2026/27

Your School Visit

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

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

EYFS—KEY STAGE FIVE AND SEND

NEW library-themed workshops inside...





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Welcome!

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.

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!

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

FACILITATED WORKSHOP WITH TOURS
Morning, afternoon, or all day.
£5.65-£7.70 per pupil

GUIDED TOUR
A tour of the Cathedral with our knowledgeable guides.
£3.60 per pupil

SELF-LED VISIT
Take your group around the Cathedral independently.
£3.10 per pupil

Morning workshop: **10am–12pm**
Afternoon workshop: **1pm–2.30pm**
All day workshop: **10am–2.30pm**
TIMINGS ARE FLEXIBLE

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NEW CHRISTOPHER WREN LIBRARY AND MEDIEVAL LIBRARY

Themed Workshops, Talks & Tours



The Christopher Wren Library and the Medieval Library will re-open in Autumn 2026 after extensive restoration and refurbishment.

In the pages ahead, you will see the learning opportunities available that help to reveal this precious resource containing a wealth of archive treasures, stories of historically significant people and a special sense of place all its own...

YOU CAN EXPECT TO SEE:

- ***Oracy Days****
  For Key Stage Two, Key Stage Three and Key Stage Four
- ***Drama & Tours****
  For Key Stage One, Key Stage Two and Key Stage Three
- ***Hands-On Activities****
  Including printing press and medieval manuscript making for Key Stage One, Key Stage Two and Key Stage Three

All the above may be adapted to suit your learning outcomes.

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 around.

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SEND School groups are most welcome to visit Lincoln Cathedral.

We will tailor-make your visit to suit your needs. See back page for more details.

*Subject to availability

Early Years Foundation Stage



WORKSHOP 1

Cathedral Mini Wow!

Timings Are Flexible

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

A: Belonging, Identity & Community What it means and how it feels to belong to different groups. Why some people and groups are special. How people come together to celebrate special events, e.g. birth. How schools celebrate special events. **B:** Beliefs, Influences & Values Why Christmas and Easter are special for Christians. Why people might not belong to a religion. **C:** Expression, Experience & the Sacred How people celebrate festivals. How stories are expressed through festivals. Why places of worship matter to people.

Choose from the following activities...

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

**** New ****

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

A: Belonging, Identity & Community What it means and how it feels to belong to different groups. Why some people and groups are special. How people come together to celebrate special events, e.g. birth. How schools celebrate special events. **B:** Beliefs, Influences & Values Why Christmas and Easter are special for Christians. Why people might not belong to a religion. **C:** Expression, Experience & the Sacred How people celebrate festivals. How stories are expressed through festivals. Why places of worship matter to people.

Choose from the following activities...

- Dress-up and re-enact a Christian marriage or Baptism with puppets or soft toys.
- Make a craft or visit the Discovery Centre.
- Watch the short films and learn how Christian ceremonial objects are used or 'meet a verger'.

You may not want to stay too long with younger pupils, so this can be an hour-long visit which includes a mini-tour and simple craft. £3.60 per pupil. Or we can do a half-day workshop £5.60 per pupil.

This is a one-hour or half-day visit.

Areas, themes and timings are flexible to suit your needs (subject to availability).



Key Stage One



WORKSHOP 3

Discovering Christian Faith and Worldviews

Morning, Afternoon or All Day

Discover signs of Christian faith almost everywhere you look in the Cathedral. Compare some important life milestones with other religions.

TOUR A Christian faith interactive Cathedral or:

TOUR B 'Shared Views' comparing life through the eyes of different religious worldviews

Lincolnshire Locally Agreed Syllabus RE. A: Belonging, Identity & Community, **B:** Beliefs, Influences & Values. **C:** Expression, Experiences and the Sacred, D: Truth, Interpretation & Meaning.

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

WORKSHOP 4

Lincoln Cathedral Wow Day

All Day 2 Classes

MIX IT UP!

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

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

Lincolnshire Locally Agreed Syllabus RE. A: Belonging, Identity & Community, **B:** Beliefs, Influences & Values. **C:** Expression, Experiences and the Sacred, **D:** Truth, Interpretation & Meaning **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

- Visit the Christopher Wren and Medieval Libraries and view some of the special archive documents.

WORKSHOP 5

*Christopher Wren Library & The Fire Of London**

**** New ****

Morning or Afternoon

Visit the Christopher Wren Library and find out more about why he built a library at Lincoln. Take part in the Fire of London Drama in the Learning Centre.

- **Tour of the Libraries**
- **Exciting 'Fire of London' Drama in the Learning Centre**

History: Events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally (for example, the Great Fire of London, the first aeroplane flight or events commemorated through festivals or anniversaries).

*Subject to availability

Key Stage Two



WORKSHOP 6

Christian Worship & Worldviews

Morning, Afternoon *or* All Day

Experience how Christians celebrate faith in the magnificent Cathedral. How does this compare to other types of Christianity and other faiths?

TOUR Tour of the Cathedral looking for signs of worship and faith. Compares life events with other religions.

Lincolnshire Locally Agreed Syllabus RE. A: Belonging, Identity & Community. **B:** Beliefs, Ideas and Values **C:** Expression, Experience & the Sacred **D:** Truth, Interpretation & Meaning.

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'.
- ☑ Make a clay tile or carving.

If you book a whole day, you can do most of the above activities. Suitable for one class, or two classes if you choose the all-day option.

WORKSHOP 7

Pilgrimage: A Christian Journey

Morning, Afternoon *or* All Day

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

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. Expression, Experience & the Sacred



Choose from the following activities...

- ☑ **NEW** Take part in our fun Pilgrimage drama 'Pilgrim Tales'.
- ☑ 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

Primary Lincoln Cathedral Wow Day

All Day *2 Classes*

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

TOUR Tour of the Cathedral finding out about the religious, historic and architectural significance of features of the building.

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

MIX IT UP!

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, handle artefacts.
- ☑ Visit the Christopher Wren and Medieval Libraries and view some of the special archive documents.
- ☑ Make a printed page using traditional techniques and/or an illuminated medieval manuscript.







"This is our third educational trip to Lincoln Cathedral, and every visit has been exceptional. Activities are well-planned, engaging, interactive, and the knowledge of Sally and Emma is incredible. Our Local History topic is centred around this memorable experience and is a true highlight for the children of our school."

FRANCIS OLIVE ANDERSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Key Stage Two CONT.





WORKSHOP 9

Morning, Afternoon *or* All Day

Henry VIII & The Tudors!

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.

WORKSHOP 10

Morning, Afternoon *or* All Day

Local History. 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.

- ☑ Visit the Christopher Wren and Medieval Libraries and view some of the special archive documents.

Let us know which activities you would like to do...

We can alter activities to suit the learning outcomes for your visit. If you book a whole day, you may do all the above activities. Suitable for one class, or two classes if you choose the all-day option.





WORKSHOP 11

*Oracy Day**

This workshop will give pupils the chance to 'have a voice' and choose from a range of topics to speak on.

- Visit the Libraries with a talk and tour.
- Take part in an exciting Oracy competition.
- Enjoy taking part in Historical Drama on Christopher Wren and Dean Honywood.

Oracy is not confined to one subject but supports learning across the curriculum, with each discipline requiring its own ways of speaking, thinking and communicating - Science, Maths, History, RE and many more.

This new workshop uses the Cathedral Libraries as a starting point, but contact us if you want to broaden this to other areas of the Cathedral.







"Through a combination of storytelling, artefact handling, and guided exploration of the Cathedral itself, students gained a deep and lasting understanding of how the Norman conquest shaped religion, architecture, and society in medieval England. The grandeur of the Cathedral, paired with the passionate delivery from staff, helped students visualise the scale of Norman ambition and the legacy they left behind."

ORMISTON MARITIME ACADEMY

*Subject to availability

Key Stage Three, Four & Five



WORKSHOP 12

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...

- ☑ Learn about William the Conqueror's relation, 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 historic characters in our drama 'Magna Carta Lincolnia' highlighting King John and Magna Carta local and national history.

Could be combined with a visit to Lincoln Castle

WORKSHOP 13

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 14

*Multi-Faith Debate & Tour**

Take part in lively debate on some challenging and contemporary issues with local faith groups and secular leaders. Suitable for Year 9+.

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.



A new type of Multi-faith debate suitable for Year 7's will be available shortly.

Please contact sally.bleasdale@lincolncathedral.com for details.

WORKSHOP 15

*Oracy Day**

This workshop will give pupils the chance to 'have a voice' and choose from a range of topics to speak on.

- Visit the Libraries with a talk and tour.
- Take part in an Oracy competition.
- Enjoy Historical Drama on Christopher Wren and Dean Honywood.

Please note: For Key Stage Four and Key Stage Five students we can design bespoke tours & workshops to suit your study requirements.

Please contact sally.bleasdale@lincolncathedral.com for details.

*Subject to availability





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.

VIEW ON OUR WEBSITE
www.lincolncathedral.com/learning/schools

SEND Schools

We appreciate activities may need to be short with lots of variety for some pupils so you can choose from any of the activities in this brochure to accompany a tour of the Cathedral. Or let us know any ideas for activities you may have and we will do our best to accommodate you. The visit can last as long as is most appropriate for your group.

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.

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.



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