



Visiting Southwark Cathedral

We hope that a visit to Southwark Cathedral will be an awe-inspiring event for children. We offer a small programme of trails and workshops integrating opportunities for awe and wonder with experiences which are purposeful for learning and of a good quality.

Our programme of trails and workshops takes into account the recent update of the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education's syllabus for RE as well as Locally Agreed Syllabuses for RE and the National Curriculum.

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Our Vision and Aim

Southwark Cathedral Education Centre's vision is:

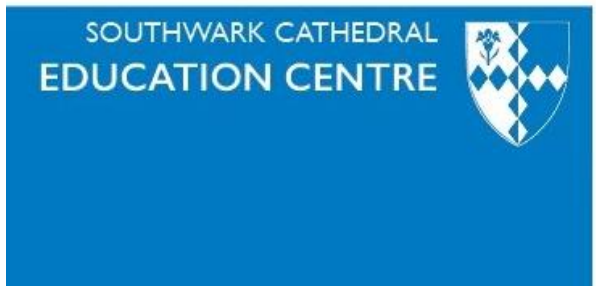
To provide opportunities for children, families and adults to learn about the Christian faith in ways which stimulate curiosity, awe and wonder, in the unique setting of Southwark Cathedral.

The vision is supported by the Education Centre's aim –

To demonstrate impact on those who participate in activities supported by the Education Centre, including:

- *Greater knowledge and skills*
- *Deeper sympathy with the Christian faith*
- *An appreciation of the Church's contribution to culture and community*
- *Engagement with the "big questions" of life, ethics and meaning*
Capacity to respond to the transcendent, for example, in expressing praise, gratitude, respect, and concern for the creation.





Our Schools Programme: Trails and Workshops

Although the same trail title appears in more than one Key Stage (e.g. ‘God’s World’ appears in both EYFS and KS1), content differs to meet the requirements of the RE syllabuses and the learning needs and expectations of different age groups.

For EYFS and KS1, all trails, except KS1 ‘Exploring Christian Symbols’ include practical elements or an activity in the Education Centre to give children a rich learning experience throughout their visit. This trail, and all of our KS2 trails, can be linked to a workshop should schools wish to arrange a full day’s programme at the cathedral.

| Title | EYFS | KS1 | KS2 | Linked Workshop |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---|
| God’s World | <u>✓</u> | <u>✓</u> | | Included in the session |
| Exploring Christian Symbols | | <u>✓</u> | <u>✓</u> | Candle and candle holder making Clay tile making |
| Meeting Jesus | | <u>✓</u> | <u>✓</u> | Miracle Scene and Story Stones (KS2) |
| The Bible | | | <u>✓</u> | Timeline of Jesus’ Life |
| Pilgrimage | | | <u>✓</u> | Hand-made Book (also available as a stand-alone session) |

In addition to the above, we offer [Experience Days](#) at key points in the year and the following KS2 History trails and workshops: [Victorian Classroom](#), [Victorian Artefact Handling](#), [Religion in Roman Britain](#) and [Mosaic Making](#).



EYFS: God's World

In the Cathedral setting, children will participate in an interactive retelling of the 7 day Creation Story found in Genesis.

Following this, they will explore the churchyard and find evidence of creation.

Returning to the Education Centre for the final part of their activity, children will focus on themselves as unique creations, producing a self-portrait which will form part of a class collage.





KSI Trails and Workshops

God's World (combined trail and workshop)

An interactive retelling of the 7 day Creation Story found in Genesis will lead children into an exploration of the Cathedral's Creation Window, encouraging them to think about the impact of the Creation Story and its significance for Christians.



Returning to the Education Centre for the second part of their workshop, children will have the opportunity to explore different representations of the days of creation in art before creating a stained glass window of their own to represent one of the days.

Meeting Jesus (combined trail and workshop)

Children will explore some key features of the Cathedral to develop their understanding of Jesus' use of parables. Through Godly Play, they will explore the parable of the Lost Sheep before returning to the Education Centre to create sock puppets to enable them to retell the parable for themselves.



Exploring Christian Symbols through the Five Senses (stand-alone trail; can be combined with our Candle-Making workshop)

Using their senses to experience the Cathedral building, children will explore key features of the Cathedral and learn about how these link to Christian beliefs.

Candle-Making

Candles are often used in prayer and light is an important Christian symbol.

In this hands-on workshop, an ideal partner to *Exploring Christian Symbols through the Five Senses*, children will have the opportunity to roll their own beeswax candle and create a clay holder for it.





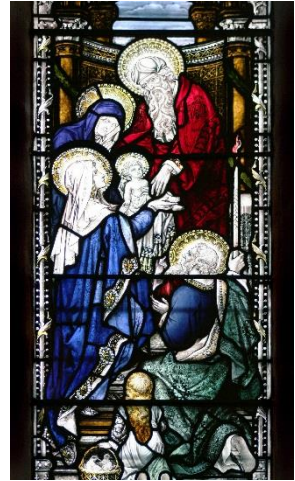
KS2 Trails and Workshops

Meeting Jesus

Children will explore the Cathedral's Nativity Windows, the Eucharist, a miracle story and prayer as they consider the significance of Jesus for Christians.

Miracle Scenes and Story Stones

Linking closely to the *Meeting Jesus* trail, children will work in groups to create a series of scenes depicting a biblical miracle story. They will also create a set of story stones which will enable them to collaboratively retell the story using their work.



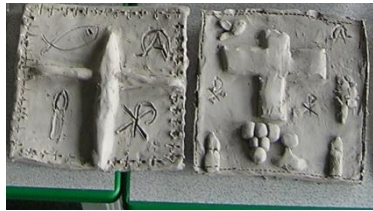


Exploring Christian Symbols

An interactive tour of the Cathedral, giving children the opportunity to explore key Christian symbols and their significance. Children will have the opportunity to engage with the symbolism surrounding Baptism and the Eucharist, as well as discovering what makes the Cathedral a cathedral and learning about the Cathedral as a living place of worship.

Clay Tile Making

Using a range of clay-working techniques, children will create a clay tile showing a key Christian symbol.



Creating an accompanying display card will give children the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of their chosen symbol and its significance to Christians.



The Bible



A classroom-based activity where children will have the opportunity to handle a Bible and learn to find specific references.

We will explore different types of writing within the Bible, considering genre and purpose.

Children will encounter writings from both the Old and New Testaments, engaging with the texts and considering their impact on Christians today.

Jesus' Life Timeline

Building on learning from *The Bible* workshop, and drawing inspiration from different artists, children will use a range of artistic skills and their choice of medium to encapsulate a key event from Jesus' life, which will contribute to a timeline of his life and ministry.



Pilgrimage

Southwark was traditionally a starting point for Christians making the pilgrimage to Thomas Becket's shrine in Canterbury, and it is pilgrims travelling from Southwark who are the subject of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*. In this trail, children will take on the role of one of Chaucer's pilgrims as they consider not only the historical connection of Southwark to the Canterbury pilgrims, but also the significance of pilgrimage to religious people today.



During this interactive trail, children will also consider the life journey or pilgrimage of Christians which starts at Baptism.

This trail can be paired with our *Hand-made Book* workshop.

Hand-Made Book

Southwark Cathedral has connections with writers including Chaucer and Shakespeare. In a workshop that includes the opportunity to handle vellum and learn about ink making in history, children will make and bind their own book.



[Victorian Classroom](#)

Taking on the role of a Victorian schoolchild, children will be transported back in time and immersed in an experience of a Victorian schoolroom.

An ideal partner for this is our *Artefact Handling* workshop.

[Artefact Handling](#)

Children will learn about 'wash day' in a Victorian household, before having the opportunity to handle a range of Victorian artefacts in an enquiry-based activity investigating their purpose.

[Religion in Roman Britain](#)

Archaeological digs in the local area have revealed numerous links between Southwark and the Romans. A number of Roman artefacts were discovered in the Cathedral crypt.

In an interactive trail, children will explore different aspects of life in Roman Britain, with a focus on religious beliefs and the rise of Christianity.

An ideal partner for this is our *Mosaics* workshop.

[Mosaic Making](#)

After an introduction to the art of mosaic-making, children will make their own section of a mosaic design.





Experience Days

We run three Experience Days each academic year. Details of these are sent to schools in advance, or can be requested from the Education Centre.

Journey to the Manger is for Year Two children in Southwark's Diocesan primary and infant schools. Focusing on the key characters in the Nativity story, children engage in a number of reflective stations throughout the day.

Experience Easter is aimed at Lower Key Stage Two (Year Three and Four) children. It focuses on the events of the week leading to Jesus' death and resurrection.

Experience Pentecost is aimed at Upper Key Stage Two (Year 5 and 6) children. Children engage with the events of Pentecost as recorded in the book of Acts and consider the importance of this for Christians and for the Church today.





Booking Information

Each of our sessions is one and a half hours long, beginning at 10:30 **or** 13:00. However, if your requirements differ from this, please do get in touch and we will do our best to accommodate you.

On Mondays, we offer our Victorian Classroom and Artefacts Handling workshops.

From Tuesday-Friday, we offer our full range of trails and workshops, with the exception of Victorian Classroom and Artefacts Handling.

The Cathedral is a worshipping community and is not just used for Educational purposes. There are certain times of year when our availability is particularly limited – for example, in December, we only have access to the Cathedral for our Experience Christmas event. With the busy Cathedral diary, as well as the Education Centre's popularity (we had over 6,000 visitors last year), we do advise that you book early to avoid disappointment.

Our Current Charges:

£4.25 per child per activity

£7.50 per child for two activities

£7.50 per child for Experience Days

You can book your visit by contacting us on 020 7367 6715 or edcentre@southwark.anglican.org



Before You Visit

Guidelines

Please ensure that you plan your visit carefully and that you brief your adult helpers so that they know what is expected of them on the day.

Please also prepare the children for your visit. It is helpful if they have been introduced to key concepts and vocabulary relating to the day's activities.

- If requested on your confirmation letter, please arrange how your group will be divided into smaller working groups at the Cathedral. Time is precious on the day!
- The Cathedral is first and foremost a place of worship. We aim to give all groups the opportunity to experience awe and wonder when they visit the Cathedral, and would therefore be grateful if you could remind children of 'appropriate' behaviour (respectful and quiet) prior to your visit so that they can get the most out of their Cathedral experience
- Photography is permitted within the Cathedral and we do encourage you to photograph your group. However, please do be mindful of children who are likely to get distracted by photography and support our staff and volunteers in ensuring that all children are engaged in the activity



- We request that hats are removed in the Cathedral, **unless** they are worn for a religious or medical reason
- Prayers are said every hour in the Cathedral and we ask you to respect this practice and be still and quiet for approximately four minutes. You are welcome to join in with the Lord's Prayer when it is said
- School staff and accompanying adults remain responsible for the welfare and behaviour of the group throughout their visit to the Cathedral. Should there be an accident / health incident, please report it to Education Centre staff
- We advise you to bring a trained First Aider with you and a portable First Aid kit. Ask Education Centre staff if you require a First Aider whilst in the Cathedral. We cannot guarantee there will be one present at all times

Please ensure that lavatory visits are supervised. The Education Centre toilets are not used by members of the public, but we do expect school staff and accompanying adults to supervise children at all times.



[Risk Assessment and Lockdown Procedure](#)

A risk assessment and lockdown procedure are available from the Education Centre. They are intended to assist you in your planning and are not intended to replace your own risk assessment.

[Booking Terms](#)

Our full booking terms will be sent with your confirmation letter. The key points to note are as follows:

- Payment should be received within 14 days of your invoice date. We reserve the right to cancel your booking if payment is not made within these terms
- You can reduce the numbers visiting, change the date of your visit or cancel your visit completely up to 28 days before the date of your visit. Requests for any such changes must be made in writing to edcentre@southwark.anglican.org
- You can increase the numbers visiting, as long as places are still available, any time prior to your visit. Requests for changes must be made in writing to edcentre@southwark.anglican.org
- Within 28 days of your visit, cancellations and changes (other than an increase in numbers, dependent on the availability of places) cannot be made and you will remain liable for the full cost of your visit
- We do understand that exceptional circumstances do arise, and these are addressed in our full terms.