

# Tamworth Castle

## SCHOOL VISITS

# PRIMARY SCHOOL Workshops

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2014/2015

We are delighted to welcome you to our workshops for 2014/2015 suitable for Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 and 2 students.

Please contact our dedicated Education Team on 01827 709 632/626 weekdays or email [castleeducation@tamworth.gov.uk](mailto:castleeducation@tamworth.gov.uk)

  
FOR THE HISTORY  
CO-ORDINATOR OF  
KEY STAGE 1 AND 2  
STUDENTS



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Workshop prices include the cost of one or more trained staff.

All workshops are subject to availability and schools are booked on a first come first served basis.



## BRYCE THE MOUSE Foundation Stage Storytelling Workshop

A pre-school storytelling session, drawing on literacy, communication, knowledge and understanding of the world and creative development.

#### **Bryce the Mouse and the Banquet**

The Storyteller will weave a magical tale of castles, ladies, knights and..... mice! Children will discover what life was like in a majestic, ancient castle with the help of the story of Bryce the mouse and his first visit to Tamworth Castle.

#### **Bryce and his Victorian Family**

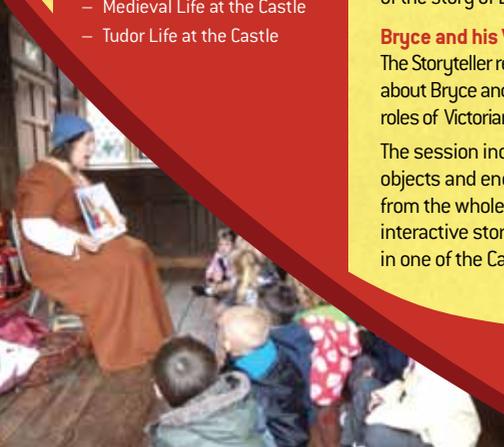
The Storyteller returns with a new story about Bryce and his family and the roles of Victorian servants.

The session includes pictures and objects and encourages participation from the whole group. A fun, visual, interactive storytelling session delivered in one of the Castle's period rooms.

A children's activity sheet accompanies this workshop and groups are encouraged to tour the building as part of their visit.

**Total cost per child:**  
(including admission) £5.00

**Session time:**  
approx 40 minutes



## WORKSHOPS FOR KEY STAGE 1

### MEET THE

# Castle Household & Squire

A two-part workshop including storytelling and hands-on activities.



#### Session 1:

Children will meet characters from the past including the Lady of the Castle and her servant. The characters will talk about their daily occupations, life for children and significant events and people of the period. Children will gain an insight into life in the Castle, features of the building and household objects.

#### Session 2:

The children will help the Marshall dress a Knight for battle and participate in a Knight's bill and marching drill.

**Total cost per child:**  
(including admission)  
£5.50

**Session time:**  
approx 1 hour 30 minutes

#### LINKS WITH THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM:

- **History Unit 2:** What were homes like long ago?
- **History Adapted Unit 2:** What were castles like a long time ago?
- **Innovating with History Unit 8:** Ways of introducing pupils to historical interpretation.



## THE GREAT Fire of London

A two-part session where children will learn about the experiences of the fire of London, including why house fires were typical.

**Session 1:** The children will meet the Lady of the Castle who will share her experiences of the Great Fire. They will then help her prepare the room for her luncheon.

**Session 2:** Meet the Tutor. The Tutor focuses specifically on the fire of London and why house fires were typical during the Stuart period. An additional theme of the plague is covered.



#### LINKS WITH THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM:

- **History Unit 2:** What were homes like long ago?
- **History Adapted Unit 2:** What were castles like a long time ago?
- **History Unit 5:** How do we know about the Great Fire of London?
- **Innovating with History Unit 8:** Ways of introducing pupils to historical interpretation.

**Total cost per child:**  
(including admission) £5.00

**Session time:**  
approx 1 hour 30 minutes

# OLD TOYS

USING TOYS FROM THE MUSEUM'S COLLECTIONS TO LOOK AT HOW CHILDREN USED TO PLAY YEARS AGO.



The session will give children the chance to explore modern replicas of traditional moving toys as well as investigating the variety of materials which have been used in the past and how they compare with the materials we use today.

Groups are encouraged to tour the building as part of their visit to view the nursery.

The workshop includes making a fun optical toy after children have participated in the Old Toys handling session.

#### LINKS WITH THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM:

- **History Unit 1:** How are toys different from those in the past?
- **History Unit 11:** Children in Victorian Britain.
- **DT Unit 1A:** Moving Pictures
- **DT Unit 2B:** Puppets
- **DT Unit 5C:** Moving Toys

**Total cost per child:**  
(including admission) £5.00

**Session time:**  
approx 45 minutes



## MEET THE Victorians

A two-part hands-on session. Children will meet and find out about the lives of Victorians at Tamworth Castle.

**Session 1:** The housemaid will describe what life was like for a servant working at the Castle. Children will have a chance to help out with some of the servants' duties.

**Session 2:** The family governess will explain what life was like for the rich men, women and children living in the Castle. Children will be able to try on Victorian costumes and discover how rich Victorian children were educated.

Both sessions allow children to participate in period activities, handle original artefacts and learn through storytelling.

**Total cost per child:** (including admission) £5.00

**Session time:** approx 1 hour 30 minutes



#### LINKS WITH THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM:

- **History Unit 2:** What were homes like long ago?
- **History Adapted Unit 2:** What were castles like a long time ago?
- **Innovating with History Unit 8:** Ways of introducing pupils to historical interpretation.

## WORKSHOPS FOR KEY STAGE 2

# THE SAXONS

## AT THE CASTLE

This two-part session concentrates on archaeology and weapons and warfare in Saxon times. Each session includes artefact handling and group activities.



### LINKS WITH THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM:

- **History Unit 6B:** Why have people invaded Britain in the past? An Anglo-Saxon case study.
- **History Adapted Unit 2:** How do heritage sites inform us about our local area in prehistoric times?
- **Innovating with History Unit 3:** Learning about the work of historians and archaeologists.



**Session 1:** Focuses on basic archaeological practises and object handling. In small groups children will have the chance to try out their skills as a trainee archaeologist by retrieving and cataloguing finds from sample finds boxes.

**Session 2:** Investigates Saxon weapons and armour and how Saxons were trained for battle. Children will use shields to create the tactical 'shield wall' as a defence against enemies.

**Total cost per child:** (including admission) £5.00

**Session time:** approx 1 hour 30 minutes

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A...

# Tudor Household

Children will have the opportunity to experience the lives of people working in a wealthy Tudor household.

**Session 1:** Children will take on the role of servants working in a Tudor household. They will meet and work with characters from the Castle including the Steward's wife and Lady Ferrers, and assist with their daily duties in the Tudor rooms. All children will produce a Tudor pomander which they can take home. This session provides children with an idea of life in Tudor times.

The drama activity focuses on the difference between rich and poor, local history and the contrasts between Tudor and modern life.

**Session 2:** Choose from either:

**Artefacts Session:** A chance for children to investigate a range of rich and poor Tudor artefacts and writing techniques.

Or **Dancing Session:** A fun and active session for children to learn and join in with an array of rich and poor Tudor dances with the Dance Master.

**Total cost per child:** (including admission) £5.75

**Session time:** approx 1 hour 30 minutes



### LINKS WITH THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM:

- **History Unit 7:** Why did Henry VIII marry six times?
- **History Unit 8:** What were the differences between rich and poor people in Tudor times?
- **Innovating with History Unit 8:** Ways of introducing interpretation. E. Producing interpretations in role.

## A DAY IN A LIFE OF A...

# Medieval Household

Children will have the opportunity to experience the lives of people working in a wealthy Medieval household.

**Session 1:** Children will take on the role of a servant working in a Medieval Castle household. They will meet and work with characters including the Steward's wife and Lady Freville, and assist with daily duties in the Medieval rooms. All children will produce a pomander which they can take home. This session provides children with an idea of life in Medieval times.

The drama activity focuses on the difference between rich and poor, local history, and the contrasts between Medieval and modern life.

**Session 2:** The children will help the Marshall dress a Knight for battle and learn about Medieval weaponry. They will then participate in a Knight's bill and marching drill.

**Total cost per child:** (including admission) £5.75

**Sessions:** Last for 1 hour 30minutes per group and can be booked any time in the year subject to availability.



## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A...

# Victorian Household

A two-part session in which children will have the opportunity to experience the lives of people working and living in a wealthy Victorian household.

**Session 1:** The group will participate in a practical role-play activity with the Victorian housekeeper and her servants. In small groups they will be set chores which must be completed to the housekeeper's satisfaction!

The activity provides children with first hand experience of the working life of a Victorian servant.

Costumes are available for the children to wear during this activity. (Please request this when booking)

**Session 2:** Through the investigation of original objects children will gain an insight into Victorian Life.

**Total cost per child:** (including admission) £5.75

**Session time:** approx 1 hour 30 minutes



### LINKS WITH THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM:

- **History Unit 11:** What was it like for children living in Victorian Britain?
- **Innovating with History Unit 8:** Ways of introducing pupils to historical interpretation. E. Producing interpretations in role.



# HOME-FRONT Training Camp



## LIFE DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR



### Are you prepared? Come along and learn your essential wartime duties

Children will have the opportunity to experience life during World War Two. This is a two-part workshop including a role-play and handling activity.

**Session 1:** An artefact handling session covering themes of evacuation, make do and mend and rationing. Children will be able to investigate original artefacts including a baby's gas mask, gas rattle and ARP uniform.

**Session 2:** The group will meet two characters from the 1940s and help out with the war effort. This session will focus on training the children in essential home-front activities. Their tasks will include air raid awareness, stirrup pump drill and marching drill.

The drama activity focuses on the lives of children during WW2. Children will all take home their own identity cards.

**Total cost per child:** (including admission) £5.50

**Session time:** approx 1 hour 30 minutes

### LINKS WITH THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM:

- **History Unit 9:** What was it like for children in the Second World War?
- **Innovating with History Unit 3:** Learning about the work of historians and archaeologists.
- **Innovating with History Unit 8:** Ways of introducing pupils to historical interpretation. E. Producing interpretations in role.

# Guided Tours

The tours are designed to encourage children to explore the Castle through activities including handling armour, costumes and household objects.

The tour focuses on the use of the Castle rooms and the life of the different inhabitants. The sessions can be tailored to meet the requirements of the group's study needs.

**Total cost per child:**  
(including admission) £5.00

**Session time:**  
approx 1 hour 30 minutes

### LINKS WITH THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM:

- **History Unit 2:** What were homes like long ago?
- **History Adapted Unit 2:** What were castles like a long time ago?



# MEDIEVAL LIFE AT THE CASTLE

This handling session will focus on life in the Castle during Medieval times.

Children will be able to try on and compare replica costumes for rich and poor people and handle a variety of household objects.

**Total cost per child:** (including admission) £5.00

**Session time:** approx 45 minutes

### We also offer a Victorian Life at the Castle Workshop

similar in format to Tudor/Medieval Life.  
Please discuss details with the Castle team at time of booking



## A FEW SCHOOLS COMMENTS ABOUT CASTLE WORKSHOPS:

### Meet the Castle Household and Squire (1.3.2012):

An amazing day. The best trip I have been on for a very long time. A big thank you from all the staff.

### Old Toys (9.5.2012):

The workshop was just the right length for KS1 and the chance to explore afterwards struck the right balance.

### World War Two (1.4.2012):

Thanking you for managing to take the time to talk, listen and adapt your sessions – the children gained so much.

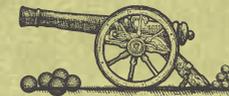
### Great Fire (16.3.2012):

Will happily recommend to other schools.

### Tudor Household and Dancing (24.1.2012):

The workshops were led very well and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

# TUDOR LIFE AT THE CASTLE



This handling session will focus on life in the Castle during Tudor times.

Children will be able to investigate a selection of domestic objects, both original and replica and try writing in Tudor style with a quill and ink.

**Total cost per child:** (including admission) £5.00

**Session time:** approx 45 minutes



# ABOUT THE CASTLE

## The Castle Shop

The Castle gift shop offers a range of child-friendly souvenirs and hot and cold drinks. We also offer a pre-packing service for schools.

Due to the changes in the National Curriculum, the Castle is reviewing the workshops we deliver to reflect the changing needs. If you have any specific requirements, please talk to us and we may be able to adapt or tailor our current provision to meet your needs. We also welcome any suggestions for new workshops.



## The Castle Schools Service:

- **Group Size:** We can accommodate large and small groups. Our maximum capacity is 2 schools per day, with a total of 90 pupils on-site.
- **Adapting Workshops:** Workshop packages are tailored to meet the teaching requirements of individual groups. The workshops advertised in this newsletter can be adapted and content changed.
- **Length of Visit:** Schools are on-site from 10.30am until 2.00pm daily. Workshops last a minimum of 45 minutes to a maximum of 1 hour 30 minutes.
- **Lunch:** We have an inside lunch area and there are toilet facilities on-site. Schools are encouraged to take all lunch waste away with them where possible.
- **Bookings** are taken on a first come first served basis. Please contact us as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

## How to Book:

- 1) Contact the Education Team for more details and to make bookings on 01827 709 632/626.
- 2) A booking form will be filled out over the telephone at the time of booking by a member of Castle staff.
- 3) A pack will then be sent out including completed booking form, risk assessment, orientation maps, programme for the day and pre-visit details to help you prepare for your visit.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A MINIMUM BOOKING FEE OF £80.00 WHICH COVERS UP TO 20 PUPILS IN ANY BOOKED WORKSHOP SESSION.

For further information about any of these sessions, or about using the Castle with children in general, please contact:  
The Education Team weekdays on: 01827 709 632/626  
[www.tamworthcastle.co.uk](http://www.tamworthcastle.co.uk)

## Special needs groups

All workshops can be adapted for special needs groups of varying sizes and abilities and will be led by our experienced staff. Costs for special needs groups are for group sizes of up to 15 children and are charged at a minimum rate of £55.00. Please contact The Education Team on 01827 709 632/626 for more details.

## Worksheets available

A children and group leaders' worksheet accompanies all workshops. Please ask for a copy to be sent in advance.