

Primary Programme

The aims of the Education Centre

Southwark Cathedral Education Centre aims to bring learning to life. Using the Cathedral as an inspirational resource, we provide curriculum-linked trails and workshops for children and young people that are exciting, engaging and experiential. We want to ensure that schools enjoy their time here and are eager to return. We seek to play a part in the life of the Cathedral, and bear witness to the Cathedral as a Christian place of worship.

TRAILS

Trails are themed tours which take place in the Cathedral. Children are involved by the use of questioning and role play. Some trails are costumed. Trails last for approximately 75 minutes and generally relate to events in the Cathedral's rich history or to its working life.

Songs and Stories (RE-Reception/KS1)

An introduction to the Cathedral as a place of worship for our youngest pupils.

The Church (RE-KS1)

Ideal for those following the Southwark or Lambeth Agreed Syllabuses for RE or learning about 'Special Places'. A walk around the Cathedral gives children to experience and reflect on the atmosphere of the church, and to explore the key features of the building.

The Five Senses (RE-KS1)

The Cathedral as a special place. Using all five senses children explore the structure and contents and learn about key aspects of Christian belief and worship.

Signs and Symbols (RE-KS2)

A general introduction to the significance of a church and the importance of its contents as signs of the Christian faith.

Pilgrimage (RE-KS2)

Children will learn what it means to make a spiritual journey. They will dress up as the pilgrims from *The Canterbury Tales* and re-enact the journey

from Southwark to Canterbury. As they make their own journey around the Cathedral they will consider the reasons a Christian might make a pilgrimage and think about what it means to them.

Faith and Art (RE and Art-KS2)

Especially suitable for Years 5 and 6 this trail gives pupils the opportunity to study a variety of visual art forms in the Cathedral and consider the faith which inspired their creation. (Option for sketches complements Cathedral Collage workshop).

God's World (RE-Foundation Stage)

A practical session on the theme of 'Creation' including story, song and art.

NEW FOR 2016

Themed RE Trails supporting the Southwark Agreed Syllabus for RE for KS2 – **Prayer and Worship** and **The Bible** please contact us for more information.

Time-Line Explorers (History – KS1)

A costumed journey through time. Children will meet a Roman Emperor, a brave knight and a fierce king. They will witness the Great Fire of London through the eyes of Samuel Pepys and become a Victorian school child. This trail can be adapted to suit your topic requirements where appropriate.

Religion in Roman Britain (History-KS2)

Role play looking at the religion of Ancient Rome, the Celts, cults in Roman Britain and the arrival of Christianity.

Sacred Saxons (History KS2)

Costumed role play exploring religion in Saxon England from the departure of the Romans to the establishment of the Saxon monasteries

Monastic Life and the Reformation (History-KS2)

An introduction to the life and work of the 16th century Priory of St. Mary Overie and the effect of the Dissolution on the canons who lived here and on the local population.

Victorian Classroom (History-KS2)

What was it like to go to school in the 19th century? Pupils dress as Victorian children and attend class in the old choir vestry.

Materials (Science-KS1)

Children investigate the Cathedral and come to conclusions about the materials from which it is made. The activity concludes with a short rubbing activity recording some of the materials investigated.

Searching for Shapes (Maths-KS1)

An exploration of the Cathedral helps children to consolidate knowledge about shape and pattern.

Maths and Science Day

Contact us for more details.

We are happy to adapt our activities to meet your requirements or tailor-make activities based on your objectives. Please contact the Education Officer for more information.

WORKSHOPS

Workshops are practical activities carried out in the Cathedral Education Centre. They are designed to complement the trails and give children the opportunity to make something which they can take back to school.

Celebrations (RE-Foundation Stage and KS1)

Part trail, part workshop, children explore the Cathedral and learn about special celebrations such as weddings, baptisms, Christmas and Easter. They make a celebration card based on our Resurrection memorial

Saintly Souvenirs (KS2)

No sticks of rock, no straw donkeys! How did medieval pilgrims remember their holy journeys? Children will learn why and how pilgrim badges were made and design and make their own. Complements our 'Pilgrimage' trail perfectly.

Cathedral Collage (KS2)

This workshop complements our Faith in Art trail or can be booked separately. It allows children to respond to the art and architecture of the Cathedral by collecting sketches and using a Batik-style technique to design a group collage.

Clay Tile Making (KS1&2)

Often taken in conjunction with the Five Senses and Signs and Symbols trails. Using clay, children re-create some of the symbols seen during the trail, or plan a design based on their five senses.

Stained Glass

(KS1) Part trail, part workshop, the children will explore some of the windows in Southwark Cathedral, then make their own.

(KS2) Can be booked as a standalone activity as described above or as a workshop to complement any of our RE trails - children will design and make their own windows based on what they've learnt in the Cathedral.

Celebrations Card (KS1)

An opportunity to make a greetings card to celebrate a special occasion. Part trail, part workshop for Reception is available.

Roman Mosaic Making (KS2)

Children learn how flooring was made and each pupil produces a mosaic tile which forms part of a larger pattern. This task promotes co-operative work and geometric ability.

Victorian Artefacts

This workshop complements the Victorian classroom session. Using replica artefacts children begin to develop skills which help them to understand how we can learn about the past from objects.

Illuminated Manuscript (KS2)

This workshop complements either Monastic Life and the Reformation or Sacred Saxons. Children learn how books were made before printing, write with quill pens and produce their own piece of illuminated manuscript in either a Saxon or medieval style.

THEMED DAYS

These special Tudor or Victorian event days for KS2 are held on selected dates throughout the year. Please contact the Education Centre for information about our next themed day.

Experience Easter, Experience Christmas, Experience Harvest, Experience Pentecost are interactive storytelling sessions for primary pupils held on selected dates throughout the year. They explore and reflect on the messages and themes contained within the stories.

G&T Maths and Science Days are held once a term and are aimed at Years 3 and 4. Children participate in practical activities including measuring the height of the Cathedral and tower building

SITE VISITS

If you would like to make a preliminary visit to the Cathedral before bringing your pupils then contact the Education Office. We will be pleased to meet with you and discuss any queries you might have about your day.

INSET

Bring your staff to learn more about the activities we offer. You'll receive a short tour of the building, sample some of our trails and view our wide range of resources. We can tailor-make and deliver subject-specific sessions. Sessions are also suitable for student teachers.

BOOKING INFORMATION

1. All visits must be booked in advance. The Cathedral is a busy building so it is worth booking your visit early.
2. Workshops are available Monday to Friday and trails on Tuesday to Friday. Other visits may be possible by arrangement.
3. The cost per child per session is £3.50. Two sessions cost £5.80 per child. All adults come free of charge.
4. The Education Centre has a well equipped classroom base where children can also eat lunch.
5. We welcome children with special needs. Please advise us of any special requirements at the time of your booking.

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