

FISHBOURNE ROMAN PALACE WORKSHOPS FOR SCHOOLS



Thank you for your interest in visiting Fishbourne Roman Palace with your school or college. Find below a list of available workshops.

If you wish to book, please email us at adminfish@sussexpast.co.uk with the following details:

- Name of school, address, phone number and email address
- Two to three possible dates for your visit
- The number of students and year group
- The workshops you would like or topics you are studying

We will then be in touch with confirmation and further details.

KEY STAGE ONE

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Roman Life	Roman Activity Workshop Year 1-6	An ideal introduction to Roman life. What did people do at Fishbourne 2000 years ago? How do we know? This practical workshop gives children a chance to try a variety of hands-on activities including spinning wool, writing on wax tablets, mosaic-making, arch building and role play in the Roman kitchen. Each child has the opportunity to dress as a slave and selected children will also dress in full Roman costume
Archaeology	What is Archaeology? Year 1-5	Discover how archaeologists investigate the past. This workshop provides children with an opportunity to try a range of archaeological skills, including recording finds, sieving and identifying food remains, sorting and classifying real artefacts and much more. The workshop includes objects from prehistory to the present day. There will also be a chance to explore chronology with the aid of our recreated Roman kitchen.
Light and Dark	Light before Electricity Year 2-4	A practical investigation of a range of different fuels used by the Romans. The children will have a chance to investigate and record the properties of different fuels, including charcoal, beeswax and olive oil and then relate their findings to Roman daily life. During the workshop, the children will also make a candle to take away.
Experience Days / enrichment activities	Roman Experience Days All ages	We offer a range of whole and half day Roman experiences, including: Mosaic Making, clay workshop, Textile Day, and Roman Army Day. Enrichment Activities include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roman games – let off steam with outdoor Roman games • Roman School – find out what Roman school was like • Roman craft – spend half an hour making a Roman bulla token and pouch • Roman Soldier – meet a Roman soldier and find out about his life • Roman Relax – wind down with a couple of Roman stories and puzzles

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Celts and Romans	Celtic and Roman Life Year 5-6	This workshop encourages pupils to investigate and compare different aspects of Roman and Celtic life. The children are challenged to try several activities including spinning wool, developing designs, writing on wax tablets, playing games and building walls. They then decide which activities are typically Celtic, Roman or both. The workshop ends with selected children dressing in Celtic and Roman costume. This workshop can be adapted for younger children.
Roman Domestic Life	Roman artefact handling Year 5-6	What does the archaeological evidence tell us about food and feasting in Roman times? Focusing specifically on real artefacts from the site, the children interpret, deduce and present their ideas. The archaeology is then brought to life with costume and role play in our Roman kitchen.
Roman Maths	Roman Maths Challenge Year 5-9	Students are set a series of mathematical challenges to complete including exploring symmetry and tessellation in mosaic-making, solving an Archimedes Square, using Roman building techniques, calculating pay for the Roman arms and working out ratios. This inspiring workshop can be adapted for children learning at all levels.
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Roman Life	Domestic Life – artefacts and the classics Year 7+	This workshop links the archaeological and classical evidence for domestic life. Focusing on real finds from Fishbourne, students are challenged to investigate and interpret a series of artefacts. They are encouraged to develop their ideas and their vocabulary, then present their findings to the rest of the class. Students consider the value of different items and explore the relationship between the Palace and the wider empire.
Roman Technology	Constructing the Palace Year 7-11	Working in small groups, students investigate original materials from the building of the Palace. They discuss the nature of the materials used for different purposes and contribute to the construction of a cross-section of the Palace building. The workshop looks at some of the challenges of archaeological interpretation and an opportunity for students to complete some problem solving tasks.
Roman Army	Military Matters Year 7-10	What role did the military play in the Fishbourne area in the days after the invasion of AD 43? A practical workshop in which the students explore different areas of military life. The students are sworn in as army recruits and then have an opportunity to experience different aspects of a soldier's role, dress and weaponry.
Roman and Celtic Dress	Fishbourne Fashions Year 7-11	What do we know about Roman and Celtic fashion? How does fashion define differences? This practical workshop explores the archaeological and written evidence for fashion in Roman Britain. Discover how Celtic and Roman men and women dressed, and find out more about clothing, manufacture, make-up, jewellery and hairstyles of the period.
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Ask the Expert	Ask the Expert Year 11+	Ideal for groups with a specific interest in the site, we offer a half-hour slot for students to ask questions related to the site. Previous topics have included Client Kings, The Discovery of the Site, Art at Fishbourne, Clothing and Hairstyles in Roman Britain. Please contact us for more information.
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