

## VISIT PLANNING

### Cost

½ day visits will be charged at £4.00 per head.

Bookings may be made at any time, with a minimum of 10 working days notice.

A 50% deposit is payable at no less than ten working days ahead of the date of visit (refundable less admin

charge of £12.00 if cancellations are made with less than 48 hours notice). The full balance is payable on the day based on actual number of participants.

It is advisable to check availability of preferred dates with the Manager ahead of booking.

### Lunch facilities

We are able to offer facilities for children to have their packed lunches.

### Parking

There is free coach parking available in the Bus Station Car Park next to the Church which can be accessed directly from the car park.

### Making a booking

Booking enquiries may be made at the address opposite.



*"I can honestly say it's the best school visit we've ever been on. It was so well organised... the children were totally transfixed throughout the whole visit."*

Mrs S. (History co-ordinator)

## ST MARY'S PRIORY, ABERGAVENNY



LEARNING SERVICES

*for*

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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## **ABOUT ST MARY'S PRIORY**

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St Mary's Priory Church, Abergavenny, was originally the Chapel of the Priory of Benedictine Monks, founded around 1087 by Hameline de Balun, the first Norman Lord of Abergavenny. After the Dissolution of the Priory in 1542 Henry VIII founded the Grammar School in the Old Parish Church of St John and in its place he gave Abergavenny St Mary's Priory Church for their Parish Church.

St Mary's continues to serve as parish church for the town and community of Abergavenny. The Church is one of the largest and finest parish churches in Wales once described as "The Westminster Abbey of South Wales."

## **THE LEARNING SERVICE**

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Following the opening of the newly restored and very splendid 15<sup>th</sup> Century Tithe Barn Heritage Centre, the St Mary's Priory Learning Service is now pleased to be able to offer visits to schools. All our workshops are based on active learning and are designed to support the National Curriculum.



Currently we are offering the topics set out below. Each workshop lasts approximately 40 minutes and is designed for 'micro-groups' of ideally 8-12 children per group.

Typically schools would select no more than 3 workshops from the chosen topic 'menu' and the children will rotate throughout the visit.

## **THE TUDORS**

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### **Tudor Clothing**

Learn about Tudor life and the clothes worn by rich and poor. Try on replica garments made using authentic styles, fabrics and techniques.



### **Tudor Food**

Find out what the rich and poor Tudors ate and their table manners (etiquette). Choose and sort foods and spices known to the Tudors and discovered through global exploration.

### **St Mary's in Tudor Times**

The children become 'novice monks' dressed in habits and sit in the Tudor choir stalls to meet 'Brother Bartholomew', the 'master of novices'. He will tell the tale of the history of St Mary's and its patrons, the Abergavenny nobility whose close ties to the Tudors ultimately saved St Mary's from destruction by Henry VIII.

### **Tudor Music**

Children encounter and play replica Tudor instruments, listen to a piece of Tudor music and learn to play the instruments in accompaniment.

### **Medieval & Tudor Medicine**

Find out about and have a go at making traditional herbal remedies in the finest Monastic traditions. This workshop includes harvesting herbs from the Abbot's Garden (weather permitting).

### **Tudor Childhood & Pastimes**

Handle replica objects relating to education and childhood growing up in Tudor Times. Learn to play some typical Tudor games and sports including Battledore (Tudor Badminton).

## **ARTS & CRAFTS**

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### **Clay modeling**

Children will learn about clay modeling techniques and create items including coil pots and gruesome gargoyles on the Victorian neo-gothic Gargoyles at St Mary's.

### **The Tapestry**

Learn about the monumental eight meter-wide Abergavenny millennium tapestry from one of its makers. Using the same techniques children can then have a go at tapestry embroidery.

## **CHRISTIANITY AT ST MARY'S**

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A general tour of the Priory Church can be arranged highlighting the main religious features.

## **INSET SESSIONS**

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The learning service is able to offer in-service training for teachers. For further details please contact the Manager on (01873) 858787