



Primary Learning @ Bolton Libraries and Museums



Interactive Museum and Library Workshops

A range of exciting workshops are available which provide dynamic learning experiences for your class.

Our sessions extend children's knowledge, understanding and enjoyment of Art, History, Geography and Science.

We offer interactive museum workshops at these fantastic venues:

- **Bolton Museum @ The Crescent**
- **Hall i' th' Wood Museum**
- **Smithills Hall**

These interactive workshops offer children the opportunity to learn outside the classroom in a stimulating cultural environment. Children get the opportunity to handle real life objects to help stimulate discussion, develop creative thinking skills and inspire a real enthusiasm for learning.



Bolton Museum has a fascinating Aquarium with freshwater fish from around the world.

By prior arrangement, it may be possible for your class to watch the fish being fed. Please enquire when booking your interactive workshop.

We offer library workshops both at the Central Library and the Community Libraries.

These workshops enable children to develop key research and information skills as well as taking part in creative activities catering to a wide range of learning styles.

- **All workshops are free for children from Bolton Local Authority when they are delivered at Bolton Museum or your local library.**
- **Detailed price list on back page of brochure for other services.**

Foundation / KS1

@ Bolton Museum

A Basket Full of Colours (Foundation)

- Listen to the interactive story of Tico Tango the Parrot.
- Slither like a snake and creep like a leopard.
- Explore the museum to discover colours in paintings and animals.
- Fill a basket with pictures of colourful museum specimens.
- Dance to some music like Tico Tango the Parrot.

Dinosaur Discovery (Foundation and KS1)

- Handle ancient fossils and life-size casts of huge dinosaur bones.
- Listen to the interactive story “Bumpus Jumpus Dinosaurumpus.”
- Become fossil detectives and put together a giant Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton puzzle.

Arty Animal Antics (Foundation and KS1)

**New
Session**

- Explore the animal paintings and objects within the Art Gallery.
- Respond to the paintings with movement and sound.
- Create your own clay animals. Please note that there is a charge of £1 per child for all schools. The charge covers the cost of the clay.

Seashore (Reception and KS1)

**New
Session**

- Uncover a range of interesting seashore animals in an interactive blanket dig.
- Handle, investigate and draw natural specimens from the coasts and oceans.
- Investigate fish within our Aquarium and watch them being fed.

Fur, Feathers & Scales (Reception and KS1)

- Discover the differences between animals by investigating their skin coverings, (fur, feathers or scales.)
- Sort and classify a range of animals into groups.
- Journey into the depths of Bolton Museum and investigate the fish in our Aquarium.

Toys (Reception and KS1)

- Encounter fascinating toys from the past and compare them with modern toys.
- See how mechanical clockwork toys move.
- Explore, handle and play with a wide range of historic toys.
- Create pictures and watch them move as you spin our Zoetrope.

Science @ Bolton Museum



Prehistoric (KS2)

- Journey through time to discover fascinating facts about the prehistoric world.
- Handle ancient fossils and life size casts of huge dinosaur bones.
- Become a crime scene detective! Discover which ancient suspect gnawed on a prehistoric bone.
- Investigate fossils to discover how prehistoric creatures have adapted their bodies to different environments.

Animal Adaptations (KS2)

New
Session

- Become natural history detectives and record observations through annotated sketches.
- Sort and classify a range of animals into groups.
- Discover how animals have adapted to different environments.
- Investigate why some animals have adapted their bodies to protect them and help them to survive.

Any Old Bones (KS2)

- Become a natural history explorer and record observations through annotated sketches.
- Discover which groups of animals do not have an internal skeleton.
- Compare and study skeletons from different animals.
- Investigate the lifestyles of the animals to discover how their skeletons have changed and adapted.

Rock around the Clock (KS2)

- Investigate rocks and minerals as a junior geologist.
- Participate in exciting experiments to demonstrate the weathering process.
- Handle volcanic material and ancient fossils.
- Compare and classify a range of rocks and minerals.

History, Geography and Art @ Bolton Museum

Global Explorer (KS2)

New
Session

- Be a global explorer. Discover natural and manmade objects from around the world on an exciting journey through the museum.
- Handle and examine museum objects from the Ethnology and Natural History collections.
- Explore different continents in our World Galleries. Make notes and observational drawings of our specimens and artefacts.

Exploring Ancient Egypt (KS2)

- Become a history detective and investigate Ancient Egyptian artefacts.
- Touch 2,500 year old real objects.
- Encounter many Ancient treasures from our amazing Egyptian gallery.
- Be transformed into characters from the past, including a scribe, a priest and a mummified pharaoh.

Local History Investigators (KS2)

New
Session

- Explore the new Bolton Lives gallery which tells the exciting story of Bolton
- Find out more about your school or your local area through a hands-on workshop in the Bolton History Centre.
- Become an archivist and access historical records, photographs, census data and local maps.
- Classes must be split into smaller groups as the History Centre can only accommodate a maximum of 15 children at a time. Whilst one group works in the Bolton History Centre, the other children will get the opportunity to explore the museum.

Portraits (KS1 and KS2)

- Discover how painted and sculptural portraits can communicate different meanings through pose, expression and clothing.
- Explore the gallery to find portraits of characters in costume.
- Look at sculptures to find out about 3D portraits.
- Create a sculptural face from paper and card.

History @ Hall i' th' Wood and Smithills Hall



Samuel Crompton and the History of Spinning (KS2, Hall i' th' Wood)

- See where Samuel Crompton invented his famous Spinning Mule. This machine revolutionised the cotton industry.
- Watch a talented spinner use a spinning wheel to transform wool into thread.
- Dress up in traditional children's costumes from the past.
- Have a go at carding and spinning some yarn from a sheep's fleece.

Tudor Family Life (KS2, Hall i' th' Wood)

- Meet Master or Mistress Brownlow and re-live life in a Tudor merchant's household.
- Be transformed into a variety of characters from the past.
- Participate in a tour of the Great Hall, Bedroom, Kitchen and Dairy.
- Investigate Tudor household artefacts.

Extend your Tudor experience into the afternoon with these optional activities:

- Create a traditional pomander and write with quill pens.
- Have a go at Tudor dancing.

Tudor Celebration (KS2, Smithills Hall)

- Be transformed into Tudors and re-enact a traditional Tudor feast.
- Participate in a tour of the Great Hall, Bower and Solar Room.
- Discover the difference between rich and poor people in a Tudor household.
- Investigate Tudor entertainment and have a go at traditional Tudor dancing

Extend your Tudor celebration into the afternoon with these optional activities:

- Explore the patterns on the amazing stained glass windows in the Tudor chapel.
- Design your own family crest and Tudor rebus.

Victorian Experience (KS2, Smithills Hall)

- Become a Victorian servant and experience life at Smithills Hall.
- Participate in a tour of the Victorian rooms and sneak a peak into Colonel Ainsworth's study and library.
- Investigate the different lifestyles of the Ainsworth family and their servants.
- Handle Victorian artefacts

Extend your Victorian experience into the afternoon with these optional activities:

- Take part in an interactive washday experience.
- Perform drama inspired by Victorian characters from Smithills Hall.

Outreach Interactive Museum Workshops - Bolton Museum Can Visit Your School

Toys (KS1)

New Session

- Encounter fascinating toys from the past and compare them with modern toys.
- Explore, handle and play with a wide range of historic toys.

Seaside Holidays in the Past (KS1)

New Session

- Investigate interesting artefacts from Victorian and Edwardian seaside holidays.
- Explore the holidays in the past through role play.

History Mystery (KS1)

- Investigate a range of mystery artefacts from homes from the past.
- Handle artefacts from the past and make comparisons with modern objects.

Victorian Washdays (KS1 and KS2)

- Experience the hard routine of washday in Victorian times.
- Explore Victorian artefacts and learn about household chores through role-play.

Dinosaurs (KS1 and KS2)

New Session

- Explore the prehistoric world of dinosaurs through hands on investigation.
- Handle and sketch ancient fossils and life-size casts of huge dinosaur bones.

Ancient Greeks (KS2)

- Explore Greek artefacts to provide a fascinating look into the Ancient Greek world.
- Investigate Greek armour and imagine you are a Spartan or an Athenian.

Romans (KS2)

- Have the opportunity to dress in a toga and experience life as a Roman.
- Handle and sketch Roman artefacts and investigate Roman armour.

Anglo-Saxons (KS2)

- Explore the Anglo-Saxon world by investigating a traditional costume.
- Handle and sketch Anglo-Saxon artefacts.

Vikings (KS2)

- Investigate Norse artefacts to discover the history of the Vikings.
- Examine a Viking costume and participate in a Viking game.

Victorian Schoolroom (KS2)

- Experience life as a Victorian child through the use of role-play.
- Handle Victorian artefacts and use tools, such as slate boards and dip pens.

The Second World War (KS2)

- Experience life as a child during Wartime Britain through role-play.
- Investigate a range of artefacts from the Second World War.

The First World War (KS2 and KS3)

New Session

- Investigate and explore a range of artefacts and archives from the First World War.

Learning @ Bolton Libraries

Bolton Libraries are here to help you!

Our libraries located across the borough and include:

Central (Town Centre)
Astley Bridge
Blackrod
Brightmet
Bromley Cross

Castle Hill
Farnworth
Harwood
Heaton
High Street

Highfield
Horwich
Little Lever
Oxford Grove
Westhoughton

Discover Your Library (KS1 & 2)

Our introduction to the library session is an opportunity for children to:

- Explore their local library.
- Look at fiction and non-fiction texts.
- Find out how to join the library.

Early Years Story Experience (Foundation)

- Explore the library and discover a range of wonderful books for young children.
- Learn about the fun things to do at your local library.
- Take part in an exciting story time session.

Rainbow Fish Friends

@ Bolton Central Library (Reception & KS1)

- Enjoy hearing the story of "The Rainbow Fish"
- Create a fishy friend using craft items
- Seashore themed stories and rhymes



Seashore Museum & Aquarium Workshop is available to link with Rainbow Fish Friends

Roald Dahl (KS2)

- General introduction to the library
- Roald Dahl themed quizzes and activities

History Hunt (KS2)

This session gives children the opportunity to learn how to find information in the library. Pupils explore their topic theme finding facts using books and online research resources.

We offer sessions in the following themes:

- Egyptians
- Romans
- Tudors
- Victorians
- World War II

Schools' Library Service

The Schools' Library Service provides a range of services which support teaching and learning. These are offered as part of the standard Service Level Agreement .

Resources available to borrow include:

- Project loan boxes
- Large format books
- Story sacks with puppets
- Guided reading sets
- Modern Foreign Language Books
- We can plan and support literacy events and book/reading clubs at your school.
- We are able to provide storytelling and poetry sessions, including the use of puppets where appropriate.
- We can help your pupils develop information skills using your school library or linked with specific subjects.
- Interactive Quizzes, similar to "Who Wants to be Millionaire", are available for up to 30 pupils to play at once, each with their own handset. These can be general book quizzes or tailored to specific needs.

Visit us at
Pike Nook Workshops,
High Street, Bolton,
BL3 6JZ

Opening hours: Monday- Friday 9.00am- 5.00pm

Tel: 01204 338121

Fax: 01204 338128

e-mail: schools.library.service@bolton.gov.uk

Price list for interactive workshops @ Bolton Museums and Libraries

To book any of our interactive workshops please call us on 01204 332236	Schools within Bolton Local Authority	Schools outside of Bolton Local Authority
Bolton Museum	Free	£3.40 per child Min. charge £65 in total.
Bolton Libraries	Free	Please enquire for further details
Smithills Hall & Hall i'th' Wood Museum	£2.35 per child Min. charge £60 in total.	£3.40 per child Min. charge £65 in total.
Museum Outreach Sessions at your school	£88 per ½ day £130 per full day	Price on application.

Prices are subject to review

- KS1 & KS2 Museum interactive workshops last approximately 1 hour 45 mins.
- Foundation Stage Museum interactive workshops last approximately 1 hour.
- All library workshops last approximately 1 hour.
- Each workshop is available for a maximum of 35 children.

Bolton Museum and historic halls have an exciting range of museum souvenirs and replica artefacts to buy at pocket money prices. We can also provide your class with £1:50 or £2:50 goody bags, filled with museum gifts!

Museum School Loans boxes

Museum loan boxes are available for you to hire for use at your school!

All boxes include resources and suggested activities which link to the National Curriculum. The themes available are:

Seashore

Local Wildlife & Birds

History Time-line

Ancient Greeks

Romans

Ancient Egypt

Aztecs & Explorers

Victorian Life

Victorian Costume

Toys

Africa

Asia

Museum Loan Box Prices per 2 week loan	Schools within Bolton Local Authority	Schools outside of Bolton Local Authority
	£10	£15
To book a Museum loan box, please telephone: 01204 332236		

Boxes can be collected from Westhoughton Library or you can arrange to have Free delivery of your loan box to these branch libraries for you to pick up;

Farnworth Library, Harwood Library, Horwich Library or Schools Library Service

For more information please visit our website: www.boltonmuseums.org.uk/learning