

# Making Mansfield the place to love learning

Bring stories to life and engage your students  
with creative activities from Mansfield Palace  
Theatre and Mansfield Museum.

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**“Involvement with arts and culture is crucial to imagination, self-expression and creativity in young people. It also develops the skills that fuel the success of the UK’s creative industries, and that will result in the next generation of creative talent across the country.** - Arts Council England

# Welcome

Dear Teachers,

There’s nothing we love more than welcoming children to our theatre and museum. Seeing them come to life, and creating those jaw-dropping, lightbulb ‘wow’ moments is what it is all about.

We continue to work hard to put together a flexible programme of workshops which can be delivered live in your school, in the museum/theatre or online.

We offer a full range of creative, physical and educational work. All workshops are designed with Arts Award in mind. Please get in touch if you’d like more information or wish to deliver Artsmark/Arts Award in your school.

All workshops featured in this handy pack are suitable for all children, including those with English as a second language, additional needs or disabilities. We’re thrilled to present these activities to inspire positivity and aid the imagination of your students.

Please let us know if we can do anything at all to make your experience with us as wonderful as possible. We look forward to hearing from you.

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**School trips and educational visits are a powerful tool which can be used to enhance the development of personal, social and emotional skills of all learners. We provide a number of unique, kinaesthetic learning opportunities, which encourage pupils to engage with people, places and buildings in a distinctive way.**

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# Foundation

## **You Name the Book**

A practical workshop bringing a book of your choice to life. Explore themes and characters as it aids imagination and understanding.

## **Visit your theatre**

Enjoy a tour and fun educational workshop of your choice.

## **Main stage**

Look out for suitable productions with accompanying offers, e.g. Northern Ballet.

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## **Welcome to Mansfield Museum**

What is a museum? A fun, hands-on first experience of visiting a museum.

## **Mindfulness for Children**

Help pupils develop personal tools to manage their emotions, understand their thoughts and feel good about themselves.



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# Key Stage 1

## **You Name the Book Visit your theatre Main stage**

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### **Enjoy Playing with Language**

Dramatise a poem or piece of writing, encouraging students to be confident with different texts and explore their own writing.



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## **All in the Game**

Find out about toys and games from the past, taking a closer look at Grandmother's favourites.

### **Who Lives Where?**

A first steps introduction to how and why different animals and plants are found in different environments.

### **Eco Dudes**

Take a close look at litter and how it affects our local environment.

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## **Don't just take our word for it!**

"The impact of live theatre is so powerful for children; I am sure many will remember this experience for a long time to come." - **Orchard Primary School**





# Key Stage 1

## **A Character from History**

Meet historical figures such as Florence Nightingale and understand the world they lived in compared to today.

## **After School Clubs**

Discuss the potential of having weekly drama or dance sessions in your school.



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## **Curious Curators**

Take a look behind the scenes at how we look after our collections. Learning about audiences and planning an exhibition.

## **What a Load of Rubbish!**

Learn about recycling and sustainability and how we can all help the environment.

## **Mindfulness for Children**

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## **Don't just take our word for it!**

"An excellent day - the children loved it."  
- King Edwin Primary School



# Key Stage 2



**You name the book**  
**Visit your theatre**  
**Main stage**  
**After school clubs**  
**A character from history**  
See pages 3 to 5

## **START**

(Secondary Transition and Resilience Training) in partnership with Nottingham Trent University. Workshops are available post SATS.

## **WW1 and WW2**

Explore a soldier's experience in WW1 and WW2.

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**Curious Curators**  
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## **Tomb Raiders**

Discover what life was like as an Egyptian. Take a look at hieroglyphics, what they were used for and what inside a tomb was like.

## **Raiding and Trading**

Who were the Vikings? Discover what life was like and play a game at the King's table.

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## **Don't just take our word for it!**

"The experience was excellent and the practitioner managed to enthuse all children, keeping them all focused." - **Abbey Primary School**



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## Invaders

Historical experiences of civilisations, their way of life, customs and significant contribution to the world today including Greeks, Romans, Anglo Saxons and Vikings.

## An Introduction to Shakespeare

Explore the story, plot and language of one of Shakespeare's great plays.

## Roman Time Trip Tours

What was life as a Roman child or Soldier like? Explore architecture, and engineering from the era.

## Tudor Times

Explore life and leisure in the age of Shakespeare, taking a look at Tudor entertainment.

## Made in Mansfield

Learn about our local history including industry and manufacturing.

## A Peek at the Greeks

Who were the ancient Greeks? Discover what life was like as a child and how Greeks changed the world.

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## Don't just take our word for it!

"The children in my class were blown away by the backstage tour. They enjoyed being able to go on stage and loved experiencing how it would feel to be an actor." - **Burton Joyce Primary School**



# Key Stages 3 and 4



**We are offering different ways to engage with schools and colleges. Some of the opportunities include:**

- Technical Workshop – an opportunity to come to the Palace Theatre, enjoy a tour of the building and some practical introductions to technical aspects such as lighting and sound.
- Curriculum based workshops – focus on a play or genre.
- Workshops based on professional productions visiting the Palace.
- Health and Wellbeing workshops.
- Career based opportunities including Work Experience.

**Contact us to discuss this further.**

*“People who take part in the arts are 38% more likely to report good health and after engaging in participatory arts activities, 82% report greater wellbeing”*

**- All Party Parliamentary Group on Arts, Health and Wellbeing**

**"We believe that every young person should experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development, whatever their age, ability and circumstances."**

**- OFTSED LoC**

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# Get involved

## Youth Theatre

Mansfield Palace Youth Theatre is the perfect place to grow in confidence, find your voice and make new friends. We meet weekly in term time at the Palace Theatre with free taster sessions available via [lhopkinson@mansfield.gov.uk](mailto:lhopkinson@mansfield.gov.uk)

## Technical Academy

**Fortnightly on Saturdays, from 10am to 12pm.**

Young people aged 13-19 will work with industry professionals to learn all aspect of technical theatre, including lighting, sound and stage design.

## Get This

We want to empower looked after children to think creatively through creative opportunities or work experience. We can deliver activities in school or at the theatre.

## Write Track

**Fortnightly on Thursdays, from 6.30pm to 8pm.**

For those who enjoy writing and wanting to learn more about creating characters, poems, building worlds and sharing stories. Fun and friendly workshops with a professional writer.

## Future Movement

In partnership with Rambert Dance, we are offering young people aged 16 to 21 an opportunity to explore different aspects of the arts as well as meeting with and learning from current leading professionals in their fields.

## Under 5's stay and play

Join us at Mansfield Museum the second and fourth Friday of each month between 12.30pm to 2pm, for fun craft and messy play activities for under 5's.

## Museum Explorers

**Every third Saturday of each month:**

**7 to 10 years, 10.30am to 11.30am**

**11 to 14 years, 1pm to 2.30pm**

Would you like to find out what goes on behind the scenes at Mansfield Museum? Join us to investigate our brilliant objects and try fun activities! (Please contact us to secure your space/s as demand is very high.)

# Loan Boxes



Our loan boxes bring objects from the past into your classroom, inspiring children's imagination as part of a project. Whether based in a classroom, or as a way of supporting work around a museum visit, they are great at helping children develop enquiry skills and creative learning.

Each offers a variety of objects that help children engage with, and understand, the curriculum topic through authentic replicas, photos and original items.

Take a look at our website for more information about which topics are covered and details of what's in each box.

## Home education

We understand that not all education takes place within a school setting and offer hands-on, fun and practical workshops for those children who are home educated. We run regular sessions at the museum linked to a particular theme, for various abilities including those with additional needs or disabilities. Sessions will take place in person at the museum; places are limited so please chat to us for more information and to book early.

**"Including cultural education subjects such as art and design, dance, drama and music in the curriculum is hugely important in ensuring we deliver a broad and balanced offer, enriching the lives of our young people."**  
- Arts Council England



# What's the offer?

## **Option 1: One class (maximum 30 pupils) receives either:**

- 1x 4 hour workshop
- 1x 2 hour workshop plus self-led time in the museum or a theatre tour
- 1x 2 hour museum workshop and 1x 2 hour theatre workshop

## **Option 2: Two classes (maximum 60 pupils) will receive:**

- 2x 2 hour workshops and self-led time in the museum or a theatre (you may have one class in the museum and one in the theatre)

## **Option 3: Two classes (maximum 60 pupils) can have:**

- 4x 2 hour workshops - 2 per class
- Each class has 1 workshop in the theatre and 1 in the museum

We understand budgets are tight, so self-led museum visits are still available (maximum 30 pupils per class). This includes copies of trails and activities within the museum, use of pencils and clipboards and staff on hand to support you.

We're here to chat if you want to discuss variations on the options above - just drop us a line or call us to chat. We also have space available for you to have lunch, so let us know when booking if you'd like to use this.

Up to date pricing is available from the QR code below or by visiting:

[www.mansfield.gov.uk/museum/learning-aspiration](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/museum/learning-aspiration)



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