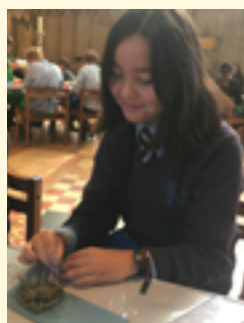




Educational Visits to Wells Cathedral

EYFS – KS5

Explore • Create • Discover



Bring curriculum themes alive with awe-inspiring visits for pupils of all ages and abilities.

Come for a self-led visit, guided tour or bespoke programmed day.

Explore – Create – Discover

A visit to Wells Cathedral can enrich learning within RE, History, English, Geography, PSHE, Art & Design, and Music. Guided tours and activities are designed to meet learning objectives and pupils' needs. Creative workshops include singing, storytelling, clay sculpture, sketching, illuminated lettering, bookmaking, sewing, glass painting, collage and badge making.



A warm welcome for all

- Wells Cathedral is committed to making visits safe and accessible to everyone.
- Day programmes use our purpose built, secure and accessible Education Room.
- We design a bespoke visit led by highly trained staff and volunteers who adapt to pupils' needs and interests.
- Explorer backpacks offer fun, sensory items to help young children and pupils with special needs to explore the Cathedral using their senses. (EYFS, KSI, SEND, SEMH)

Religious Education

A visit can help fulfil objectives from locally agreed syllabi for RE and Understanding Christianity (*EYFS to KS3*), and GCSE and 'A' level programmes.

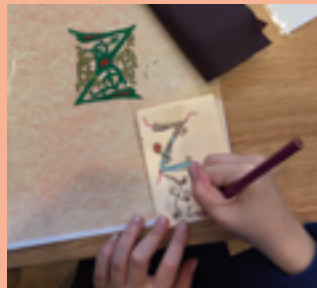
Take a Christian Place of Worship tour or focus on a liturgical season or pilgrimage. Activity options include: interactive stories or Godly plays (*EYFS – KS2*); clergy Q & A (*KS2 upwards*); an opportunity to observe worship (*KS4 & 5*); reflection and crafts (*all key stages*).



Music, Art & Design

Whether the main focus of your visit or a way of approaching other themes, the Cathedral is a rich resource for exploring art, architecture and music. With its strong choral tradition, 5000-pipe organ, carvings in wood and stone, spectacular stained glass and embroideries, there are many ways to tell the stories of the Cathedral and the people of its past and present. Options include singing led by the Cathedral's music specialists, and a range of crafts. (*All key stages*)





History & English

With over 800 years of history, Wells Cathedral is the perfect place to step back in time. Take a Cathedral Highlights tour or theme your visit to uncover clues about the Anglo-Saxons, Medieval Britain, the Reformation, or Vicars' Close. Options include: examining contemporary sources in our archives; delving into books in our Medieval chained library; and making a mini chained library book as a souvenir.

(Options for all key stages)



Wells and Transatlantic Slavery (WTS)

The day includes a Cathedral and Vicars' Close tour of visible markers that connect the church to slavery, and discussion around how to acknowledge and remember this history today. At Wells & Mendip Museum, take a close up look at an original Antiguan plantation map and other contemporary sources to look for clues about the lives of enslaved Africans. Options to explore abolition through a WTS city trail or spoken word workshop.

(RE/History, Upper KS2 and above)

Programmed Day Visits

The Education Room has been specially designed to accommodate school groups and is fully accessible. Its secure access provides a contained space, complete with toilets and bag storage, that serves as a great base from which to explore the Cathedral as part of a programmed day.

Depending on age, ability and objectives, a typical day may include a selection of the following:

- a guided tour tailored to your topic
- a facilitated group session
- watch the clock with jousting knights and Quarter Jack with an opportunity to join in with a prayer
- picnic lunch in the Camery Garden or Education Room
- teacher-led sketching around the Cathedral
- an individual craft activity creating a souvenir to take home
- reflection



Booking Information

Wells Cathedral is committed to making a visit accessible to all.

Please contact us about any special requirements.

We charge a booking fee as a contribution towards the careful planning and delivery costs associated with a school visit. Bookings are taken at least 2 weeks in advance of your visit and are payable by invoice after your visit.

Short visits and tours from £3.25 per pupil (inc VAT)

Programmed visits with tour and activities from £6.10 per pupil (inc VAT)

Accompanying adults FREE

How To Book

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