black rectangle on the right with the text 'Schools & Learning' in white. The top of the gold rectangle has a white dashed border.

Norwich
Castle

Schools
& Learning

The logo for the Museum of Norwich at the Bridewell. It features a pink square with the text 'MUSEUM of NORWICH at the Bridewell' in white.

MUSEUM of
NORWICH
at the Bridewell

The logo for Strangers' Hall. It features the text 'STRANGERS' & HALL' in a red, serif font. The ampersand is stylized and larger than the other characters.

STRANGERS'
& HALL

Norwich Castle, Strangers' Hall and Museum of Norwich at the Bridewell:

Autumn 2024 programme for schools (Early Years Foundation Stage to Key Stage 5) – until October half-term

We're delighted to welcome schools to our museums. We've got lots of options for visits at Norwich Castle, Strangers' Hall and Museum of Norwich. Read on for on-site options plus information about digital resources.

If you have any questions, please contact the Bookings Coordinator at 01603 493636 or norwichcastle.bookings@norfolk.gov.uk.

We book up quickly so do get in touch as soon as you can if you'd like to visit. We hope to see you soon!

**Booking is open for Autumn 1 (until October half-term) only.
Booking for Autumn 2 will open later.**

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Norwich Castle: Royal Palace Reborn

Norwich Castle will be open soon after several years of behind-the-scenes work! For the autumn term, we're reviewing and updating our medieval events, so we won't be offering events in the Keep yet. Please [keep an eye on our website for updates](#). When the Keep is open, we'll be happy to welcome self-guided groups there.

Covid-19

If any member of your group is at a higher Covid risk and you would like to discuss possible accommodations, please contact us in advance of your visit at 01603 493636 or norwichcastle.bookings@norfolk.gov.uk.

Resources

There are free resources available for a number of our school events. [View our Learning at Home resources](#). You can also [find trails and other resources for use at the museum](#). There are also [paid-for digital resources](#) – you can find more details about these at the end of this programme.

Information, enquiries and bookings

On-site events

If you'd like to book one of our on-site events, please call 01603 493636 or email norwichcastle.bookings@norfolk.gov.uk, and have the following information to hand:

- The name and postcode of your school
- The number of pupils you want to bring (see event listing for maximum numbers)
- The pupils' year group(s)
- The number of accompanying adults
- Which event you're interested in (or whether you'd like a self-guided visit)
- Which half-term/term you'd like to visit
- Whether anyone in the group has any physical access needs
- Whether any of your students has needs which could impact on their learning
- For workshops, self-guided visits or half-day events, whether you'd like a space to eat packed lunches. If you visit for a 10am-2pm event, you'll automatically be assigned a lunch space

Paid-for digital resources

If you'd like to book one of our digital packages, please call 01603 493636 or email norwichcastle.bookings@norfolk.gov.uk, and have the following information to hand:

- The name and postcode of your school
- The number of students you'd like to participate
- Their year group(s)
- The event you'd like

Once you book, you'll be sent a link(s) which will give you access to the film(s) across the school year. You'll also receive a teachers' pack with supporting information.

We'll send you an invoice or request the payment by journal transfer. Please note that once we've sent the link(s), the charge is non-refundable. We ask that you don't share the link(s) with anyone else.

Norwich Castle

On-site events at Norwich Castle



Events are listed in Key Stage (KS) order, from Early Years Foundation Stage to Key Stage 5, followed by details about self-guided visits, Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) events for classes working at different levels, and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for teachers. Castle events are available **Monday to Friday**.

We charge minimum fees for our events to allow us to cover staff and resources costs. The minimum fee for each event is given in its listing. If you have a small group but you attend at the same time as another group, the minimum fee may not apply. We aim to book smaller groups on the same day, so your flexibility is appreciated.

If you book the on-site version of an event for which we also offer a digital event, you'll receive the digital event for **free** after your visit.

EYFS Museum Adventurers!

Norwich Castle, 1.5 hours, £4 per pupil, max 30 children, minimum fee £60

Museum Adventurers is a playful open-ended trip around the galleries of Norwich Castle, taking a child-led approach to visiting a new place. Explore the museum spaces at your own pace, with chances to play and investigate along the way. Work with a specialist Early Years practitioner to tailor the visit to the needs and interests of your group. Potential topics for explorations include: Big and small; shapes; animals; treasure and special things; teapots; same and different; numbers; collections; hiding and finding; and positioning schema. If you have other ideas for things you'd like to explore, please let us know! These sessions have been developed in partnership with children and adults from a local Early Years setting.

EYFS Animal Explorers!

Norwich Castle, 1.5 hours, £4 per pupil, max 20 children, minimum fee £60
One, two, three - what can you see? Our natural history curator invites you to become Animal Explorers as you join them on a journey around our Natural History galleries. Together you will need to carefully look, feel, listen and discuss to explore all the amazing animals here in the museum!

KS1 All that Glitters

Norwich Castle, 1.5 hours, £4 per pupil, max 30 pupils, minimum fee £80
Learn about the properties of materials and create a colourful piece of art inspired by the beautiful objects in our Decorative Arts gallery.

KS1 or KS2 Magical Creatures

Norwich Castle, 1.5 hours, £4 per pupil, max 30 pupils, minimum fee £80
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.

KS2 Ancient Civilisations: Farming to Philosophy

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £6 per pupil, max 120 pupils, minimum fee £240

Much of what we take for granted each day would be very different or might not even exist if it was not for the achievements and advances of ancient civilisations such as the ancient Greeks, the ancient Sumerians, those of the Indus valley and others. Explore four of the key achievements of these civilisations: farming, writing, building and philosophy.

KS2 A Day with the Romans and Iceni – Updated for 2024!

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £6 per pupil, max 120 pupils, minimum fee £240

Norfolk was once part of the lands of the Celtic Iceni tribe, but everything changed in 43CE, when the Romans invaded the country. The Romans fought with many tribes and won many battles - but they did not fight the Iceni. The Iceni made peace and agreed to pay a tax to Rome. However, in 60CE, the Iceni rebelled... Meet characters from Boudica's time plus a modern curator and archaeologist to learn about the rebellion and the contrasting cultures of the Iceni and Romans. **Also available as a digital event!**

KS2 Ancient Egypt: Discovery and Debate

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £6 per pupil, max 120 pupils, minimum fee £240

Egypt in the mid-19th century: one of a team of archaeologists has uncovered the tomb of the High Priest, Ankh Hor, and is excited to share the find with the world. But not everyone thinks that uncovering the tombs of the dead is a good idea... Meet different costumed characters and discuss their points of view. **Also available as a digital event!**

KS2 A Day with the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £6 per pupil, max 120 pupils, minimum fee £240

What was life like in Anglo-Saxon and Viking times and how do we know about it? Meet costumed characters mourning the death of Thurweald, an Anglo-Saxon warrior. What objects, stories and possessions should travel with him into the afterlife? **Please note:** this event will not visit the Anglo-Saxon and Viking Gallery due to the Norwich Castle: Royal Palace Reborn project. **Also available as a digital event!**

KS2 Mystery of Prehistory

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £6 per pupil, max 120 pupils, minimum fee £240

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, Bronze Age and Iron Age times. The day also includes time to see stunning Iron Age objects in the Boudica gallery.

KS2 Crime and Punishment

Norwich Castle, 10am until 2pm, £6 per pupil, max 60 pupils, minimum fee £240

Meet a prisoner from the Castle's past, learn about Norwich Castle's centuries as a county gaol, handle real and replica punishment objects, take part in a crime scene investigation (CSI) workshop, visit our newly redesigned dungeons and go on a teacher-led Crime and Punishment trail throughout the museum.

KS2 Object-handling workshop

Norwich Castle, 35 minutes, £3 per pupil, max 30 pupils, minimum fee £45

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

KS3 Storming the Castle: A Maths and History Investigation

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £6 per pupil, max 120 pupils, minimum fee £240

Work with medieval costumed characters to solve a real-life problem. Devise the best ways to attack and defend the Castle using maths skills (estimating, measuring, costs and coinage, weights and measures). **Please note:** This event will not visit the Castle Keep while the redevelopment project is ongoing. **Also available as a digital event!**

KS3 William I: Hero or Villain?

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £6 per pupil, max 120 pupils, minimum fee £240

Investigate both sides of the Norman Conquest, which changed Saxon Norwich forever. Students will take a virtual tour of the Castle; analyse the Domesday Book; examine Norman and Saxon weapons, war tactics, and attitudes to crime and punishment; and

compare and contrast Saxon and Norman society. **Please note:** This event will not visit the Castle Keep while the redevelopment project is ongoing.

KS3 Transatlantic Slavery

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £6 per pupil, max 120 pupils, minimum fee £240

Explore local links to transatlantic slavery and its abolition through objects and paintings, as well as documents from Norfolk Record Office. What does Norwich Castle Museum and Art Gallery tell us about transatlantic slavery? What doesn't it tell us?

KS3 The Changing Face of Norwich: A Geography Investigation with History and Religious Education

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £6 per pupil, max 120 pupils, minimum fee £240

A proposal has been made to develop the site of a disused medieval church in the city. Consider the different viewpoints of a town planner, a rescue archaeologist and a Medieval monk or nun before making a recommendation to the planning enquiry. **Please note:** This event will not visit the Castle Keep while the redevelopment project is ongoing.

KS3 Norwich in the Industrial Revolution

Norwich Castle and Museum of Norwich at the Bridewell, 10am to 2pm, £6 per pupil, max 120 pupils, minimum fee £240

Discover Norwich's industrial past and examine historic tools and documents used by Norwich industries including our most famous export, Colman's Mustard. Follow a museum trail and take a teacher-led tour of nearby post-industrial sites (map and details included).

KS3 First World War

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £6 per student, max 120 pupils, minimum fee £240

Delve into the lives of Norfolk soldiers by reading letters and other original documentation. Handle and try on authentic and replica First World War soldiers' and nurses' clothes and equipment. Plus witness the re-enactment of tribunals for those who refused to fight and take a self-led tour of our regimental displays.

KS3, KS4 or KS5 Museum tour

Norwich Castle, 35 minutes, £3 per pupil, max 30 pupils, minimum fee £45

Choose from museum highlights tour or prison buildings tour. Take a tour around some of the star objects and significant items in our displays. **Please note:** there are some closures and changes in the museum relating to the Norwich Castle: Royal Palace Reborn redevelopment project. If there are particular areas you want to visit, please check that they are available before booking by contacting norwichcastle.bookings@norfolk.gov.uk. You can also [see planned gallery closures on our website](#). The prison buildings tour does not visit the dungeons or courtroom.

KS3 or KS4 Crime and Punishment

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £6 per pupil, max 60 pupils, minimum fee £240.
Suitable for all GCSE exam boards

Take a tour of the museum's Georgian former prison buildings, study real and replica punishment objects in the dungeons, and reenact the trial of James Blomfield Rush, accused of double murder in 1849. **Please note:** The Shirehall courtroom is closed so trial activities will take place in the main museum. **Also available as a digital event!**

KS4 Medicine

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £6 per pupil, max 120 pupils, minimum fee £240

Suitable for all exam boards except OCR B SHP

Meet four costumed characters and study medical theories and objects from the Medieval, Renaissance, Industrial and Modern periods. Compare and contrast these eras before deciding which one was the most significant in the history of medicine. **Also available as a digital event!**

KS4 Historic Environment

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £6 per pupil, max 120 pupils, minimum fee £240

Explore Norwich Castle as an historical site for the OCR B SHP History Around Us topic. This event includes a virtual Castle Keep tour, prison buildings tour, courtroom workshop and museum highlights tour. **Please note:** While the courtroom is closed for maintenance, the courtroom workshop will take place elsewhere in the museum. The Keep tour will be a video tour while the Keep redevelopment project is ongoing. [Find guidance and links relating to the criteria points for the Historic Environment topic.](#)

KS4 Art tours

Norwich Castle, 35 minutes, £3 per pupil, max 15 pupils, minimum fee £30
Take inspiration and motivation from the museum's buildings and its collections – which include art, decorative art, history and natural history – while accessing and researching exam themes. These tours can be combined with self-led time to explore and sketch.

KS4 or KS5 Anglo-Saxon and Norman England

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £6 per pupil, max 120 pupils, minimum fee £240

Meet Saxon and Norman characters and compare and contrast their cultures. Re-enact the Battle of Hastings and the Saxon rebellions, and take a virtual tour of the Castle to discover why it was built, how it functioned and how important it was to the Normans. **Please note:** This event will not visit the Castle Keep while the redevelopment project is ongoing.

KS5 A-Level Art Masterclasses

Norwich Castle, times and prices vary

Please [check our website for details of KS5 masterclasses](#). These events are usually advertised via our e-Newsletters. If you wish to receive e-Newsletters, you can [sign up for mailing lists on our website](#).

SEND school workshops at Norwich Castle

Norwich Castle, 1 hour, £50 fee

We're delighted to welcome SEND school groups to Norwich Castle. We know that every group is different, so if you decide to book a visit we'll work with you to tailor events for your students. The topics we can support are **Medieval, Romans, Prehistory, Ancient Egypt, or Anglo-Saxons & Vikings**. Each hour-long workshop will incorporate a sensory focus as suits the needs of your group plus lots of active participation, and will include a mix of object-handling and storytelling. We'll contact you before the event to discuss your students' needs in more detail. [Find more information about visiting Norwich Castle with your SEND class](#).

Self-guided visits

Free for pre-booked term-time visits by schools in Norfolk; £2.40 per pupil for pre-booked term-time visits by schools outside Norfolk. Max 60 pupils, subject to availability

Explore the museum with your group, including the newly redeveloped Castle Keep (after reopening). **Please note:** there are some closures and changes in the museum relating to the Norwich Castle: Royal Palace Reborn redevelopment project. If there are particular areas you want to visit, please check that they are available before booking by contacting norwichcastle.bookings@norfolk.gov.uk. You can also [see planned gallery closures on our website](#).

Teacher CPD: Primary History

Norwich Castle, dates by request, free

Get to grips with history in the museum! Gain background knowledge and lots of ideas to take back to your classroom. Share ideas and develop your own knowledge and understanding.

On-site events at Museum of Norwich at the Bridewell

The events are listed in Key Stage order, from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 3. Museum of Norwich events are available **Tuesday to Friday**.

Each of the below events has a maximum of **45 students per day** unless otherwise stated. More than one school may attend per day.

We charge minimum fees for our events to allow us to cover staff and resources costs. The minimum fee for each event is given in its listing. If you have a small group but you attend at the same time as another group, the minimum fee may not apply. We aim to book smaller groups on the same day, so your flexibility is appreciated.

If you book the on-site version of an event for which we also offer a digital event, you'll receive the digital event for **free** after your visit.

KS1 Meet Florence Nightingale

Museum of Norwich, 10am to 12 noon, £4 per pupil, max 45 pupils, minimum fee £120

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.

KS1 Toys in the Past

Museum of Norwich, 10am to 12 noon, £4 per pupil, max 45 pupils, minimum fee £120

Discover how toys in the past were different from those of today. Explore and play with old and new toys, visit the museum galleries and have a go at making your own toy. **Also available at Strangers' Hall.**

KS1 and KS2 Made in Norwich

Museum of Norwich, 35 minutes, max 15 pupils, £45

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.

KS1 and KS2 Chocolate

Museum of Norwich, 35 minutes, max 15 pupils, £45

Find out about the story of chocolate and chocolate production from the Maya all the way to the sweet factories of Norwich in the 20th century. Plus taste different kinds of chocolate.

Also available as a digital event!

KS3 Norwich in the Industrial Revolution

Norwich Castle and Museum of Norwich at the Bridewell, 10am to 2pm, £6 per pupil, max 120 pupils, minimum fee £240

Discover Norwich's industrial past and examine historic tools and documents used by Norwich industries including our most famous export, Colman's Mustard. Follow a museum trail and take a teacher-led tour of nearby post-industrial sites (map and details included).

Self-guided visits

Free for pre-booked term-time visits by schools in Norfolk; £2.40 per pupil for pre-booked term-time visits by schools outside Norfolk. Max 45 pupils

Explore the museum with your group. If you request a space to eat packed lunches, please note that the lunch space at the museum is small, so if you have a larger group you may need to stagger lunchtimes.

SEND school workshops at Museum of Norwich

Museum of Norwich, 1 hour, £50 fee

We're delighted to welcome SEND school groups to Museum of Norwich at the Bridewell. We know that every group is different, so if you decide to book a visit we'll work with you to tailor events for your students. The topics we can support are **Florence Nightingale, Norwich industries, Toys** or **Chocolate**. Each hour-long workshop will incorporate a sensory focus as suits the needs of your group plus lots of active participation, and will include a mix of object-handling and storytelling. We'll contact you before the event to discuss your students' needs in more detail. [Find more information about visiting Museum of Norwich with your SEND class.](#)



On-site events at Strangers' Hall

The events are listed in Key Stage order, from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 5. Strangers' Hall events are available **Wednesday to Friday, unless otherwise stated**. If you visit on a day when the museum is not open to the public (Thursdays and Fridays), it is not possible to look around the museum after your sessions. **If you would like all or part of your visit to be self-guided, you must book for a Wednesday.**

Each of the below events has a maximum of **60 students per day** unless otherwise stated. More than one school may attend per day.

We charge minimum fees for our events to allow us to cover staff and resources costs. The minimum fee for each event is given in its listing. If you have a small group but you attend at the same time as another group, the minimum fee may not apply. We aim to book smaller groups on the same day, so your flexibility is appreciated.

Strangers' Hall is **not wheelchair-accessible** and may be challenging for visitors with mobility needs. There are no accessible toilets on site.

KS1 Toys in the Past

Strangers' Hall, 10am to 12 noon, £4 per pupil, max 60 pupils, minimum fee £160

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. **Also available at Museum of Norwich.**

KS1 Life at the Time of the Great Fire of London

Strangers' Hall, 10am to 12 noon, £4 per pupil, max 60 pupils, minimum fee £160

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

KS2 Tudor Norwich at the Time of Kett's Rebellion

Strangers' Hall, 10am to 2pm, £6 per pupil, max 60 pupils, minimum fee £240

1549: Strangers' Hall is gearing up for a visit from the Mayor of Norwich, but there are rumours of a rebellion which might just spoil the plans. The members of the household are divided about the suspected rebellion, and everyone has their own opinions. Discover how

our different characters feel about the rebellion, find out about life in a Tudor household, learn how to weave, and help prepare the house for whatever might happen! **Available on Thursdays and Fridays only.**

KS2 Tudor Norwich: A Place of Sanctuary?

Strangers' Hall, 10am to 2pm, £6 per pupil, max 60 pupils, minimum fee £240
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.

KS5 Tudors

Strangers' Hall, 1hr 45mins, £4 per pupil, max 25 pupils, minimum fee £60
Suitable for all exam boards

Bring Tudor history to life at Strangers' Hall, home of Tudor merchants and mayors. Explore Tudor rooms, objects and documents to build up a picture of the political, religious and social changes during and after Tudor times.

Self-guided visits

Free for pre-booked term-time visits by schools in Norfolk; £2.40 per pupil for pre-booked term-time visits by schools outside Norfolk. Max 60 pupils
Explore the museum with your group when the museum is open to the public. **Wednesdays only.** Priority for Wednesday visits will be given to groups booking facilitated events.

SEND school workshops at Strangers' Hall

Strangers' Hall, 1 hour, £50 fee

We're delighted to welcome SEND school groups to Strangers' Hall. We know that every group is different, so if you decide to book a visit we'll work with you to tailor events for your students. The topics we can support are **Toys** or **Tudors**. Each hour-long workshop will incorporate a sensory focus as suits the needs of your group plus lots of active participation, and will include a mix of object-handling and storytelling. We'll contact you before the event to discuss your students' needs in more detail. [Find more information about visiting Strangers' Hall with your SEND class.](#) **Please note:** Strangers' Hall is not wheelchair-accessible and could be challenging for visitors with mobility needs.



Digital resources for the classroom

Meet costumed characters, explore objects from our collections, join in with historical discussions and debates, and take a peek into the museum from your classroom! For **£40 per resource package** (unless otherwise stated), you and your students can watch your chosen film(s) in the classroom throughout the school year. If you book for the on-site version of one of the below events, you'll receive the digital package to use as a follow-up resource for **free** after your visit. [Find more information about our digital packages.](#)

Each event includes:

- One or more pre-recorded videos on your selected topic.
- A teachers' pack to support the video(s), including video overviews and transcriptions, suggested lesson plan(s) and cross-curricular links.

The packages we offer are:

- KS1 Digital Life in a Castle
- KS1 and KS2 Digital The Journey of Chocolate
- KS2 Digital Ancient Egypt: Discovery and Debate
- KS2 Digital Romans and Iceni: Culture Clash!
- KS2 Digital Anglo-Saxons and Vikings: Uncovering the Past
- KS3 Digital Storming the Castle: Norwich Castle and Bafflements Games
- KS4 Digital Medicine
- KS4 Digital Anglo-Saxon and Norman England
- KS4 Digital Historic Environment
- KS4 Digital Crime and Punishment



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