

# Learning at Anne of Cleves House Museum



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## Explore Anne of Cleves House with our range of curriculum link learning offers

Learn about life in Tudor times in the setting of a 15th century timber-framed house that once belonged to Anne of Cleves – the fourth wife of Henry VIII.

Inside you will experience well-preserved Tudor interiors including a kitchen, parlour and bedroom.



Learn about Tudor domestic life through a fascinating collection of historic artefacts. Discover how Tudor gardens were laid out and the herb, shrubs and fruit trees that were grown in them.



## What we offer

- Interactive actor led workshops and tours for Key Stages 1 and 2
- Activity trails tailored by Key Stage and aligned to the National Curriculum
- Free time to explore the Tudor House and Garden

# School visits - what's included

**The following is available for all school visits and included in general admission, which is £3.30 for children.**

## Activity sheets tailored for Key Stage 1 and 2

Through a series of curriculum linked trails, challenges and games, pupils learn about how the house was constructed and the lives of people who lived in it.

1 activity sheet for every 2 pupils; clipboards and pencils provided

## Free time to explore the Tudor House and Garden

Enjoy an insight into Tudor and Elizabethan life in this 15th century timber-framed hall house.

Explore well-preserved interiors including a Tudor kitchen, a light and airy parlour, and a beautiful bedroom complete with four poster bed.

Take advantage of the selection of dressing up clothes to find your inner king or queen and bring the historic surroundings to life.



# Key Stage 1 - Bookable Workshops

In addition to a Key Stage 1 specific activity trail and free time to explore the Tudor House and Garden, the following workshop is bookable.

## Actor-led tour of Anne of Cleves House

Join Alice the house maid or Gregory the steward, for an engaging, interactive exploration of a real Tudor period house.

Discover what life was like here during Tudor times – where people slept, ate and passed their leisure time; how food was prepared and the house kept clean, warm and lit.

Find out where we get expressions such as 'sleep tight' and 'raining cats and dogs'; discover what a spit-boy did and what he used to do the washing up.



The tour will include the garden, kitchen and the master bedroom – comparing and contrasting the lives of the owners and their servants.

## Curriculum links

### *History*

- A study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends the pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066
- A local history study - a site dating from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality; a significant turning point in British history

**Cost:** £102 per class (max 30 students + accompanying adults) plus general admission

**Duration:** 40 minutes

**Book by emailing [LearningLewes@sussexpast.co.uk](mailto:LearningLewes@sussexpast.co.uk)**

# Key Stage 2 - Bookable Workshops

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## Drama workshop – The Six Wives of Henry VIII

Meet Alice, the housemaid for Anne of Cleves or Gregory her steward. Help them to tell the fascinating story of Henry VIII, his six wives and how one of them came to own this house in Lewes.

This interactive drama workshop led by a costumed actor uses storytelling, role play, historic artefacts and improvisation to help students see famous historical figures in a whole new light.

Performances take place in an authentic Tudor setting – a 15th century wood framed house that used to belong to Anne of Cleves, one of Henry's wives.



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# Making a booking

## Booking your school visit

If you'd like to make a booking, please email [LearningLewes@sussexpast.co.uk](mailto:LearningLewes@sussexpast.co.uk) with the following:

- The site you would like to visit - Anne of Cleves House or Lewes Castle
- 2 to 3 possible dates for your visit
- School address, phone number and email address
- The number of students and year group
- The workshops you would like to book (if any)

We aim to respond to you within 5 working days.

## Visit our FAQs page

To find out more information, visit [www.sussexpast.co.uk/learning-in-lewes-faqs](http://www.sussexpast.co.uk/learning-in-lewes-faqs).

Alternatively, contact us at [LearningLewes@sussexpast.co.uk](mailto:LearningLewes@sussexpast.co.uk).

**We offer school visits across multiple Sussex Past heritage sites, including Lewes Castle and Fishbourne Roman Palace.**

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**We look forward to  
welcoming your school soon.**