

SCHOOLS & FAMILY

# LEARNING

## Educational visits **PRIMARY**

INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS  
AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

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# Welcome to London’s iconic cathedral

St. Paul’s Cathedral can offer so much to support teaching in the classroom

## Who are we?

The Learning Department is based in St Paul’s Cathedral. We are a team who include teachers and education professionals with a wide range of specialisms. We work with both the amazing architecture and St. Paul’s role as a Christian place of worship, linking your session to the National Curriculum, your local agreed syllabus, and/or qualification specifications.

## What can teachers expect to gain by visiting?

We offer a diverse range of subject based sessions, which link directly into the building’s history and use as a place of worship. A visit to us will give your students the opportunity to put classroom learning in context through well structured, curriculum specific and engaging high quality workshops.

## What do we offer that is different?

After your initial booking, you will be assigned a dedicated Learning & Outreach Officer who will be your named point of contact throughout your time with us. They will contact you ahead of your visit to answer all your questions, discuss learning objectives and ensure that we can put as much in place as possible to support your students needs.

## Our sessions are inclusive

From 2025 we are working to ensure that all of our sessions are inclusive for all. Please do share as much information as possible with us before your visit about your students access needs, SEND support or EHCPs.

## We are recommended by teachers

100% of teachers who visited in 2025 would recommend visiting us!



Prices 2025/26 per student (inc VAT)	
Guided Session	£3.60
Guided Session + Dome	£6.60
Self-Guided	£3.00
Self Guided + Dome	£6.00
Virtual Visit	£1.80
Bursary available for qualifying schools	



# Explore St. Paul's

# General guided visit

A 'highlights' tour—perfect for an overview of the Cathedral

## What to expect:

- Step inside an iconic London landmark.
- Explore the religious symbolism of the Cathedral, including artworks, architecture and design.
- Learn about how historical events have shaped St Paul's Cathedral.
- Discover more about the people who built St Paul's Cathedral.
- Opportunities to explore areas not open to the public (subject to availability).

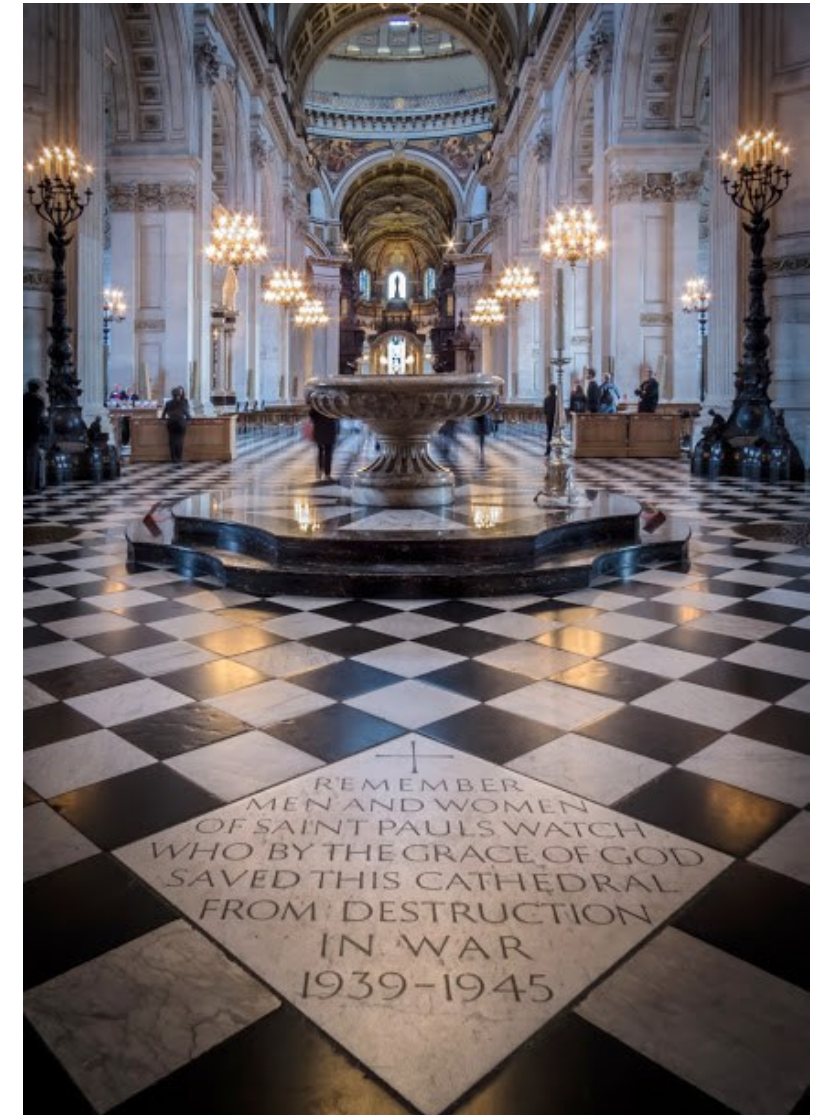
This session can be tailored to your aims, objectives, and needs of your class.

## Aims of the visit:

- To learn about the history and diverse stories of the Cathedral.
- Understand the role the Cathedral plays in London today.

## Key Stage Suitability:

- EYFS
- KS1
- KS2





# Sacred space

# Religious Studies

A multisensory journey to understand what happens in a Christian place of worship

## What to expect:

- Explore the importance of baptism and the Eucharist for Christians.
- Using objects and vestments, learn about some of the most important times in the Christian calendar.
- Explore when and how the Cathedral is used.
- Investigate objects in the Cathedral such as crosses, paintings and mosaics to discover their meaning.

## Aims of the visit:

- Explore the signs and symbols within St Paul's Cathedral, and learn how these are connected to the Christian faith
- Understand how Christians worship in the Cathedral.

## Key Stage Suitability:

- KS1
- KS2





# Ashes to Architecture: The Great Fire of London

## History

Explore the impact of the Great Fire of London on St Paul's Cathedral

### What to expect:

- Through acting, drama, and costumes, reflect on what it would have been like to experience the Great Fire of London.
- Visit different locations across the Cathedral to discover more about its reconstruction.
- Understand the importance of St Paul's as a symbol of hope.

### Aim of the visit:

- Understand the role of St Paul's Cathedral in 1666 and the impact the Great Fire had on the people of London.
- Explore the diverse stories of those involved in the rebuilding of this iconic landmark.

### Key Stage Suitability:

- KS1





# Dr Martin Luther King Jnr at St Paul's

PSHE/History

Learn about Dr Martin Luther King's iconic visit to St Paul's Cathedral and the impact of his sermon

## What to expect:

- Examine the speech, The Three Dimensions of a Complete Life, given by Dr Martin Luther King Jr. at St Paul's Cathedral on the 6th December 1964
- Explore the three parts of the speech with opportunities for self-reflection, self-identity and positive goal setting
- Learn about St Paul's history beyond 1964 and how it participated in world events and popular protest.

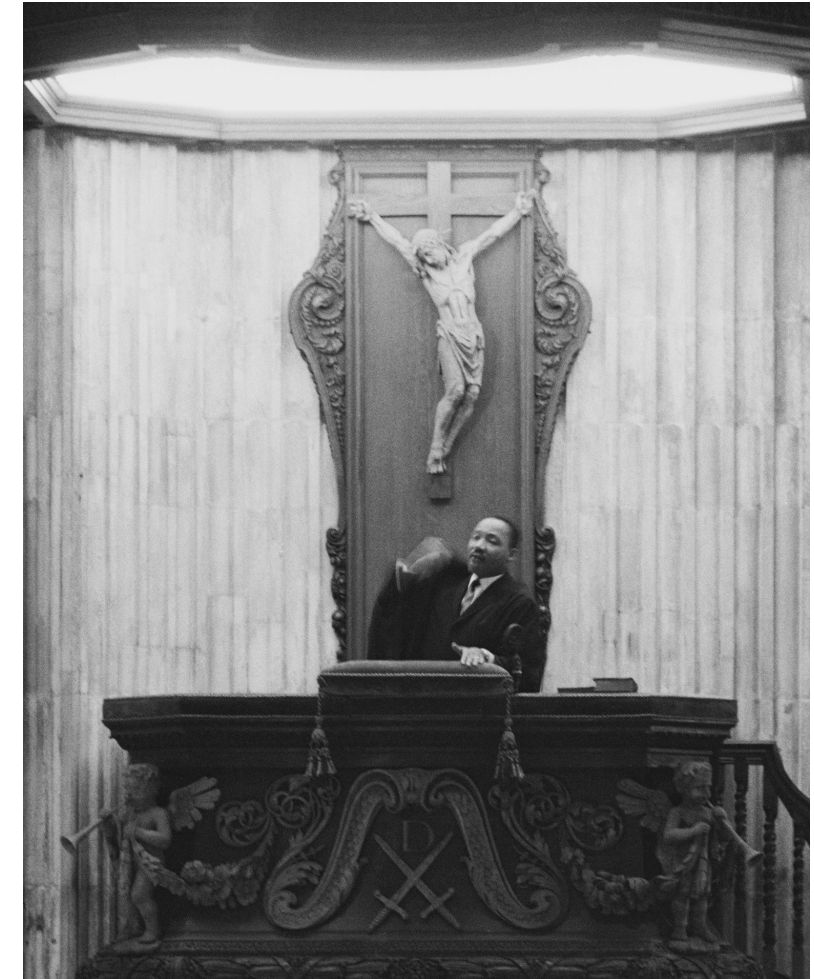
## Aims of the visit:

Provide unique opportunities to:

- Identify and develop positive attributes of active citizens
- Explore an iconic speech and relate it to personal identity
- Recognise strategies that build positive community engagement
- Provide real life opportunities to cover the PSHE curriculum for Health and Wellbeing and Living in the Wider World
- Learn more about St Paul's place in the wider world of injustice and equality and civil rights

## Key Stage Suitability:

- KS2





Discover the role of St Paul's Cathedral during the Second World War

### What to expect:

- Discover where bombs fell on and around the Cathedral during the Second World War.
- Hear stories of the St Paul's Watch who volunteered to protect the Cathedral during the Blitz.
- Understand the impact of the Blitz on the City of London.
- See and handle replicas and artifacts.
- Understand why St Paul's Cathedral is a symbol of resilience today.

### Aims of the visit:

- To explore how the Blitz affected St Paul's Cathedral and why it was significant during the war.
- Increase knowledge and understanding about the impact Second World War had on the lives of Londoners.

### Key Stage Suitability:

- KS2



## How was St. Paul's built?

### What to expect

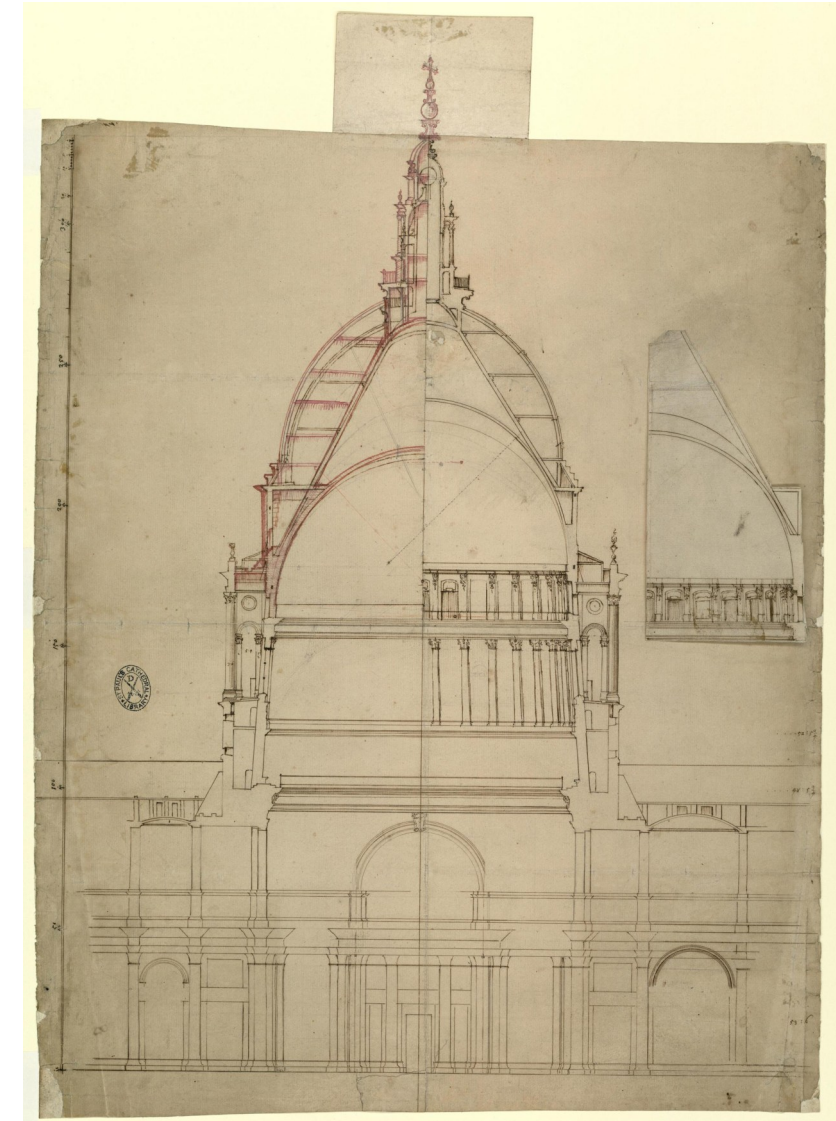
- Journey around the Cathedral to identify the engineering challenges in such a large and complex building.
- Take part in an engineering challenge to find out about how the Cathedral was constructed.
- Go behind the scenes and discover the Geometric Stairs (KS1) and see the Great Model (upper KS2).

### Aims of the visit:

- Explore maths, science & architecture within the context of Wren's masterpiece of design.
- Work scientifically by investigating materials and properties and making predictions.
- Discover diverse stories linked to the Cathedral's construction.

### Key Stage Suitability:

- KS1
- KS2





# Majestic Mosaics

Art

Creative session linking Art & Design and Religious Studies

## What to expect:

- A two part visit—Guided tour and a craft activity.
- Discover the Cathedral on a guided session with a focus on the mosaic designs in the Quire ceiling, quarter domes and Crypt floor.
- All students are able to take part in a hands on creative session in our learning space and create a mosaic to take back to school.

## Aims of the visit:

- To discover the Cathedral's mosaics as a decorative art form and learn how they enhance prayer for worshippers
- For students to create an their own mosaic.

## Key Stage Suitability:

- KS1
- KS2





### What to expect:

- Take a closer look at artworks in situ including Henry Moore's '*Mother and Child*' and William Holman Hunt's '*The Light of the World*'.
- Explore the design and decoration of St Paul's Cathedral.
- Reflect on the interpretations and symbolism with opportunity for discussion, questions, reflection and personal responses.

### Aims of the visit:

- Explore the artwork within St Paul's Cathedral and discover their stories, meaning and significance.
- Understand the difference between sculpture and painting.
- Be able to identify an abstract artwork.
- Understand what a site specific artwork is.

### Key Stage Suitability:

- KS1
- KS2





# Festivals—a Christmas journey

## Religious Studies

Sensory taught sessions exploring Christian festivals

### What to expect:

- Hear about the first Christmas through a guided session around the Cathedral.
- Imagine what it would have been like to journey to Bethlehem.
- Participate in a costumed journey to the manger.
- Reflect on the meaning of Christmas for Christians.
- Explore the Cathedral using handling objects, smells and costumes to engage with the story of Christmas.

### Aims of the visit:

- Understand the chronology of the Christmas story.
- Explore why this story is important to Christians.

### Key Stage Suitability:

- EYFS
- KS1
- KS2





# Festivals: investigating Easter

# Religious Studies

## A sensory session exploring a key Christian festival.

## What to expect:

- Hear about the first Easter through a guided session around the Cathedral.
- Reflect on the key events of Holy Week and their meaning for Christians.
- Explore the Cathedral using handling objects to engage with the story of Easter.

## Aims of the visit:

- Understand the chronology of the Easter story
- Identify why this story is important to Christians
- Identify signs and symbols in the story
- Practice oracy skills through the use of props to recall events.

### Key Stage Suitability:

- KS1
- KS2





# Sing at St Paul's

## Music

### Become a chorister of St Paul's for a day

- Explore the music and architecture of St Paul's through a guided Cathedral tour, including singing under the Dome, Geometric Staircase and in the OBE Chapel.
- Take part in a singing workshop led by a Cathedral musician in the same room where our world-leading choristers rehearse for special services every day.
- Share in our iconic building's music-making through a performance for parents and the general public.
- Participate in two prior in-school visits from a Cathedral musician to prepare you for your Sing at St Paul's day.

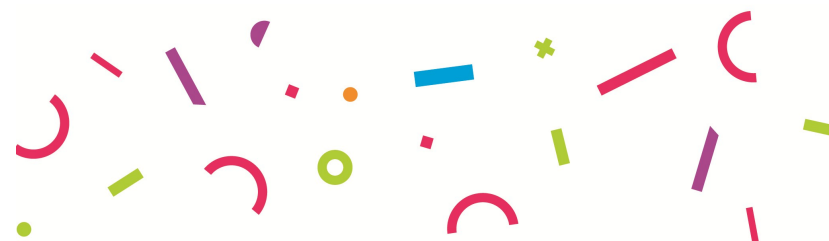
#### Aims of the visit:

- To experience the day-to-day activities of the choristers at St Paul's.
- Enhance the teaching of RS/RE, exploring how music has played an integral role in worship on our site for more than a century.
- Explore the performance element of the DfE's Model Music Curriculum (2021) in one of the city's landmarks.
- Become a musical partner school of St Paul's through two preparatory in-school singing sessions.



#### Please note:

- This session is **subject to limited availability**
- Suitable for schools **within the M25** due to outreach sessions
- If you would like to book this session please email [learning@stpaulscathedral.org.uk](mailto:learning@stpaulscathedral.org.uk)



#### Key Stage Suitability:

- **KS2**

# Dome and galleries (including the Whispering Gallery)

Explore our unique dome climb for a unique and amazing view across London!

**Climb 378 steps for an amazing view of the City from the Stone Gallery!**

**Be prepared**—We will send you risk assessment guidance when you book, however we always recommend that you do your own risk assessment prior to your visit. This can be booked with the team in advance and allows the teacher access to the Cathedral during sightseeing hours. Should anyone in your group be nervous/suffer from vertigo/mobility problems/asthma, please ensure that adults are available to remain with them at ground level in the Cathedral.

**No children can be left unaccompanied.**

Due to fire regulations, we regret there is no lift available to the Galleries.

**Timings**—Please allow a **minimum** of 45 minutes for the complete return climb . This is in addition to the time required for your guided session. You will be required to escort your students to the Galleries and **supervise them at all times**. The team from St Paul's will not accompany you on the climb.

**Required ratios for the Dome climb, access to the Whispering Gallery, and Dome Galleries:**

4 - 8 years - one adult to six children to Stone Galleries only

9 - 12 years - one adult to eight children to Stone Galleries only

13 - 18 years - one adult to ten children to Golden Gallery (subject to availability)

*Please note that this is the minimum required, we expect you to ratio according to the needs of your students. Supervising adults must be spaced evenly throughout the group.*



**Visiting with students who are unable to climb the dome?**

They don't have to miss out on the experience. We have a digital dome climb available which can be accessed via any internet enabled device. Speak to a member of the team to find out more.



# How to book

All UK educational groups must book before visiting

You can book via our dedicated online booking portal. Please **follow the link** to our online **Booking Portal**. Here you can select your preferred date and time slots from the live calendar. Please select one timeslot per class, or up to a maximum of 35 students. Once you have chosen, it will ask you to create an account and fill in the details of your visit. Once submitted, we will be able to confirm your visit and send out all the information you require. Your invoice will then follow.

To **book** visit our bookings portal  
**[sfl.stpauls.co.uk](https://sfl.stpauls.co.uk)**

If you need any further assistance please **contact us** direct **[learning@stpaulscathedral.org.uk](mailto:learning@stpaulscathedral.org.uk)** or **+44 (0) 207 246 8353**

## **Visiting with students who may need additional support?**

We aim that all of our sessions are full accessible, but to ensure that your students get the most out of your time with us please let us know as much detail as possible about your students needs and preferences.

We have lots available onsite including our 'Access to Learning' bundles which are available to support students with additional learning needs.

**FREE online resources** are available to support you in the classroom.

To find out more visit our dedicated digital resources hub

**[stpauls.co.uk/our-digital-resources](https://stpauls.co.uk/our-digital-resources)**