

Welcome

This inspiring museum is based in a medieval manor house dating back to 1280. The house has a fascinating history and is now restored with fine oak furnishings and Tudor objects.

Travel Back In Time ...

- ◆ Re-live life in the 16th and 17th centuries
- ◆ Meet costumed characters
- ◆ Take part in hands-on learning
- ◆ Experience an authentic setting
- ◆ Suitable for Key Stage 1 **KS1** and Key Stages 2 **KS2**
- ◆ Exploratory sessions for pupils with SEN
- ◆ Outreach sessions also available

FREE
pre-visit
for school staff

A Home Long Ago **KS1**

Available throughout the year.

Travel back in time to compare houses and homes now and then:

- ◆ Meet costumed characters who help pupils compare the Manor House with homes today
- ◆ Take part in 'hands-on' activities using everyday objects from the past
- ◆ Play with historical toys and learn some period games
- ◆ Learn what people wore in the past and have a go at dressing up in historical costume
- ◆ Explore the Manor House and gardens using our picture 'treasure hunt'
- ◆ Day-long visit with 1/2 day workshop run by the costumed characters and the rest of the day spent independently with activities provided

Maximum 42 pupils per day

Tudor Peasant Lunches

Add to your Tudor experience at the Manor House with a traditional Tudor Peasant Luncheon.

An example of usual buffet-style fayre includes: rustic breads, cheeses, boiled eggs, fresh fruit, flapjack, fruit cake and apple juice. All served on Tudor-style wooden trenchers and in replica cups.



Life in Tudor Times **KS2**

Available throughout the year.

Spend the day at Donington le Heath Manor House and travel back to the year 1587.

Standard Visit:

Meet costumed characters in the role of Tudor servants and help them in their duties:

- ◆ Help the servant with the formal task of laying the table for their rich master and mistress
- ◆ Prepare herbal remedies with the help of the Housekeeper
- ◆ Make pomander bags in the Tudor Kitchen to take home

Learn more about the lives of rich and poor people in Tudor times by taking part in activities such as:

- ◆ Writing with quill pens
- ◆ Dressing up in Tudor costume
- ◆ Playing with Tudor toys
- ◆ Exploring the Manor House with our Tudor quests

Maximum 42 pupils per day. Up to 80 pupils per day can be accommodated with a Combined Visit with Bosworth Battlefield

Standard Visit plus dancing:

All of the activities above plus, in the afternoon, join one of our characters in some fun dances as enjoyed by people in Tudor times.

Maximum 34 pupils per day

Seasonal Festivities

Learn about the customs and traditions of Tudor people as our costumed characters prepare for their seasonal festivities



Tudor Christmas at the Manor **KS2**

Early booking recommended.

Standard Visit:

- ◆ Experience the atmosphere, sights and smells of a Manor House traditionally decorated for Christmas
- ◆ Meet costumed characters as they prepare for Christmastide at the Manor House
- ◆ Get 'hands-on' in the period Kitchen and Great Chamber and take home a memento
- ◆ Find out about Christmas feasts and customs for rich and poor people, including enjoying a traditional wassail 'toast'
- ◆ Spend the afternoon (independently) looking around the Manor House and taking part in some Tudor activities

Maximum 42 pupils per day

Full Visit:

As above but spend the whole day undertaking activities with the costumed characters

Afternoon activities include Tudor dancing and making traditional Christmas decorations

Maximum 34 pupils per day



Maytime and Music **KS2**

Standard Visit:

- ◆ Travel back to Tudor times to take part in our annual Maytime celebrations
- ◆ Meet costumed characters and help them prepare traditional garlands and make a 'May stick'
- ◆ Practice traditional songs and dances ready for a Maytime procession

Maximum 42 pupils per day

Full Visit:

In the afternoon, join one of our characters to have a closer look at some Tudor musical instruments and learn more about music in Tudor times

Maximum 34 pupils per day



Gunpowder Plot **KS1 KS2**

Early booking recommended.

- ◆ Visit the Manor House which was owned by one of the Gunpowder Plotters
- ◆ Learn about the Gunpowder Plot from costumed 'eye witness' characters
- ◆ Investigate different historical viewpoints in an accessible way
- ◆ Discover the Stuart period in an authentic period setting
- ◆ See and experience real gunpowder
- ◆ Spend the afternoon looking around the Manor House and taking part in some period activities (provided)

Maximum 32 pupils per day.



Shrovetide and Eastertide **KS2**

Standard Visit:

- ◆ Meet costumed characters and help them prepare for the festivities surrounding Lent
- ◆ Help out with 'hands-on' activities in the Tudor Kitchen and Great Chamber
- ◆ At Shrovetide - learn about the origins of 'pancake day' and take part in some traditional pancake tossing
- ◆ At Easter - help out with the annual spring clean, learn about the traditions surrounding hot cross buns and take part in a traditional game of 'egg walking'

Maximum 42 pupils per day

Full Visit:

As above but spend the whole day undertaking activities with the costumed characters

Afternoon activities include Tudor dancing and making marrididdles

Maximum 34 pupils per day

Outreach Sessions

KS1 KS2

Increasing in popularity are visits made by our Tudor characters who travel to your school. Choose from a variety of cross-curricular sessions. Choose up to four sessions per day from:



Table



Clothing



Music



Pedlar



Dance



Scribe



Toys, Games and Pastimes

Sessions can run one class at a time or several classes concurrently. Each session lasts approximately 1 hour. All sessions are accompanied by cross-curricular follow-up lesson ideas.

For further details visit www.leics.gov.uk/donington.

Say No to Bullying:

A Tudor Witch Hunt

- ◆ Links to PSHE and History
- ◆ Follows SEAL outline
- ◆ An alternative way of addressing the 'Say No to Bullying' topic
- ◆ Able to work from an individual class up to a whole school in one day

Format:

- ◆ Whole school assembly (approx 20 minutes)
- ◆ Individualised drama-based lesson for each class (approx 40 minutes)

All sessions are accompanied by follow-up lesson ideas for each class.

Special Educational Needs **KS1 KS2**



- ◆ Exploratory, hands-on and multi-sensory sessions
- ◆ Led by our costumed characters
- ◆ Specifically tailored to the needs of your pupils
- ◆ Addition of Makaton on request

Options:

- ◆ Explore: Tudor Life
- ◆ Explore: Stuart Life