

What Remains of the Romans? - School Visit Activity Information

Key Stage: Two		All visits are for 1x class per day
Learning Outcomes: - Understand what life was like in Roman Britain and discover that the Romans influenced everyday life in many ways beyond their military achievements. - Discover what Roman artefacts can tell us about the past by handling real objects and exploring Roman pottery, jewellery, clothing and life in Roman Godmanchester. - Enjoy exploring The Norris Museum through creative and practical activities, building curiosity about local history and helping children feel the museum is a place for them.		
Session Costs: Morning Museum Session £2.50 per child (minimum charge £50.00 per session) Lunch at the Museum - Schools are welcome to stay for lunch after their morning session at no additional charge. - Food and drink must be brought with you. - Please let us know at the time of booking if you wish to stay for lunch, even if you are not booking an afternoon workshop. Optional Afternoon Craft Workshop £1.00 per child (minimum charge £20.00 per workshop) Special Offers - Multiple Visit Discount: Book more than two museum visits during the same school year and receive half-price afternoon workshops for every visit. - Loans Box Discount: Receive a half-price loans box with each museum visit booked, provided that: - The loans box and museum visit are booked for the same term. - There is one museum visit booked for each discounted loans box. - Combined Offer: Schools booking more than two visits and accompanying loans boxes can benefit from both discounts simultaneously.		
Session Schedule:		
9:30/9:45am	Class arrives	
10:00am	Introduction Activity: Is there more to the Romans than their impressive army? Let's find out with our 'Yes or No' warm up quiz!	
10:30am	10-minute break Children welcome to have a small snack and a drink – brought with them	
10:40am	Carousel of Activities:	

	Whole class divided into 4 groups – 2 groups have activities in the Community Room and 2 groups have activities in the Museum Gallery – swap after 40 minutes.
Community Room Activities (Norris-led)	Roman Pottery, Jewellery, and Clothing Explore four types of Roman pottery, discovering how they were made and used. Sort real potsherds and handle authentic Roman pots. Examine genuine Roman brooches before creating your own. Then try it out with Roman clothing and see how you look in our mirrors!
Museum Gallery Activities (School-led with Norris volunteer support where possible)	I-Spy the Romans All activities (with clear instructions) will be set up ready. We recommend keeping the children in their two groups and have one playing the game and the other exploring the museum gallery space for 20 minutes and then swapping over for the second 20 minutes. Durovigutum – the Roman Godmanchester Boardgame: Play your way through real events that befell Roman Godmanchester, or Durovigutum, as it was known. Shop at the market, pray at the temples, escape the fires – and don't forget to pay your taxes! Explore the Museum Gallery Space: Play the I-Spy Romans Game Complete the Romans Quiz Trail
11:20am	Carousel of Activities: 2x groups in the Community Room swap with 2x groups in the Museum Gallery
12:00pm	Plenary: Discussion with the children about the day – what have they enjoyed and why, what have they found surprising, interesting, etc.
12:10pm	Class Departs/Lunch Class either returns to school, or has their lunch (brought with them from school) in the Community Room or Museum Garden (weather permitting)
12:45pm	Optional Afternoon Craft Workshop Discover Roman mosaics and explore how they transformed Roman buildings with colourful storytelling and intricate patterns. Then design and make your own mosaic tile by pressing glass tesserae into air-dry clay.
1:45pm	Class prepares to depart