



**Tŷ'R PERERIN**  
**ST DAVIDS**  
**CATHEDRAL**



**SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**EDUCATION PROGRAMMES**  
**2025/6**

Visit St Davids Cathedral with Tŷ'r Pererin:  
A Place of Education & Refreshment

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# Welcome

Join us at Tŷ'r 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
- heritage professionals to develop a recognition of the value of heritage sites
- individuals, experts, groups and organisations that can provide stimulating contexts for learning

Choose from the list of programmes to plan and organise a curriculum journey with us. Then contact us to begin your journey of inspiration.

Croesawu ymwelwyr fel pererinio  
Welcoming visitors as pilgrims



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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-curricula themes

**Expressive arts**

**Health and wellbeing**

**Humanities**

**Languages, Literacy & Communication**

**Mathematics & Numeracy**

**Science & Technology** 2



# Understand & Experience Pilgrimage (Year 7/8)

2023 marked the 900th Anniversary of Pope Callistus II declaring that two pilgrimages to St Davids was equivalent to making the journey to Rome.

Make a pilgrimage here with us to understand and experience what these important journeys meant in the past and how they are being revived today. We use a multi-disciplinary project which culminates in a visit to the cathedral for a dramatic re-enactment with pilgrims past and present. Contact us to download the project for your school.

## At School

- Study Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, investigate pilgrimage in your own context and begin to understand 'Cynefin.'

## On Pilgrimage to the Cathedral (Tues 12th May 2026)

- Meet pilgrims from the 12th century onwards as you walk

## Back at School

- Recall aspects of pilgrimage, the why, how & where people go on pilgrimage. Use this, and further investigation, to write your own 'Tyddewi Tales' inspired by Chaucer and your visit to St Davids.



# Pilgrimage

A pilgrimage for one class or a whole year group to learn 'about' and 'from' the practice of pilgrimage and visit the places associated with St David. *Throughout 2024/5.* To include simple reflections and links to the Bible and the life of St David and others, and to explore their own 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.

Take time to listen to each other and to respond to the things around you, opening up values and themes of repentance, belonging, different perspectives, challenge, courage and fundamental questions of life.

Pilgrimage themes to choose from:

- Journeying on in life
- Values of St David

£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. A pilgrimage will be written for you to use with the whole school, class or year group. To include simple reflections and links to faith to explore beliefs and to reflect on the stories behind your own community. *Available throughout 2025/6*

- Take time to listen to each other and to respond to the things around you, opening up faith 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.

There are a variety of interactive workshops using skills and knowledge through Expressive Arts, Health & wellbeing, Humanities, Languages, Literacy & Communication.

Explore the 4 Purposes in the Welsh Curriculum with your students.

£2 per pupil for the pilgrimage day plus Education & Pilgrimage Officer travel expenses for the planning and day of pilgrimage.

# Geocache Challenge

Explore your cultural heritage through the spheres of Humanities, Expressive Arts, Language and Communication. Work as a team to follow a route around the Cathedral and Close to solve clues. Each challenge will help your students explore ideas about historians, writers, artists, theologians and musicians associated with the Cathedral. Just £3 per pupil. (10.30am-2pm)

Use maps, plans and source materials to find the hidden cache boxes. Inside these you will find activities and information to help students use their knowledge and skills in a variety of contexts to solve each challenge. They will be invited to make their own personal response to the information.

Accumulate all the information to lead you to the artefacts in the Cathedral Library, Treasury, Lady Chapel, Shrine and Presbytery as well as key locations around the Close.

This programme will enable you to bring together diverse fields of study in an inspirational way. Suitable for different age groups working together and helpful in delivering aspects of an integrated curriculum including geographical skills, mathematics, history and science.

A simple points and forfeits system encourages the students to work as a team. This event works best with no more than 10 students to a team and a maximum of 60 students in total.



# A Day with the Tudors

## Examine original books

from the Tudor Reformation in the 16th & 17th Centuries, including some of the first Bibles in Welsh and in English. The first Welsh Bible was "printed by the Queens most excellent majestie." That Queen was Elizabeth I. Follow the story the books tell about the turbulent, and often bloody, Tudor times and the eventual growth of the peaceful church services we know today. Consider what role the new technology of printing had on the Tudor world.

## Soundtrack to the Tudors

Tudor composer, Thomas Tomkins, was born and brought up in St Davids Cathedral close and lived within sight of the Library windows. Some of his original music can be seen in the Library and the Music Department will bring this to life and show how the daily Cathedral Evensong is a construct of the first Elizabethan era.

## "A real one buried here."

Here is the large tomb of Edmund Tudor, father of Henry VII and founder of the Tudor dynasty. Decipher the words around the outside of the tomb and consider their meaning when they were written and now. Hear how this was not the first tomb of Edmund Tudor. Consider why he was re-buried in St Davids Cathedral and what role he and his son had in ending the Wars of the Roses and creating the Tudor dynasty.





# Sacred Space: A place of Peace?

A visit to bring the Cathedral alive to your students as a place of prayer and worship. To support units of work on ritual, beliefs, signs and symbols, worship and the importance of sacred space for Christians. £3 per pupil (10.30am-2pm)

- Look at parts of the Cathedral and explore how they are used in worship.
- Explore events in the life of Jesus using sculpture, icons and mosaics and consider how these depict key Christian festivals and how they express Christian concepts about God.
- Meet up with a priest and engage in discussion about issues such as war, suffering and belief in God.
- Take a tour around the Cathedral and reflect on how areas relate to issues such as peace, war, suffering, remembrance, birth and mortality.
- Experience a short time of reflection, leave a message at the Shrine of St David expressing your thoughts, hopes or dreams and consider how this might be used as a religious ritual by Christians and others of faith or no faith.



# Art @ St Davids Cathedral

Visits linked to units of study for Art & RS, Icons, Mosaics, Ceramics, Sculpture, Historical Architecture and Design and any current exhibitions.

- To discover, observe and respond to the art seen in the cathedral.
- To express ideas about the use of art in a sacred space.
- To spend time using the art as inspiration for some personal artwork
- Take a tour around the Cathedral to observe and respond to a variety of objects and images. If we have suitable exhibitions during your visit these will be incorporated in the tour.
- Use ideas from the paintings, icons, tiles, mosaics, sculpture and carvings to build your own design for a stained glass window.
- Consider where you would site your stained-glass window in the Cathedral and give reasons for your answer. Take your artwork back to school and reflect on the concepts you have portrayed in your work. Where might it be appropriate to display your artwork in school?

£3 per pupil (10.30am-2pm)

# Bibles Big Questions

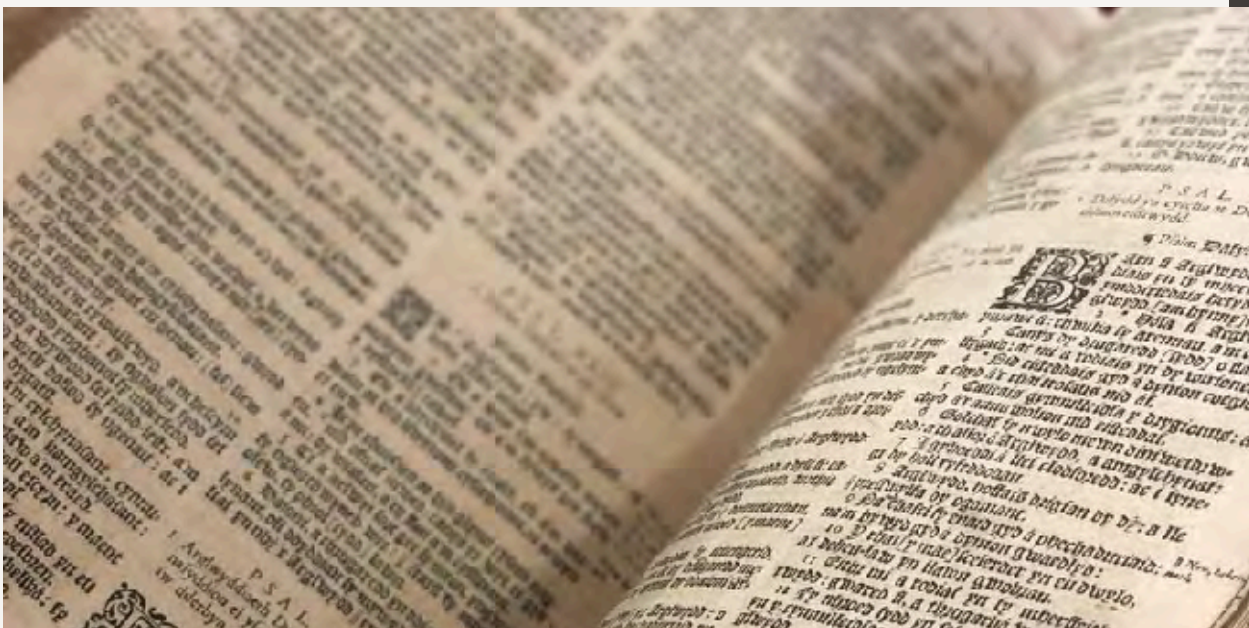
Engage with profound questions about life. Reflect on diverse moral ideas from different Christian sources. Express your own views. Ask your questions and understand how Christians might answer moral questions and respond ethically.

Travel around the Cathedral to engage with moral and ethical ideas implicit in the artefacts and stories relating to religious people and ideas. Respond to these ideas using a variety of activities, including playing games, engaging in discussion, asking questions, and writing your own thoughts.

Consider: Is it good to ask questions? Spend time papering the floors with your ideas! Look at themes contained in the Psalms to open up some profound questions.

*Complete* 4 *Workshops*

1. What does the Christian faith say about the big questions in life? Stories told from experience. Ask your own questions.
2. What can we learn from Christian values? What is it you value? What have other people said about these values?
3. What can we learn from St David? Consider St Davids life and words, 'Be joyful, keep the faith and do the little things.' Do they express ideas about values? What matters most to you?
4. What question would you like to ask? Bring your own questions about faith and ethics. A priest will reveal to you how some Christians might attempt to answer these questions based on their beliefs.





Available throughout 2025/26 10.30am—2pm

# Discover St Davids Cathedral

## *Visit the quire, chapels, library and cloisters*

To introduce students to all aspects of this incredible building.  
To explore how history, religion and art overlap.

## *View works of art*

How does the iconographer, artist, sculptor, reveal sacred mysteries within the art? Use your ideas to create a work of art

## *Find out about St David*

Explore the places where he is remembered. Think about the values he held. Consider what we can learn for today and take time to reflect on life's big issues as you light a candle

## *Explore some of the Cathedral's religious artefacts*

How are these historic artefacts used today? What do they mean to Christians?

£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](http://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

*Tŷ'r Pererin @ St. Davids Cathedral...* is an education & pilgrimage centre to enable visitors to engage with Christian heritage. The work at Tŷ'r 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 Tŷ'r 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 Tŷ'r Pererin, your pupils must remain closely supervised. All rubbish must go back to school with you. Toilets available in Tŷ'r Pererin & cathedral.

We hope this information enables you to make a safe and enjoyable visit to Tŷ'r 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

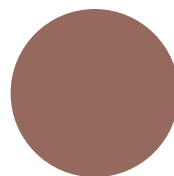
Contact us to complete a booking. We will email you a booking form. Once completed, return the booking form to us with all your requirements detailed.

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

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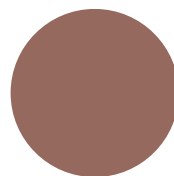
## Timings



Our visit programmes usually run 10.30am - 2pm



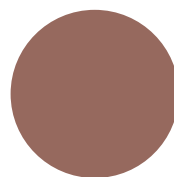
## Cost



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



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