

2025/26

Your School Visit

Inspiring workshop
& tour visits, guided
tours and self-led visits

EYFS - KEY STAGE FIVE



LINCOLN
CATHEDRAL



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*New
workshops
inside!*
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Lincoln Cathedral is a place of...

Christian worship, a place to pause and re-connect, a place to sing, to learn, to have fun and to step back in wonder at the size and beauty of this glorious medieval marvel.

Workshops are designed to support your RE Locally Agreed Syllabus and National Curriculum requirements. Through immersive, experiential learning a visit will inspire your class to want to learn more and share our love of this special place.

You are guaranteed a warm welcome and we will do our very best to bring the Cathedral to life for you and your group like never before.

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Welcome!

The Ross Learning Centre is just a short walk across the road from the coach drop-off point on Northgate. On Workshop visits, teachers will have a day-pass lanyard for this secure area, which has ample coats and bags storage and schools-only facilities. The classroom space is also used as a lunch space in bad weather.

We start the day with a welcome and introduction before taking small groups on a carousel of expert-led tours, Discovery Centre visits and exciting themed crafts and activities.

Take a look at our introductory film www.lincolncathedral.com/schools showing who you might meet, where we are, and what you might see and do on your visit!



Moving With Changing Times

This year the Lincolnshire RE Locally Agreed Syllabus is changing, and eventually, the national curriculum. We aim to support you as these changes are introduced. You will notice changes in some of the existing RE workshops to meet the needs of RE/Worldviews, but some will remain unchanged. We are introducing new drama around the Tudors and Henry VIII, and a new Pilgrimage based Play 'Pilgrim Tales'.

Our workshop programme and the guided tours are as always, bespoke to suit your learning outcomes. All workshop visits include a guided tour of the Cathedral.

To get the most from your visit we strongly recommend you call a member of the Education Team. If you can, please take a free pre-visit if you haven't been to the Cathedral before. Just let us know when you would like to come, and we will be happy to meet you and show you the Learning Centre.

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THERE ARE THREE OPTIONS
FOR YOUR SCHOOL VISIT TO
LINCOLN CATHEDRAL:

FACILITATED WORKSHOP WITH TOURS

Morning, afternoon, or all day.

£5.50-£7.50 per pupil

GUIDED TOUR

A tour of the Cathedral with
our knowledgeable guides.

£3.50 per pupil

SELF-LED VISIT

Take your group around the
Cathedral independently.

£3.00 per pupil

Morning workshop: 10am-12pm

Afternoon workshop: 1pm-2.30pm

All day workshop: 10am-2.30pm

TIMINGS ARE FLEXIBLE

*The Cathedral shop has a wide
range of pocket-money priced items.*

If your class won't have time to visit on the day, Goody Bags can be arranged in advance. Contact the shop by email shopmanager@lincolncathedral.com or telephone on 01522 561 644 direct. These can be collected at the end of your visit.

Early Years Foundation Stage



We appreciate you may not want to stay too long with younger pupils, so this year we have introduced an hour-long visit which includes a mini-tour and simple craft.

£3.50
per pupil



WORKSHOP 1

Cathedral Wow! Colours & Shapes

Timings
Are
Flexible

New

TOUR Choose your favourite area of the Cathedral to explore on an interactive staff-led tour, then make a simple craft.

Lincolnshire Locally Agreed Syllabus RE Foundation Curriculum. Personal, social and emotional development / Understanding the world: Special times for me and others, Expressive arts and design / Understanding the world: My Senses.

Choose from the following activities...

- Learn about the beautiful colours and shapes in the stained-glass windows, marvel at the creature carvings or spot simple shapes in the art and architecture of the building.
- Make a simple craft in the Cathedral to take away to remember your visit.

This is a one-hour visit. Areas, themes and timings are flexible to suit your needs (subject to availability).

WORKSHOP 2

Let's Celebrate!

Morning
or
Afternoon

Have fun finding out how Christians celebrate important times in their lives, like a wedding, or baptism. Choose from the following:

TOUR Interactive Cathedral 'detectives' tour including adding details to our NEW giant floor plan.

Lincolnshire Locally Agreed Syllabus RE Foundation Curriculum: Personal, social and emotional development / Understanding the world: Special times for me and others, Expressive arts and design / Understanding the world: My Senses.

Choose from the following activities...

- Dress-up and re-enact a Christian marriage or baptism with puppets or soft toys.
- Make and decorate a card bow tie or hairband.
- Watch the short films and learn how Christian ceremonial objects are used or 'meet a verger'.



WORKSHOP 3

Amazing Cathedral!

Morning
or
Afternoon

Take an interactive tour to discover this special place that can amaze us with its beauty and tells us stories without any words at all.

TOUR Be detectives on our interactive Cathedral tour including adding detail to our NEW giant floor plan.

Lincolnshire Locally Agreed Syllabus Foundation Curriculum. Personal, social and emotional development / Understanding the world: Special times for me and others, Literacy: Our books are special.

Choose from the following activities...

- Handle objects and dress-up in the Discovery Centre.
- Make a relevant craft to take back to school.

Key Stage One

Year one and two pupils have boundless curiosity. They love to dress-up, pretend to be characters and get messy. We invite children to ask many questions and try all these things through our exciting list of workshops covering Christian celebration, bible story drama and themed crafts.

Morning,
Afternoon
or All Day

WORKSHOP 4

Discovering Christian Faith

Discover signs of Christian faith almost everywhere you look in the Cathedral.

- TOUR 1** Christian faith interactive Cathedral or:
- TOUR 2** 'Shared Views' comparing life through the eyes of different religious worldviews.

Lincolnshire Locally Agreed Syllabus RE. Places of worship: Symbols, architecture, worship, diversity, practices, connections with key beliefs, etc. God: What do people believe about God? How do symbols in the Bible help a Christian to relate to God? What do symbols in the story of the baptism of Jesus reveal about the nature of God? What visual symbols and symbolic acts can be seen in a Christian church?



Choose from the following activities...

- ✓ Participate in a baptism with doll 'babies' or a Marriage reenactment with 'Owl and the Pussycat' puppets.
- ✓ 'Meet a Verger' find out what a verger does in the Cathedral.
- ✓ Design and decorate a whole class Christian faith 'Dean's Eye' stained glass window or collage a Cathedral West Front.
- ✓ Create your own 'Worldviews' window.



All Day
2 Classes

WORKSHOP 5

Lincoln Cathedral Wow Day

Mix it up to cover all your learning outcomes for a visit outside the classroom.

MIX
IT UP!

- TOUR** Interactive Cathedral tour finding out about the history, science, and religious significance of features of the building.

Lincolnshire Locally Agreed Syllabus RE. Places of worship: Symbols, architecture, worship, diversity, practices, connections with key beliefs, etc. **History:** significant historical events, people and places in their own locality, **Science,** everyday materials, **Maths, Science, Art, Geography.**



Choose from the following activities...

- ✓ Build our giant model Cathedral in chronological order and learn new vocabulary.
- ✓ Make a carved creature from modelling clay.
- ✓ Dress-up and re-enact a Christian ceremony 'Meet a Verger' find out what a verger does in the Cathedral.

Prices for all our workshops

MORNING WORKSHOP 10AM TO 12 NOON	AFTERNOON WORKSHOP 1PM TO 2.30PM	ALL DAY WORKSHOP 10AM TO 2.30PM
£5.50 per pupil	£5.50 per pupil	£7.50 per pupil



"The facilities are fantastic, and we were very well looked after. The children were extremely engaged with the tour from both Sally and Emma, and we learned a huge amount."

DONINGTON ON BAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Key Stage Two

WORKSHOP 6

Morning,
Afternoon
or All Day

Christian Signs & Symbols: Can Buildings Speak?

Pupils discover Christian symbolism first-hand through an interactive tour of the magnificent Cathedral and active learning in the Discovery Centre.

TOUR 1 Christian faith tour looking at symbolism or:

TOUR 2 'Shared Views' comparisons of symbolism of different religions.

Lincolnshire Locally Agreed Syllabus RE. Community Expression Buildings, artefacts, symbols and their links to worship, rituals and ceremonies.

Choose from the following activities...

- Dress-up and learn about vestment symbols and colours of the liturgical year.
- Make and decorate a whole class 'Dean's Eye' window or each make a card Bishop's Mitre.
- Handle key objects and re-enact a Christian ceremony or 'Meet a Verger'.



WORKSHOP 7

Morning,
Afternoon
or All Day

Pilgrimage: A Christian Journey

Take an immersive Cathedral tour as a medieval pilgrim visiting Saint Hugh's shrine in 1350's.

TOUR Our 'medieval' pilgrims will take a Cathedral tour dressed as a pilgrim; eat real bread, drink 'small beer' (apple juice!); visit the 'apothecary' for herbal and other 'cures' on the way to the St Hugh's shrine.

Lincolnshire locally Agreed Syllabus RE: Pilgrimage: Symbols, architecture, worship, diversity, practices, connections with key beliefs, etc. **History:** significant historical events, people and places in their own locality.

Choose from the following activities...

- NEW** Take part in our fun pilgrimage drama 'Pilgrim Tales' in the style of Geoffery Chaucer.
- Discover objects in the Exhibition Centre and learn about pilgrimage today.
- Make a foil pilgrim badge or whole class 'Pilgrim' window to take away.

WORKSHOP 8

All Day
2 Classes

Primary Lincoln Cathedral Wow Day

This workshop is designed to be cross-curricular with flexible activities to suit your visit learning outcomes.

MIX
IT UP!

TOUR Interactive tour of the Cathedral finding out about the religious, historic and architectural significance of features of the building. May include adding details on our giant floor plan.

Lincolnshire Locally Agreed Syllabus RE. **History, Mathematics:** significant historical events, people and places in their own locality.

Choose from the following activities...

- Build our model Cathedral in chronological order and learn new vocabulary.
- Make a carved feature from modelling clay or window art.
- Dress-up and re-enact a Christian ceremony in the Discovery Centre.
- Take a historic timeline quiz handling artefacts.

WORKSHOP 10

Morning,
Afternoon
or All Day

Lincoln: Time Detectives

What better place to start your cross-curricular 'Lincoln' topic or local history activities!

TOUR Take an interactive Cathedral tour and visit the Exhibition Gallery.

History: significant historical events, people and places in their own locality. **Geography:** interpret a range of sources of geographical information, including maps, diagrams, globes, aerial photographs and Geographical Information Systems.

Choose from the following activities...

- Mapping and historical evidence activity.
- Build our giant model Cathedral with component parts in chronological order.
- Add details to our giant Cathedral floorplan.
- Create a clay tile of the West Front based on historical imagery.

Local history!



WORKSHOP 9

New

Henry VIII & The Tudors!

Morning,
Afternoon
or All Day

The Tudors are back! Find out about the missing treasures of Lincoln Cathedral, what happened when the people of Lincolnshire rebelled against the King and why Henry paid us a visit in 1541.

TOUR Take a tour to learn about Henry VIII and the Cathedral.

History: significant historical events, people and places in their own locality.

Choose from the following activities...

- Be a Tudor in our fun drama "Tudors, Treasure and Treason!" with songs from Six!
- Make a Tudor crown or replica Cathedral treasure.



Key Stage Three, Four & Five

WORKSHOP 11

Morning
or
Afternoon

Medieval Church and State: Lincoln Cathedral & Magna Carta

Visit Lincoln's magnificent medieval Cathedral and take part in an exciting Magna Carta Drama.

History: the development of Church, state and society in Medieval Britain 1066-1509.



Choose from the following activities...

- ✓ Discover William the Conqueror's connection, Remigius—the first Bishop of Lincoln—Norman architecture, and Magna Carta on a guided tour of the Cathedral.
- ✓ Drama: Find your inner diva as one of the historical characters in our production 'Magna Carta Lincolnia', highlighting King John and the Magna Carta in local and national history.

Could be combined with
a visit to Lincoln Castle

WORKSHOP 12

New

Morning
or
Afternoon

The Tudors: Treasure, Treason & Treachery

Visit Lincoln's magnificent medieval Cathedral and take part in an exciting Magna Carta Drama.

TOUR Take a guided tour to learn how and why Henry VIII instigated the removal of Cathedral treasure, the consequential Lincolnshire Rising and the role of Lincoln Cathedral during Henry's visit in 1541.

History: the development of Church, state and society in Britain 1509-1745: the English Reformation, the causes and events of the civil wars throughout Britain.



Perform in our jolly drama... Henry VIII: 'Treasure, Treason and Treachery'

Find out more about Henry and the Reformation and taking Lincoln Cathedral treasures, the subsequent Lincolnshire Rising and his eventful visit in 1541.

WORKSHOP 13

Morning,
Afternoon
or All Day

MIX
IT UP!

Lincoln Cathedral: Historical, Social & Spiritual Impacts

TOUR Take a guided tour to find out more about the historical, social and spiritual impact of the church and specifically Lincoln Cathedral. An opportunity to learn about the Cathedral as a working church, a marvel of engineering and architecture, as well as a place full of rich history.

Learn about pilgrimage in our fun new drama 'Pilgrim Tales'!

A personalised journey from your school to the Shrine of Saint Hugh.



"Fantastic as always - completely tailored to our needs; fascinating tour; the children came away full of wonder. Many thanks to Sally and the team."

WELLOW HOUSE SCHOOL

"We would wholeheartedly recommend workshops to any school looking to enrich their curriculum with a powerful and memorable learning experience. We're already looking forward to returning with another group!"

ORMISTON ACADEMY



WORKSHOP 14

Subject to
Availability

Multi-Faith Debate & Tour

Take part in lively debate on some challenging and contemporary issues with local faith groups and secular leaders (subject to availability).

TOUR Take a themed guided tour or self-led visit in the Cathedral.

Stimulating discussions...

- ✓ Meet leaders of different faiths/ secular groups for a stimulating discussion on contemporary issues.



Reopening
2026

Lincoln Cathedral Libraries & Special Workshops

In 2026, the Wren Library and the Medieval Chained Library will reopen after considerable restoration work. We will be offering tours and activities to the libraries as part of our workshop programme. Please check the website for details early next year.

In addition to the workshops in this brochure, we sometimes offer workshops that celebrate national, or local events and special days in the Cathedral calendar. We can also offer bespoke art or traditional skills workshops. If this is something you would like to consider, please contact the Education Team.

If you have ideas for a visit that you don't find in this brochure, please get in touch. We will do our best to accommodate your requests.

Outreach

If you are unable to visit, we may visit your school (depending on distance) with themes and activities to suit your class. This is subject to availability. Please contact us if you wish to book this service.

We reserve the right to alter or cancel visits due to unexpected events occurring in the Cathedral, for example, a funeral or emergency repairs.

Pre-visits and introductory film

We highly recommend a free pre-visit to view the spaces etc. if you have an opportunity.

Watch our short introductory film to meet staff and see some of the spaces you will be visiting. This is particularly beneficial to SEND pupils.

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