

School Workshops

Oakham Castle & Outreach Sessions

Autumn 2026

Please note that due to planned re-development work at Rutland County Museum, no school bookings can be taken for the Autumn Term 2026. However, workshops will still be delivered at Oakham Castle and several of our topics can be delivered as outreach in your school.

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.

Duration 2 hours £3 per child

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



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 castle.

Duration 2 hours £3 per child

Early Years / Key Stage 1

Outreach to Rutland Schools

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.

Duration 1.5 hours

Early Years / Key Stage 1

£5 per child



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.

Duration 1.5 hours

Key Stage 2

£5 per child

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 also includes a craft based activity.

Duration 1.5 hours

Key Stage 2

£5 per child



World War Two: Life on the Home Front

Explore many aspects of life on the home front from gas masks, shelters and air raids to key roles including the ARP and Land Army. There will be real and replica artefacts, hands-on rationing activities and the chance to make an ARP gas mask, ID card and badge.

Duration 1.5 hours

Key Stage 2

£5 per child

To make a booking contact:

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