



Tŷr Pererin

St Davids Cathedral



Primary School Education Programmes 2025/6

Visit St Davids Cathedral with Tŷr Pererin:
A Place of Education & Refreshment

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Welcome

Join us at Tŷr Pererin to explore the curriculum in new and exciting ways.

A range of opportunities to engage with:

- structured enquiry and cooperative learning
- artefacts and texts of historic and religious significance
- cultural heritage professionals and developing a recognition of value of cultural heritage sites
- individuals, experts, groups and organisations that have particular potential to provide stimulating contexts for learning

Choose from the list of programmes and contact us to begin your journey of inspiration.

Those of you in Church in Wales Schools can apply for a Children, Youth & Families Grant to cover costs.

<https://stdavids.churchinwales.org.uk/en/resources/diocesan-grants/>

Croesawu ymwelwyr fel pererinio

Welcoming visitors as pilgrims



EGLWYS GADEIRIOL TYDDEWI
ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL



Introduction

All our programmes will help you deliver to the four core purposes
Y Pedwar Diben o'r Dyfodol Llwyddiannus The Four Core Purposes of Successful Futures

Yn ddysgwyr uchelgeisiol, galluog sy'n barod i ddysgu drwy gydol eu hoes. Ambitious, capable learners who are ready to learn throughout their lives.

Yn gyfranwyr mentrus, creadigol sy'n barod i chwarae eu rhan yn llawn yn eu bywyd a'u gwaith.. Enterprising, creative contributors who are ready to play a full part in life and work.

Yn ddinasyddion egwyddorol, gwybodus yng Nghymru a'r byd. Ethical, informed citizens who are ready to be citizens of Wales and the world.

Yn unigolion iach, hyderus sy'n barod i fyw bywyd gan wireddu eu dyheadau fel aelodau gwerthfawr o gymdeithas. Healthy, confident individuals who are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society

Programmes for all 6 areas of learning and experience and cross-cutting themes

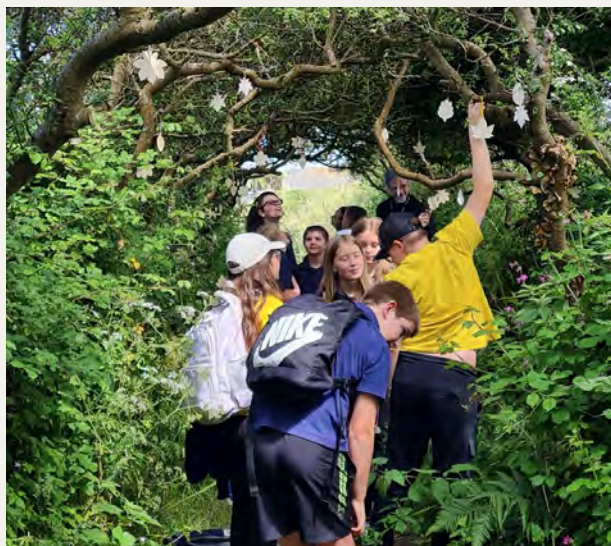
Expressive arts, Health and wellbeing, Humanities, Languages, Literacy & Communication, Mathematics & Numeracy and Science & Technology

Understand & Experience Pilgrimage



Make a pilgrimage either here or in your own locality to understand and experience what these important journeys meant in the past and how they are being revived today. Use our multi-disciplinary project before you arrive and then visit the cathedral to walk in the footsteps of Dewi and all the pilgrims who followed. Contact us to download the project for your school.

- Investigate pilgrimage in your own context and begin to understand 'Cynefin'
- Consider aspects of pilgrimage and why, how and where people choose to go on pilgrimage
- Find out about pilgrims from the past and meet modern day pilgrims
- set up a pilgrimage route in your own school/community.



£3 per pupil
plus travelling expences for
the planning and delivery of
each pilgrimage



Walking in the Footsteps of Dewi

Available throughout 2025/6

10.30am–2pm

Explore concepts and ideas from the 'Walking in the Footsteps of Pilgrims' project. Experience being in the special place called Tyddewi. How does this relate to your sense of 'Cynefin'? Learn how David lived a fulfilled life through his work here.

Reflect on your own life and values as you journey around the cathedral to the Shrine of St David. You can journey as a monk, express ideas and learning through art using inspiration from icons and symbols.

There are a variety of interactive workshops from making icons to joining the music department to look at past and present music forms. Perform in a drama about the life of David. All workshops take place in this glorious and inspiring building.

Some workshops available in Welsh. £3 per pupil.





Lost Words of the Cathedral

Feb-July 2026 10.30am–2pm Workshops inspired by *The Lost Words* by Robert MacFarlane and illustrated by Jackie Morris, a much loved book and project which highlights words missing from childhood dictionaries. Our workshop takes inspiration from this to recover 'Lost Words' from the Cathedral environment which you may not have happened upon. £3 per pupil.

Explore landscapes, plant and animal life around the cathedral by looking for the 'Lost Words' of the Cathedral...Dandelion, Horse Chestnut, Magpie, Fern, Ivy, Bramble, Willow, Bluebell...and compile a new list ...Roccella, Rook, Jackdaw, Owl, Navelwort, Campion... Go on the Lost Words alphabet hunt. Available in Welsh or English. To ponder meanings and use. Learn more about the 'Lost Words' associated with Dewi Sant... Aquabib, Yelve, Monastery, Quill, Agnus Dei and write an acrostic poem to express learning about this culture. Look at what has been 'Lost and Found' amongst the books and manuscripts. Record some ancient words using nibs and ink for use in research in the classroom.



Experience Easter

16th - 27th March 2026, 10.30am-2pm

Travel around the cathedral and visit six interactive stations telling the Easter Story. Reflect on this Christian heritage in terms of values for your own life.

A chance for children to become part of the retelling of the Easter Story.

Respond to the story through expressive arts to communicate thoughts and ideas about the themes of Easter.

Only £3 per pupil for this visit to include individual Easter Calendars to enable each child to retell the Easter Story for themselves.



Pilgrimage

A pilgrimage for whole school, class or year group to learn about and from the practice of pilgrimage and visit the places associated with St David. Throughout 2025/26. To include simple reflections, links to the Bible and the life of St David to explore beliefs and values.

Opportunity to use the outdoors for learning and wellbeing—make a walk of reflection using the ancient tradition of pilgrimage. Includes eight interactive stations reflecting on journey and the search for meaning, significance and value in life as well as expressing 'Cynefin.'

Take time to listen to each other and to respond to the things around you, opening up values and themes on 'doing the little things', saying sorry, belonging, different perspectives, challenge, courage and fundamental questions of life and understanding how you belong to this ancient story and practice.

Pilgrimage themes to choose from:

. Year 6 transition
to Secondary

. Values of St David

. 'The Little Things'
(young pupils)

£3 per pupil





Pilgrimage @ Home

Opportunity to use the outdoors for learning and wellbeing—make a walk of reflection using the ancient tradition of pilgrimage and begin to understand and express ideas around 'Cynefin.' A pilgrimage will be written for you to use with the whole school, class or year group. To include simple prayers and links to the Bible to explore beliefs to help your whole community explore their 'Cynefin'. Available throughout 2025/6

- Take time to listen to each other and to respond to the things around you, opening up Christian values and themes.
- Learn about the people and the places in your local community that are special.
- Up to nine interactive stations raising questions which focus on the search for meaning, significance and value in life.

£3 per pupil for the pilgrimage day plus Education & Pilgrimage Officer travel expenses for the planning and day of pilgrimage.



Psalms & Science

St David used ancient songs from the Book of Psalms to pray to God. These prayers have been sung here for over a thousand years. The Psalms not only speak to us ancient truths, they open up to us the world of modern scientific thought. Come and try these experiments for yourselves and wonder at the knowledge of the Psalmist. A unique opportunity to link Expressive Arts and Science and Technology. Just £3 per pupil. 10.30am-2pm

- Psalm 19 'The heavens declare the glory of God;' Try your hand at scientific fingerprinting.
- Psalm 51 'Whiter than snow' Watch with wonder as colour transforms
- Psalm 34 'Taste and see that the Lord is good.' Test your taste buds. How good are you at discerning flavour?
- Psalm 51 'Create in me a clean heart.' Observe chemical reactions and the transformation they bring.
- Psalm 119 'Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.' Explore the amazing effect of convection currents.
- Psalm 23 'He leads me beside still waters.' How do you make a tornado?
- Psalm 69 'Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.' What happens when things are under pressure?





Nursery Rhyme Safari

A programme for very young children. With the aid of a travelling bear the children will be able to explore the cathedral to hear different stories associated with this amazing sacred space.

Find animals hiding in the carvings, windows and art. A nursery rhyme will help the children recall each of the animals.

At each stop we will hear about the animal's significance to the cathedral. In the afternoon we will explore this further and respond using song, craft, story or game.

The morning short session finishes with a teddy bears picnic—children to bring their own teddies, with name label attached if possible.

Only £3 per pupil for this visit to include animal biscuits, preparing cheese & biscuits and the individual items created during the day.
(10.30am - 2pm)





Music Day

A selection of workshops: only £3 per pupil (10.30am - 2pm)

Explore how sounds are used to express ideas and feelings as you experience the sounds of the cathedral organ, bells, choral scholars, worship & song.

An opportunity to hear the cathedral organist demonstrate the versatility and grandeur of the organ, the 'King of Instruments.'

Visit the great Quire and sit amongst the ancient misericords. Bring a song to sing at the Shrine of St David and record your performance. Take away a new song to sing at school.

Visit the bell tower to learn about the sights and sounds found there.

Make a musical instrument to accompany your singing.

This programme links elements of Expressive Arts; Health and Wellbeing, Humanities, Languages, Literacy & Communication as well as Science and Technology.



Find the Little Things: Geocache

Try geocaching: An opportunity to tackle a series of challenges using many skills to unlock the secrets of St Davids Shrine. This cross-curricular programme includes problem-solving, team work and communication within the 6 areas of learning and experience. Each challenge will help your pupils explore ideas about Saints David, Patrick and Andrew and their link to the Cathedral. Just £3 per pupil. (10.30am-2pm)

Use maps, plans and written clues to find the cache boxes hidden in the Cathedral and Close. Find activities and information to help your pupils use their knowledge and skills in a variety of contexts to solve each challenge.

Accumulate all the information, collect the stamps and complete the key questions to 'read' the clues hidden in the Shrine of St David.

This programme suitable for different age groups working together and helpful in delivering an integrated curriculum.





Return to Tudor Times

Examine original Tudor books including some of the first Bibles in Welsh and in English. Follow the story the books tell about the turbulent times.

Have a go at Tudor calligraphy and consider what role the new technology of printing had on the Tudor world.

Tudor composer, Thomas Tomkins, was born and brought up in St Davids Cathedral Close. What was his life like? Taste, smell and listen to his Tudor life! Make herbal remedies, play games and hear the original music from the library come to life!

"A real Tudor buried here."

Here is the tomb of Edmund Tudor, founder of the Tudor dynasty. Decipher the words around the tomb. Hear how this was not the first tomb of Edmund Tudor.

Linking Humanities, Languages, Literacy & Communication, Science & Technology as you explore the Tudor dynasty.

£3 per pupil. (10.30am-2pm)





Sacred Space: A Place to be Mindful

St Davids Cathedral as a Place of Christian Worship. A focus on RVE and Wellbeing. Bring the Cathedral alive for your pupils as a place of prayer and worship, a space where people find peace, encouragement and challenge. £3 per pupil (10.30am-2pm)

Visit the Cathedral Labyrinth to experience how it feels to walk mindfully. Find out about the ancient history of the labyrinth and how Christians use them today. Take away a finger labyrinth to use at school for moments of meditation and mindfulness.

Explore the rich Christian heritage at the cathedral. Find out about key people and events using art and story. Consider how these depict key Christian concepts and how we can learn from these today. Make a copy of the Mediaeval Presbytery tiles to turn into a stained glass window.

Why do people use candles and incense? Experience a short time of reflection at the Shrine of St David. A time to express your thoughts, hopes or dreams and consider how this might be used as a religious ritual by some people.



Calculate & Contemplate

Use the building to explore Mathematics and Numeracy, Science & Technology. Measure distances, identify shapes and use these to calculate amounts, dimensions and quantities. Look in a new way, using your ideas and skills to investigate and create your own structure. Think more about shapes, measuring & problem solving. Workshops include:

- A tour of the outside to investigate the history, geography, geology and botany hidden in the structure of the building
- A materials treasure hunt inside the cathedral.
- A building workshop, using different techniques to make structures found in the cathedral.
- Estimating & measuring the length of the Nave and speed of a ball rolling down the slope of the cathedral.
- Identifying & recording shapes, symmetry, and tessellation seen in tiles and tower lantern.
- Calculating area and quantities of material needed to renovate part of the cathedral.

£3 per pupil (10.30am-2pm)



Bring your pupils to mark

Remembrance Peace Day

with an inspiring service to commemorate the fallen.

Listen to the cathedral bell toll. Join the procession as it makes its way to the cathedral with the singing of songs first heard during wartime years.

During the day participate in workshops:

- Wave me Goodbye
- WWII Archaeological Dig
- The Soldier's Tales

This day (7/11/25 10.30am-2pm), suitable for KS 2, follows a series of outreach sessions based in your school with our cathedral musicians. A brilliant opportunity for your pupils to work with professional musicians to build a repertoire of music and musical skills.

Music sessions run from September–November - please book this at the beginning of the new academic year.

We Will Remember Them



2nd –19th Dec 2025 10.30am–2pm

Christmas Through the Keyhole

Who lives in a place like this..? Search for clues in the deserted homes as you make a journey from the Christmas tree to the manger. An interactive trail to help you become part of the re-telling of the Christmas Story.

- Learn about daily life in 1st Century Palestine. See the tools Mary & Joseph would have used and hear what the angel said.
- Follow the tracks towards Bethlehem and find where the shepherds have left their sheep. Learn how we use their wool.
- Who left the dusty map, discarded the old telescope and left the pungent smell of frankincense?
- End your journey at the stable and have a time of quiet to think about the deeper meaning of Christmas.
- Collect in your envelope clues from the trail to help you retell your adventure. Use your artwork to unlock further themes from the story.
- At the end of your visit, receive a small bundle of hay from your own Christmas tree to take back to school.

£3 per pupil



St Davids Sleepover

Have you visited us & would like to cram more into your day? Or never visited because of the distance but would love the opportunity? We invite you to a 48 hour special (or longer) programme designed to give you time to explore, connect and reflect.

Accommodation St Davids Bunk Barns, 120 acre working farm Carn-Nwchwn. www.stdavidsbunkbarns.co.uk Robert, Christine and their children live on the farm and run the business. 15 min walk to Cathedral with coast views.

During the day Visit the Cathedral for any education programme or ask for a tailor-made event. Choose from a range of workshops to suit the age and experience of pupils. All of these will be extended versions of our usual programmes giving you time to really learn and enjoy.

- A pilgrimage day based on Christian values and linked to your own school ethos and curriculum.
- A celebration day with varied activities around a theme for a particular year or ability group.
- Geocaching in and around the cathedral to investigate, challenge and record information about St Davids.

In the evening Again you can choose activities with Tŷ'r Pererin to suit:

- Story-telling and hot chocolate at the barns—ideal before bedtime!
- Singing around the fire-pit followed by hot chocolate
- Night activity around Cathedral, Tŷ'r Pererin or the Cathedral Close





Information

Tŷr Pererin @ St. Davids Cathedral... is an education & pilgrimage centre to enable visitors to engage with Christian heritage. The work at Tŷr Pererin enables the cathedral to continue to build relationships with schools and other visitors. We respect the diversity of background and beliefs that our visitors may have and we welcome all into this place in the spirit of Christian hospitality.

School responsibilities during the visit At all times the responsibility for the pastoral care and supervision for your pupils is with your staff. We will do everything we can to help you. We want pupils to enjoy and achieve throughout their visit - Please have mobile phones on silent as they can disturb activities.

Arrival The timetable sent to you as confirmation of your visit will state whether your programme will begin at Tŷr Pererin or the Cathedral and the grouping of the pupils. You will be welcomed by a member of the education team outside the main entrance. This gives us opportunity to prepare the pupils to enter the buildings in a respectful manner and with some focus.

Lunch is taken at Tŷr Pererin, your pupils must remain closely supervised. All rubbish must go back to school with you. Toilets available in Tŷr Pererin & cathedral.

We hope this information enables you to make a safe and enjoyable visit to Tŷr Pererin and the Cathedral and that your students will be able to participate fully in a quality learning experience. If you require any more help or assistance please do not hesitate in contacting us for further discussion.





Make a Booking

Contact us to complete a booking. We will email you a booking form. Once completed, return the booking form to us with all your requirements detailed.

If you would like to talk about your specific needs please do contact us:

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Timings



Our visit programmes usually run 10.30am - 2pm



Cost



Our full day programmes are £3 per pupil. All staff and adults free.



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