



Learning at Ely Cathedral

EYFS - Primary



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At Ely Cathedral we are passionate about learning and we can't wait to share our wonderful building with you and your students. Expect to meet characters from history, enjoy hands on workshops and get creative when you visit.

How many students can I bring?

We usually like to limit student numbers to around 100. This means we are able to work with manageable group sizes to ensure that everyone has a great experience. However, we can sometimes accommodate slightly larger groups depending on the activities you choose.

Can you accommodate different learning needs?

Absolutely. Everyone is welcome at Ely Cathedral. When you complete your booking form, you will be able to give us some more information about the needs of the students you are bringing with you. We have a range of resources to support all learners, including sensory resources and a sensory room for children who might need a break.

Do you have risk assessments?

Yes. You will be able to find downloadable Risk Assessments for visits to the Cathedral in the Schools section of the Learning and Families pages of our website.

Do you offer pre-visits?

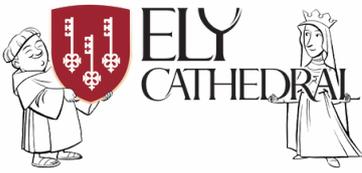
Yes. Please ask us about these when you send your initial enquiry and we will be able to arrange for a pre-visit. Please do note that we are not able to accommodate pre-visits during the weekends but can often arrange them during school holidays if you are not able to come during working hours.

Do you have materials that I can use with my students before we visit?

A small number of our current workshops do have pre-visit materials that we can send you so please do ask.

Do you have a lunch room?

Yes, we are able to accommodate your students in our classroom for lunch. In the case of larger groups we may also be able to offer you an additional space or we may have to build a split lunch into your timetable to ensure that everyone can eat comfortably. If you are booking a full day with us the use of the lunch room is included in the cost of the visit.



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Can visiting staff leave the site during breaks?

All of our staff and volunteers have up to date and relevant DBS checks. However, for safeguarding purposes we do ask that all staff remain on-site with students throughout the day. We are pleased to provide tea, coffee and light refreshments to all visiting teachers to reduce the need to leave the site.

What are the timings of school visits?

A school visit will usually start at 10.00am. A half day would usually finish at 12.00pm and a full day at 2.00pm. If you need a slightly different arrival or departure time we can usually accommodate this so please do ask. You will be sent a timetable for your day as part of the booking confirmation.

How much does a visit to the Cathedral cost?

Full day (3 learning sessions, use of the lunch room and refreshments for staff): **£7.50 pp**

Half Day (2 learning sessions): **£5.00 pp**

Self-Guided Visit: **£3.50 pp**

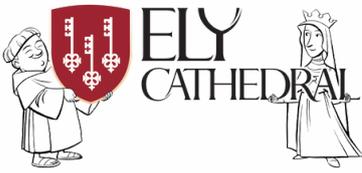
Use of the lunch room (if not visiting for a full day): **£50.00**

A **10% discount** is applicable for all visits during **September** and **January**. We are also pleased to be able to offer some free places for pupil premium students. The number of places offered will be determined by the FSM % published for your school on SchoolDash. All accompanying staff and adults visit for free.

How do I book?

Email us at learning@elycathedral.org with your **preferred dates** and **workshop choices**.

Once your date is secure, we'll ask you to complete a booking form, which we will use to put together your itinerary for the day. We sometimes work with other providers in Ely such as the Stained Glass Museum, Ely Museum and Oliver Cromwell's House so do ask us about joint visits.



Learning Support at Ely Cathedral

Ely Cathedral is an inclusive environment and we want everyone to enjoy their experience when they visit. For this reason we have a range of support available for all learners.

When you book, there will be a section of the booking confirmation that invites you to let us know about any specific needs prior to your visit. For example, if you need some resources in larger print, different colours, or with a range of reading ages in mind, please do let us know on the form and we will do all that we can to accommodate this.

We also have a range of sensory resources available to support learners:

- **Sensory bags with tactile resources to help learners stay focused.**
- **Ear defenders.**
- **Explorer's Equipment - this contains tactile versions of items that are not to be touched in the Cathedral such as altar cloths and candles.**
- **Sensory trails - alternative trails for learners who might need a different approach to their tour of the Cathedral.**
- **Sensory room - a room for those students who need some time to re-set. Please note that an adult from your school must be with any children using the sensory room and that only 2 children are able to use the room at any one time.**
- **Sensory maps - maps to show you where in the Cathedral is typically noisy and where is typically more quiet.**

We are also able to provide disabled access toilets in the Learning Centre as well as an accessible space for lunch. Please make it clear when you book if you will need to use accessible spaces. Please do note that our toilet facilities do not currently include a changing space or winch.

Workshops at Ely Cathedral

Many of our workshops can be adapted for different age groups. This section includes an overview of all the workshops that we have available for EYFS and Primary school aged children. You'll be able to see at glance which key stage each workshop is available for, as well as being able to see which curriculum and skill areas each workshop develops.

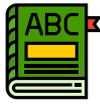
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Primary Workshops at the Cathedral

Brythnoth - A Fierce Warrior with a Noble Heart (1 hour)

Hear the story of Brythnoth and be inspired to write an epic poem in honour of his battle or choose to create your own embroidery piece inspired by the Bayeux Tapestry.

KS1 KS2



Bug Hunting and Bee Bombs (1 hour)

Enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the Cathedral gardens whilst hunting for mini beasts. Make your own bee bomb to take away to encourage pollinators to visit your outdoor spaces. Weather dependent.

EYFS KS1 KS2



Building the Cathedral Tour (1 hour)

Discover how the Cathedral was built nearly 1,000 years ago! You'll find out how pulleys and levers were used, why the arches are all different and have a go at building your own arches. This is a Learning Guide led tour.

KS1 KS2



Primary Workshops at the Cathedral

Colour Trail (1 hour)

Find primary and secondary colours around the Cathedral and discover how colours are mixed with light. Using your new colour knowledge, explore how it is used and try some techniques yourself in this hands on trail, supported by school staff.

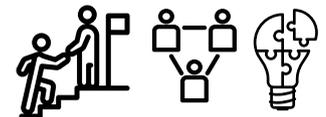
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Creation Trail

Experience the Christian creation story through 7 interactive activity stations around the Cathedral. This trail focuses on how we can look after God's creation and make simple pledges to lead a more "eco" life.

EYFS KS1 KS2



CSI Easter (3 x 1 hour sessions)

Visit crime scenes, crack codes, carry out your own forensic testing and hear from eye witnesses to explore the Easter story and the resurrection .

KS1 KS2



Primary Workshops at the Cathedral

Discover the Physick Garden (30 minutes)

Find out how the Herbarian monk would make medicines from the plants grown in their Physick garden. Identify herbs and try to heal some illnesses for unwell visitors to Ely. Weather dependent.

EYFS KS1



Fantastical Beasts and Clay Chimeras (1 hour 30 minutes)

Discover the fantastical beasts and mythical creatures as you explore the Cathedral, then use this inspiration to create your own clay chimera or fantastical beast.

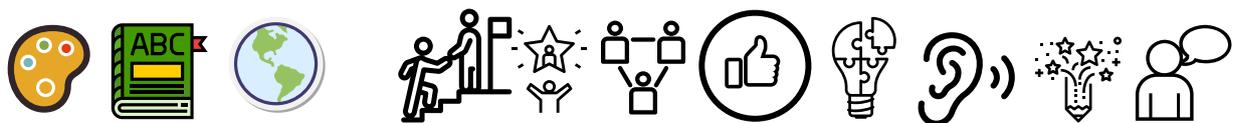
EYFS KS1 KS2



Floodland Day (3 x 1 hour sessions)

Explore Zoe's Cathedral using key extracts from the book to plot a safe route. Use compasses and maps to further explore the features of the Cathedral. You'll also try your hand at creating your own printwork inspired by the illustrations in Marcus Sedgewick's book.

KS2



Primary Workshops at the Cathedral

Labyrinth (1 hour)

Walk the Labyrinth to find out about different types of prayer. Complete activities to reflect on your own life and thoughts as you reach each station on the Labyrinth.

KS1 KS2



Mason's Marks (1 hour)

Explore the Nave of the Cathedral to discover the marks of the masons who built it. Create your own personal mark in clay, or be a bit naughtier and create your own Church graffiti.

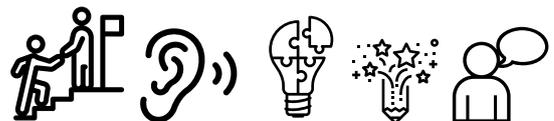
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Medieval Medicine (1 hour)

Discover how the monks made medicine in the medieval monastery. Hear all about it before practising your skills of diagnosis on the "Wee of Fortune", find cures for common illnesses and create your own herbal bag to take home.

KS1 KS2



Primary Workshops at the Cathedral

Monastic Life (1 hour)

Hear what life was like for the brothers at the monastery in Ely. Learn their sign language and take turns at making items as they would have done.

KS1 KS2



Nativity Escape Trail (1 hour)

The shepherds are on their way to visit baby Jesus - but they are a little bit lost! Help them find their way by cracking 6 puzzles based on the story in the Gospel of Luke.

KS1 KS2



Pilgrimage Trail (1 hour)

Discover why believers go on pilgrimages and why Christians come to Ely in particular. Use artefacts to learn what was involved for pilgrims in the past. This independent trail is supported by your school staff.

KS1 KS2



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Place of Worship Trail (1 hour)

In this trail, pupils complete a booklet and find banners to discover the significance of various locations around the Cathedral. Find out about how Christian life is expressed through key areas of worship, belonging, service and community. This independent trail is supported by your school staff.

KS1 KS2



Saxon Saints (1 hour)

Help Alys the pilgrim decide whether she should visit the shrine of St Edmund or St Wendreda. Learn some aspects of what it means to be a saint and retell the stories of the saints in this drama workshop.

EYFS KS1 KS2



Shared Origins Trail (1 hour)

With an expert guide to lead your tour, discover how 6 religions and world views share teachings and stories about important Biblical figures. Complete engaging activities and take away your completed booklet on your return to school.

KS1 KS2



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St Etheldreda's Story and Tawdry Making (1 hour or 1 hour 30 minutes)

Hear all the news about St Etheldreda from the Blacksmith's wife, an expert historian and from your friends as you piece the events of the story together. To make a longer session you can find out more about the history of tawdries before making your own.

KS1 KS2



The Life of Jesus Trail (1 hour)

Follow the trail booklet to discover how Christians remember the life and teachings of Jesus Christ through the varied artworks at Ely Cathedral, and his significance today. Complete the activities as you are guided around the building in your booklet. This independent trail is supported by your school staff.

KS1 KS2



The Self Sufficient Monastery (1 hour)

Understand how the monastery was self-sufficient during medieval times. Help the monks decide what to grow and what to make before making your own bees wax candle to take home.

EYFS KS1 KS2



Primary Workshops at the Cathedral

Tudor Church Trail (1 hour)

Follow the banners around the Cathedral to find out how Henry VIII changed the Church in England during the reformation. You will find out how Henry's changes have affected how the Cathedral is used as a place of worship today. This independent trail is supported by your school staff.

KS1 KS2



Tudor Crime and Punishment (1 hour)

Find out about the unusual laws introduced during Tudor times, explore the punishments given to offenders and make a "Wanted" poster for a Tudor criminal.

KS1 KS2



Tudor Etiquette (1 hour)

Discover what life was like in the Tudor royal court. Learn how rich and poor people would have to behave differently and get some tips from a Tudor cook.

EYFS KS1 KS2



Primary Workshops at the Cathedral

Tumbling Tower (1 hour)

Discover what happened in 1323, when the central tower of the Cathedral came tumbling down - what caused it? Was anyone hurt? How did they repair it? Put your engineering skills to the test as you help Sacrist, Alan de Walsingham, solve the problem of the hole in the middle of the roof.

KS1 KS2



Borrow Boxes from Ely Cathedral

We have a range of resource boxes and trails which can be borrowed from the Cathedral. These can be loaned to you for up to one half term. They include all the learning plans and resources that you need to deliver a series of lessons or a particular trail. You can arrange to borrow these by emailing learning@elycathedral.org. The loan of these resources costs £75 for the half term.

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	Science and Technology	

Borrow Boxes & Trails from Ely Cathedral

Floodland Borrow Box (6 x 1 hour sessions)

This Borrow Box compliments class book study with cross curricular supporting activities. Activities include a creative response to the story, scientific investigations, debating and exploring maps. A trip to Ely Cathedral for the Floodland Day sessions bring the topic to a close.

KS2



HerStory (6 x 1 hour sessions)

Explore the stories of Biblical women such as Ruth, Anna and Tabitha before discovering more about Feminist Theology and deciding whether Gospel writer Luke was an early feminist through age appropriate activities.

KS 1 KS2



Parables and Miracles (6 x 1 hour sessions)

Discover more about the Parables and Miracles of Jesus, with imaginative activities and resources to learn about Jesus turning water into wine, a healing miracle and calming the storm. Learners will explore the stories of the Goat and the Sheep, the Sower and the Good Samaritan.

KS1 KS2 (Years 3 & 4)

