



Educational visits

EYFS, KS1 & KS2

2020-2021

Salisbury Cathedral Education Department
Bringing the curriculum to life



For eight hundred years, Salisbury Cathedral has been a significant holy building and a special place for millions of visitors and Christians. At the heart of the Cathedral's life is its worship.

The vast extent of the Cathedral's life, history and art and all its physical resources means that there is a wealth of opportunities for everyone to take part in a range of memorable learning experiences.

Welcome to Salisbury Cathedral's education programme for children aged 4-11years old

With an emphasis on experiential learning and enquiry-based approaches, the children and students will always find themselves challenged. Each session is carefully tailored to ensure that it meets the requirements of the curriculum or the relevant syllabus and is led by an experienced team of teachers and trained volunteers.



Individual craft packs

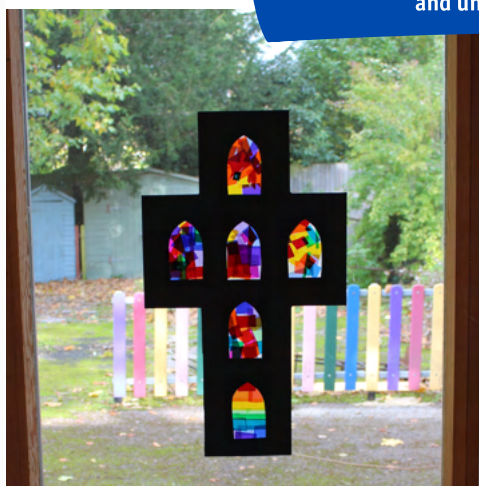


The children have had fun making beautiful stained glass windows and unique clay tiles



Over a 2m distance between leader and children

Workshop: Clay Tiles



Spacing between tables and chairs



NEW Workshop: In The Hot Seat

With Rev'd Pete Atkinson- Minor Canon for Young People

Education Workshops at Salisbury Cathedral

All available workshops have been adapted so that we can create a fun yet safe environment.

This includes :

Smaller groups sizes

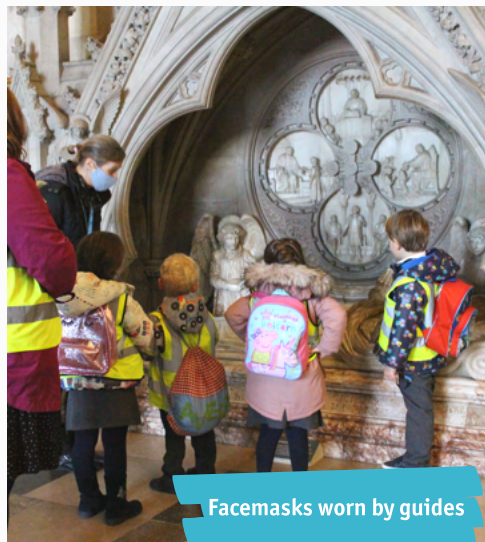
A 2m distance between Cathedral Staff member giving talk and school group

All Cathedral Staff wearing appropriate PPE where necessary

Tables, chairs and resources sanitised between groups

Ensuring all other health and safety procedures are being followed





Facemasks worn by guides



The children loved spotting dragons and admiring the outside of the Cathedral



School staff help children with hand sanitising



Small group sizes and social distancing measure maintained



There is wonder to be found all around the Cathedral

Education Tours at Salisbury Cathedral

All school visits include a tour around the Cathedral with a specific focus tailored to your day.

In order to make sure that this can continue to happen safely:

There can be no more than one school per session

All tours are split into groups of no more than 5 children and 1 supervising adult from the school

All guides, staff and children over 11years old are required to wear a face mask

There are regular hand sanitising stations placed around the Cathedral

All other health and safety procedures are followed





What can you discover at Salisbury Cathedral?

Choose from our fantastic range of tours and workshops to create the day you would like.

A full day experience includes your choice of a tour plus any two workshops.

If you would like a shorter visit then we offer a choice of tour plus one of our workshops.

We are also happy to tailor the day to suit your specific requirements.

An example of a typical day:

10.00

Arrival and Welcome

10.15

Tour: Christian Signs and Symbols
(in groups of no more than 5 children and 1 supervising adult)

11.20

Workshop: In the Hot Seat
(Stephenson Hall/Cathedral)

12.00 Lunch break

Outside on the Cathedral lawns
or at Stephenson Hall

12.45

Workshop: Altar frontal designs
(Stephenson Hall)

13.45

Reflection and farewell

"Thank you for an amazing day... children absolutely buzzing! COMMUNITY is the buzz word at our school at the moment and Salisbury Cathedral has an amazing one."

Infants, October 2019

Tour Information

EYFS, KS1 & KS2



Tours with a History focus:

Local History: The Cathedral That Moved

Cathedral Stories: Chilling Gothic Tales
(KS2)

Tours with a Religious Education focus:

Exploring Salisbury Cathedral: A Place of Worship

Christian Signs and Symbols

Easter

Advent and Christmas

Tours with a Science/PSHE focus:

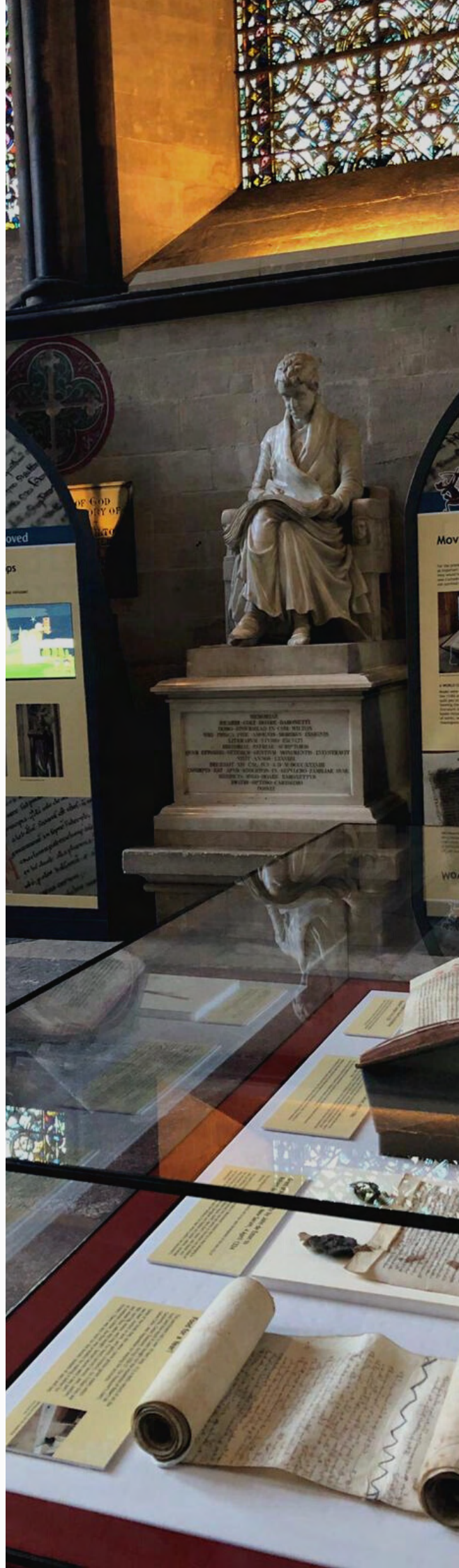
Using Your Senses
(EYFS/KS1)

Animal Trail
(EYFS/KS1)

Materials: made of...

Small groups touring around the cathedral made such a difference. My group had Mary who led them on the cathedral tour; she valued and answered all of the questions that the children asked, it was lovely that it felt so child-led.

Broad Chalke Primary School, Yr2, September 2020





Workshops EYFS & KS1

From art and craft, to exploring the Medieval Cathedral and quizzing a member of the Clergy- we have an activity for you! Choose from our specially designed workshops, which are planned to support the National Curriculum, to help children become fully immersed in your chosen learning objective.



Stained Glass Windows

What is stained glass for and how is it made?

Surrounded by many wonderful examples of stained glass from the Medieval Ages to today, pupils will learn about its craft and then make a window using coloured film.

Cathedral Creations

Why is a consecration cross such an important symbol for the Cathedral?

Pupils develop an understanding of the importance of blessings by making their own paper craft consecration cross.

Altar Frontal Designs

Can you identify Christian symbols in the Cathedral?

Pupils learn about the meaning of key Christian symbols and use different textured paper to design their own altar frontal.

Clay Tiles

How is a clay tile made?

Pupils will see examples of real medieval tiles and then, using air dry clay, create their own tile with ideas for the design taken from the Cathedral interior.

Setting the Seal

How did King John prove his authority on a document?

Pupils will handle replica seals before making their own seal using air-dry clay as part of a special keepsake bookmark.

The Beauty of Maths

What shapes are in the Cathedral and how do they work together? How long, how wide, how tall?

A trio of short workshops looking at the beauty of Maths in the Cathedral. Explore and identify patterns using tessellation and investigate the length of the cloisters.



Retelling the Past

Why did the Cathedral move here 800 years ago?

Using drama, pupils retell the story of the move from Old Sarum and the laying of the foundation stones in 1220.

All costumes are provided.

Magna Carta Court

What is the Magna Carta? What was King John really like?

Pupils will dress up to take part in the court of King John at the time of Magna Carta.

All costumes are provided.

Medieval dance

What was life like in a medieval court?

Pupils learn a medieval dance, a popular past time in the medieval court.

All costumes are provided.

In the Hot Seat

What is a bishop's hat called? How often do Christians pray? What is the font for?

Meet a member of our clergy team and find out more about their role at the Cathedral. Pupils can bring their own questions.

(Subject to availability)

"All the volunteers have been friendly and there has obviously been a lot of attention given to the preparation of resources."

Year 6, November 2019

Do you have any particular requirements for your visit? Are you looking for something specific?

Our education team are happy to tailor the tours/workshops to suit your needs. Please call 01722 555180 or email education@salcath.co.uk and we will work with you to personalise your day.

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





Themed days EYFS & KS1

We also offer some set themed days including days to celebrate Christian Festivals.

Full information for teachers is available for these days to help you prepare your class before your visit.





Materials day

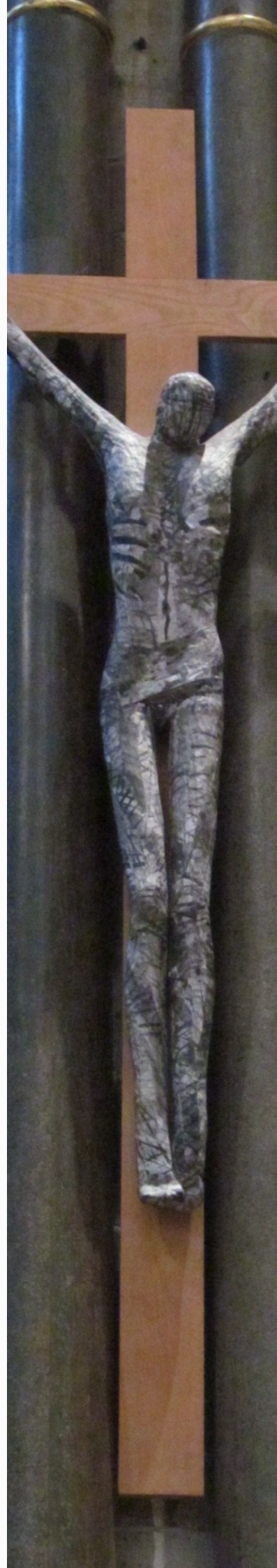
Which push and pull forces are used when constructing a building? How do stone masons carve the stone? What are these materials and why are they used for building?

Pupils will have the opportunity to handle the different types of materials used in building the Cathedral. Pupils take part in a series of workshops to discover how the Cathedral was built including having a go at stone carving under the guidance of one of our stone masons.
(Subject to availability)

Salisbury: Our local history

Why was Salisbury Cathedral built here? Who has been part of the Cathedral's history and why are they important?

This special day includes a tour to find out why the Cathedral moved from its original position at Old Sarum. Pupils will take part in a series of workshops to explore the meaning of heraldry and the special people who have been linked to the Cathedral through the ages.



Advent and Christmas

Is there more to Advent than chocolate and calendars? What happened in the years before Jesus was born?

Through story, craft and worship, pupils will discover the events that led up to Jesus' birth and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

Easter

What do Christians believe happened at Easter? Why is Easter so important for Christians?

Children develop a greater understanding of Easter as they investigate the events of Holy Week through storytelling, guided activities and reflection.

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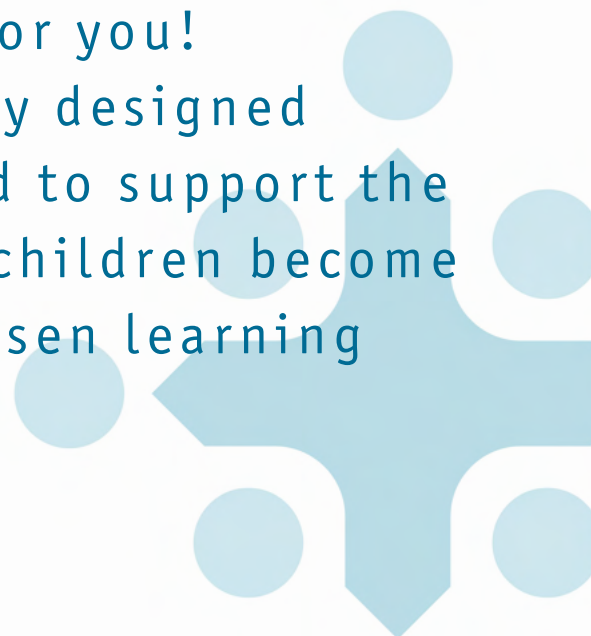


Workshops

Key Stage 2

From art and craft, to exploring the Magna Carta and quizzing a member of the Clergy- we have an activity for you!

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Pilgrimage

What does the Cathedral tell us about Christianity?

Using the age-old technique of repoussé, children will create a design that reflects Christian symbols seen in the Cathedral.

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Pupils develop an understanding of the importance of blessings and design logos.

Altar Frontal Designs

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Get involved: Worship at the Cathedral

What are the key dates in the Christian calendar? How are these celebrated at the Cathedral?

Investigate the signs and symbols that are linked to Christian festivals and services.

Medieval scribes and manuscripts

How was the Magna Carta written?

Become a medieval scribe and experience writing with a quill and a reed pen on parchment-style paper.

For an additional charge this can include a short visit to one of our special 'hidden spaces' – the medieval library.

Medieval tiles

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Magna Carta Drama

What is the Magna Carta? Why did Magna Carta happen?

Depending on how grumpy he is feeling, pupils may just escape with their lives after this audience with King John himself. Just don't ask him about Magna Carta!

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Master builders challenge

Which building techniques help the tower and spire to stand?

Pupils face the challenge of building their own spire using given limited materials. Will their spires withstand the ultimate test of strength?

Gargoyles

What is the meaning and purpose of a gargoyle?

After studying the west front stone carvings pupils create their own clay gargoyles to take back to school.





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Cathedral stories- Chilling Gothic Tales

Can you use the Cathedral stories to write your own medieval mystery?

Following a tour, pupils have the opportunity to revisit and hot-seat one of the characters they met during a tour of the Cathedral. Please share your character's stories with us once you have written them back at school.

Art Exhibitions at the Cathedral

(only available during exhibitions)

What techniques has the artist used? What is the artist saying in their work?

Bring your art lessons here! During a specific art tour, pupils can engage with the art through discussion and making sketches. Then, using inspiration from the exhibition, pupils design and make their own artwork using mixed media.

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"You have given the children the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Advent and to think beyond the chocolates and Advent calendar.

The Art and drama has made the theme accessible to all our children. "

Year 6, November 2019



Key information about your school trip to Salisbury Cathedral...

Booking

We advise that where possible you book at least a term in advance, especially if you have a particular date in mind. Some schools book a year in advance! If for some reason you can't plan so far ahead, do give us a ring and we will always try to accommodate you where we can.

Education Staff and Volunteers

All our staff and volunteer helpers in the Education Department are DBS checked and are required to attend disability awareness and safeguarding training. Our Teaching Officer is a fully qualified and experienced teacher, as are many of our dedicated volunteers.

"There was a lovely calm feel about the day... Everything felt very Covid safe throughout our visit, thank you so much.
Septemebr 2020

Lunch

Stephenson Hall, in the Close, is available for lunches and in fine weather the Cathedral lawns are available for picnics.

Prices

Prices are charged at £5.50 per pupil for a full-day and £4 for a half day. Themed days are £4 per pupil. All supervisory staff are free. Occasionally there is a small extra charge for particular activities.

Unless it is a themed day, groups are usually invoiced after the event and according to numbers. You will be invoiced by the Cathedral Accounts Department so on booking please provide the name and contact email address for the person responsible for payment.

Travel

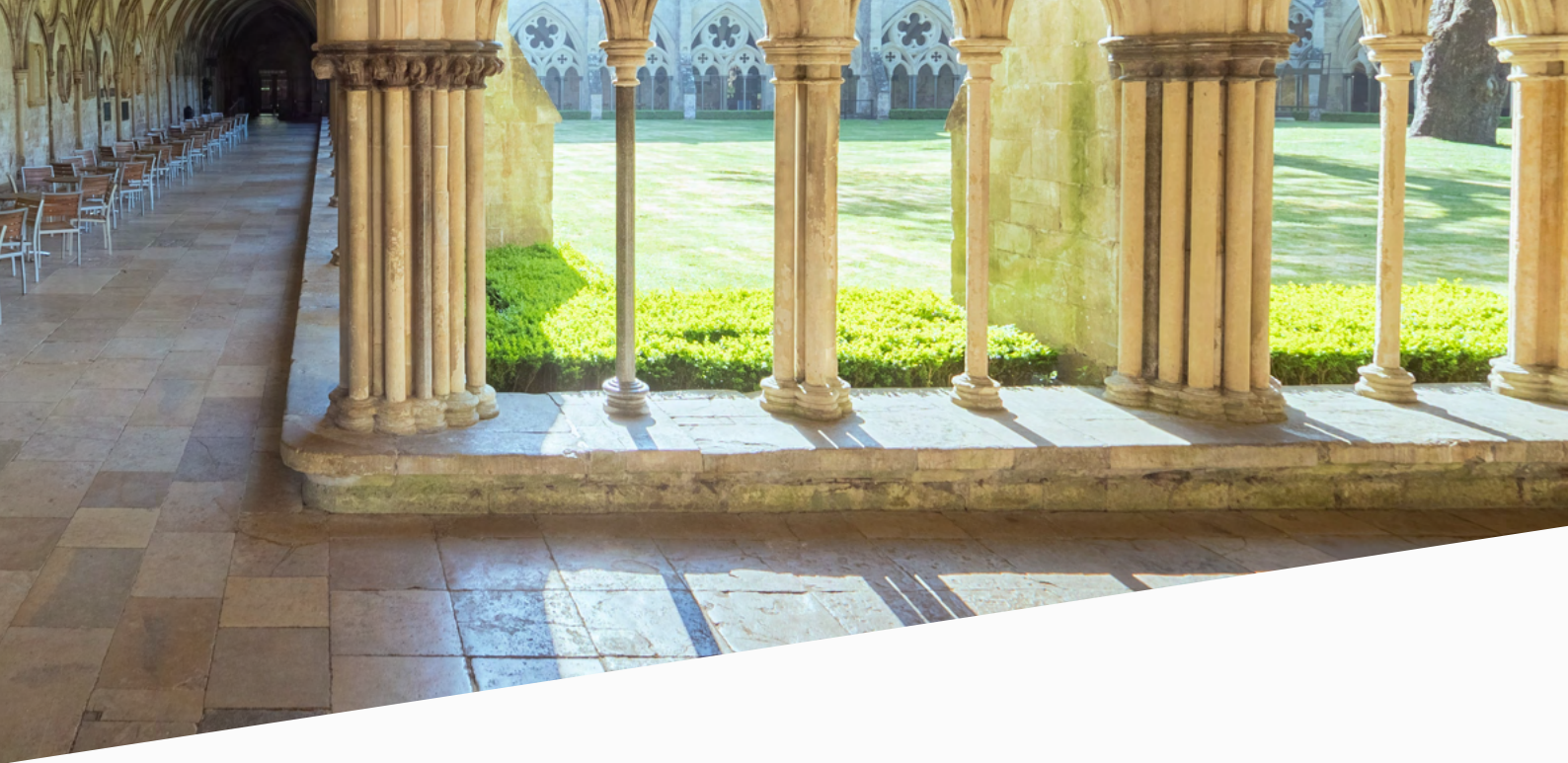
Coaches are unable to access the Cathedral Close due to access restrictions. However,

there is a designated drop-off point on Exeter Street which is a 5 minute walk, through St. Ann's Gate, to the Cathedral. Maps are included with your confirmed schedule prior to your visit.

Minibuses can park in the Cathedral Close at a cost of £7 per vehicle per day. This is subject to availability and on a first-come-first-served basis.

Risk Assessment

Whilst we have our own risk assessments in place, we strongly advise teachers or group leaders to make a visit beforehand to complete their own. Please let us know if you would like to make arrangements for a preliminary visit. All groups are responsible for the supervision of their own children.



Self-guided visits

Schools and other groups are welcome to visit the Cathedral without the assistance of the Education Department. Teacher supervised self-guided visits still need registering with the Education Centre as access to the Cathedral can sometimes be affected if there is a large-scale public or private event taking place which is not otherwise publicised. The Education Department can keep you informed of any changes. Please be aware of the new pricing to enter the Cathedral. School groups that are self-guiding are currently charged at £2.50 per pupil but adults can enter for free.

During your visit

The school remains responsible for the control and supervision of their pupils at all times. Therefore, we ask that there is always a teacher or

adult helper present with each group during their visit to the Cathedral. The Education Department staff and volunteers will do all they can to ensure that your visit runs smoothly. Whilst we actively lead sessions, we encourage all staff/adults with the group to involve themselves as much as possible. The Education Department recommends working with groups of 8 to 10 for primary aged children. Please ensure that you have enough staff present to provide one supervisory adult per group.

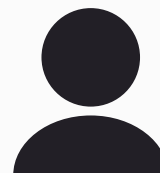
Shop

There are a number of low-priced items available from our Cathedral Shop which are suited to a range of different age-groups. Please let us know if you would like us to include a visit to the shop during your day with us.

Meet the Education Team:



Katherine Dolphin
Education Officer



Education Administrator

If you would like any further information or if you would like to make a booking please contact the Education Department:
01722 555180 or
education@salcath.co.uk
