

School Workshops

Rutland County Museum & Oakham Castle 2024 - 2025

Rutland County Museum

Toys in the Past

In this very hands-on session, children will be encouraged to handle, play with and discuss traditional toys from the past. They will also be able to make some simple moving toys and go on a 'Then and Now' museum hunt.

Available throughout the year

Duration 2 hours £3 per child

Early Years / Key Stage 1

History: Changes within living memory and beyond living memory; understanding some of the ways in which we find out about the past



A Seaside Holiday

Explore the traditional seaside holiday. Discover how holiday makers travelled to the seaside in the past, what they wore and what they did once they were there. Children will also design seaside posters and make souvenirs and Punch and Judy theatres.

Available throughout May, June, July and September

Duration 2 hours £3 per child

Early Years / Key Stage 1

History: Changes within living memory and beyond living memory; understanding some of the ways in which we find out about the past



Christmas is Coming!

Get festive and explore how Christmas was celebrated in the past! Children will be able to make a Tudor style pomander as well as a Victorian Christmas card and traditional toy. There will also be a Christmas Hunt around the museum.

Available throughout November and December

Duration 2 hours £3 per child

Early Years / Key Stage 1

History: Changes within living memory and beyond living memory; understanding some of the ways in which we find out about the past



Rutland County Museum

It's All in a Hard Day's Work!

What was life like before electricity and mechanisation? Using objects, photographs and documents, children will examine what farm work, homes and schools were like in Victorian Rutland. There will also have the chance to role-play a Victorian wash day complete with mangle and make a Victorian craft.

Available throughout the year

Duration 2 hours £3 per child

Key Stage 1 / Key Stage 2

History: Changes within living memory and beyond living memory; understanding some of the ways in which we find out about the past
History: Study of a theme in British History; changes in Social History



Stone Age to Bronze Age: Prehistory Made Easy!

What was life like in Prehistoric Rutland? This session provides an introduction to archaeology and the chronology of the Prehistoric period. Children will examine and handle artefacts from the Stone and Bronze Ages in order to investigate the lifestyles of our early ancestors.

Available throughout the year

Duration 2 hours £3 per child

Key Stage 2

History: Stone Age to Iron Age



The Romans in Rutland

Discover the impact the Romans had on this area and what artefacts have been left behind. Children will have the chance to handle and examine a range of real objects such as pottery, jewellery, coins and mosaic fragments. The workshop includes a Roman gallery trail and craft based activities.

Available throughout the year

Duration 2 hours £3 per child

Key Stage 2

History: Invasion and civilisation, life in Roman Britain, and what the Romans did for us



Rutland County Museum

World War Two: Life on the Home Front

Come along to the museum and prepare for war! Children will make their own gas mask and identity card, learn about rationing and live through a mock air raid. They will also explore some of the key roles on the home front including the ARP and Land Army.

Available throughout the year

Duration 2 hours £3 per child

Key Stage 2

History: Study of a theme in British History; a significant turning point in British History



Rutland County Museum & Oakham Castle

It's Criminal! Crime and Punishment through Time

This full day workshop takes place across our two historic sites. The session uses the collections of Rutland County Museum (including the only surviving New Drop Gallows in the United Kingdom!) to examine historical punishments and how the penal system has changed. The focus is on specific local Rutland cases and characters from the 1700s and 1800s.

At Oakham Castle, children will discover what a courtroom is, how it is used and take part in a mini mock trial.

Available throughout the year

Duration 4 hours including time for a lunch break

£5 per child

Key Stage 2

History: Study of a theme in British History; changes in crime and punishment

History: Local History Study; study of a site that is significant in the locality



Oakham Castle

Castles, Courts and Coronets: An Introduction to Oakham Castle

An introduction to this key local site. What is a castle? Why is this site called a castle? Discover its history, features and origins of the horseshoe tradition. Children will be able to undertake a range of hands-on activities including making their own unique horseshoe and pomander bag to take home.

Available throughout the year

Duration 2 hours £3 per child

This session can be adapted for Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2

History: Local History Study; study of a site that is significant in the locality



Remembrance: The First World War

The focus of this session is the memorial to the men of the Leicestershire Yeomanry who lost their lives during the First World War which is on the East Wall of the Great Hall. A large selection of original and replica artefacts are also provided for handling as well as uniform for dressing-up. Children will explore how the First World War impacted on the people of Rutland, research individual soldiers and design a remembrance poster.

Available throughout the year

Duration 2 hours £3 per child

Key Stage 2

History: Study of a theme in British History; a significant turning point in British History

History: Local History Study; study of a site that is significant in the locality



Booking Information:

Workshops are usually delivered on days when the Museum/Castle are closed to the public (Tuesdays at Castle and Tuesdays and Thursdays at Museum).

To make a booking contact:

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