

Schools & Groups

Half or full day workshops to enhance your KS1 or KS2 learning

Explore our broad range of workshops including interactive sessions in our new museum galleries and exploratory adventures in the magical Roald Dahl Children's Gallery.

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How to book

1 – Pick your Workshops

All workshops are led by our experienced, friendly and knowledgeable Learning Team.

Book one workshop– £7.50 per child, minimum charge of £217.
You can combine one workshop with a self-guided visit to the Museum including a trail for just £2.50 per child.

Book two workshops – £11.50 per child, minimum charge of £262.

We strongly recommend that if you book a Roald Dahl craft, you also book to visit the Roald Dahl Children’s Gallery!

Each workshop comes with a FREE teachers pack of resources that can be used at school before or after your visit.

2 – Contact us to book

learning@discoverbucksmuseum.org
01296 325232

Online booking

www.discoverbucksmuseum.org/schools-group-bookings/

“ *A really excellent day. The children were enthused and engaged in both activities. The staff were excellent and led the sessions very well.* **”**

Teacher Feedback

The Roald Dahl Children's Gallery Science Adventure

This hands on, interactive workshop takes place exclusively in the iconic Roald Dahl Children's Gallery, a must for any school visit.

**KS1 & 2
History, English, Science**

The Gallery offers schools an imaginative and magical educational experience. Aimed at Key Stage 1 and 2, the interactive displays encourage pupils to investigate history, natural history, science and technology through practical hands-on activities relating to museum objects.

In this workshop, pupils will:

- Hear about Roald Dahl's stories, his life and his inspiration
- Act out a scene from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- Investigate underground treasures in Fantastic Mr Fox's Tunnel
- Discover the world of minibeasts inside James's Giant Peach
- Explore sound with the BFG
- Baffle your brains and boggle your eyes with optical illusions
- Shrink in Mr Wonka's Chocolate Television Machine



Roald Dahl's Children's Craft Workshops

BFG Dream Bottles

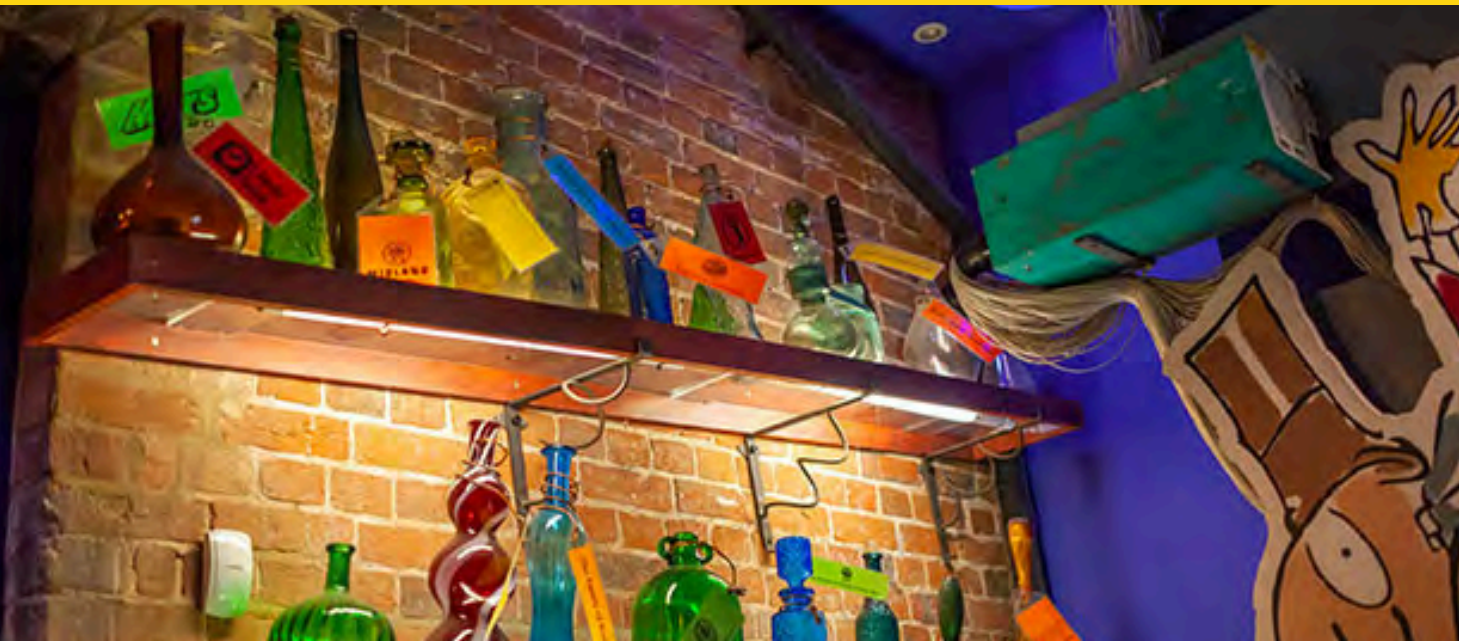
KS1 & 2

English, Art & Design

In this fun craft and creative writing workshop, aimed at Key Stages 1 and 2, the BFG needs your help to make some wundercrump new dreams, inspired by favourite museum objects. Create a magical dream bottle as a unique souvenir to take home.

In this workshop, pupils will:

- recap the BFG story
- discuss how Roald Dahl gathered inspiration from the world around him for story writing
- explore museum objects to generate ideas
- create a dream bottle to take back to school
- think about creative writing possibilities inspired by the dreams
- write a story label for the dream bottle



Roald Dahl's Children's Craft Workshops

Matilda's Brilliant Book Bags

KS1 & 2

Art & Design, English

Using Roald Dahl's Matilda and her love of reading as inspiration, this fun craft workshop, aimed at Key Stages 1 and 2, will provide opportunities to explore museum collections and make a souvenir book bag to take home.

In this workshop, pupils will:

- Recap the story of Matilda and investigate her links to Buckinghamshire
- Discuss how Roald Dahl gathered inspiration from the world around him for story writing
- Explore museum objects to generate ideas
- Create a design on a canvas book bag to take back to school



Roald Dahl's Children's Craft Workshops

The Most Enormous Crocodile

KS1

Science, Art & Design, English

Using Roald Dahl's *The Enormous Crocodile*, this fun Key Stage 1 workshop focuses on the characteristics of predators that make them so fearsome. Combining storytelling, natural history and craft, this session has everything a teacher would want for a wondercrump day out with their class.

In this workshop, pupils will:

- Take part in an interactive storytelling of *The Enormous Crocodile*
- Discuss the characteristics of predators
- Observe real predators from our museum collections
- Make a predator puppet to take back to school



Roald Dahl's Children's Craft Workshops

Buckets's Blankets

KS1 & 2

Art & Design, PSHE

This workshop designed for Key Stage 1 and 2, gets children thinking about ways to help others and share the beauty of the world around us, through museum objects.

In this workshop, pupils will:

- Revisit the life of Charlie Bucket and his Grandparents in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- Discuss the life and circumstances of Charlie's poor family
- Consider the things we could do to help Charlie's bedridden Grandparents experience the outside world
- Take inspiration from museum objects about the fantastic world around us
- Turn this inspiration into a new bed quilt for Charlie's Grandparents to take back to school



Roald Dahl's Children's Craft Workshops

James's Giant Insects

KS1 & 2

Science, Art & Design

In this fun science and craft workshop, aimed at Key Stages 1 and 2, your pupils will discover the amazing world of insects met in James and the Giant Peach through the exploration of the Museum's invertebrate collections.

In this workshop, pupils will:

- Discuss the characteristics of insects.
- Go on a bug hunt in the Museum garden (weather dependent).
- Take a close-up look at our museum invertebrate collections.
- Invent a brand new bug species
- Create a collage of your new bug, and have fun coming up with a scientific name



Get Inspired!

Workshops

Get Inspired: Museum Arts & Crafts

KS1 & 2 History, Art & Design

In this workshop, pupils will:

- handle a range of historical objects and explore our museum gallery
- discuss the different materials used and how the objects were made
- consider the objects' textures, patterns and designs
- create their own piece of art inspired by what they have seen using paint, clay or collage materials (please specify when booking)

Get Inspired: Creative Writing

KS2 English

In this workshop, pupils will:

- handle a range of historical objects and explore our museum gallery
- discuss how the objects were made, what they were used for and the people who may have used the objects
- practise creating characters and setting
- create their own piece of writing inspired by what they have seen

If you have a specific theme or topic you would like us to incorporate, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate this!

Hands on History Workshops

Toys through the Ages

KS1

History, Art & Design, English

What toys did our ancestors play with? How have toys changed over time? This hands-on workshop allows children to investigate a range of toys, from the Romans to the present day. They will explore how different materials have been used for toys throughout history, discuss similarities and differences between old and modern toys and make their own Victorian toy to take home!

In this workshop, pupils will:

- Help create a living timeline
- Explore the toys in our museum gallery
- Investigate the different materials used for toys throughout history
- Explore how our historical toys look and feel by adding to our 'Word Tower'
- Discuss the similarities and differences between historical and modern toys
- Make their own Victorian toy to take home

Hands on History Workshops

Back In Time: The Anglo-Saxons Of Aylesbury KS2

History, Art & Design, English

Who was the Aston-Clinton 'princess' and what would her life have been like? Pupils will become Time Detectives as they explore the clues left behind by the Anglo-Saxons of Bucks! Discover the Lenborough Hoard, excavate genuine Saxon artefacts, try out traditional crafts and unearth the mystery of the Aston-Clinton 'princess' with this hands-on workshop.

In this workshop, pupils will:

- Take part in a recreated excavation of a Saxon burial site
- Explore the museum gallery, including the Aston-Clinton 'princess' and the famous Lenborough Hoard of over 5000 coins
- Learn about Anglo-Saxon craft and try out authentic weaving techniques
- Investigate genuine Anglo-Saxon artefacts and create a replica saucer brooch to take home
- Take part in traditional Anglo-Saxon storytelling and learn the story of Beowulf



The Lenborough Hoard

Hands on History Workshops

Back In Time: Life As A Roman

KS1 & 2

History, Art & Design, English

What was life like in Roman Bucks? During this workshop, groups will explore how the Romans dressed, cooked, played, and fought through object handling, gallery exploration and hands-on, multi-sensory activities.

In this workshop, pupils will:

- Handle genuine Roman artefacts and explore what they were used for
- Investigate what a Roman diet looked like
- Explore the Roman exhibit in our museum gallery
- Make a Roman mosaic pattern and try out Roman toys and games
- Learn what a Roman villa looked like and try on a variety of Roman fashions



Hands on History Workshops

Back In Time: Prehistoric Bucks

KS1 & 2

History, Art & Design, English

How did the first people in Bucks live and how did their discoveries impact our lives today? Learn all about the changing face of Bucks 4000 years ago with this interactive workshop. Through gallery exploration, object handling and hands-on crafts, pupils will explore how early humans lived and developed through the stone, bronze and iron ages.

In this workshop, pupils will:

- Create a living timeline to show the distinct ages of the prehistoric period
- Handle genuine artefacts and explore their uses
- Discuss the impact of various discoveries made in the prehistoric period
- Create their own Bronze Age beaker to take home



Hands on History Workshops

Back In Time: The Tudors Of Church Street KS2 History, Art & Design, English

What was life like when Discover Bucks Museum was a Tudor Guild Hall? Pupils will become Time Detectives as they investigate the diary of William Paget and hunt for clues of what life looked like for the Tudors of Aylesbury. This hands-on workshop will allow pupils to explore how the Tudors ate, dressed and played through a range of hands-on activities.

In this workshop, pupils will:

- Explore the Tudor part of the building and investigate how a Tudor house was constructed
- Use primary sources to determine what a Tudor diet looked like
- Learn about how the Tudors treated their sick and create a pomander to take home
- Try on a range of Tudor fashions and experience writing with a quill
- Discuss key developments in the Tudor Era and how they have benefitted our lives today

**Looking for something else? Contact us at
learning@discoverbucksmuseum.org**

SEND Workshops

We are happy to adapt any of our existing workshops to the needs of your group- just contact learning@discoverbucksmuseum.org and let us know what is needed to allow your group to fully access our sessions.

Our museum offers:

- Free parking for SEND minibuses in our museum courtyard
- Step free level access to our main entrance
- Accessible toilets in our Learning Zone, museum and Roald Dahl Children's Gallery
- Lift access to upper storeys
- Use of a separate 'break out' room
- Free use of our sensory backpacks
- A free downloadable social story
- A free familiarisation visit for group leaders

Alternatively, you can book our specially designed SEND workshops:

Get Inspired: SEND Arts & Crafts

In this workshop, groups will have the opportunity to handle a range of our museum objects in a relaxed setting, before creating a piece of art inspired by what they have seen using clay, paint or collage materials (please specify when booking).

Roald Dahl Children's Gallery SEND Science Adventure

In this workshop, groups will gather for a relaxed, multi-sensory introduction to Roald Dahl's life and stories. They will then have the opportunity to explore independently.





Terms & Conditions

Cancellations and Rebooking

If you need to change the date of your booking, following confirmation, the museum will try to accommodate you. This will depend upon the nature of your booking and our availability. Bookings cannot be transferred from one academic term to another.

If we cannot rearrange your visit, cancellation charges will apply. Cancellation charges apply to confirmed bookings and are as follows:

- 10 working days or more – minimum charge at time of booking
- 9 working days or less – for the full amount of children booked to visit
- Notification of cancellations must be in writing, by email to learning@discoverbucksmuseum.org
- In the event of a cancellation, whatever the cause, Discover Bucks Museum will not be liable for any other costs incurred by the School or Group in connection with the booking or the visit.

Safety & Supervision

DBM requires the following adult to child ratios:
Key Stage 1 (Year 2 and below) – 1 adult to 6 children
Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and above) – 1 adult to 8 children
Adults who are there as a 1:1 support do not count as part of the ratio.

You must ensure that you have enough DBS enhanced with barring check adults with you on your trip. This must be a minimum of 1 DBS enhanced with barring checked adult per 45 children. The overall adult-child ratios also apply.

Under no circumstances should any member of the Schools Learning Team or Museum Team be left on their own with any of the group. Should this occur, our staff will be forced to stop your workshop or craft session until you return.

FAQs: Booking & Payment

How do I make a booking?

We can take bookings by email via learning@discoverbucks.org. Please include in your email:

- The name of your school
- Which workshops you wish to book
- How many and the year groups of the pupils you wish to bring
- Three preferred dates

You can also use the online booking form at www.discoverbucksmuseum.org/schools-group-bookings/

What do I need to do before the actual visit?

- You need to sign and return the booking confirmation form within 10 working days of making your provisional booking for date to be confirmed.
- We recommend that teachers visit the Museum before the visit so you are sure of where we are, how to get here from the coach drop off point, and complete your school's risk assessments. To book your free familiarisation visit, please contact learning@discoverbucksmuseum.org.

How many pupils can I bring?

All of our Museum-based workshops have a maximum occupancy of 45 pupils plus adults, so we can accommodate up to 90 children on one day.

How many adults do we need to bring?

We recommend the following ratios:

- 1 adult for every 8 pupils for groups of Year 3 to Year 6 pupils.
- 1 adult for every 6 pupils for groups of Year 2 and below.
- Adults who are there to provide 1:1 support do not count as part of this ratio.

Can you invoice us for our visit?

Yes. We count how many pupils and adults you bring on the day and then send you the invoice after the visit.

FAQ: Safety & Supervision

Do you provide schools with risk assessments?

Whilst we do not provide a risk assessment for you, we do provide guidelines sent out with your booking forms. We recommend that you make a pre-visit so you are familiar with the site and any potential risks.

Who is responsible for the group's supervision and behaviour?

Teachers are responsible for the behaviour and general health and safety of their pupils and accompanying adults during the entirety of the visit to the Museum. Workshop Leaders are there to deliver a fantastic workshop or craft for all, not to have to manage disruptive behaviour, and we would ask that you intervene decisively if we ask you to. Teachers and accompanying adults should remain with their pupils at all times for their health and safety, and accompany them in case of an evacuation. Please read the Terms and Conditions of our Group and School Visits that are sent to you with your booking form for further information.

What will happen if the site needs to be evacuated?

A loud, continuous alarm will be used to alert staff and visitors of the need to evacuate the building. An automatic call is put through to the fire brigade for attendance. Teachers and staff accompanying the school should gather their pupils and meet at the assembly point at the back of the garden, by the back gate. At the assembly point teachers should take the register and report any missing persons to the Museum staff.

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FAQs: How To Find Us

Discover Bucks Museum

Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP

01296 331441



The recommended drop off and pick up point is located on the Oxford-bound stretch of the carriageway on Oxford Road: shown as the **bright green** rectangle. The recommended pedestrian route from the coach to the museum is shown as **blue arrows**. **Please note your coach can not park here in the drop off point.**

For more information about the town centre car parks call 01296 585381 or visit www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/transport-streets/parking.

Coach drivers need to make their own arrangements for parking. **Please do not use the Museum's postcode if you are using Sat Nav. Use HP19 8EY as a guide.**

FAQs: How To Find Us

Where should the coach drop us off?

There is a designated coach drop-off point on Oxford Road. Please give a copy of the map at the back of this booklet to your Coach Company and/or driver. On the day, please make sure they are bringing your group to Aylesbury, and that they haven't confused us with the Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre in Great Missenden.

How far from the Museum is the coach drop off point?

It is a 5-minute walk from the coach drop off point to the Museum. There are no roads to cross as the route takes you through St Mary's Churchyard. This is shown as the blue arrows on the map towards the back of this brochure. Please note the following hazards for your own risk assessments: the route has cobbles which may be a slip hazard when wet and are possibly a trip hazard. There may be cars parking in the Churchyard.

Where should the coach park?

Please do not park in the drop off point. Coaches are to drop off and pick up from here only. Your coach company must make their own arrangements to park elsewhere. Car parks are shown on the map towards the back of this brochure.

For more information call 01296 585381, or email parkingenquiries@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk.

Why can't the coach drop us off in front of the Museum?

Coaches are unable to drop off students outside the Museum because we are in the beautiful Old Town of Aylesbury. Church Street and the surrounding roads are full of Tudor and Georgian buildings along narrow roads with no space for turning around. The Museum is only a 5-minute walk from the coach drop off point and there are no roads to cross.

Where can we park our minibus during the visit?

We are able to offer onsite minibus parking for those with a Blue Badge only. Please contact learning@discoverbucksmuseum.org if you require this as we cannot ensure there will be space made available without prior notice.

FAQs: Facilities & Access

How accessible is the site?

Our museum is entirely wheelchair-accessible. There are two accessible toilets on site.

Thanks to funds from Rectory Homes and the Heart of Bucks charity, visitors with specific access needs have new ways of exploring the museum.

For visually impaired visitors, an iPad can be booked out to magnify the artefacts in the galleries for a close-up look. Easy read guides are available as you go around the galleries. Text reader pens can be used with the guides which read out the line of text you have just scanned.

Sensory Backpacks are also available to borrow from Reception.

We are committed to giving all guests the best possible experience so please do not hesitate to contact us about any access needs.

Can we eat lunch at the Museum?

Yes. We have lunch rooms that can be reserved free of charge at the time of booking. They are large, bright, safe rooms with their own toilets nearby. You can use them as your base for the day and leave all coats, bags and lunches there during teaching sessions. If the weather is good you are also welcome to use our walled garden.

Is there anywhere for our pupils to have a run around at lunchtime?

Yes. If the weather is good you are more than welcome to use our garden. You can also eat your lunches outside if you wish. Please note that the garden is also used by museum visitors and is accessible from both the front and back. Schools are asked to supervise children using the garden.

Is there a gift shop?

Yes. Please let us know when booking if you would like to visit the shop. If you would like to pre-book Goody Bags, please fill out the order form attached to your booking form. Our Goody Bags are available as £3.00 or £5.00 bags and contain a selection of branded souvenirs.

Feedback from Teachers

All in all probably the best school trip I have had the pleasure of organising. I truly cannot thank you and your team enough. Your museum will be highly recommended by me and I hope I will be able to book the same for this time next year.

Please could you thank your team very much for an amazing day yesterday. What a treat to be the only school at the museum. Everyone, children and staff, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The day was well organised and the activity leaders were engaging and knowledgeable.

We had the most fantastic day yesterday. I did complete a feedback form but just wanted to mention how much the girls enjoyed themselves, it was brilliantly organised and the ladies leading our sessions were great.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and it received very good reviews from them! It also encouraged them to read a few of Roald Dahl's books over the summer holidays. We were very impressed with the organisation and the workshop was very informative for the children. We will certainly be recommending it for future visits.

Such a lovely way for children to appreciate and notice artefacts and items from the past that, on an ordinary Museum visit that is not led, they would not see.

A great class trip. We've been coming for several years and the children always really enjoy it.

I've been here a number of times with another school and the staff are always welcoming and enthusiastic.

A great day thoroughly enjoyed by all the children and well run by the staff.

Lovely day – thank you. The children are buzzing and will remember this experience.

Children have been completely engaged from start to end!