ROYAL ENGINEERS MUSEUM

Home Education Days

Home Education Days are an opportunity for learners to get hands-on bespoke experiences with the Royal Engineers Museum collection during informal workshops. It is also a great way to socialise and let off a little bit of steam amongst armoured vehicles.

Morning session aimed at Ages 5-11 (KS1/2) 9.30am-12.00pm - Spaces limited to 20 children per workshop.

Afternoon session aimed at Ages 11-16 (KS3) 12.30pm-3.00pm - Spaces limited to 20 children per workshop.

Workshop dates

Tuesday 24th November 2026 - Bringing History Home: Rethinking Remembrance

See the Royal Engineers' Rolls of Honour up close, beautifully illuminated manuscripts recording the names of Royal Engineers who lost their lives in conflict. Returning to Chatham from the archives at St Paul's Cathedral, these historic volumes will inspire a new exhibition opening in February, exploring what remembrance means today and what it could look like in the future. This is your opportunity to contribute to the exhibition. Through creative activities and reflection, you'll be invited to think about what remembrance means to you, how we remember those who served and sacrificed, and what remembrance could look like for future generations. Your ideas and artwork could become part of the exhibition, helping to shape a new vision of remembrance for the future.

Tuesday 26th January 2027 - A Fiery Lunar New Year

Step into the fascinating world of Chinese culture and the Chinese Zodiac. Get up close to real Chinese objects from the museum's collections, including artefacts brought out from the stores, and discover the stories, symbols and traditions behind them. Explore all twelve Zodiac animals and find out what they represent. Have a go at shūfǎ (Chinese calligraphy) create your own colourful designs, and explore the traditions and creativity behind the characters and symbols.

Tuesday 27th April 2027 – Behind the Scenes: The Secret Life of Museum Objects

Step behind the scenes and discover what it takes to care for a museum's precious collections. Children will explore how objects are cleaned, handled, stored and displayed, and why everything from temperature and humidity to light levels can make a difference to an object's survival.

They'll get a hands-on look at the skills and science used by museum professionals to protect objects for future generations, with the chance to examine objects from the museum stores and discover the hidden work that goes on behind every exhibition.

Tuesday 29th June 2027 – Built to Move: Machines and Vehicles

Explore the Museum's incredible military vehicles, machines, and equipment through a fun, hands-on experience. Discover how these vehicles were used and what life was like for the people who travelled and worked in them. Participants will take part in practical activities, get up close to the Museum's collections and, where possible, sit inside and experience an armoured military vehicle. They'll also put their engineering skills to the test by designing and building their own moving military vehicle using a basic circuit, combining creativity, problem-solving, and practical skills.

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Time Table

Morning

09.30am Arrival

09.35am-09.45am Welcome/ Introduction

09.45am-10.30am Workshop

10.30am-10.45am Break

10.45am-11.30am Workshop

11.30am-12.00am Stores

Afternoon

12.30pm Arrival

12.35pm-12.45pm Welcome/ Introduction

12.45pm-01.30pm Workshop

01.30pm-01.45pm Break

01.45pm-02.30pm Workshop

02.30pm-03.00pm Stores

Booking

Each child attending the day will need a pre-booked ticket costing £8 per child* (accompanying adults free) which is payable at the time of booking. We want to accommodate as many learners as possible, so as a preference we recommend not to exceed a 1:1 ratio for adults to children, but one adult can bring up to three children.

To help ensure that our learners get the most from their workshop, only children booked onto the session may attend (spaces are limited). All children would need to be accompanied by an adult. To book tickets https://www.re-museum.co.uk/learning/

*Price hold from 2024 prices