

THE BRAMPTON

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School programme e-brochure



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Introduction

Set in the beautiful Brampton Park, close to Newcastle-under-Lyme town centre, we are a small, welcoming and accessible museum with superb collections.

Our current schools programme links well with the new National Curriculum for Primary Schools. We offer workshops on the following themes:-

Key Stage 1

Toys from the Past

Seaside Holidays from the Past

Florence Nightingale

Victorian Christmas (available during Nov/Dec)

Key Stage 2

World War 2

Victorian Christmas (available during Nov/Dec)

Key Stage 2 Outreach

Roman Newcastle

Each of these themes can create a day-long visit to our museum as pupils can participate in two workshops. Any of these workshops can be booked to run as morning or afternoon sessions alone. Please see the following pages for details. Workshops last for 1.5 hrs and we usually run workshops from 10.15-11.45am and 12.45-2.15pm with an hour for lunch. Packed lunches can be eaten in the park where children can make use of the space and play equipment to let off steam. Or, in bad weather, space can be provided in our museum for lunch to be eaten picnic style. We are able to work with 60 pupils in the museum at one time, running two workshops concurrently with 30 pupils per workshop and swapping groups after lunch. Our KS2 Outreach Workshop 'Roman Newcastle' lasts for 1 hr and can be run in your classroom for 30 pupils per workshop.

Opening times:

Summer

25 March 2018 to 27 October 2018

Mon to Sat - 10am to 5.30pm

Sun - 2pm to 5.30pm

Winter

28 October 2018 to 30 March 2019

Mon to Sat - 10am to 4.30pm

Sun - 1pm to 4.30pm



Toys from the past - FS/KS1

Out of the Toy Box

Your pupils will explore our handling collection of toys from the past, including toys from the Victorian period, and will investigate the differences in materials used. They will find out about toys for children from rich or poor families. The pupils will then have an opportunity to play with some of our replica traditional toys. Your pupils will also explore our Toy Gallery, upstairs in our museum, where they will have a choice of worksheets to complete with adult helpers from your own group. The worksheets are designed for different levels of ability and will be fully explained to the class before they begin. They involve observational drawing and literacy. The children will also have the chance to play and explore.

Recycled Toy Craft

The Education Team Session Leader will talk to your class in our main gallery and pupils will learn about the differences between toys for children from rich or poor families and how some toys can be made at home by recycling materials. This complements the understanding gained from the 'Out of the Toy Box' workshop. Your class will then be taken in to our Education Work Room and will be shown, step by step, how to make their own character toy to take back to school using unusual craft materials that could be found at home.



Seaside holidays - KS1

Seaside Holidays in the Past

Your class will play a game with the Education Team Session Leader to decide where to go on a seaside holiday and will compare their own seaside experiences with those of holiday-makers up to 170 years ago. They will then dress as Victorian children and join the Session Leader on a seaside holiday from the past. They will help her make decisions about what to do on holiday as she unpacks her suitcase and they will see and handle an exciting range of seaside artefacts. They will then sit on cushions and make a simple paper windmill - a traditional Victorian seaside toy. This is done step by step using safety scissors, a paper fastener and a wooden stick. Adult helpers will be required to assist with overseeing and construction. It is a simple, safe activity but, if you prefer, this can be avoided altogether or replaced with decorating a simple flag, traditionally made to decorate a sand castle. Your pupils will then finish the session with a seaside promenade and sing-song outside (weather permitting!)

The Lighthouse Keeper

Your pupils may already be familiar with the story “The Lighthouse Keeper’s Lunch” by Ronda and David Armitage. This story will be shared during the workshop. Your pupils will look at the illustrations used in the story book of the lighthouse, the seaside and the different colours and methods used to create the sea and the weather. Using creative techniques with colourful chalk pastels, they will then be shown step by step how to make and decorate their own model of Mr Grinling’s lighthouse (complete with line and picnic basket!) to take back to school.



Florence Nightingale - KS1

Florence Nightingale

Your class will meet Miss Nightingale and she will lead them up to the doctors surgery in our Victorian street scene. Your pupils will sit with her by the fire as she tells them about her life, her decision to become a nurse and her journey to Crimea. Your pupils will see the medical equipment used during this period and hear of Florence's experiences of the medical practices used to treat the wounded soldiers. They will compare this to modern methods and learn about hygiene. Florence will then lead the pupils to the chemist shop to collect supplies, then on to Scutari hospital (our museum cellar!) where they can put in to practice all they have learnt about hygiene and have a go at bandaging some wounded soldiers. This session is very interactive and offers plenty of opportunity for comparison and discussion.

Then and now

Your class will be taken on a discovery journey through time. Our museum building was a family home, built in 1863 when Florence Nightingale had become famous for her work during the Crimean War. Florence would have had access to very different items to assist her at home and in her work in Scutari hospital. Your class can compare the differences between the objects used in domestic circumstances during Victorian times, during the 1940s and today, to see how much everyday objects have changed. They will be able to handle real artefacts and understand how electricity has changed so much about the way we live. They will then follow instructions and make their own Victorian style lamp, as Florence Nightingale would have used to light her way in Scutari hospital when treating soldiers at night.



Victorian Christmas - KS1/KS2

Victorian Family Christmas (1 ½ hrs)

Your class will be introduced to Mrs Mosley (whose family lived in our museum building 'The Firs' 150 years ago) and her maid, Sally. Mrs Mosley wants to get everything ready for her family's Christmas celebrations, so she has lots of jobs for Sally to do. Sally needs your pupils to help! Your class will be taken to our Victorian parlour and divided into two groups, with a maximum of 15 pupils per group. They will dress as Victorian servants. The first group will be given shopping baskets and shopping lists and will be asked to visit the Victorian shops with their class teacher to find lots of the ingredients needed for the Christmas preparations. The second group will stay in the Victorian parlour and help Mrs Mosley with the tree, presents and preparing the festivities. The groups will then be swapped by Mrs Mosley. Both parts of the session last for 30 mins and all pupils get the chance to take part in the two halves of the workshop. They will then all come back together at the end to put the ingredients together to make a Christmas pudding, give it a stir to make a wish, then sing a Christmas carol. For older children, we can include a comparison to Christmas for poor families. Please discuss the options with the Education Officer

Victorian Christmas crafts (1 ½ hrs)

Your class will be taken in to The Red Room. Sally the maid will introduce a variety of traditional Christmas crafts, made as gifts or decorations during the Victorian period, and your pupils will be shown step by step how to make their own to take back to school. They will make Christmas crafts to take away and they will also have their own copy of the first ever Christmas card to give to a special someone! With Christmas music playing whilst they work this is a fun way to get ready for the festive season.



World War Two - KS2

On the Home Front

This workshop is very interactive. We recommend that you ask your pupils to come on the visit dressed as 1940s children (old woolly jumpers, dresses, shirts and trousers from charity shops are perfect!) We will send you National Identity Cards to print out for each pupil to complete and you could also make identity labels and gas mask boxes at school before your visit. This helps the children have empathy for the evacuee children they will be learning about. Your class will be escorted into the 1930s-40s gallery where they will meet Mrs Elsie Wright. It is 1940 and your pupils have been evacuated to Newcastle-under-Lyme from Manchester to escape the bombing. She will tell the 'vaccies' about her family and her life and will select one of the children to become an evacuee to live in her home. The air raid siren will sound and Mrs Wright will lead the evacuees to the safety of the air raid shelter at 'the big house' where she will keep their spirits up whilst the bombs fall. When the 'all clear' sounds they will return to the house to take part in a simple 'make do and mend' craft activity and the children can ask Mrs Wright about her life and her home. Please inform the Education Officer in advance if any of the pupils will find the loud sound of the air raid siren or the experience of the cellar air raid shelter too frightening. Please also inform us of any gluten intolerance as we will be using flour and water glue.

World War Two – object handling

Your pupils will learn about life during World War Two in Newcastle-under-Lyme by handling an enthralling selection of genuine artefacts. They will then take part in The Evacuee Challenge. This helps your pupils learn about what life was like for Evacuee Children during World War 2, deciding what to pack in their suitcase as they leave home.



Roman Newcastle Outreach Workshop - KS2

Our Education Officer will visit your school to bring Roman Newcastle alive for your pupils. Your pupils will become detectives and discover who lived in the Newcastle area nearly 2000 yrs ago. They will use their previous knowledge of the Roman invasion to answer questions and investigate. A new archaeological site has been discovered, Roman artefacts have been found, but who lived on this site? Dressing up, object handling and the opportunity to see how real archaeologists work to uncover answers about the local population by dissecting coprolites (preserved poo! Don't worry, we use home-made play dough!). Each pupil will have the chance to wear a costume, one lucky pupil will wear our replica Lorica and Galea (or Roman armour and helmet to you and I!) This is a very interactive 1 hour long workshop that can take place in your classroom. We can work with 30 pupils in one workshop and can run up to 3 workshops in one day.



How to book

To book a workshop, or for further details about workshop content, please contact Alison Tinning (Education Officer) on 01782 619705 / 742209 or complete our Booking Enquiry Form on our website Schools Programme page and email it to alison.tinning@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk

When you book we will ask you for information about any pupils that may have special needs or access requirements that we need to be aware of, as we want to ensure every pupil has a great experience with us. You will receive an email to confirm your booking and this will have a workshop details sheet, risk assessment and feedback form attached. You are welcome to visit the museum and meet the Education Officer before you bring your school group.

Admission to the museum is free. The charges for the school workshops are as follows:-

Price per pupil (accompanying adults free):-

Full day (2 x 1.5 hour workshops) - £5.25 per pupil (minimum £95)

Half day (1 x 1.5 hour workshop) - £3.10 per pupil (minimum £50)

Outreach workshop - £87.50 for first workshop, £62 for subsequent workshops

Recent comments from teachers of visiting school groups have included:-

“Enthusiastic staff and lovely activities.” “Reasonably priced, accessible, fab facilities.”

“The organisation was brilliant – no hanging around or waiting.”

“Not too far, good price and enjoyable for children.
Good mix of listening/learning and interactive/making.”



Helen Birkin -
Learning Assistant

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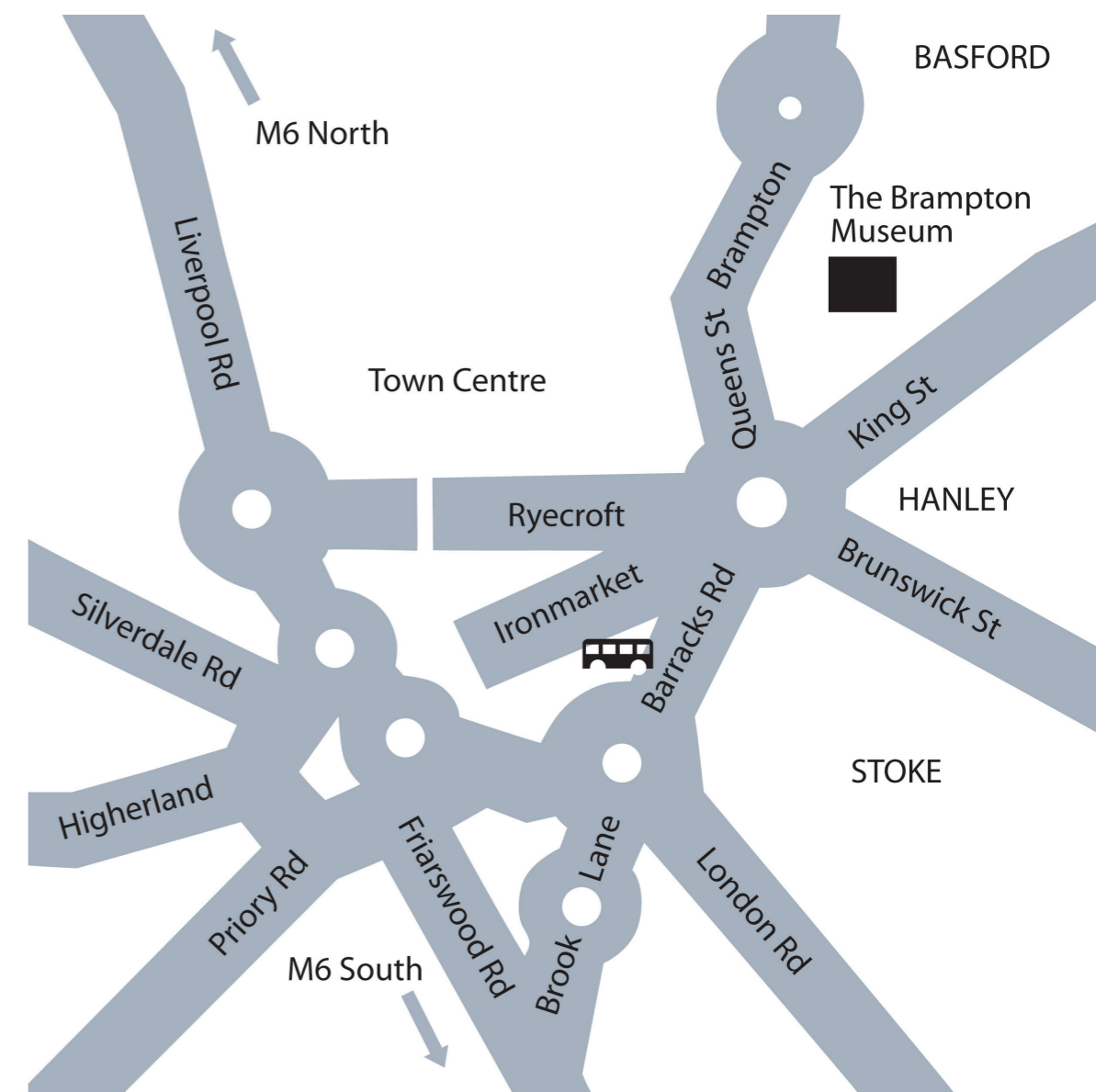
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How to find us

The museum is in Brampton Park, on the A527 from Newcastle town centre heading towards Wolstanton and May Bank. The museum postcode is ST5 0QP if you are using a 'satnav'. Buses 98, 99 and 99A, which start and terminate at Newcastle bus station, pass the park. We have a free car park just in front of the building. There are two disabled parking spaces and additional parking is available next to the children's play area and the café. During busy times the overflow car park at the entrance to the museum will be open. If you are arriving by coach, the museum is at the end of a narrow drive and there is no room for parking a coach or turning at the front of the museum. We advise that groups leave the coach at the park entrance and walk the short distance along the drive to the museum. If you wish your coach to stay at the park during your visit, please call in advance so we can arrange for the overflow car park to be available.

Brampton Park facilities:

- Sand pit and water area
- Children's play area
- Café
- Cheeky Monkey's indoor play area
- Aviary and pond
- Sensory and rose gardens
- Miniature railway (runs Sundays and Wednesdays May – Sept in fine weather, please ask for details)
- Sculpture



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