

New workshops for 2024-2025!

ROSSLYN CHAPEL 1446

Schools Programme
2024-2025

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Welcome

Rosslyn Chapel was founded in 1446 by Sir William St Clair, 11th Baron of Rosslyn and Prince of Orkney. It is world famous for its mysterious and ornate stone carvings of plants, scenes and characters from the Bible, Green Men (faces with leaves growing from their mouths), and even monsters and dragons. Since it was built it has intrigued and inspired writers, artists and visitors, including Sir Walter Scott, Robert Burns and Queen Victoria. More recently it featured in the best-selling novel 'The Da Vinci Code' by Dan Brown, and in the Hollywood blockbuster film of the book starring Audrey Tautou and Tom Hanks.

With such a variety of stories and subject matter, Rosslyn Chapel is a wonderful source for inspiring learning across the curriculum. Our award-winning schools programme offers a wide variety of learning experiences for primary school children across all levels. From dragon hunts, storytelling and creative movement for the little ones to STEM, creative writing and living history for upper primary, the Chapel offers a rich array of resources to support and complement classroom learning.

The Junior Tour Guides programme offers a unique opportunity for children to experience a peer-led costumed performance and tour, given by Roslin Primary School P7s. Performances take place between October and December and are in high demand so book before you miss it!

All our learning programmes are free and transport costs for schools in Midlothian can be covered by Rosslyn Chapel. For more information email learning@rosslynchapel.com.



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Junior Tour Guides

Book your free visit for your class for Autumn 2024

A completely free opportunity for your class to visit the Chapel and be taken on a dramatic costumed tour led by P7s from Roslin Primary School. Once the performance is finished, your class will work with Rosslyn Chapel staff to explore some of the history in greater depth and complete a trail of the Chapel. Travel costs for Midlothian schools can be covered by Rosslyn Chapel.

Hurry as places are limited and book up fast! All performances are on Thursdays 10am-11am, followed by an outdoor snack break. The follow-up session with Chapel staff finishes at 12noon.

Feedback from previous schools and teachers

“We loved it. Thank You. Feeling inspired to follow up in class. Well done.”

“The P7s from Roslin were all outstanding today ... The tour itself was very engaging and interesting. The amount of hard work and commitment that has been put into their performances was obvious and has been well worth it. My pupils were all very excited by it and have already been discussing learning points from it that they would like to bring into our class which is great.”

CfE Experiences and Outcomes:
SOC 2-02a, SOC 2-04a



To book a place, or if you have any questions about content, learning outcomes or logistics email learning@rosslynchapel.com

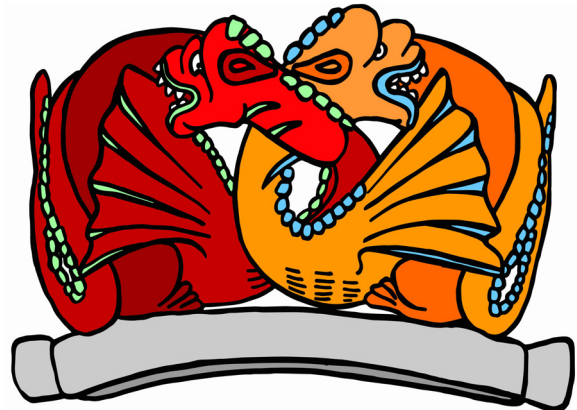
School Workshops 2024-2025

Rosslyn Chapel offers a variety of free workshops for all primary school ages. To book a workshop email learning@rosslynchapel.com. Travel costs for Midlothian schools can be covered by Rosslyn Chapel.

Dragons in a Twist (P1-P3)

A full-day experience, with a visit to Rosslyn Chapel in the morning and a follow-up session back at school in the afternoon. Your class will discover the dragons in the stone carvings and glasswork, followed by storytelling in the Lady Chapel and a dragon craft in the Visitor Centre. After lunch Chapel staff come out to school and lead a creative movement session inspired by the dragons in the Chapel.

CfE Experiences and Outcomes: SOC 1-04, LIT 1-04a, EXA 1-09a



Green Man/Viking poetry (P5-P7)

Drawing on both the Green Man/nature carvings and Viking references in the Chapel, this workshop explores different ways the Chapel can provide inspiration for writing nature poetry. Your class will practise the Norse 'kennings' technique and delve into the classic poem 'Green Man in the Garden' by Charles Causley. They will then start writing their own poetry inspired by the stunning nature carvings in the Chapel.

CfE Experiences and Outcomes: ENG 2-31a, SOC 2-04a

Medieval Experience (P4-P7)

Learn by doing – the medieval way! This full day living history workshop offers a deep dive into some medieval hand skills, bringing history and the Middle Ages to life. Visit the Chapel in the morning with a follow-up session back at school in the afternoon. The children will meet a variety of living history characters and try out hands-on activities related to stone masonry, braiding, and calligraphy.

CfE Experiences and Outcomes: SOC 2-02, SOC 2-04a, RME 2-03



NEW! A Visit with Victoria (P4-P7)

One of Rosslyn Chapel's most famous visitors was none other than Queen Victoria herself. Queen Victoria was both a talented sketcher and a dedicated diarist, and in her day, Rosslyn Chapel had long been a source of inspiration for artists and writers, including Sir Walter Scott and Robert Burns.

Your class will experience a Victorian makeover as they don Victorian clothes and learn Victorian manners to meet the Queen! The children will accompany Queen Victoria around the Chapel and together they will explore different ways of articulating and expressing their own personal responses to the Chapel, through a variety of creative media.

CfE Experiences and Outcomes: SOC 2-04a, EXA 2-05, ENG 2-30a



NEW! STEM Light (P6-P7)

A multidisciplinary STEM/arts workshop exploring the science and history of the stained-glass windows at Rosslyn Chapel. The Chapel has stained glass ranging from the 19th century to the modern day, demonstrating a variety of different styles and effects. After a tour of the Chapel windows, your class will learn how light waves travel through space and will experiment with manipulating light using different materials. They will then create their own designs for a stained-glass window.

CfE Experiences and Outcomes: SCN 2-11b, SCN 3-11a

STEM Stone (P5-P7)

A workshop that explores the science and engineering of Rosslyn Chapel as a stone structure. Pupils will tour the Chapel building and learn to recognise key architectural features of the Gothic style. The class will then split into three groups and rotate through activities that support learning in the following topics:

- Science (geology, properties of stone)
- Engineering (structure, weight-bearing)
- Maths (especially shapes)

CfE Experiences and Outcomes: SCN 2-08a, SCN 2-17a, SCN 3-17a





NEW! Medieval Christmas (P3-P5)

Your class will join a medieval lady and minstrel to discover how people celebrated Christmas in medieval times. A morning of storytelling and music in the magical setting of the Lady Chapel.

CfE Experiences and Outcomes: SOC 2-04a, RME 1-03b, RME 2-03b

NEW! RME – Rosslyn Chapel as a place of worship

Rosslyn Chapel is both a heritage site and an active place of Christian worship – in fact its full name is the Collegiate Church of St Matthew and it is part of the Scottish Episcopal Church. This workshop, presented jointly by Rosslyn Chapel Trust and the congregation of St Matthew's, will give your class an insight into how the Chapel functions as a religious building. Pupils will learn how key themes of Christian beliefs and values are presented through its architecture and decoration, and how the building supports the practice of Christianity.

CfE experiences and outcomes: RME 1-01a, RME 1-01b, RME 2-02a, RME 2-02b, RME 0-03, RME 1-03a and RME 1-03b



Workshop availability

- Junior Tour Guide performances take place on Thursday mornings between 24 October and 12 December.
- The Medieval Christmas workshop is available only on the following dates: 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11 December (½ day mornings)
- The RME workshop is available only on the following dates: 23 September, 4 November, 5 November, 25 November, 26 November, 3 February, 4 February (½ day mornings)

All other workshops take place on Wednesday mornings between 11 September and 27 November, and on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings between 7 January and 2 April. (Dragons in a Twist and Medieval Experience include afternoon follow-up sessions back at school).

To find out more or to book a workshop, email learning@rosslynchapel.com or phone 0131 440 2159



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