



**Oxfordshire
Museum
Service**

In school or at The Oxfordshire Museum

School programmes



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**OXFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL**

Your next school trip

The Oxfordshire Museum in Woodstock is a great place for your next school trip.

Our Coach House Education Centre provides a first class facility for our school workshops. We are always happy to discuss any individual needs your pupils or school has.

- We have a beautiful enclosed garden for lunch. Or there is free use of our Coach House Education Centre during the winter and when it's raining for pre-booked sessions.
- We have a range of pocket money priced items in our museum shop. If you wish to use the shop please allow time after the workshop.
- Coach drop off directly outside museum.

Museum Galleries

Investigate the amazing diversity of our collections within exciting galleries which explore and interpret the natural and human history of Oxfordshire including:

- Anglo-Saxon Gallery
- Introducing Oxfordshire
- Victorian Oxfordshire
- Changing Countryside
- Roman Gallery
- Dinosaur Gallery and Garden
- Temporary Exhibitions.

"Touching an object makes history more real & tangible"



Workshops at the Oxfordshire Museum

Dinosaurs


EYFS Yr1 Yr2 Yr3

 10am – 12pm

Discover what Oxfordshire was like in Jurassic times. Pupils get the chance to handle fossils and learn through role play. As well as exploring the Museum's unique dinosaur garden and interactive dinosaur gallery.

Romans


Yr3 Yr4 Yr5 Yr6

 10am – 12:30pm

Study genuine Roman artifacts and visit our fascinating Roman Gallery. We've got an extensive collection of objects for pupils to handle too - helping to enrich their learning about the Romans in Oxfordshire.

Anglo-Saxons

Yr3 Yr4 Yr5 Yr6

 10am – 12:30pm

Learn all about the development of the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms right up until the first King of England. It's complicated and can be confusing but armed with helmets, swords and a good dose of role-play, we will help pupils to make sense of it all. Take a look at the amazing discoveries we've made from the Hanney Brooch to an enamelled spear and pattern-welded sword – pupils will get the chance to make their own treasured version too.



Life within living memory Victorians

EYFS Yr1 Yr2 Yr3 Yr4 Yr5 Yr6

 10am – 12pm

Spit and polish — houses and homes

We'll put on our aprons and experience what it was like to maintain a home without the benefit of modern electrical appliances.

Time To Play — Toys and Games

Experience the world of play as it would have been enjoyed in the past and play with a wide variety of indoor and outdoor toys.

Old fashioned schoolroom

Our school ma'am will take pupils back in time to experience an old-fashioned classroom. Learn how schooling has changed since the introduction of the 1870s Education Act.



In school workshops

Castles

EYFS Yr1 Yr2

How and why were motte and bailey castles built, and what it was like to live inside them? Pupils will have the opportunity to handle real objects found by archaeologists, feel the weight of trying on a knight's helmet, and discover the story of a famous siege at Oxford Castle.

Seaside

EYFS Yr1 Yr2

Climb aboard the charabanc to travel back in time to find out how seaside holidays have changed over the past 100 years. We've got a wide variety of photographs, objects and costumes help bring this topic to life.

Toys and games

EYFS Yr1 Yr2

Play, learn, create, explore and discover, how our toys have changed?

Wash day

EYFS Yr1 Yr2

Experience all the different stages of Great Grandma's washday using authentic washday items.

School days

EYFS Yr1 Yr2

Go back in time to experience an old-fashioned classroom and learn how schooling has changed since the introduction of the 1870s Education Act.

From slates, dip pens, free milk, the abacus and the cane! Photographs, objects and lots of practical activities help bring the past to life.



We bring the museum experience to you

Key Stage 1

Transport

EYFS

This hands-on, drama based workshop is an ideal introduction to history and object handling for the youngest members of the school.



William Morris

Yr1 Yr2

Learn about the amazing story of William Morris Lord Nuffield, from a lad mending bicycles to the creator of one of the longest established car plants in the world. A flurry of activities and artefacts show how Britain's greatest benefactor changed the face of Oxford.



In school workshops



We bring the museum experience to you

Key Stage 2

Rocks and fossils

Yr3 Yr4 Yr5 Yr6

This practical, hands-on session covers many elements of the science curriculum, including rocks and fossils and evolution. It will also introduce you to the 'Father of Geology' - an Oxfordshire man.

Stone Age to Iron Age

Yr3 Yr4 Yr5 Yr6

Discover how people's lives changed over 1000s of years. We'll look back at the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, Bronze and Iron Ages. Pupils take part in a timeline drama, handle flint tools, and have a go at 'soap' knapping.



Romans

Yr3 Yr4 Yr5 Yr6

Our extensive handling collection of genuine artefacts, all found in Oxfordshire, will stimulate your pupils and enrich their learning about the Romans.

Anglo-Saxon art and culture

Yr3 Yr4 Yr5 Yr6

Learn about the styles and patterns which were used on Anglo-Saxon jewellery and pupils will use this knowledge to design and make their own Copper brooch.



Anglo-Saxon village life

Yr3 Yr4 Yr5 Yr6

Discover how the Anglo-Saxons made and decorated their clothes. Each pupil will make their own pot and weave their own braid during this workshop.

Anglo-Saxons and Vikings

Yr3 Yr4 Yr5 Yr6

Learn all about the development of the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms right up until the first King of England. It's complicated and can be confusing but armed with helmets, swords and a good dose of role-play, we will help pupils to make sense of it all.



In school workshops

Tudors

Yr3 Yr4 Yr5 Yr6

Be amazed with what lies behind the frills of Tudor Fashion. Our workshop will stimulate ideas and discussion while pupils handle our intriguing artefacts.

Victorian classroom

Yr3 Yr4 Yr5 Yr6

Our school ma'am will take pupils back in time to experience an old-fashioned classroom. Learn how schooling has changed since the introduction of the 1870s Education Act.



WWII Oxfordshire at war

Yr3 Yr4 Yr5 Yr6

Handling and studying our wide collection of local wartime objects and documents makes history more real and tangible.

Life in Britain 1950s – 1970s

Yr3 Yr4 Yr5 Yr6

Pupils are encouraged to engage with the spirit of the 50s, 60s and 70s using a huge range of authentic artefacts, focusing on major historical events, technological change and everyday life.

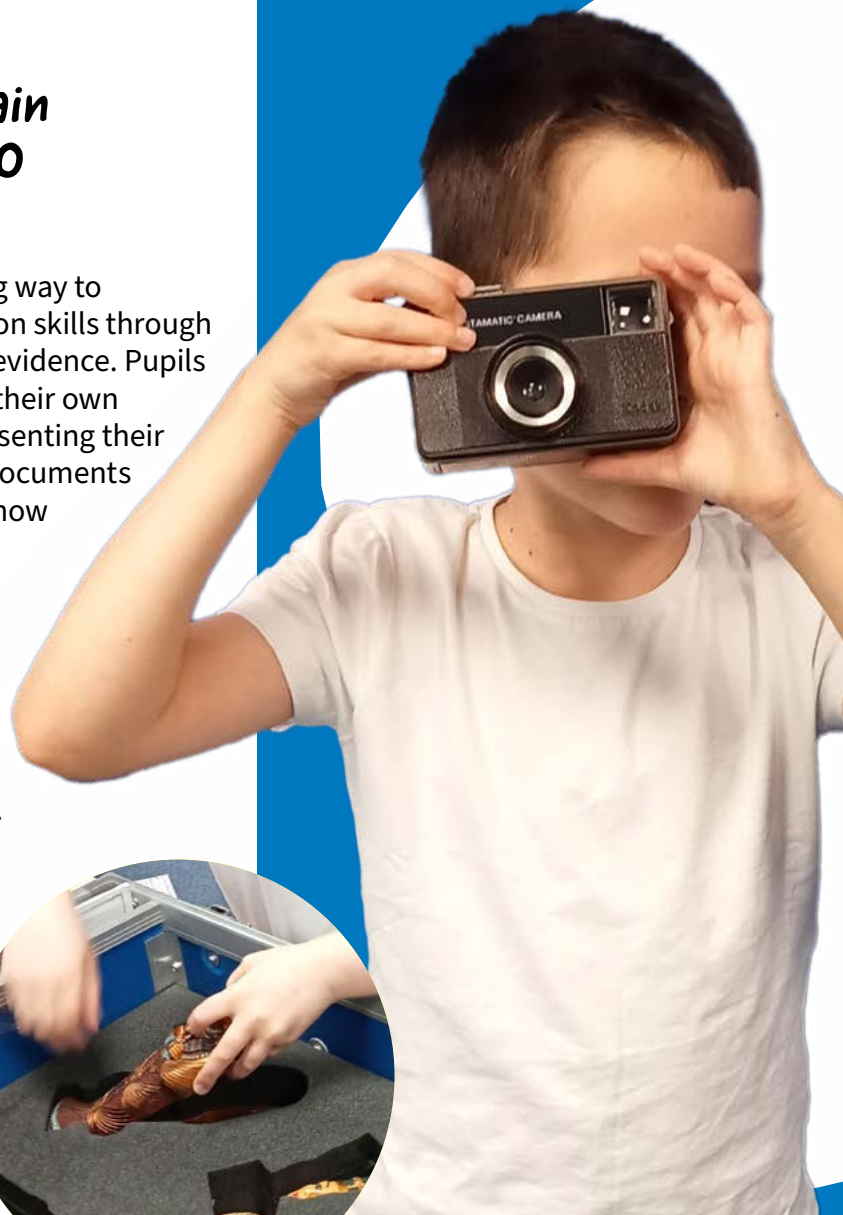


Life in Britain 1900 – 1970

Yr3 Yr4 Yr5 Yr6

A fun and absorbing way to develop investigation skills through the use of primary evidence. Pupils will love mounting their own exhibitions and presenting their findings. Objects, documents and photographs show the changing face of Oxfordshire life from the late 1800s to the 1970s. This engaging workshop encourages higher-order reading skills.

“Interactive, fun
and engaging”



Quotes

"Excellent material and documentation. Brilliantly organised and delivered. Well done Sonja! Thank you so much for the workshop; it was absolutely amazing and the kids have really enjoyed it. They have shared lots of information with me about what they learnt and how things have changed. They loved the interactive aspect of it and getting their hands on the artefacts. Very good, and look forward to having another one, another day!"

– Europa School UK

"Knowledgeable and friendly member of staff. Activities were well planned and engaged the children. This workshop embedded key learning relating to the Tudors. Thank you!"

– Ladygrove Park

"It was a fantastic day and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I found the time where children were in the gallery really easy to lead as we were provided with the map/ matching game. The staff were very friendly and worked so hard to ensure the children got the most out of the day. It gave the children chance to learn outside of the classroom and also experience seeing and handling real life artefacts. It was a fantastic day from start to finish. Thanks again for all your hard work. The children haven't stopped talking about the day."

– Queensway School

"The children loved it. Sonja did an amazing job and all the children were engaged. It was practical and the children were really intrigued by the artefacts brought along."

– St Nicholas Infants' School

The children loved the hands on nature of this workshop. It made things more real to them and provided a different type of learning. We've already been referring back to it during lessons throughout the week"

– Fringford C of E School

"A great balance of sharing information and facts, drama, handling artefacts and then the practical soap napping activity. The children loved it and learned a lot too. Thank you!"

– Wychwood CE Primary



Exciting range of boxes

Unlock the past with our exciting range of boxes for loan and bring history to life in the classroom.

The loans boxes contain genuine artefacts, photographs and documents with the occasional replica item. Please note the Greeks and Egyptians boxes contain only replica objects.

Several of the topics have more than one box which contain slightly different contents. If you have a particular preference, please state the box number when booking.

All loans boxes come with a teacher's pack which contains:

- **Background historical information about each object**
- **Ready to use resources**
- **Ideas for different ways to use the objects / documents / photos in the classroom.**
- **Memory stick with further information and additional activities.**

The objects in the boxes are an ideal starting point for launching creative learning.

They can be used to promote and develop observation, critical thinking, problem solving, questioning and empathising skills. And are ideal for stimulating creative writing, art and design.

Box loan training

INSET is available for school partnerships or academies.

Explore how one box can serve the whole school in a range of cross curricular activities. Contact us to discuss your requirements.

Virtual session (with a Box)

Searching for a way to start or end your topic, why not have a virtual Q&A session with one of our team. We can share interesting information and hopefully answer your questions.

A box and a virtual session: £56



"Bring history to life in your class room"

Box loans: local studies

Ideal for a local study, these boxes tell the stories of life in specific areas. These can be especially useful for teachers who are new to an area.

Canals

A opportunity for close study of the distinctive style of canal art.

Box 1

All items enamel and decorated, pan, large watering can, small watering can, cup, very small jug photos and documents.

The Witney Blanket story

From sheep to blanket, this box is a perfect resource for a local study or to complement a scientific study of materials. Follow the Witney Blanket trail to discover all the buildings and locations in Witney which are related to the blanket industry.

Box 1

Washed and unwashed (raw) wool, blanket bale skewers, shuttle, empty bobbin, wound bobbin, hand cards, samples of unfinished blanket, wool blanket, cellular blanket, point blanket, 1930s advertising board photos and documents.

Fossils

Experience the WOW factor of handling fossils which are millions of years old. Found in Oxfordshire, this fabulous collection enables long term and detailed study, enhancing the science and art curriculum.

Box 1

Chalk ammonite, echinoidea, oxford clay ammonite, echinoidea, bivalve, straight tusked elephant tooth, bivalve pholadomya media, tube sponge, plesiosaurus vertebrae, brachiopods, cretaceous sponge.

Box 2

Ammonites, bivalve, tufa, brachiopod, coral dimpled, sea sponges, plagiostoma subcardiiformes, strophodont tooth, megalosaur claw (replica), cetiosaurus caudal vertebrae.

Box 3

Replica dinosaur fossils cheriotherium trace fossil, megalosaurus tooth, liopleurodon tooth, polacanthus ichthyosaurus snout, coprolite, megalosaurus claw, turtle skull megalosaurus trace fossil, gastrolith, camospondylus tibia, iguanodon tooth, yaverlandia skull, pterosaur tooth, cetiosauriscus claw, iguanodon claw, shark tooth, crocodile skin, crocodile tooth.

Box 4 and 5

Replica dinosaur fossils cheriotherium trace fossil, megalosaurus tooth, ichthyosaurus snout, coprolite, gastrolith, turtle skull, megalosaurus claw, pterosaur tooth, iguanodon claw, polacanthus, camospondylus tibia, iguanodon tooth, yaverlandia skull, cetiosauriscus claw, metatarsal, iguanodon metatarsal, ichthyosaurus vertebra.



Box loans: in living memory



School days

Looking at changing schools from the 1870 Education Act to today. How our classrooms, equipment and aptitudes to education has changed.

Box 1

Abacus, spinning top, slate, slate pencil, board cleaner, ink well & pen, ink nibs, school bell, badge, tie, name labels, milk bottle tops, 'what am i'? Riddle, slate. Photos and documents.

Box 2

Ink well and pen, ink nibs, slate, slate pencil, board cleaner, report card, object lesson book, arithmetic book, copy book, examples of sewing standards. Milk bottle tops, 'what am i'? Riddle, slate. Photos and documents.

Food glorious food

This box is full of fascinating objects and photographs

Box 1

Bone apple corer, coffee grinder, jelly mould, vegetable or herb chopper, oat roller, tea infuser, sugar nippers. Photos and documents.

Shopping

How shops have changed! Revisit the days before supermarkets and self service, when food was bought 'by the ounce'.

Box 1

Leather wallet, pre decimal coins, lb. and oz. weights, weighing scales, flour scoop, potted meat jar, accounts book, nylon stockings. Photos and documents.

All dressed up

This popular box looks at the fashions of yesteryear

Box 1

Leather laced boot, flower brooch, leather collar box & wing collar, leather case & collar studs, bakelite hair razor, perfume/smelling salts bottle, lace chemise, skirt hook, glove box & gloves, glove stretcher, button hook, spectacle case & spectacles, hair styling iron, photos and documents.

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

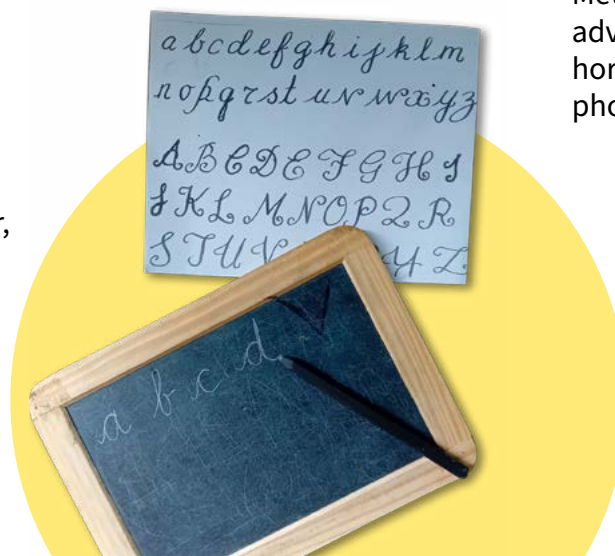
When goggles and starting handles were essential items for every keen motorist.

Box 1

Bicycle lamp, horseless carriage advert, goggles, leather helmet, car horn, aa badge, starting handle photos and documents.

Box 2

Metal oil plate, horseless carriage advert, goggles, leather helmet, car horn, aa badge, starting handle, photos and documents.



Box loans: in living memory

Fun and games

Experience childhood toys and games from years gone by.

Box 1

1960s Mickey Mouse, dominoes, marbles, spinning top & whip, 'Whirlpool' board game, model car, toy crocodile, playing cards, picture lotto game & cards, acrobat toy photos and documents.

Box 2

Acrobat toy, toy camel, 'Whirlpool' board game, marbles, skipping rope, model car 1960s, toy metal iron, toy gun, snap cards, 1950s doll, nursery rhyme tin photos and documents.

Box 3

Meccano booklet, lotto game, marbles, toy rake, cup and ball, snap game, knitting set, noddy toy, hand puppet, slinky, handmade dolls clothes, toy typewriter photos and documents.

Box 4

Xylophone & beaters, small wooden church, metal yo yo, stellated puzzle, mechanical clown toy, mechanical fish in pie toy, wooden puzzle, pitch ball & 4 balls, magnetic fish game, pick up sticks photos and documents.

Box 5

Lead soldiers, marbles, kaleidoscope, match box cars, cigarette cards, whip and top, various card games, sooty xylophone, what am i puzzle, dominos, jigsaws, footer game, journey by air game photos and documents.

Box 6

Donald Duck, orange rabbit, whip and top, dinky armoured car, skipping rope, lotto board and cards, tucks 'zag zaw', dice and shaker, marbles x8, happy family cards x 5, toy ladle and skimmer, tea set cup and saucer, footer game, snakes and ladders game photos and documents making your own.

Box 7

Meccano Magazine for Boys. 1956, Magnetic Fishing Game. 1950s/60s, Child's Tea Set. 1930s and Child's Rolling Pin, Whip and Top, Talbot 'Lago' racing car. 1950s/60s, Painted Toy Soldier, Tin Train. 1960s, Skipping Rope, Magnetic Lift- A- Stick, Dominoes, Edwardian Card Box and Scorer, Marbles.

Box 8

Dominoes, Model fire engine and Bus, Marbles, Kaleidoscope, Spinning top and whip, Ludo and Snakes and ladders board games, Moving acrobat toy, Tin Drum 1950s, Modern replica Skipping rope, Replica Ball and cup, Teddy bear 1940s, Handmade Rupert the Bear, Thunderbirds character 1960s, Handmade peg doll, Cast iron farm animals, Wooden alphabet bricks, Book on the history of dolls.



Box loans: in living memory

Soap and bubbles

Go back to a time before washing machines and tumble driers and find out how laundry was washed and dried in days gone by.

Box 1

Copper posser, soap cage, flat iron, pegs, washboard, purified household soap photos and documents.

Box 2

Copper posser, soap cage, flat iron, pegs, washboard, goffering iron/tongs, purified household soap. Photos and documents.

Entertainment

Go back in time to long before we had televisions, tables and computers games.

Box 1

Portable radio, 'radio celebrities', cigarette card album, gramophone record, tin of gramophone needles, recorder & songbook, stamp album, cinema tickets, snakes & ladders game, magnifying glasses photos and documents.

Box 2

Gramophone record, dance card, cinema badge, 'film star' cigarette cards, sheet music, embroidered bag, crochet set, beer mats, mouth organ, dance floor polish, zip razor, canasta set, playing cards, theatre programmes, cribbage board photos and documents.



"Engaging objects and great ideas for activities"

Box loans: historical periods

Stone Age

We take metal tools for granted. Learn all about flint tools and how they were used. The box contains loose and mounted objects. There's a mix of real and replica objects that pupils can handled.*

Box 1

Palaeolithic- early Acheulian hand axe, hand axe, flake chopper, flint core. Mesolithic – microliths, blade core. Neolithic - hand axe, large arrowhead, blade, partly polished flint axe, polished stone axe, scraper tool, borer, mounted leaf arrowheads, mounted barbed and tanged arrowheads, Hammerstone.



Stone Age to Iron Age

Find out what life was like in Oxfordshire from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. The box contains loose and mounted objects. There's a mix of real and replica objects that pupils can handled.*

Box 1

Mounted flint core and blades (microliths), hand axe, pointed hand axe, polished hand axe, bronze age flat axe, flat axe with flange, looped socketed palstave, flanged lopped palstave, socketed hafted gouge, sword, hafted flanged axe, iron age reaping knife, pottery pieces * 3, photos.

Box 2

Mounted flint implements, hand axe, pointed hand axe, polished axe head, bronze age flat axe with flange, looped flanged palstave, looped socketed palstave, hafted looped palastave, socketed gouge, iron age reaping / pruning hook, pottery pieces * 3, photos.

Box 3

Mounted flint barbs, hand axe, flint pointed hand axe, polished axe head, hafted (mounted) hammer, bronze age looped flanged palstave, looped socketed palastave, socketed spearhead, socketed gouge, iron age reaping knife, pottery pieces * 3, photos.



*Please note that although the flint tools are suitable for handling, they are cutting tools and may have sharp edges. Please handle with extreme care.



Box loans: historical periods

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Box 4

Mounted flint barbs, hand axe, pointed hand axe, polished axe head, hammerstone, hafted flint axe, bronze age flat axe, flanged palstave, looped palstave, socketed axe, socketed gouge, socketed spearhead, sword, iron age reaping knife, pottery pieces * 3, photos.

Box 5

Mounted flint cores and blades, hand axe, polished axe heads x2, pointed axe head, hammer stone, bronze age flanged palstave, looped palstave, looped socked palstave, socked spearhead, sword, iron age reaping / pruning hook, pottery pieces x4, photos.

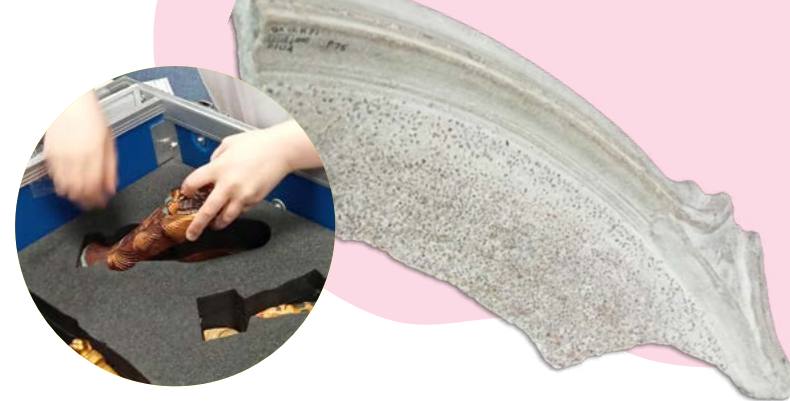
Box 6

Palaeolithic- early Acheulian hand axe, chipped stone hand axe, ovate flint axe, flint flake Mesolithic – flint Blades, scrapers Neolithic - hand axe, large arrowhead, blade, mounted barbed and tanged arrowheads, round scrapers Hammerstone Bronze age replicas – resin socked axe head, resin Wessex dagger, resin socketed spear head, resin socketed gouge, bronze flat axe Iron age – Reaping tool, pottery.

Box 7

Palaeolithic- early Acheulian hand axe, pointed hand axe, part worked tool Mesolithic core and blades - mounted Neolithic - hand axe, part of polished flint axe, roughout for a polished flint axe scraper tool, slug knife, mounted leaf arrow heads Hammerstone Bronze age replicas – resin socked axe head, resin Wessex dagger, resin chisel Iron age – Reaping tool, pottery.

Box loans: historical periods



The Egyptians

Investigate the wonders of the ancient Egyptians and their beliefs, lives, rules and rituals.*

Box 1

Canopic jars, nefertiti, rosetta stone, cat goddess bastet, anubis leaning over a mummy, scarab beetle, ushabti, plaque of goddess ma'at photos and documents.

Box 2

Tutankhamen's throne, jackal on chest, canopic jars, nefertiti, rosetta stone, papyrus, sarcophagus & mummy, faience plaque, hippopotamus, ankh, necklace photos and documents.

Box 3

Tutankhamen's throne, jackal on chest, canopic jars, rosetta stone, papyrus, sarcophagus & mummy, amulets, hippopotamus, necklace photos and documents.

Box 4

Statue of Rameses, Statue from Tutankhamen's tomb, Statue of Thoth, Plaque of Rameses II, Amulets, Mini Rosetta Stone, Tutankhamen's throne, Death Mask of Tutankhamen, Papyrus, Necklace, Ankh.



The Greeks

Will it be all greek to you? Find out and learn about the life and culture of the ancient Greeks.*

Box 1

Coins, corinthian vase, clay discus, mask of heracles, greek plate, helmet, oil lamp.

Box 2

Coins, corinthian vase, clay discus, mask of heracles, greek plate, helmet, oil lamp.

Box 3

Coins, corinthian vase, clay discus, greek plate oil lamp, halteres, bust, fish oil lamp.

Box 4

Coins, corinthian vase, clay discus, greek plate oil lamp, halteres, bust, fish oil lamp.

The Roman way

Learn about Oxfordshire during Roman times and find out about the fascinating lives of these inventive people.

Box 1

Glass scent bottle, sandal sole, bracelet, samian pottery sherd, black burnished ware part of dish, spatula & stylus, bronze needle, bone needle, part box flue tile, oil lamp.

Box 2

Glass scent bottle, oyster shell, bracelet, samian pottery sherd, part of mortarium, 'barbarous radiate' coin, skewer, stylus, bone point, part box flue tile, oil lamp.

Box 3

Glass bottle, part of mortarium, bracelet, samian pottery sherd, coin, commemorative coin, tesserae (mosaic tile) part box flue tile, oil lamp.

Box loans: historical periods

Box 4

Head of a female figure, glass scent bottle, fragment of grey ware pottery, sherd of mortarium, sherd of samian pottery, coin of julian 11, skewer, stylus, tweezers, spatula, fragments of painted wall plaster, roman nails, oil lamp.

Box 5

Glass bottle (replica) oil lamp replica, bracelet, animal bone, nails, painted wall plaster, flue tile fragment, black burnished ware, oyster shell, mortarium, samian ware, parchment ware, amphora pot base.

Box 6

Glass bottle (replica) oil lamp (replica), bracelet, oyster shell, animal bone, painted wall plaster, flue tile fragment, black burnished ware, mortarium, samian ware, parchment ware, strigil replica, tesserae.

Box 7

Replica sent bottle, black burnished ware dish, bronze bracelet, replica oil lamp, stylus, needle, skewer, hypocaust tile, samian ware pottery, leather shoe part, coin.

Anglo-Saxons

Discover fascinating facts about the Anglo Saxons and how they lived in Oxfordshire.*

Box 1

Spindle whorl, antler stamps, pottery sherds, tablet weaving box, brooch, wool samples, bone needles , woven cloth, chess piece, whetstone.

Box 2

Spindle whorl, antler stamps, pottery sherds, tablet weaving box, brooch, wool samples, bone needles , woven cloth, jaw bone.

Box 3

Spindle whorl, antler stamps, pottery sherds, tablet weaving box, brooch, wool samples, bone needles , woven cloth, chess piece.

Box 4

Spindle whorl, antler stamps, pottery sherds, tablet weaving box, brooch, wool samples, bone needles , woven cloth, chess piece, spear head.

Box 5

Spindle whorl, antler stamps, pottery sherds, tablet weaving box, brooch, wool samples, bone needles , woven cloth, buckleurn.

Box 6

Spindle whorl, antler stamps, pottery sherds, tablet weaving box, brooch, wool samples, bone needles , woven cloth, buckleurn.



Inside the castle keep

Go back in time to learn about living in a castle.

Box 1

Leather shoe and replica to try on, spur, tile, oyster shell, pottery jugs and mugs, arrowhead, replica pewter spoon, horn lantern, sensory pots of smells, replica chainmail helmet.

Box loans: historical periods



Victorians at home

Go back in time and learn what homes were like over a hundred years ago.

Box 1

Jelly mould, brass inkwell, glass bottle, greetings cards, ladies' drawers, fluting iron, cameo stick pin, glove stretcher and button hook, taper tin photos and documents.

Victorians below stairs

Travel back to a time before modern appliances and learn all about being below stairs in Victorian times.

Box 1

Butter hands, pastry wheel, vegetable chopper, marmalade jar, sugar nippers, vegetable squeezer, vegetable masher, patty pans photos and documents.

Victorians upstairs downstairs

How was life different for the lady of the house and the servants? Find out what life would have been like for you over a hundred years ago.

Box 1

Leather boot, leather gloves & glove stretcher, baby's dress, framed sampler, brass candlestick, 'trades' playing cards, butter hands, horse shoe, vegetable chopper, ceramic jelly mould, photos and documents.

Victorian village

Villages have changed over the years. What was a Victorian village like? Go back to a time before motor cars and supermarkets and find out.

Box 1

Bee keeper's pooter, shepherds crook, butter hands, stoneware jar, box plane, leather boot, horseshoe, buttons photos and documents.

Victorians at work

Working in Victorian times would have been very different. Find out what jobs were available and how working life has changed.

Box 1

Horse shoe, miner's lamp, happy families cards, range brush, ink well move up to line above, dip pen, shoemaker's crimping tool, lace maker's bobbin, victorian pennies, leather gaiter, digging shoe, photos and documents.

Crime and punishment

Explore the changing history of crime. Learn about how criminals were caught and punished. Were they really or villains or victims?

Photographs, documents and police objects.

Box 1

Victorian police photos, victorian child prisoner mugshots and newspaper reports of crimes, truncheon, handcuffs, police lamp, police helmet, replica birching rod, laundry posser and iron, prison documents.

Box loans: historical periods

World War 1

It was the 'war to end all wars'. Discover all about World War 1.

Box 1

Brass princess mary gift tin, medals x 2, postcards to/from the front x 9, stereograph photos x 43, water flask, shell case, plaster grave keepsake, silver war badge, souvenir tea cosy, ration book, permit book, record, tank light, poppy, photos and documents.

World War 2

Rationing, evacuation and air raid precautions were part of everyday life. Find out what life was like during the war.

Box 1

Ration books, shell dressing 1938 and tourniquet, enamel air raid wardens sign, record by Gracie Fields and war time sheet music. Car headlamp deflector, army cap and sergeants stripes, khaki torch, pair of war office issue binoculars photos and documents.

Box 2

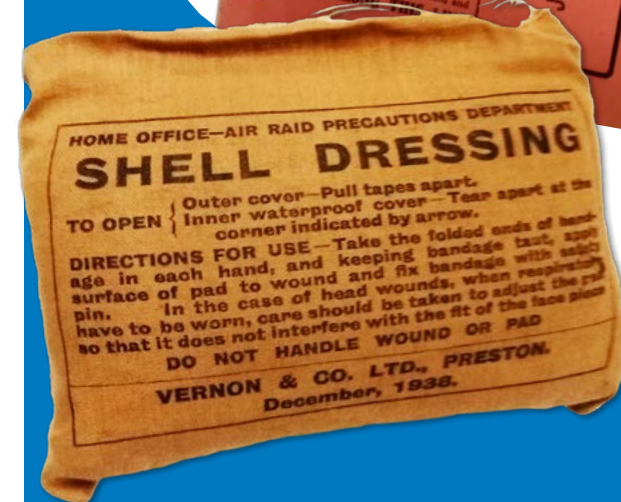
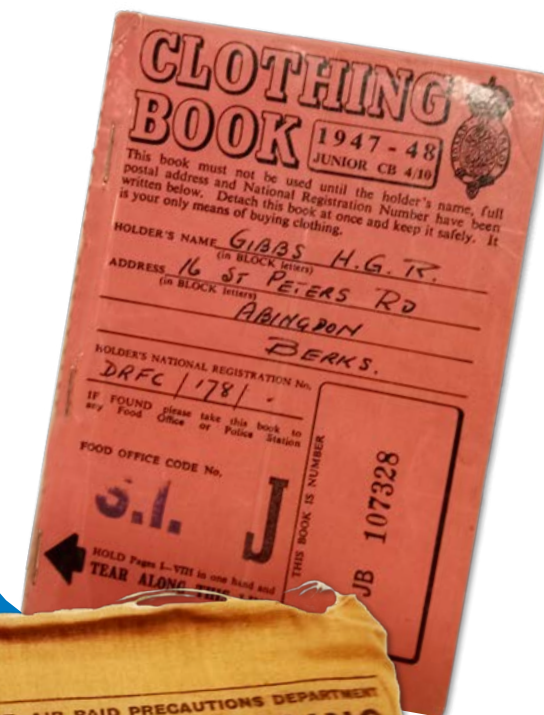
Arp cloth badge, shell dressing, arp lamp shield, ration book, army cap, motor fuel ration book, german helmet photos and documents.

Box 3

Military water bottle and carrier, medical haversack, shell dressing, army cap, signalling torch, war office issue 3d glasses, ticket to military march pass, car headlamp deflector, bicycle light, airmail letter sent 1945, christmas card 1946 showing the travels of the regiment, letter from the chaplain, letter showing safe arrival in Ceylon 1946.

Box 4

Home front mini mounted gun, dominos, hornby train wagons, boys cinema annual 1941, cherry bark throat pastilles tin, suitcase for an evacuee, ration plate, cigarette cards and album, toffee tin, arp wardens (air mans) whistle, bicycle light, photos and documents.



"Hands on opportunity
to learn about
Oxfordshire's history"

Box loans: art and literacy

Making faces

Let's face it faces are fascinating! A collection of faces and photos to intrigue and delight. An excellent starting point for Literacy, Art and DT activities.

Box 1

Building blocks, stuffed dab chick in perspex box, coins, greek stone face, modern face jug, playing cards, sun insurance plaque, wooden owl and photos.

Signs and symbols

Examine the power of communication through signs and symbols, from royalty to religion and mythology to politics.

Box 1

Cobra boot polish tin, coins, elephant textile, fish oil lamp, fist door handle, horse brass, key, medieval tile, phoenix fire mark. Photos.

Telling stories

Inspiring story telling, role play and drama activities. Let your imaginations run riot with our objects and photos.

Box 1

Tobacco tin, poison bottle, valentine decoupage, mirror, horn, scent bottle, part bellarmine bottle, hair slide, snuff box, boot, 'lion card', nursery rhyme tin, top hat, photos.

Box 2

Bird mould, boot, poison bottle, camera, sugar nippers, handkerchief, pin cushion, slug iron, magic lantern slides, wooden mould, handcuffs, 1914 tobacco tin, truncheon, photos.

Box 3

Key, knitting needle top, rosette, thimble holder, whistle, satin cushion, medal, toasting fork, hat pin, magic lantern slides, gong, car badge, tea caddy, brass letter rack, coat peg, brass bell, collar, condiment set, photos.

"The children were really excited to explore the artefacts and be creative about what they might be. The additional lesson resources provided in the box were super and really useful." – West Oxford primary school

"An absolutely excellent resource, which really helped bring history to life for our youngest children." – Brookside Primary School



Box loans: art and literacy

The finishing touch

Appreciate how important design and decoration is in making our world a colourful place. A great box for art and literacy.

Box 1

20th c fabric, pottery bowl, corn dolly, ceramic tile, african wooden figure, 1950s christmas card, 1902 coronation tin photos / documents.

Box 2

Stoneware sculpture, cameo buttons, christmas card 19thc, shield brooch, corn dolly, william morris fabric, african wooden figure photos / documents.

Box 3

William Morris fabric, shell, ceramic tile, corn dolly, greetings card, button box and buttons photos / documents.



Box 4

Corn dolly, batik fabric, ceramic tile, african wooden figure, greetings card, decorative buttons, belt buckle, ceramic pinch pot, photos / documents.

Animal, vegetable or mineral

Find out how artists have been inspired by nature.

Box 1

Flint axe, horn beaker, nautilus shell, bone spoon, wooden cat sculpture, anemone pot, stained glass pieces, textile piece, child's leather shoe, clay pipe, photos.

Making an impression

Since earliest times we have made an impression on the world around us.

Box 1

Victorian photograph, victorian greetings card, butter stamp, replica medieval tile, ceramic jelly mould, shell fossil cast, indonesian batik printed fabric, indian block print, protector fire plaque, photos.



Animal attitudes

How we see and depict animals: giving them human form or emotions, sentimentalising them, idolising them and using them as decoration.

Box 1

Bull figure, stuffed bullfinch, moving dog toy, jigsaw lid, lamb ornament, phoenix fire sign, wooden cat, etching, photos.

Box 2

Stuffed robin, ceramic cat, lizard letter opener, alice in wonderland tile, sheep picture, animal fabric, rabbit ceramic, terrier fathers day card, photos.



Box loans: a walk through time



Home life through the ages

From flint axes to flying ducks find out how home life has changed.

Box 1

30s hot water bottle, sun insurance fire plaque, flying duck wall plaque, roman oil lamp, green glazed jug, c17th iron key, prehistoric hand axe/tool, 'red lion' soap, c20th enamel candle holder, roman hypocaust tile piece, 30s oxo cube tin, georgian pewter salt, 20s inkstand, c19th horn beaker, c18th leather pouch for flint striking, photos and documents.

Let there be light!

Discover some of the ingenious ways that people have lit their lives from Roman lamps to the invention of the electric light.

Box 1

Chamber stick, candle snuffer, lens cover, light bulb, roman oil lamp, rubber torch, signalling lamp, taper tin, tinder box, photo.

Box 2

Chamber stick, pewter candle mould, davy miners lamp, light bulb, roman oil lamp, lantern, pieces of stained glass window. Tea light holder, bicycle lamp, photos.

Box 3

Chamber stick, cruise lamp, coach lamp, light bulb, roman oil lamp, brass candlestick, tea light holder, wick trimmer, pieces of stained glass window, photos.

Box 4

Candlestick & match holder, paraffin lamp, wick trimmer, greek fish lamp, pewter candle mould rubber torch, tea light holder, carbide calcium tin, pieces of stained glass window and photos.

Adornment through the ages

Looking your best has always been important. Examine how this has changed over the years.

Box 1

Wig curlers, roman spatula, murray's hair pomade tin, roman bracelet and beads, victorian perfume bottle, wooden figure, girl with pendant, goffering iron, 1970s watch, rouge mixing palette, photos.

The mystery box

An amazing collection of objects that will mystify and intrigue.

Box 1

Apple corer, medieval bone ice skate, prehistoric hand axe/tool, glove stretcher, wooden posser, crocheted ear muffs for horses, mystery object, thumb piano, toffee hammer, wick trimmer/snuffer, bone wig curler, ale warmer, photos.



Booking information

To make a booking:



For school workshops visit:
service.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schoolenquiry



For box loans visit:
service.oxfordshire.gov.uk/boxloan

Workshops at The Oxfordshire Museum

Available Tuesday to Friday

Cost £93 per class (Maximum 32 pupils) we can take a maximum of two classes on the same day.

All workshops are between two and two and half hours long and start at 10am unless otherwise agreed.

Victorian sessions can be combined to accommodate two sessions within one visit. This is charged at £186 per class.

In school workshops

The museum comes to you:

Key Stay 1

EYFS Yr1 Yr2

Workshops — 1 hour min
Cost £110 per class, per workshop*.

Key Stay 2

Yr3 Yr4 Yr5 Yr6

Workshops — 1 ½ hours min
Cost £133 per class, per workshop*.

Most workshops can take place in a classroom but some do need a hall.

We will require 15 minutes setting up time before the workshop is due to start.

Virtual sessions

Available on request from £35

A mix of pre-recorded and ask the expert live video chats. Please contact us for further details.

Box loans

Boxes will be delivered during the first week of term and collected during the last week of term.

Bookings must be made before term starts.

Cost £39 per term, per box*
(Schools will be invoiced) or recharged as appropriate.

Box loan and virtual chat

Cost £56

*Please note all prices are subject to an annual review by Oxfordshire County Council.

There is a £20 per item breakage charge. This is charged in order to contribute towards: repair or replacement of the item, making any necessary packing alterations to the box and amending the teacher's pack.

