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About us

St Fagans: National History Museum is one of Europe's leading open-air museums. Over forty original re-erected historic buildings from all over Wales show how people in Wales lived and worked in the past.

Developing St Fagans for the future

We have received funding from the Heritage Lottery fund and Welsh Government to completely transform the visitor experience at St Fagans. Over the next four years developments will include a new entrance hall, learning facilities, new gallery spaces and historic buildings including a medieval Welsh prince's hall.

Booking and planning

Group visits must be booked in advance

Please note that certain buildings cannot be visited without advance booking, so let us know if there is a specific building that you want to visit. Also make sure that special activities are booked as early as possible to avoid disappointment, particularly during the period of redevelopment.

Health and safety information

The Museum will do everything possible to limit disruption to your visit during this time but please ensure that your group observes all additional safety signage on site. You can find health and safety information to help you complete your risk assessment at www.museumwales.ac.uk/learning/stfagans.

Eating arrangements

Twenty minute slots for lunch undercover can be allocated on arrival at the Museum. There are also outdoor picnic areas available. Take away lunch bags are available to order on (029) 2057 3414.

Museum shop

Teachers can pre-order souvenir bags suitable for children which can be collected and paid for on the day of the visit. To book bags, please phone (029) 2057 3412.

Charges for facilitated sessions

There is a charge for curriculum-focused sessions led by Museum staff. 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

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 pupils in receipt of free school meals, according to the latest figures, there will be no charge for sessions. Special Educational Needs and Pupil Referral Unit groups are also eligible for free sessions.

Your school will be sent an invoice after the date of your visit. This must still be paid if you cancel later than 10am 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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The Museum Experience

A visit to the Museum can include as many of the following activities as you have time for. Mix and match with our facilitated sessions for a specific curriculum focus.

- dig deeper into life in Wales with a visit to the reconstructed buildings and historical gardens
- visit traditional craftspeople demonstrating their skills
- explore St Fagans Castle and impressive formal gardens
- discover the wildlife that inhabits this large, open air site and visit the Bird Hide for a peek at our feathered friends

Please tell us if you would like to include any of the above in your visit when you book. Available all year and suitable for most key stages.







Sessions available for Foundation Phase and KS2

Gwalia Stores

Meet the shopkeeper in Gwalia Stores, to see what shopping was like over 80 years ago.

Toys

Compare and contrast how children have played through the ages, and test your skills on traditional toys.

Washday with Beti Bwt

Experience washing before the advent of the washing machine.

Meet the Trees

Explore the forest through sight, sound, touch and smell and make a work of art using the natural materials provided by the woods.

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.

Max. 30 pupils per session.

Rhyd-y-car

Visit the row of houses from Merthyr Tydfil and explore the differences between ways of life from 1805 to 1985.

30 minutes activity. Free of charge as this is a teacher-led session.

Craft Demonstrations

Book to see the blacksmith, miller, weaver or clogmaker demonstrate their traditional crafts, subject to availability.

Up to 30 minutes. Free of charge as available for all visitors.

FREE:
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LED

FREE



Sessions available for KS2

History

Iron Age Celts

Help Build Our New Farmstead – Bryn Eryr

Create your own Celtic tribe and help us to complete the new Iron Age Farmstead. Learn about Iron Age life and try out a craft or survival skill.

Choose from: *Storytelling & Bracelet Making* OR *Warrior Training*.

1 ½ hour activity, led by Museum staff. Free of charge as this session is being piloted during the redevelopment.

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Tudors

Tudor Costume

Compare and contrast the clothes of the gentry with those of wealthy farmers, as modelled by four classmates. Discover hidden clues in a portrait of Tudor children at St Fagan's Castle (1580).

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

Tudor Trail

Compare two Tudor houses, handle replica Tudor objects and visit St Teilo's Church (1530).

1½ hour activity. Free of charge as this is a teacher-led session but teachers must first attend the training day.

FREE:
TEACHER
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Daily Life in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Century

Maestir School

An opportunity for teachers and pupils to re-enact a school lesson during the 1890s.

1 ½ hour activity. Free of charge as this is a teacher-led session but teachers must first attend the training day.

FREE:
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Science

Interdependence of Organisms

St Fagans Wildlife Trail

Outdoor learning designed to develop thinking, communication and number skills. Take part in simple activities and use I-spy guides to explore the wildlife living at St Fagans.

FREE:
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Training to support teachers

Resources

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

Preview visits

Please call if you would like to arrange a preview visit to discuss and plan how to make the most of a school visit to St Fagans.

Training days to get the best out of your school visit

for KS2 teachers

Science and Sustainability

Brush-up on your nature identification skills and discover the potential to learn from the fantastic diversity of wildlife living at St Fagans. Discover how to use the traditional houses at St Fagans to discuss and promote sustainable development for the future. Test some of the trails and workshops on offer to schools.

Teaching Tudors

Enhance and improve your future visits with a course aimed at raising confidence and expertise in the Tudor and Stuart age. A relaxed day of well-informed activities including: handling objects, understanding Tudor costumes and learning how to lead the *Tudor Trail*. Teachers who want to book the *Tudor Trail* teacher-led session for their class must attend this course.

Daily Life in the Nineteenth Century – Maestir School

Sample children's school life in the 1890s and learn how to deliver a session as a Victorian teacher. Teachers who want to book the Maestir School teacher-led session for their class must attend this course.

Iron Age Celts

Find out more about the Iron Age Celts in Wales and be involved in the development and building of our new Iron Age farmstead – Bryn Eryr.

Please visit our website for the next available course dates.