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SEND

Educational Visits: Primary

Introduction

St Paul's Cathedral acts as an important meeting place for people, ideas and as a centre for the arts, learning and public debate. But most of all it is YOUR Cathedral!

St Paul's

is London's Cathedral and it embodies the spiritual life and heritage of the British people. It is the seat of the Bishop of London and a centre of prayer, worship and debate for the people of the city and its surrounding boroughs.

Learning at St Paul's

We offer curriculum based **Themed Guided Visits** for all key stages covering the following areas:

RS/RE - Christianity; Places of Worship; Symbolism; Beliefs and Practices; Festivals; Religious and Moral Stories; Rituals and Pilgrimage.

Art - Religious Art; Icons; Mosaics; Sculpture; Historical Architecture and Design.

History - The Great Fire of London; World War 2; Study of a Significant Local Place.

Maths and Science - Shape; Design; Forces; Symmetry; Pattern; Measurement.

Worship

St Paul's is a working church with services four times a day. School groups are welcome to attend any of our regular services. Please check the website for details <https://www.stpauls.co.uk/> or enquire when you book.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development

Bringing your school group to St Paul's can also enhance your provision of SMSC, including British Values:

- Explore beliefs and experience; respect faiths, feelings and values; reflect; investigate moral and ethical issues; offer reasoned views; participate in culture opportunities; understand, accept, respect and celebrate diversity.
- British Values; tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Feedback

We are always looking to develop and improve upon what we offer, and so your feedback is extremely important to us. You will be given a feedback form on the day of your visit. Please complete and return it so that we can continue to monitor and develop our visits. Alternatively you can email us with any feedback at learning@stpaulscathedral.org.uk

Resources

We provide a variety of downloadable resources to aid preparation for your visit, or to use while you are here. These may be found on our website: <https://www.stpauls.co.uk/learning-faith/schools-families/resources-for-teachers>

General Visit

Cross-curricular visit combining RS/RE, Art and History.
This visit can be tailored to meet your particular learning objectives.

Discover St Paul's

An introduction to an iconic space.

- Explore the religious symbolism of the Cathedral's artefacts and art.
- Find out about St Paul and look at the paintings in the dome that tell the story of his life.
- Learn about how historical events such as the Great Fire of London in 1666 and World War 2 have shaped St Paul's.
- Visit the tombs and memorials of Nelson, Wellington, Florence Nightingale and Sir Christopher Wren.
- See works of art by artists such as William Holman Hunt, Henry Moore and Bill Viola.
- View the mosaics in the Quire.
- Think about the role the Cathedral plays in London today.



Aims of the visit:

To introduce pupils to all aspects of St Paul's Cathedral, past and present.

Duration:

60 mins. Allow an extra 45 minutes if you wish to visit the Dome and Galleries.

Key Stage Suitability:

EYFS, KS1 & KS2



Religious Education

Visits linked to units of study for RS/RE.



Sacred Space

- Learn about the Cathedral's daily pattern of worship, prayer and festivals.
- Discover objects used for worship.
- Explore methods used for prayer.
- View the Quire mosaics.



Aims of the visit:

To bring the Cathedral alive as a place of prayer and worship. To enhance teaching of the National Framework for RS/RE/local syllabi units on: practices and ways of life in religions, worship, beliefs, symbols and religious expression, sacred places, and sacred occasions for believers.

Duration:

60 mins. Allow an extra 45 minutes if you wish to visit the Dome and Galleries.

Key Stage Suitability:

EYFS, KS1 & KS2

Patterns of Faith

- Find out about the symbols of St Paul's Cathedral.
- Investigate carvings, crosses, paintings and mosaics to discover their meaning.
- Explore the symbolic meaning and use of light, water, bread, wine, vestments and music in worship.
- Discover the daily pattern of worship and music in the Cathedral.



Aims of the visit:

To discover signs and symbols in the Cathedral and explore their meaning as a key part of the Christian faith.

Duration:

60 mins. Allow an extra 45 minutes if you wish to visit the Dome and Galleries.

Key Stage Suitability: Upper KS1 & KS2



Sacred Art

- Encounter pieces of art from the 18th century to the present day.
- Discover paintings, sculptures, icons, video installations and mosaics.
- Explore how Bible stories are communicated through art.
- Reflect on what art tells us about faith and Christian beliefs.



Aims of the visit:

To discover, observe and respond to examples of art and design in the Cathedral.

Duration:

60 mins. Allow an extra 45 minutes if you wish to visit the Dome and Galleries.

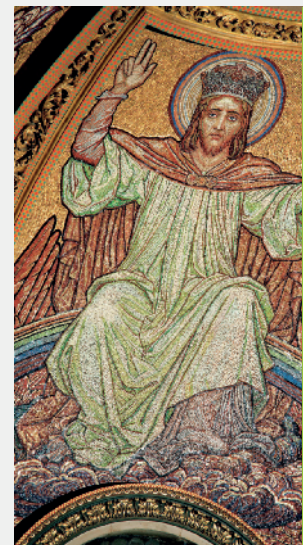
Key Stage Suitability: KS2



Majestic Mosaics

This visit is in two parts.

1. A guided tour of the Cathedral with a focus on the mosaic designs in the Quire ceiling, quarter domes and Crypt floor - investigating their history, design and symbolism.
2. A workshop in the classroom where students will design and make their own mosaic tile to take home.



Aims of the visit:

To discover the Cathedral's mosaics as a decorative art form that aims to enhance prayer and worship.

Duration:

90 mins. Includes Mosaic workshop. Allow an extra 45 minutes if you wish to visit the Dome and Galleries.

Key Stage Suitability: EYFS, KS1 & KS2



History

Visits linked to units of study on the Great Fire of London and the Blitz.

London's Burning



- Explore the Crypt and Cathedral floor to find memorials from the Pre-Fire Cathedral that survived the Great Fire.
- Using visual aids and story-telling extend knowledge of the events of September 1666.
- Through role-play reflect on what it would have been like to experience the Great Fire of London.
- Learn about the rebuilding of the Cathedral under Sir Christopher Wren.
- Think about how London has changed since 1666.
- Understand the importance of St Paul's as a symbol of resurrection.

Aims of the visit:

To bring this popular History topic to life and discover how St Paul's Cathedral rose from the ashes of the Great Fire of London.

Duration:

60 mins. Allow an extra 45 minutes if you wish to visit the Dome and Galleries.

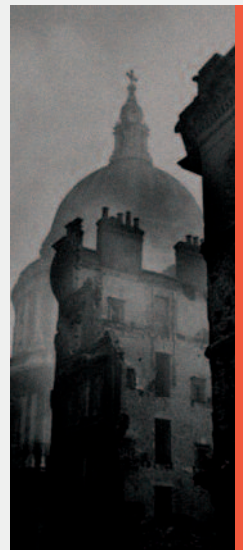
Key Stage Suitability: Upper KS1 & KS2



A Cathedral at War

- Discover where bombs fell on the Cathedral during WW2.
- Hear the stories of the volunteer Fire Watchers who protected St Paul's during the Blitz.
- Learn about incendiary bombs and gas masks.
- Reflect on what life was like for children living in London at the time of the Blitz.
- Understand the significance of St Paul's to the people of London during the war; and why the Cathedral is a symbol of resilience and resurrection today.

Please note: Whilst we will make every effort to provide a costumed interpreter, occasionally the visit will be guided by a non-costumed learning facilitator. KS1 visits are possible but will not be costumed.



Aims of the visit:

To explore how the Blitz affected St Paul's Cathedral and increase knowledge and understanding about the impact WW2 had on the lives of Londoners.

Duration:

60 mins. Allow an extra 45 minutes if you wish to visit the Dome and Galleries.

Key Stage Suitability: Upper KS2



Maths and Science

Visits linked to units of study in Maths and Science.

Shape Up

- Look for symmetrical designs, repeating patterns, arches, pillars and decorative plaster work/ironwork.
- Investigate height, width and length.
- Identify and compare materials such as stone, wood and metal.
- Examine texture and shape.
- View the ceiling and floor mosaics.



Aims of the visit:

To link the mathematical topics (shape, pattern, symmetry, measurement) and scientific topics (everyday materials) with the history, design and symbolism of the Cathedral.

Duration: 60 mins. Allow an extra 45 minutes if you wish to visit the Dome and Galleries.

Key Stage Suitability: EYFS & KS1



Building a Cathedral

- Spend time pondering the design of one of London's most treasured buildings.
- Identify materials such as stone, wood and metal, and examine their properties.
- Build an arch and find out about the forces and skills involved.
- Explore the symbolism of light, a key element of Wren's design.
- Experience the special places, memorials, art and objects that make St Paul's such an inspiring space for prayer and worship.



Depending on availability, KS2 pupils may also have the chance to view the Geometric Staircase and Wren's Great Model in the Triforium.

Aims of the visit:

To enhance Maths and Science teaching about forces, materials and their properties, light, sound, shapes, size and measurement, in the context of Wren's masterpiece of design.

Duration: 60 mins. Allow an extra 45 minutes if you wish to visit the Dome and Galleries.

Key Stage Suitability: Upper KS1 & KS2



Festivals

These visits use costumed story-telling and participation to bring Biblical stories to life.

A Christmas Journey

- Hear the tales of characters from the Christmas story such as Mary and the shepherds.
- Imagine what it would have been like to journey to Bethlehem.
- Participate in a procession to the manger.
- Reflect on the meaning of Christmas.

Please note: This visit is only available during November and December and is limited to one class (up to 30 students) at a time.

Aims of the visit:

To enable students to explore the meaning of this worldwide Christian festival.

Duration:

60 mins. Allow an extra 45 minutes if you wish to visit the Dome and Galleries.

Key Stage Suitability: KS1 & KS2



Investigating Easter

- Imagine what it would have been like to have witnessed the Easter Story.
- Re-enact Palm Sunday - the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem.
- Learn about the Feast of the Passover and discover how this meal turned into Jesus' Last Supper with his Disciples.
- Reflect on the first Good Friday.
- Hear about the wonder of the Resurrection.

Please note: This visit is only available during March and April and is limited to one class (up to 30 students) at a time.

Aims of the visit:

To bring to life the Christian festival of Easter through storytelling, artefacts and discussion.

Duration:

60 mins. Allow an extra 45 minutes if you wish to visit the Dome and Galleries.

Key Stage Suitability: KS1 & KS2



We welcome SEND visitors from all schools and have a range of resources that can be used as part of your visit. Please let us know about any additional needs at the time of booking and we will discuss what we can provide.

We can also deliver tailored Themed Guided Visits and workshops for SEND schools on any of the topics offered.



Explore St Paul's Cathedral as part of your next INSET Day.

We offer a variety of flexible INSET Days, which can take the form of a retreat for your staff, or to aid you with the delivery of the RS/RE curriculum, including ideas for integrating Understanding Christianity into your lessons. A full day includes a guided tour of the Cathedral focusing on your chosen curriculum area, followed by a workshop/activity session on a topic such as:

- Visiting a place of Christian worship
- Prayer and spirituality
- Reflective story telling
- The spiritual development of children and young people



Please call
02072468353

or email
learning@stpaulscathedral.org.uk
to enquire.



Please note: We will happily work with you to create a bespoke session suited to your particular needs and outcomes.

Cost:

The cost of a full day is: £250.00 + VAT

The cost of a half day is: £150.00 + VAT



Dome and Galleries

There are three unique galleries to explore: the Whispering Gallery, the Stone Gallery and the Golden Gallery.

Climb all 528 steps for an amazing view of the City from on high!

- **Be prepared:** We will send you risk assessment advice when you book, however we recommend that you do your own risk assessment prior to your visit.

Should anyone in your group be nervous/suffer from vertigo/mobility problems/asthma, please ensure that adults are available to remain with them in the Cathedral. They must not be left unaccompanied.

Due to fire regulations, we regret there is no lift available to the Galleries. The lift may be used to enable those with mobility needs to access the Crypt and Cathedral floor only.

- **Timings:** Please allow at least 45 minutes for the complete return climb to the Golden Gallery and back. This is in addition to the time required for your guided visit/workshop.
- **Supervision is vital:** You will be required to escort your students to the Galleries and supervise them at all times. Our staff will not accompany you on the climb. Groups must have at least 1 adult to every 10 pupils.

Advice:

St Paul's Cathedral advises that pupils and adults who suffer from breathing difficulties, such as asthma, climb these stairs at their own risk. We also advise schools to obtain written, parental consent before the visit.

Please note:

There is an extra cost for this. For up-to-date prices please check our website or enquire at the time of booking.



Frequently asked questions

Below are answers to some frequently asked questions.
We hope you find them helpful in planning your visit; please contact us with any other queries.

HOW DO I GET TO ST. PAUL'S Tube: St. Paul's tube station is in Zone 1 on the Central Line and is less than five minutes walk; Mansion House and Bank are also close by. Bus: Directly outside the Cathedral you can catch the following buses: 4, 11, 15, 23, 26, 100. From Newgate Street you can catch the following buses: 242, 25. You can plan your journey at <https://www.tfl.gov.uk/>

WHAT ARE THE OPENING HOURS? The Cathedral is open 08.30 to 16.30 Monday to Saturday. Themed Guided Visits are bookable Monday to Friday during term time, at 10.30 and 13.00 only. We ask that you arrive 15 minutes before your allocated slot. If you are more than 30 minutes late we cannot guarantee that we will be able to guide your group and you may have to self-guide.

DO I NEED TO BOOK IN ADVANCE? Yes. Well in advance please. We can get very busy, especially in the summer months.

DO WE PAY ON THE DAY? No, you will be invoiced by us when we confirm your booking.

WHERE ARE THE TOILETS? There are public toilets in the Crypt.

WILL THERE BE ANY SERVICES DURING OUR VISIT? Every day at 12.30 Holy Communion is celebrated. During this time, access to the dome area is limited. The service lasts about 30 minutes. Evensong is at 17.00 every day. You are very welcome to attend either service. All visitors on the Cathedral floor are asked to be quiet for the Lord's Prayer which is said every hour on the hour.

WHAT CAN YOU SEE FROM THE DOME? The Whispering Gallery gives a view of the interior of the Cathedral, as well as providing an opportunity to try out its unique acoustics. Further up, you can see the view over London from the Stone Gallery and Golden Gallery.

CAN WE EAT PACKED LUNCHES? Only schools booked on the 10.30 guided visit can eat packed lunches in the Cathedral, either in the classroom or in the crypt. If you are a 10.30 guided group you will be informed about where to eat your lunch on the day of your visit. Unfortunately, due to health and safety/overcrowding concerns, all other groups are not permitted to eat lunches in the Cathedral. In good weather you can picnic in the garden. Information about alternative places to eat will be sent with your booking form.

WHERE CAN WE LEAVE OUR BAGS/COATS DURING THE VISIT? Upon arrival schools on guided visits will be brought to the Education Centre and can leave their bags/coats in the cloakroom.

IS THERE A SHOP? Yes. The Cathedral Crypt shop stocks a full range of postcards and gifts. Alternatively, groups can order gift packs, in advance, from the Schools & Family Learning Department. These will be given to you on the day.

WHERE SHOULD WE REPORT TO WHEN WE ARRIVE? Please refer to your confirmation letter. Entrance for guided groups is via the North Crypt Entrance and you will be met inside at the Crypt Stewards' desk.

ARE THERE FACILITIES FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS? The Education Centre is wheelchair accessible, as is the Crypt and Cathedral floor. We regret that it is not possible to take wheelchairs, or people with walking difficulties up to the Dome & Galleries since there is no public lift. Please inform us of any special needs when you return your booking form.

CAN WE DO A RISK ASSESSMENT? Yes. When you make a booking we will send you a sample Risk Assessment Form. We strongly recommend that the member of staff organising the visit makes a preparation visit to the Cathedral in order to carry out their own risk assessment. This should include the journey to and from the Cathedral. Risk assessments are your responsibility.

