

what's on for primary schools

2014-2015







About us

A visit to the National Roman Legion Museum is fun, inspiring and memorable. We provide an exciting programme of cross – curricula workshops and events which encourage communication, creative development, knowledge and understanding of the world. Come and see how the soldiers of the mighty Roman army lived 2,000 years ago.

Booking and planning

Group visits must be booked in advance

Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment! All facilitated sessions must be booked in advance as demand is very high. Please phone for available dates or complete our on-line booking request form. Once a booking has been made, we will send you written confirmation of your booking along with health and safety guidance notes and a timetable of your day.

Health and safety information

You can find further health and safety information to help you complete your risk assessment at www.museumwales.ac.uk/learning/roman

Eating arrangements

You can reserve a space for eating packed lunches when you make your booking, but please ensure that you take your rubbish home.

Museum shop

Our shop has plenty of gift options to suit all budgets and there is a vending machine where teachers can buy hot drinks. Entry is FREE thanks to the support of the Welsh Government

Charges for facilitated sessions

There is a charge for sessions led by Museum staff that are designed to be curriculum focused. There are four different prices (excluding VAT):

| for sessions of up to 1 hour for up to 15 pupils - £27 | for sessions of up to 1 hour for up to 35 pupils - £42 |
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| for sessions of up to half a day for up to 15 pupils - £47 | for sessions of up to half a day for up to 35 pupils - £77 |

If your school is in Wales and is recognised by the government as having more than 20% of its pupils in receipt of free school meals according to the latest data, there will be no charge for sessions. Special Educational Needs and Pupil Referral Unit groups are also eligible for free sessions.

We will send your school an invoice after your visit. This must still be paid if you cancel later than 10am on the day before or are late on the day and miss your session. Prices exclude VAT but most schools can claim this back.

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National Roman Legion Museum

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Located close to Newport, 20 minutes from the M4 / Severn Crossing. From M4 Eastbound exit junction 26, Westbound exit junction 25 then follow signs to Caerleon.



For a large print version of this leaflet, call (029) 2057 3240

The Roman Experience

A visit to Caerleon can include as many of the following activities as you have time for:

- experience Roman life through a facilitated role-play session
- discover the life of a Roman soldier in our Barrack Room, complete with replica children's armour to try on
- investigate real Roman artefacts in the Museum gallery
- dip into Cadw's Fortress Baths
- explore the mighty Amphitheatre and Barracks

Seasonal Specials

Saturnalia: A Roman Christmas?

Suitable for Foundation Phase and KS2

Take a trip back in time and visit a Roman preparing for the midwinter festival of Saturnalia. Learn about the customs of the Roman festival while sharing modern midwinter traditions.

1 hour activity, led by Museum staff. £27 for up to 15 pupils, £42 for up to 35.

1-19 December 2014

Walking with Romans

Suitable for KS2 & 3

Experience the Amphitheatre, Barracks and Baths with your own Roman guide. Find out what life was like in the fortress nearly 2,000 years ago.

Full day of activities, led by Museum staff. £47 for up to 15 pupils, £77 for up to 35.

Dates: 8-12 June 2015





Facilitated Sessions

Foundation Phase

Toys and Games

Learning through play, discover what games were played by Roman children. Explore toys through the ages to see how much they have changed over time.

Key Stage 2

Weapons and Armour!

Discover what life was like for a soldier in the Roman army. In this extended visit to our reconstructed barrack room a costumed facilitator will show you the weapons and armour that the Romans used to fight off the Celts. Pupils also dress-up in replica children's armour.

Facilitated role-play sessions*

Dress-up and experience Roman life through a facilitated role-play session using replica Roman objects. Compare and contrast the differences and similarities with our lives today.

Grammaticus - Roman Classroom

Discover how Romans educated their children in this cross curricula session. Looking at language, numeracy and literacy pupils will find out about Roman society under the strict guidance of a Roman school teacher.

Nov 3-28 2014; Mar 16-27 & Jun 15-26 2015.

Masters and Slaves

Peacock's brains, stuffed dormouse and oysters are all on the menu at the Roman feast. Pupils will take on the role of a rich master or a lowly slave and discover what life was like at both ends of the spectrum.

Sept 10-Oct 3 2014; Jan 5-30, Apr 13-May 8 and Jun 29 - Jul 17 2015.

Medicus - Roman Medicine

Herbal remedies, amputations and horse-hair stitches are all treatments performed by the Roman doctor. Find out about Roman medicine and the role that the gods played in healing the sick in this interactive session.

Oct 6-24 2014; Feb 2 - Mar 13, May 11 - Jun 5 2015

All the sessions above last 1 hour and are led by Museum staff.

The cost per session is £27 for up to 15 pupils, £42 for up to 35.

One session per visit only. Please call for available dates.

*In addition to the role-play session pupils will have the opportunity to wear replica children's armour and find out about the life of a Roman soldier in our reconstructed barrack room.





Supporting teachers

Resources

Visit our website for a wide range of curriculum related resources, activity sheets, trails and teacher's packs to support your visit to the Museum and for use in school: www.museumwales.ac.uk/learning/roman/resources



Explorer pack - for Amphitheatre and Barracks

This replica Roman satchel contains instructions, information and objects designed to help your group understand how the Romans used the amphitheatre and barracks. Objects include: Roman coins, caltrops and sponges on sticks. Enquire at the information desk on arrival. Borrow in exchange of a deposit (credit card/ cheque / £30 cash).

Teachers' Guide

A Teachers' Guide to Roman Caerleon is an exciting resource that helps you bring the ancient monuments to life, especially the barracks. It contains a booklet explaining the background to the fortress with suggested questions, answers and activities. The pack also includes A3 colour images, and a Roman-style measuring string. Price £24.45 inc. p&p

Teacher Training Days

Need a little inspiration when it comes to teaching about the Romans? Ever wondered how to get the best from visits to the Museum gallery or the amphitheatre? Develop your skills and knowledge alongside experienced Museum facilitators to ensure that your school gets the best out of its visit both on the day and back in the classroom. Please call for available dates.

In your school

Spring Bulbs for Schools Investigation

Plant bulbs in your school grounds to study climate change. Join this UK-wide investigation – and improve science & numeracy skills. Apply by 25 July 2015 to begin in September 2015.

www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/scan/bulbs

