

The logo for Norwich Castle Schools & Learning consists of a gold rectangle on the left with a white serrated top edge, and a black rectangle on the right. The text 'Norwich Castle' is in white on the gold background, and 'Schools & Learning' is in white on the black background.

Norwich
Castle

Schools
& Learning

The logo for the Museum of Norwich at the Bridewell features a pink square with white text.

MUSEUM of
NORWICH
at the Bridewell

The logo for Strangers' Hall features the text 'STRANGERS' & HALL' in a red, serif font, with a decorative flourish between the words.

STRANGERS'
& HALL

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

Summer 2024 programme for schools (Early Years Foundation Stage to Key Stage 5)

Welcome to our schools' programme for Summer 2024! You'll find on-site as well as digital options, plus updates about the exciting redevelopment work at the Castle. 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 – it's best to enquire at least two terms in advance if you can. We hope to see you soon!

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Norwich Castle: Royal Palace Reborn

Norwich Castle is undergoing some exciting changes! Until at least summer 2024, the Castle Keep is closed for major redevelopment work which will restore it to its medieval heyday as a royal palace. Although the Castle Keep itself will be closed during this time, most of the rest of the museum will be open, with some changes here and there. The project means we'll have a smaller capacity for school groups, and we'll be running a more streamlined version of our schools' programme. As our capacity is smaller, we would strongly recommend enquiring at least two terms before you want to visit.

Strangers' Hall and the Museum of Norwich are not affected by the work.

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](#).

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 (max 60 per day at the Castle and Strangers' Hall; max 45 per day at Museum of Norwich)
- The pupils' year group(s)
- The number of accompanying adults
- The event you're interested in
- 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 full-day event, you'll automatically be assigned a lunch space

We recommend enquiring at least two terms in advance until the Royal Palace Reborn project is completed.

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'd ask that you don't share the link(s) with anyone else.

Norwich Castle

On-site events at Norwich Castle



Each of the below events has a maximum of **60 students (or two groups of 30) 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.

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**.

EYFS Museum Adventurers!

Norwich Castle, 1.5 hours, £3.50 per pupil, max 30 children, minimum fee £35
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; treasure and special things; and same and different. 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, £3.50 per pupil, max 20 children, minimum fee £35
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!

KS2 Ancient Civilisations: Farming to Philosophy

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £5 per pupil, max 60 pupils, minimum fee £200
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, £5 per pupil, max 60 pupils, minimum fee £200
Norfolk was once part of the lands of the Celtic Iceni tribe, but everything changed in 43AD, 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 60AD, 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, £5 per pupil, max 60 pupils, minimum fee £200
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, £5 per pupil, max 60 pupils, minimum fee £200
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, £5 per pupil, max 60 pupils, minimum fee £200
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 our stunning Iron Age objects in the Boudica gallery.

KS2 Crime and Punishment

Norwich Castle, 1.5 hours, morning only, £3.50 per pupil, max 60 pupils, minimum fee £140

Meet a prisoner from the Castle's past, learn about Norwich Castle's time as a county gaol, and handle real and replica punishment objects. **Please note:** this is an adapted version of the event while the dungeons, Shirehall courtroom and prisoners' tunnel are closed.

KS2 Object-handling workshop

Norwich Castle, 35 minutes, £2.50 per pupil, max 30 pupils, minimum fee £37.50

Choose one from **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, £5 per pupil, max 60 pupils, minimum fee £200
A maths investigation of a real historical event – the siege of Norwich Castle in 1216. Meet medieval costumed characters and solve real-life problems. Devise the best ways to attack and defend the Castle using maths skills (estimating, measuring, costs and coinage, and weights and measures). **Please note:** this event will not visit the Castle Keep during the Norwich Castle: Royal Palace Reborn building project. **Also available as a digital event!**

KS3 William I: Hero or Villain?

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £5 per pupil, max 60 pupils, minimum fee £200
Investigate both sides of the Norman Conquest, which changed Saxon Norwich forever. Take a virtual tour of the Castle, analyse the Domesday Book, examine Norman and Saxon weapons and war tactics, and compare and contrast Saxon and Norman society. **Please note:** The Keep tour session will be a video tour and this event will not visit the Anglo-Saxon and Viking Gallery during the Royal Palace Reborn project.

KS3 Transatlantic Slavery – Updated for 2024!

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £5 per pupil, max 60 pupils, minimum fee £200
Explore local links to transatlantic slavery and its abolition through objects and paintings, as well as documents from the Norfolk Record Office.

KS3, KS4 or KS5 Museum tour

Norwich Castle, 35 minutes, £2.50 per pupil, max 30 pupils, minimum fee £37.50

Choose from **museum highlights tour** or **prison buildings tour**. Take a tour around some of the star objects and significant items in our displays or learn about the building's history as a prison. **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 12 noon, £3.50 per pupil, max 60 pupils, minimum fee £140. Suitable for all GCSE exam boards

Take a tour of the museum's Georgian former prison buildings and study real and replica punishment objects. **Please note:** this is an adapted version of the event while the dungeons, Shirehall courtroom and prisoners' tunnel are closed to visitors. **Also available as a digital event!**

KS3-KS5 Medieval workshops

Norwich Castle, 35 minutes, £2.50 per pupil, max 30 pupils, minimum fee £37.50

Get hands-on with real and replica objects. Choose from two workshops exploring the medieval experience: medieval objects or medieval weapons.

KS3-KS5 Tours of Sunlight exhibition

Norwich Castle, 30 minutes, £2.50 per pupil, minimum fee £25

Sunlight is the first major survey of the work of British artist Roger Ackling and the most significant exhibition of his work to date. Ackling is known for his work on driftwood, and the exhibition will feature a number of these pieces alongside lesser-known works and some that have not been exhibited in the UK before. [Find out more about the Sunlight exhibition.](#)

KS4 Medicine

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £5 per pupil, max 60 pupils, minimum fee £200. 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, £5 per pupil, max 60 pupils, minimum fee £200. Suitable for OCR and SHP B

Improve and expand your understanding of Norwich Castle as a historical site. This option includes the Museum Highlights tour, Gaol and Prison Buildings tour, a Keep tour (this is a virtual tour due to the Royal Palace Reborn project) and courtroom re-enactment. [View our supporting resources for the OCR B \(SHP\) criteria for Historic Environment.](#) **Please note:** the courtroom re-enactment will take place in an alternative space while the courtroom and prisoners' tunnel are closed. **Also available as a digital event!**

KS4 and KS5 Anglo-Saxon and Norman England

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £5 per pupil, max 60 pupils, minimum fee £200

Meet Saxon and Norman characters and compare and contrast their cultures. Re-enact the Battle of Hastings and the Saxon rebellions, study and handle Saxon objects and take a

tour of the Castle to discover why it was built, how it functioned and how important it was to the Normans. **Please note:** During the Norwich Castle: Royal Palace Reborn project, the Keep tour session will be a video tour and this event will not visit the Anglo-Saxon and Viking gallery. **Also available as a digital event!**

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

Explore the museum with your group. **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: Art Teachers' Masterclass

Norwich Castle, Saturday 15 June 2024, 10.15am - 4.15pm, free, booking deadline Friday 7 June

Recharge your artistic batteries after a long, hard year! Whatever your level, enjoy a day with a professional artist to develop your own creative practice as well as inspiring you for the classroom. Led by artist Caroline Chouler-Tissier, this year's class will be experimental and sociable! Caroline works primarily in clay, but develops her ideas using mixed media, film and story. Her starting point will be Holding Space, the Castle's current exhibition of contemporary and modern art. **Please note:** This event is open to art teachers only. [Find out more about the Holding Space exhibition](#).

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.

Teacher CPD: Take One Picture

Norwich Castle, dates by request, free

Take One Picture is an approach for primary schools developed by the National Gallery, and Norwich Castle is delighted to be its regional partner. One painting is used as inspiration for meaningful and creative cross-curricular work. We offer an introductory CPD session to explain the approach and give some practical examples to use in the classroom. The artworks currently available at the Castle are The Paston Treasure and John Crome's Norwich River: Afternoon. [View Take One Picture teachers' packs.](#)

On-site events at Museum of Norwich at the Bridewell

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.

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**.

KS1 Meet Florence Nightingale

Museum of Norwich, half-day, £4 per pupil, max 45 pupils, minimum fee £100
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, half-day, £4 per pupil, max 45 pupils, minimum fee £100
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, £3 per pupil, max 15 pupils, minimum fee £30

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, £3 per pupil, max 15 pupils, minimum fee £30

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!

Self-guided visits

Free for pre-booked term-time visits by schools in Norfolk; £2.10 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](#). We can run SEND events **Tuesday to Thursday**, subject to staff availability.



On-site events at Strangers' Hall

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.

The events are listed in Key Stage order, from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 5. Strangers' Hall events are available **Wednesday to Friday**. 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.**

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 – Updated for 2024!

Strangers' Hall, 10am to 2pm, £6 per pupil, max 60 pupils, minimum fee £240
Norwich, 1549: Robert Kett has gathered his followers and rebellion is in the air! But what was it like at Strangers' Hall at the time of the uprising? The household is divided over what to do. Meet costumed characters, hear their different opinions, and help them decide whether to take action.

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; £2.10 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](#). We can run SEND events on **Wednesdays or Thursdays**, subject to staff availability. **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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