



School Workshops

Explore **history**, live the **story**



Inclusive school workshops provided by Oakham Castle and Rutland County Museum

For Early Years, Primary and Secondary Pupils



Rutland County Museum is the perfect introduction to England's smallest County, with displays covering archaeology, social history, farming and crime and punishment.

The museum offers a range of local history sessions suitable for all ages of primary school pupils.

Our engaging learning opportunities aim to inspire children and encourage them to explore and discover the past through the amazing and diverse objects held by the museum.

Oakham Castle has passed through many influential hands, from the last Saxon Queen Edith of Wessex and to Thomas Cromwell.

The Great Hall of Oakham Castle is the finest surviving example of Norman domestic architecture in Europe. It was built between 1180 and 1190 and many banquets and courts have been held since.

Oakham Castle Education has earned the Sandford Award in 2019.

*5 minutes apart
Centuries together*

**Oakham Castle and
Rutland County Museum**





The driving force behind this education programme is that history should be felt, and it is!

Chris Green
Sandford Award Judge.
Oakham Castle 2019

"The scope of the judgement across the six criteria was very useful, focusing on the entirety of our service"







Previous Award winner

www.sandfordaward.org



Workshops

Enquiries and Bookings:
learning@rutland.gov.uk

-  A broad range of inspiring workshops linked closely to the curriculum
-  Flexible programme for bespoke sessions
-  Sessions for EYFS to KS4
-  Captivating role play and game-based learning Castle sessions
-  Sources in context
-  Pre-visit liaison encouraged

Available all year, unless otherwise stated.

Look out for these easy-to-follow curriculum link icons:



Geography



Science



PE



History



Maths



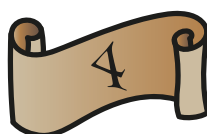
Art / DT



Citizenship /
PHSE



Literacy



Castles, Ladies, Knights and Peasants



VENUE - CASTLE

A hands on experience where children help castle characters solve a tricky problem then help prepare for a medieval banquet where everyone is invited.

Example Itinerary:

09:45 - 10:00	Welcome and coats and bags stored
10:00 - 10:30	Puppet show and treasure hunt
10.30 - 10.40	Break
10.40 - 11.10	Gp1 Norman cooking - Gp2 shield drill
11:10 - 11:40	Gp2 Norman cooking - Gp1 shield drill
11:40 - 12:00	Get in costume + make a crown.
12.00 - 13:00	Lunch (as a banquet in the Great Hall) & student jesters
13:00 - 13:30	Gp1 Childhood games - Gp2 Make a poppet (doll)
13:30 - 14:00	Gp2 Childhood games - Gp1 Make a poppet (doll)
14.00 - 14.10	Break
14.10 - 14.45	Medieval dance
14:45 - 14.55	Coats and bags. Farewells



Homes in the Past - Before Electricity!

VENUE - MUSEUM

An introductory session for early-years children exploring what life was like before electricity. Children will explore and handle a range of domestic objects. There is also an object hunt around the museum and a fun craft activity.





FROM 3RD SEPTEMBER 2019

Introduction to Castle Life



VENUE - CASTLE AND MUSEUM

You are welcomed by Queen Edith as the session works through the children's guidebook to Oakham Castle, including Anglo-Saxon elements, banqueting and some period dancing.

The session cost includes a copy of the guide book for every pupil to use and take home. It includes some staff-led activities.

Make a day of it...

The full day offer includes a session at the museum, just pick from any of the museum sessions to suit you.



The Children's Guide to Oakham Castle £2.99, free with every school booking.



A Seaside Holiday

VENUE - MUSEUM

Available throughout May, June, July and September

Explore the traditional seaside holiday and how it has changed. Discover how holiday makers travelled to the seaside in the past, what they wore, what they did once they were there and the types of souvenirs they took back home. Children will be able to design seaside posters as well as make souvenirs and Punch and Judy theatres and puppets.



Christmas is Coming!

VENUE - MUSEUM

Available throughout November and December

Get festive and explore how Christmas was celebrated in the past! Children will be able to make a Tudor style pomander as well as a Victorian Christmas card and traditional toy. There will also be a Christmas Hunt around the museum.



KS1/KS2



Stone age to Bronze Age

Prehistory Made Easy!

VENUE - MUSEUM

What was life like in Prehistoric Rutland? This session provides an introduction to archaeology and the chronology of the Prehistoric period. Children will examine and handle artefacts from the Stone and Bronze Ages in order to investigate the lifestyles of our early ancestors.



The Romans in Rutland

VENUE - MUSEUM

Discover the impact the Romans had on this area and what artefacts have been left behind. Children will have the chance to handle and examine a range of real objects such as pottery, jewellery, coins and mosaic fragments. The workshop includes a Roman gallery trail and craft based activities.



Victorians - It's all in a Hard Day's work!

VENUE - MUSEUM

Using objects, photographs and documents, children will explore what farm work, homes and schools were like in Victorian Rutland. There will also have the chance to role-play a Victorian wash day complete with dolly tub and mangle as well as make a Victorian toy.



First World War Your Country needs you



VENUE - MUSEUM

Find out how the First World War impacted on the people of Rutland. Research an individual soldier and investigate First World War artefacts. A large selection of original and replica artefacts are provided for handling as well as uniform for dressing-up.

A free Teachers' Pack is also available with additional activities and resources for use in the classroom.



World War Two Life on the Home Front

VENUE - MUSEUM

Come along to the museum and prepare for war! Children will make their own gas mask and identity card, learn about rationing and live through a mock air raid. They will also explore some of the key roles on the home front including the ARP and Land Army.



KS2/3/4



FROM MONDAY 20TH APRIL 2020

Crime and Punishment Through Time



VENUE - CASTLE AND MUSEUM

A new session making use of the court setting at Oakham Castle and the 'crime and punishment' collections and archives at Rutland Museum. A full day across the two historic sites.





Lessons in Witchcraft and Wizardry

VENUE - CASTLE

For young minds inspired by tales of witchcraft and wizardry we examine the truth behind the magic. From potions and spells, to herbs and protection from evil spirits we look at the origins of early medicine and the treatment of those who practiced it. This session deals with changing states of matter including evaporation and condensation.



KS2/3/4



Battle of Hastings

VENUE - CASTLE

Available October, May, June

At the centre of this session is the decisive battle itself. A Norman knight will walk the group through a dynamic and interactive timeline leading up to the events at Senlac Hill. The children then dress up and take part in a structured re-enactment of the combat, examining the different armies and contrasting strategies.

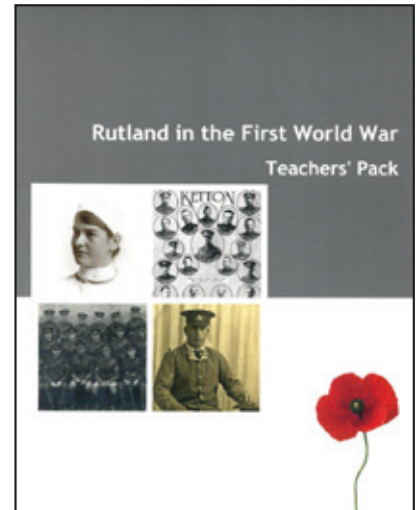
Build your day, choosing from a selection of modules that create a picture of life before and after the Norman Conquest.



Museum

Rutland in the First World War Teachers' Pack.

It contains 69 pages of information sheets, resource sheets and worksheets. It is free to all schools both in Rutland and outside of the county.



Oakham Castle

The Children's Guide to Oakham Castle

£2.99, free with every school booking.

Also available to download for free:
www.oakhamcastle.org/teachers



Crime and Punishment



Castles



Battle of Hastings



Outreach in Rutland Schools

RUTLAND
 COUNTY MUSEUM
 RUTLAND'S HIDDEN TREASURE

 **Oakham**
 Castle

We can offer our Stone Age to Bronze Age, World War One and World War Two sessions in your own classroom!

Group Numbers: 35 pupils max,
Duration: approx. 90 mins

Cost: £45 per class

Choose one of our full day interactive sessions

Cost: from £430.

Please contact us for details.

PRICING

SEPTEMBER 2019-AUGUST 2020

Rutland County Museum

Morning or Afternoon

(10am-12 noon, 1pm-3pm)

Maximum 35 pupils, £2 pp

(autumn 2019: £1 pp only)

Timings can be adapted.

Available throughout the year

- Stone Age to Bronze Age – Prehistory Made Easy!
- The Romans in Rutland
- Homes in the Past – Before Electricity
- Victorians– It's all in a Hard Day's Work!
- World War One – Your County Needs You!
- World War Two – Life on the Home Front

Available November and December

- Christmas is Coming!

Available May, June, July and September

- Seaside Holiday

New from Monday 20th April 2020

Museum and Castle full day (10am-3pm)

30-60 pupils, £8.00 pp

-  Crime and Punishment through Time

New from September 2020

Museum and Castle full day

30-60 pupils, £8.00 pp

- Anglo-Saxons: their Artefacts and Settlements

Oakham Castle

Half day

(Morning or Afternoon 10am-12 noon, 1pm-3pm)

30-60 pupils, £6.50 pp

(minimum charge £220)

Full Day


(10am-3pm)

30-60 pupils, £9 pp

(minimum charge £430)

Timings can be adapted.

Available throughout the year


-  Introduction to Castle Life, half day £4 pp or full day with the museum £6 pp
- Castles, Ladies, Knights and Peasants (half or full day)
- Lessons in Witchcraft and Wizardry (half or full day)
- Saxons and Vikings (half or full day)

Available October, May, June

- Battle of Hastings, full day

Available until April 2020

(see new session on page 10)

-  Crime and Punishment Through Time (half or full day)

Castle charges include one free copy of the Children's Guidebook per pupil.



CONTACTS AND BOOKING

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Contact and Directions

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**For booking online, further information
and testimonials visit:**

rutlandcountymuseum.org.uk/learning-with-us/

Oakham Castle

Jane Burditt,
Learning Officer
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Castle Grounds, Market Place,
Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6DR

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and testimonials visit:**

www.oakhamcastle.org/education

“On behalf of Brooke Priory School, I would like to thank you and your team at the Museum for providing us with many successful schools ‘hands-on’ sessions. I truly believe if children have the opportunity to experience and handle artefacts, it certainly brings the subject to life!”

Brooke Priory School, Oakham

“Thank you for being so supportive and welcoming to our school. You couldn’t have done anything better. It was amazing seeing our Nurture group partaking in activities with their peers when often they could have found this difficult and have become withdrawn.”

Ashwood Spencer Academy



Rutland
County Council