

VISITING MUSEUM & ART SWINDON



WHY VISIT MUSEUM & ART SWINDON?

Kick-start learning, ignite pupils' curiosity and bring the curriculum to life! Visits provide a real-world context to enrich classroom learning and build cultural capital. Our Collections are a rich resource for helping pupils explore the curriculum and their local heritage. Visits encourage self-led enquiry, curiosity, playful and creative thinking. We offer a range of approaches and aim to provide high-quality, accessible learning experiences for all. Museum & Art Swindon provides a portal to the past, and a springboard to new ways of seeing, thinking and learning.

WHAT'S AT MUSEUM & ART SWINDON?

- Using hundreds of fascinating artefacts, the Museum tells the stories of Swindon from earliest times to the present-day.
- Travel back through 155 million years of Swindon's history in the Time Corridor.
- Enter the first of six chronologically-ordered history galleries and dive into the tropical seas of Jurassic Swindon. Come face-to-face with its fascinating creatures.
- In the second gallery, objects from Swindon's first settlements tell the stories of Iron Age and Roman Swindon.
- The third gallery introduces Swindon's Saxon warriors and Medieval life.
- The displays continue to chart Swindon's growth from Civil War to Second World War, and finally explore the town's changing identities in the 20th century.
- Expect lots of interactivity, from dressing up to giant jigsaws and Lego.

Museum & Art Swindon also cares for a stunning collection of modern and contemporary British art, from paintings to ceramics, and L.S Lowry to Grayson Perry. Collection artworks are displayed alongside special touring exhibitions. A superb introduction to modern art for all ages. See the [What's On page](#) on the website for information on current and future exhibitions.



LEARNING TOPICS SUPPORTED BY A VISIT TO MUSEUM & ART SWINDON



- Dinosaurs and the Jurassic period
- Rocks and fossils
- Prehistoric Swindon - Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages
- Roman Swindon
- Anglo-Saxon Swindon
- Medieval Swindon
- Victorian Swindon
- Post-war Swindon
- Local significant individuals from the past
- Local Area Study
- Archaeology
- Inclusive histories
- Growth and change in Swindon during the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th centuries
- Swindon through time:
 - Leisure, games and entertainment
 - Transport
 - Trade and money
 - Food and shopping
 - Health
 - Home
 - Migration
- Art - any topic
- Creative writing, English, Literacy
- What is a museum/art gallery?

EYFS, KS1, KS2

- **HISTORY**
- **ENGLISH**
- **SCIENCE**
- **GEOGRAPHY**
- **MATHS**
- **ART**

