

# Southwell Minster

## School Visits Programme

Nearly 2000 years of stories to discover



Southwell  
Minster

Cathedral ♦ Gardens ♦ Palace



Watch me learn!



# Welcome



## Plan your visit with confidence

Southwell Minster is one of England's 42 Cathedrals. It occupies a historic site in stunning, leafy grounds and has nearly 2,000 years of stories to discover.

Events and bespoke sessions are curriculum-linked (recommended by the Notts Agreed Syllabus for RE), support learning and encourage curiosity, enquiry and reflection in a safe and welcoming environment. We hope to be able to welcome you and your pupils to this special place soon.

Best wishes

*Diana, Kirby & the Education Team*

### What pupils gain:

- Real experiences of history and faith
- Opportunity to explore and ask questions
- Memorable, meaningful learning
- Engaging activities

### For teachers:

- Fully planned and resourced sessions led by experienced staff and volunteers
- Support throughout your visit
- Chance to relax and enjoy the sessions with pupils
- A cup of tea /coffee



*"Working with those children is such a life affirming experience. I'm so glad I decided to get involved!" Education Volunteer*



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# Early Years Foundation Stage



## Southwell Minster - a Special Place

Developed with the Early Learning Goals in mind...



### EYFS visits:

One of our gentle, themed introductory visits helps to build children's understanding of the world by using rich language and careful observation, while inspiring a sense of awe and wonder.

Choose your theme:

- Christmas
- Easter
- Colours
- Nursery Rhymes
- Animals
- Shapes



*"Diana and the volunteers excel at really engaging the children.  
Everyone was so so friendly." EYFS Teacher*



### A themed half-day visit comprises:

- ✓ Interactive themed trail
- ✓ Story and refreshments
- ✓ Craft activity
- ✓ Songs and games
- ✓ Pause for reflection



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# Key Stage 1 & 2

## RE to suit you

Linked to & recommended by Notts Agreed Syllabus for RE



### Bespoke RE:

Theme a day around your RE learning outcomes eg: sacred space; art & architecture; belief, worship and faith practices; signs and symbols.

Your visit comprises:

- ✓ Welcome and themed introduction
- ✓ Guided exploration: activities in small groups, led by the education team
- ✓ Take-away craft
- ✓ Tea, coffee and biscuits for staff

*"Every activity is meaningful and has impact. I know from previous visits that the children remember what was taught and refer back to it in our future RE lessons." KS1 Teacher*

### Festivals:



Why are the great Christian festivals important to Christians and how does the Minster tell the story of Easter and Christmas?

Pupils will:

- Investigate how and why these festivals are celebrated
- Use drama, story-telling and observation of art and artefacts
- Find time for reflection
- Make a themed craft to take home

**EASTER - Spring Term**  
**CHRISTMAS - Nov/Dec**



Choose: Full or half day

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# Time Travelling



Annual flagship RE event



Bringing RE to life - Linked to Notts Agreed Syllabus for RE



## Time Travelling:

'A special place for me....'

Our big schools' pilgrimage event has been running for over 30 years! Each day hundreds of children and passionate volunteer guides and activity leaders come together from across the Diocese and become pilgrims for the day:

**Travelling... Learning... Connecting**

**KS2 (Yrs 3-5)**  
**Full day: March**



**KS1 (Yrs 1&2)**  
**Half day: June**

Pupils will:

- Make a modern-day Pilgrimage to a special place in the company of a pilgrim guide
- Investigate beliefs and practices
- Explore a living place of worship
- Hear the organ; sing together!
- Meet a priest
- Make a craft



*"....such an impressive building gave the children a definite sense of wonder and awe which fits with our work on spirituality and the vows, nows and ows of life."*

*KS2 teacher, Time Travelling visit*



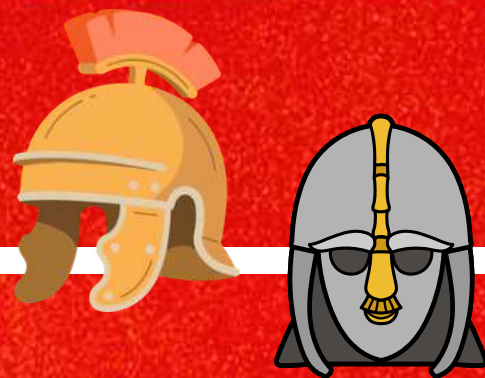
**Booking information comes to school in September by email - look out for it!**

**Book Time Travelling here: [www.southwellminster.org/timetravelling](http://www.southwellminster.org/timetravelling)**



# History days

For Key Stage 2



*History days are supported by Southwell Community Archaeology Group*



## The Romans in Southwell:

Investigate the Southwell villa, its inhabitants and the evidence they left behind.



Pupils will:

- Gain an understanding of historical chronology
- Use hands-on, evidence-based enquiry to find out about the Southwell villa
- Handle real and replica objects
- Explore settlements and life in the villa
- Become 'archaeologists' & visit the site of the Roman villa
- Make a Roman-themed craft/ 'temple offering'

*"It has brought our history topic to life and linked it to our home.  
We learned so much!" KS2 Teacher*

## Anglo-Saxons:

Explore the ancient history of Anglo-Saxon Southwell using different sources of evidence.



Pupils will:

- Investigate local Anglo-Saxon burial practices as sources of evidence
- Handle objects
- Use drama to tell the story of how Christianity spread from Kent to Mercia via Nottinghamshire
- Go on an Anglo-Saxon pilgrimage
- Make an Anglo-Saxon brooch



**Full day. In-school sessions available.**

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# Year 6



## July Transition Days

Celebrate the past; look forward to the future



### Year 6 Festival: Stepping Up

A day of calm in July amid the end of year whirlwind to prepare for and mark the transition to secondary school.



This unique full-day visit is designed for church schools but all are welcome as we wish our Year 6 pupils from across the Diocese well in their new phase of life.

*Information will be sent to church schools in January.*

*"The visit has given the children a chance to reflect and think away from the busy-ness of school life at this time of year." Year 6 teacher*

Pupils will:

- Join in opening and closing worship
- Reflect on their own lives
- Discover the inspiring lives of people at the Minster from its long history
- Participate in workshops (themes vary)
- Complete the Year 6 Minster Trail with crafts, activities and reflection

Contact the office for dates, cost and workshop themes



Book Year 6 online here: [www.southwellminster.org/year6](http://www.southwellminster.org/year6)



# Practical Information



## Plan your visit

*"The children were made to feel happy, secure and welcome. This was an outstanding visit!"*

### Timing: (our usual days are Tues and Weds)

Full day - 10am-2.15pm

Half day - 10am-12pm

### Getting Here:

- Central Southwell location
- Coach drop-off outside the Minster
- Free car/minibus parking nearby

### How to Book:

Time Travelling & Year 6 Festival may be booked via the website

[www.southwellminster.org/learning](http://www.southwellminster.org/learning)

**For all other visits, and to find out more information contact us ideally at least one term ahead - see below.**

Diana Ives (Head of Education)

Kirby Stebbing (Education Administrator)



Photos by Simon Ford & Diana Ives



### Facilities / Lunch:

Packed lunches may be eaten in the grounds, with indoor spaces available in poor weather. Toilets & accessible toilet are on-site.

### Accessibility:

Please discuss access needs before you come. Further information may be found on the 'Plan Your School Visit' page of the website.

*"The team is fully inclusive and make the visit and the learning so successful year after year."*  
*KS1 Teacher*

There is a daily charge per child (adults go free) which contributes towards our costs.

All visits are subsidised by the Minster

*Can't afford the bus?*

*Some sessions may be delivered in your school*

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