

EYFS/KEY STAGE 1

Our museum activities are a great way for pupils to learn about 'significant historical events, people and places in their own locality'.



Dragon Trail: A fun trail that encourages EYFS/Reception pupils to explore the castle as they follow the clues and discover the dragon chest!

Life in a Castle (based on Sleeping Beauty): Learning about the castle as both a home and a fortress, through storytelling, role play, picture hunts and artefact handling.

Carisbrooke Castle Timeline: An interactive look at key events during the castle's history, including stories of lords, ladies, heroes and prisoners. Also included is artefact handling, a demonstration of model siege weapons and an optional castle photo-hunt (This can also be adapted for KS2).

'Can't You Sleep Little Bear?' Introducing lighting from the past through telling the story 'Can't You Sleep Little Bear' and looking at Victorian stable lanterns.

Homes Then and Now: A comparison of everyday household items with role-play and a handling session. Items investigated include a kettle, carpet beater, hand pumped vacuum cleaner and washday equipment. The session can also include observational drawing.



We also run activity sessions for EYFS and KS1 children at **Newport Roman Villa** and **Cowes Maritime Museum** (more info sent on request).

KEY STAGE 2



PREHISTORY

Prehistoric Isle of Wight (in school): With an interactive timeline for the Isle of Wight, looking at changes from the Stone Age to the Iron Age and comparing them with events nationally. The session includes; corn grinding, axe polishing, constructing a model prehistoric house, Bronze Age pottery matching, handling original flint tools and prehistoric animal bones.

We also have information sheets about the Island during prehistoric times that can be e-mailed to you free of charge on request.

Stone Age Flint Implements loan: This case contains a wide range of original stone tools from throughout the Stone Age (c.450 000BC – 2300BC). We have also included two children's stories to bring the tools to life.

Domestic Life in the New Stone Age (Neolithic 4500-2300BC) loan: Replicas of finds from across Europe and Mesopotamia from the time of the first farmers, including pottery, stone tools, and textiles. It also includes a cd of ideas on how to use evidence to inspire literacy and IT.

IW Neolithic Flint Implements loan: Contains a large number of original Neolithic stone tools found on the Isle of Wight. It also includes replicas that show how they were fixed onto wooden handles.

Otzi the Iceman (late Neolithic) and Bronze Age Barbie loan: From the very cusp of the metal ages came the amazingly preserved find in the Austrian Alps of the body of a man. Our loan contains "Action Man Otzi" dressed in miniature replicas of his clothing with other items found in his possession. He also has Bronze Age Barbie to accompany him, with details of the archaeological evidence behind her clothing.

Bronze Age (2300-700BC) loans: A wide variety of original flint and bronze implements from the Bronze Age and a large number of replica bronze items from everyday life.

ANCIENT EGYPT

Mummification and an Explorer's Treasures: Looking at what archaeological evidence can tell us about Egyptian burial practices. Pupils can handle an explorer's original artefacts, take part in the mummification process and handle a mummified hand!

ROMANS AND SAXONS



The Impact of the Roman's at Newport Roman Villa: Step back into third century Roman Britain by visiting the villa. It has a replica Roman kitchen, lots of hands-on activities and one of the best preserved domestic bath suites in England.

We run half day or whole day activity sessions to support the Key Stage 2 history curriculum. A two hour session with tour costs £3.00 per child (£3.50 from April 2016).

For an additional £1 per pupil we can deliver a **Roman Legionary/Celtic Warrior Handling** activity contrasting Roman and Celtic armour, whilst dealing with issues of survival of materials and evidence. For an additional £1 we can also offer a Roman clay making activity using our clay moulds. Please e-mail me to book a session.

A Roman Excavation Outreach Session: Exploring evidence through a simulated archaeological dig and placing the Roman Britons in context. Students get to handle the original Roman finds that are uncovered in the Roman layer and decide if there is enough evidence for a Roman villa on the site.

Saxons on the Wight Session (in school or at Carisbrooke Castle)

Meet three Saxon Islanders. What can we discover about them from their burials? The main activity is based on excavations at Carisbrooke Castle. Pupils look at evidence, recreate the burials with replica grave goods and handle the replica artefacts. A visit to the castle will also include a tour of the Saxon fortifications.



Roman and Saxon Loans: We have a very wide range of Roman loans that include original jewellery, oil lamps, bathing items, a hypocaust model, replica clothing and mini - armour. We also have Saxon loans that include pottery with stampers (to re-create your own pot), sets of games, replica coins and jewellery and costume models.



MEDIEVAL TO STUART TIMES



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Tudor Times at Carisbrooke Castle: Exploring the Tudor remains of George Carey's (Elizabeth I's cousin) mansion, looking at Tudor artefacts and clothing of the rich.

I'm a King Get Me Out of Here! At Carisbrooke Castle: Includes devising escape plans for Charles I, handling replica civil war armour, exploring the issues of the Civil War and finding out the real story behind the king's fascinating time at Carisbrooke Castle.

VICTORIANS

Victorian Valuables: Your pupils become curators, handling, researching and displaying a huge range of original Victorian artefacts. As a finale to the session students create a classroom museum and tour the exhibition.

WORLD WAR I ON THE WIGHT or THE ISLE OF WIGHT RIFLES AT GALLIPOLI (FREE from October 2015 to February 2016)

The session includes:

- Trying on replica WW1 uniforms.
- Handling real and replica artefacts relating to the war and particularly life in the trenches.
- Learning about real life Isle of Wight soldiers from 1914-18 through their photographs or letters.
- Creating a classroom museum using the artefacts and the knowledge gained during the session.
- Drama activities



WORLD WAR II

Evacuee Living History Week (June 20-23 2016): What was happening on the Isle of Wight at the beginning of World War II? Students can experience being evacuated by steam train, have a World War II lesson interrupted by an air raid, play World War II games, learn more about rationing and taste wartime snacks. The half-day session will cost £8.50 per student including the train ride, but groups are welcome to stay all day.

On the Home Front: This hour and a half session looks at how the war affected schooling and family life on the Island. Activities include air-raid practice, stirrup pump drill and the investigation of many genuine World War II artefacts.

ALL TIME PERIODS

Archaeology in Action (Year 6 only): Students work in groups to 'excavate' their own mock test pit, date the layers by the finds and then re-group with rest of the class to relate the history of the whole site. This is a great way to exam primary evidence in an exciting and hands-on way.

FREE SUPPORT AND ADVICE

We are very happy to offer free advice on how the Isle of Wight Heritage Service can best support your school. We have a number of free resources that relate to the Island's heritage and offer free lesson preparation and pre-visit planning.

CARISBROOKE CASTLE BOOKINGS

All visits will require an education permit from English Heritage in order to gain free entry to the castle (<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/education/free-entry/>). If you wish to have a HES run activity at the castle then please contact us first before applying for the permit through the English Heritage Education Booking Team

There is a charge of £75 per class (max 33 students) for all our castle activities (unless your school has already bought a service package). **Schools that do not require any input from the HES and would like a self-led visit at Carisbrooke Castle can still do so FREE of charge when the castle is open as part of English Heritage's free education visits offer. Bookings will need to be made through the English Heritage Education Booking Team. They can be contacted on 0370 333 0606 or bookeducation@english-heritage.org.uk.**

SCHOOL OUTREACH

Unless your school has already bought a service package, there is a charge of £75 per class (max 33 students) plus travel costs (42p per mile from Carisbrooke Castle to your school and back) for all our activities. Half days (morning or afternoon) will cost £120 and a whole day in school will cost £180. We are happy to develop new sessions to suit your needs.

LOANS

Loans can be delivered to and collected from IW schools and Early Years settings for the cost of £40 for up-to six loan boxes (unless if you have bought into one of our packages). Our loans catalogue and delivery dates can be downloaded from Carisbrooke Castle Museum's website or e-mailed on request. Loans can be booked over the phone or via e-mail.

Please get in touch if you would like more information or advice.

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