



School trips
at
Arnos Vale



ARNOS VALE

Arnos Vale for schools

Arnos Vale Cemetery is a magical outdoor classroom full of rich education resources and learning opportunities, set amongst 45 acres of natural woodland ecosystem in the heart of Bristol.

A place of heritage

Arnos Vale contains listed buildings and monuments which are being conserved as architectural and artistic treasures of national importance. Bring history to life for your students as we take them on a journey through Victorian and Wartime Britain.

A place for wildlife

Nature thrives at Arnos Vale. It is home to a diverse range of fascinating wildlife and part of an essential green corridor which enables species to survive in the heart of the city. Your students will discover the amazing habitats, food chains and food webs that thrive in woodland, grassland and scrubland.

Why choose Arnos Vale

At Arnos Vale we believe in making your visit as easy and hassle free as possible. Our out-of-classroom learning experience is fully supervised to help the day run as smoothly as possible.

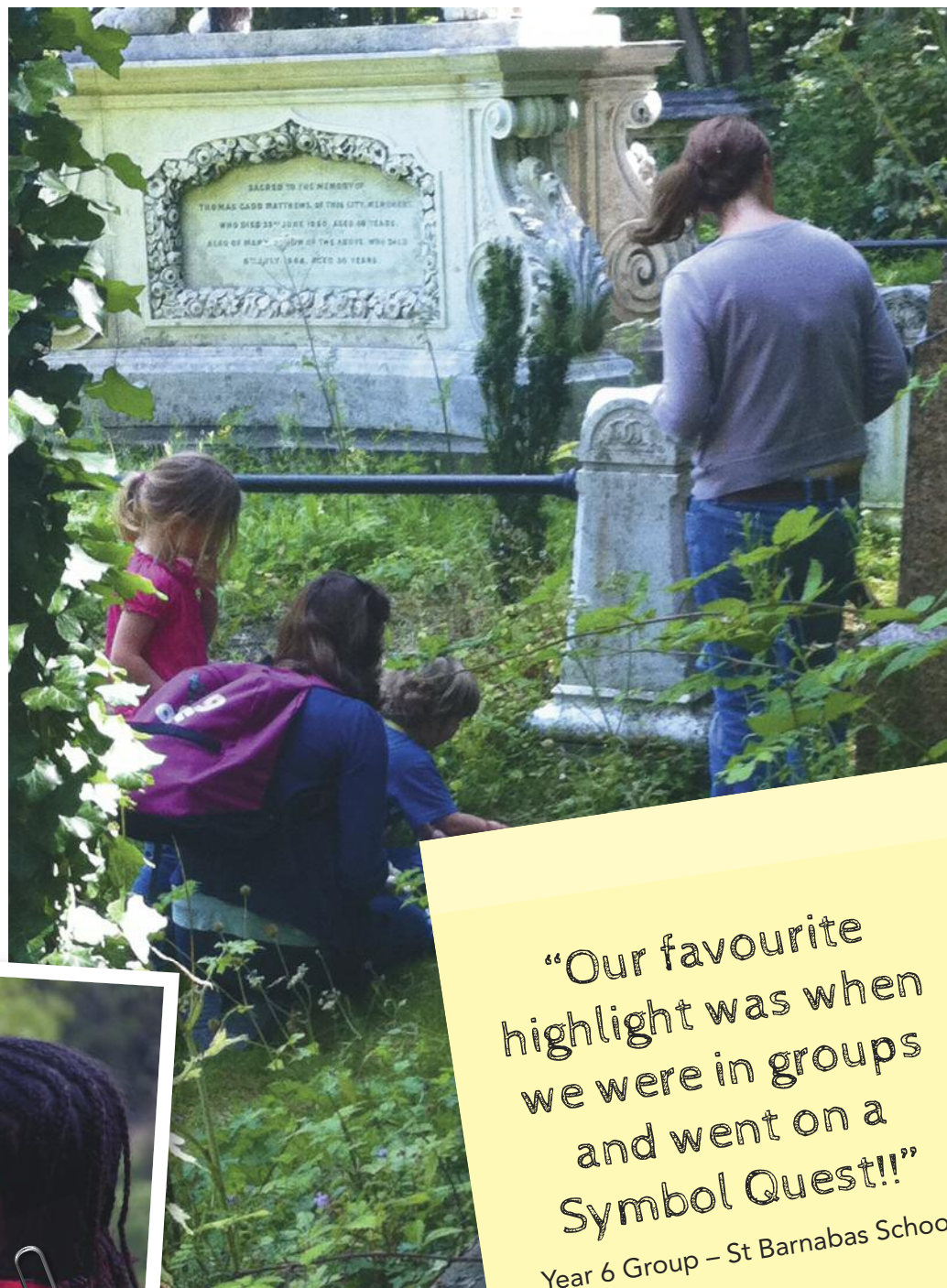
- Clear key stage relevant guided classroom sessions
- Experienced learning coordinator and risk managed activities
- A safe and stimulating environment for learning.

Our Learning Coordinator

Your day will be carefully planned and managed by our learning coordinator, Janine Marriott.

Janine, a classroom teacher for five years was also previously employed as an Education Officer at Bath Postal Museum and Daventry Museum before working at Arnos Vale.

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“Our favourite highlight was when we were in groups and went on a Symbol Quest!!”
Year 6 Group – St Barnabas School

Our organised workshops are available as part of your half day experience at Arnos Vale.

Foundation/Key stage 1

Science

Life in the Cemetery

Discover the amazing habitats, food chains and food webs that thrive in woodland, grassland and scrubland, to learn about the plants and animals that call Arnos Vale home. Follow an activity trail through the site and understand the vital role mini beasts play in our world through the clues you find on your way.

Stomping stories Walkabout

Take a story inspired walk on a trail around Arnos Vale, discovering nature trail clues along the way. Learn all about the creatures that live on the site and how their importance to the woodland ecosystem.

Stories to choose from:

- We are going on a bear hunt
- The Gruffalo
- Hansel and Gretel.

✓ Also supports literacy skills.

History

History Hunt

Take an activity based history walk around the site, discovering



fascinating historical facts, interpreting clues and learning about local history through the art and language on graves. Children will develop vital historical skills including chronology, historical terminology and using first hand evidence.

✓ Also supports literacy skills.

Key stage 2

Science

Life in the Cemetery

Explore the amazing habitats, food chains and food webs that thrive in the 45 acre

listed landscape of Arnos Vale. Learn about living things that call Arnos Vale home through an activity trail through the site. Learners will gain knowledge about trees, plants, animals and invertebrates through hands-on activities and exploration.

History

Meet the Victorians

Discover Bristol's fascinating local history through real stories from beyond the grave.

Learn about some of Arnos Vale's famous residents and learn how they helped shape modern Bristol for both rich and poor.



WW1 – Lost not Forgotten

Use the stories and stones in a site exploration of those who fought, worked and experienced WW1, From VC's to nurses, prisoners of war to conscientious objectors. The stories at Arnos Vale are coupled with primary sources and hands-on activities for an engaging learning experience.

WW2 – Home and Away

The personal stories of WW2 are discovered through the monuments of people on the home front (blitz) and the service personnel who served on the front lines through an activity based site tour. Using real historical resources and first hand evidence, learners will develop their knowledge and understanding of the War.

Geography

Map-It

Students work together as a team using their navigation skills to explore the cemetery using a compass, a blank map and their skills of deduction. Through fieldwork, learners will create their own map, learn how to use a compass and use geographical terms.



Key Stage 3&4

Inspiring Minds

A visit includes expert-led workshops plus an opportunity for students to undertake supported independent investigations. The workshops are active and engaging with a range of skills explored on route. Designed to inspire students to develop their own learning, explore their own questions and use independent thinking skills.

Science

Life in the Cemetery

Students will use scientific methods to explore the habitats in the listed landscape. They will undertake species surveys, study the contrasting habitats and understand the amazing food webs that thrive in the woodland, grassland and scrubland.



History

Learners will develop vital historical skills including chronology, historical terminology and using first hand evidence.

Meet the Victorians

Bristol's fascinating local history is explored through primary sources and historical evidence. Students will learn about some of Arnos Vale's

famous residents and will gain and understanding and appreciation of how they helped shape Bristol.

✓ Also supports literacy skills.

WW1 – Lost not Forgotten.

Using the stones and history of Arnos Vale this workshop explores in greater depth, the lives of those who fought,

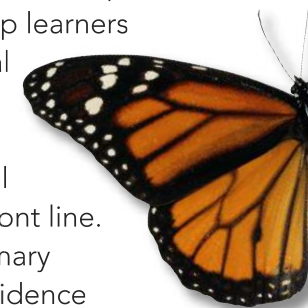


worked and experienced WW1. These stories at Arnos Vale are coupled with primary sources and investigative learning for an engaging educational experience.

✓ Also supports literacy skills.

WW2 – Home and Away.

The monuments and landscape of Arnos Vale will help learners discover the personal stories of those on the home front, and the service personnel who served on the front line. Learners will use primary sources, historical evidence and will develop and improve their knowledge and understanding of WW2.



History of Medicine

Learn about the health of Bristol in Victorian Bristol and discover those who helped improve it using object handling, first hand evidence and an expert tour.

* All booked workshops receive a FREE school pack 'The Rise of Modern Medicine: A Bristol Perspective.'

* Other workshops can be tailor made upon request.



Your visit

At Arnos Vale we want to make sure your visit is as easy as possible from the time you book until the moment you leave.

Lasting approximately half a day your organised visit will be overseen by our learning coordinator. Arnos Vale provides both indoor and outside areas for lunches as well as a secure area for your belongings alongside accessible toilet facilities.

✓ Gift shop and cafe on site

How to Book

Booking an education trip to Arnos Vale couldn't be easier. Simply e-mail learning@arnosvale.org.uk or contact Janine Marriott on 0117 971 9117 EXT.212

Useful documents can be found online to help make your visit as straightforward as possible

Pricing

To help teachers, Arnos Vale has a clear pricing structure for our organised sessions

Pricing starts at only £4 per student!

- Up to 19 students = £110
- 20 – 30 students = £165
- 31-60 students = £300
- 61-90 students = £360

"It was great to see them ALL so engaged for the whole day as they are a class who are easily distracted"

Georgina Freestone – The Tynings School



Example Itinerary at Arnos Vale

10am – Short health and safety chat, store coats and bags and comfort break.

10.15-11.15 – Chosen National Curriculum linked workshop with education expert.

11.15-11.30 – Short break.

11.30-12.30 – National curriculum linked on-site activity lead by class teacher. Activity can be linked to the workshop or based on a different curriculum area. All resources and support material provided (Arnos Vale Education staff on site to support).

12.30-13.30 – Lunch break. Indoor and outdoor lunch space available or the local park is 5 minutes walk away. (Option to end half day).

13.30-14.30 – Independent exploration time for the class; drawing resources, collecting bags and maps can be provided free of charge.

14.30 – Depart.

Please note, up to 3 classes can be accommodated during a day. Timings and resources can be tailored for specific schools.



“This was a Terrific visit with a year 6 group. I didn’t realise a cemetery could be just so exciting!”

Mr Lawson – Cleve House School

Common Questions

1. How much will it cost?

A half day of organised activity costs from as little as £4 per student. All money goes towards realising the charitable aims of the Trust.

2. Is there an indoor lunch space?

As an all weather venue Arnos Vale has both inside and outdoor spaces for children to have lunch.

3. Do you have a risk assessment?

We appreciate the need to ensure your day runs as safely as possible. We have regularly updated risk assessments available online and on request.

4. What workshops do you offer?

We have a selection of workshops including History, Science and Geography. For more information look at our workshop section.

5. How long is the workshop?

We understand the need to make your day as hassle free as possible. Our supervised workshops last for approximately an hour as part of your half day at Arnos Vale.

What is Forest School?

Forest School is an out of class approach to learning, teaching developmental skills in a woodland environment

- The beautiful 45 acre listed landscape of Arnos Vale is used to motivate, promote self-esteem and engage children of all ages, abilities and learning styles through fun hands-on activities and skills led opportunities.

Who can take part in Forest School?

Forest school can be for any school key stage, home-learners or pre-schoolers. Sessions can be tailored for learners with disabilities and specific learning needs.

Why choose Forest School?

- provides learning resources linked to trees, forests, woods and the outdoors

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- develops emotional and physical wellbeing through interaction with peers and leaders
- increases environmental understanding through games, activities and exploration

What do children do at Forest School?

Forest School is made up of a wide range of experiences and adventures. These can include;

- Bush craft skills such as animal sign tracking
- whittling and knife work (depending on age)
- Fire lighting and cooking on fires.

Learners will enjoy a large range of activities that will connect them with the environment including arts and crafts, active games and science based activities

How much is it?

Sessions start from as little as £5 per student!

Contact learning@arnosvale.org.uk for more information

Discover the wonderful habitats through inspiring hands-on activities and games... No two sessions are the same!!



Arnos Vale is available for education bookings from 9:30am – 4:00pm

Arnos Vale is a dedicated learning space for schools. We are an all weather learning centre with classroom sessions taken both indoors and outside.

Arnos Vale provides schools with a dedicated lunch area and we also have an on-site cafe.

There are coach stop off points by the main entrance gates and secure minibus parking on site.

The best way to discover Arnos Vale is to come and experience the venue. To arrange a viewing or to discuss your education booking contact Janine Marriott on: 0117 9719117 or learning@arnosvale.org.uk



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