



Harvington Hall



General Information for Schools

Harvington Hall is a wonderful example of an Elizabethan moated manor house. It contains authentic Elizabethan wall paintings and the best surviving series of priests' hiding places in the country. It makes a perfect setting for a study of Reformation England or for a contemplative focus on faith. The Hall and its estate would also prove a fascinating subject for a local history study.

The Hall offers the following types of visit:-

- Half day visits for a tour of the Hall lasting about an hour and a half
- Activity Days for Key Stages 1, 2 or 3 from 10am to 2.30pm
- Contemplative visits for students to focus on the Roman Catholic faith.

The Hall's education programme has received formal recognition, and holds the **Sandford Award for Heritage Education**. The Sandford Award is an independently judged, quality assured assessment of education programmes at heritage sites, museums, archives and collections across the British Isles.

Facilities

A locked room is available for the storage of students' bags and coats.

There is an outdoor picnic area, and an indoor lunch room can be arranged in the event of poor weather.

Children may visit the Hall shop in small groups, if desired. Goody bags are available for groups who would prefer not to use the shop (these need to be pre-ordered).

Please note that the Tea Room is only open when the Hall is open.

The Georgian Chapel is available for Mass or a Eucharistic Service for up to 40 students. Larger groups can be accommodated at St. Mary's Church, opposite the Hall – contact details are available upon request.



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Accessibility

Please discuss with us beforehand any special needs requirements.

There is wheelchair access to the gardens, the ground floor of Hall and Malt House, the shop and the Tearoom.

School groups usually use the spiral Newel Staircase, but there is an alternative, wider staircase which may be used if appropriate.

Useful Information

Please ensure that you **arrive and leave at the agreed time**. If you are late for an activity day, we regret that we will have to curtail the house tour accordingly in order to keep the rest of the timetable on schedule.

We would request that classes are divided into two groups prior to getting off the coach. If you have booked a Tudor activity day involving dancing, you may wish to consider partnering up when deciding how to split the group.

Please ensure that children wear suitable clothing, as the Hall can be cold, particularly between September and April.

Please note that as part of the Tudor Kitchen session, we light a wood fire, which can make the atmosphere slightly smoky. Please contact us if this is a concern for you.

Please note that if children enter the priests' hides, their clothing may get dusty.

A detailed risk assessment is available on Harvington Hall's website.

Once a visit is booked, we welcome up to two visitors on a pre-visit, free of charge, in order to conduct a risk assessment.



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Education Programme at Harvington Hall

Guided Tours

Tours of the Hall usually focus on the Reformation and the priests' hides, with reference to Henry VIII, Elizabeth I and religious conflict at the time. Tours usually take 90 minutes. If you would like a tour to have a different focus or timescale, please let us know and we will do what we can to accommodate your request.

Tudor Activity Days (Key Stage 2 focus)

Schools can take part in a whole day experience at Harvington Hall, which brings to life the Tudor history of the Hall.

Pupils will be able to take part in the following activity day, led by experienced, costumed guides:-

- Tour of the Hall and the priests' hides, with reference to the Reformation.
- Tudor life in the Great Kitchen (including the role of servants within the Hall and that of the estate workers on whom the Hall depended for all its needs).
- Tudor dance, music, manners and costume in the Great Chamber.
- Weaponry displays can also be arranged upon request (subject to availability of participants).

For activity days, school groups must **arrive at the Hall by 10.00am** to enable guided tours to start at 10.15am. If you are late for an activity day, we regret that we will have to curtail the house tour accordingly in order to keep the rest of the timetable on schedule. A lunch break and opportunity to visit the shop will be scheduled after the first activity. The activities will then continue into the afternoon, with the day ending at 2.15pm with a plenary session.

For Tudor Activity Days, basic replica Tudor clothing for the kitchen and dancing activities will be provided. You are welcome to bring the children in their own Tudor clothing if you would prefer.

Please note that the Hall can be very cold in winter (despite our central heating), so please ensure that children are dressed warmly.



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Timetable for Tudor Activity Days

Time	Group A	Group B	Important information
10.00	Arrive Lunch boxes and coats stored Toilet break / small snack if necessary	Arrive Lunch boxes and coats stored Toilet break / small snack if necessary	One adult per 10 children is required Please ensure that children stay with their nominated adult at all times.
10.15	Introduction In the garden if dry	Introduction In the garden if dry	Please ensure that children wear suitable clothing and footwear (the Hall can be cold in winter).
10.30	Tour of the Hall	Tour of the Hall	
12.00	LUNCH Outdoor picnic area (weather permitting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilet break • Shop 		It is fun for the children to bring a Tudor-style lunch, e.g. cheese, apple, and bread. Glass bottles or cans are not allowed on site. We politely request that all litter is taken away with you.
12.30	Kitchen Life below stairs and on the estate	Great Chamber Interactive dance activity	There will be a short break between the activities.
1.30	Great Chamber Interactive dance activity	Kitchen Life below stairs and on the estate	
2.15	Plenary A chance to discuss the day's activities		
2.15-2.30	Finish	Finish	Please leave rooms tidy at the end of your visit. Thank you!

Please note that all times are subject to amendment according to the time the school arrives or needs to leave.



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Journey of Faith Days

Journey of Faith is a new venture mainly for Catholic schools, but is available to all on request. It traces the journey of the Catholic faith in England from medieval times when the original hall was built to the present day. It looks at recusant and penal times of the Tudor and Stuart periods when priest hides were constructed and used, through the slightly more relaxed Georgian times when our Georgian Chapel was built and some Catholic Relief Acts were passed, and eventually on to the Catholic Emancipation Act of 1829. We will see how in the Victorian era, this act led to the freedom of worship for Catholics and the building of many Catholic churches.

The morning session will consist of a tour of the Hall showing the priest hides and learning how the Pakington family practised their faith in secret and the risks taken by the Catholic priests at a time when it was deemed treasonable for them to celebrate Mass.

This will be followed by a time for lunch and Mass, or a school-led prayer service. In the afternoon, there will be a session focussing on Jesuit values and virtues, which will reflect the Archdiocese of Birmingham's Diocesan Religious Strategy. This will include discussion, a story about the life of a saint with appropriate activities, and then a time for considering what students' own journey of faith might be.

The day can be adapted to suit the needs of different age groups and so would be suitable as part of preparation for Confirmation or Holy Communion.

Other Activity Days

Key Stage 1

This is an exciting day designed for Key Stage 1 children. It supports the History curriculum in looking at significant historical events, people and places in their own locality, exploring what homes were like long ago and how children dressed and played. Throughout the day, children will investigate life at the Hall in a time beyond living memory, whilst experiencing particular aspects in the appropriate rooms of the house. Children can be divided into smaller groups if necessary.

For Key Stage 1 pupils, please ensure that there is 1 adult per every 6 children.



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Key Stage 3

A tour of the Hall focusing on the religious instability of the Tudor period. The struggle between Church and Crown will be demonstrated by looking at the lives of Henry VIII and his wives, Elizabeth I, and the treatment of Roman Catholic priests. The session will also focus on the ingenious builder of priests' hides, Nicholas Owen.

Pupils are shown around the Hall in small groups led by experienced guides. This takes a maximum of 90 minutes.

Please note: The Hall and grounds are also very suitable for science investigations, and can be used as inspiration for art and craft projects, and as a starting point for creative writing tasks. Please contact us if you would like to arrange a visit with a different focus.

Admission Charges for School Groups

Visit and guided tour: £3.75 per pupil

Activity Days: £4.75 per pupil

Journey of Faith Day: £4.25 per pupil

Teachers and accompanying adults are admitted free of charge. **Please bring at least one adult per every 10 children.**

Please note that we have a **minimum admission charge of £100.**

Thank you for choosing to visit Harvington Hall. All admission charges and profits help to generate funds for vital conservation work.



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Goody Bags

If you would prefer to pre-order your souvenirs, goody bags can be made to order as per the choices below. Please indicate your preferred choice on the booking form. Please note that colours may vary from those shown.



HARVINGTON 1 £1.00



HARVINGTON 2 £2.00



HARVINGTON 3 £2.50



HARVINGTON 4 £2.50



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HARVINGTON 5 £3.00
Coin may vary but will be Tudor



HARVINGTON 6 £3.50
Famous Tudor and Ring may vary but will be Tudor



HARVINGTON 7 £5.00
Coin may vary but will be Tudor

Please provide as much notice as possible when ordering your goody bags.



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Schools Booking Form

Date of visit	
Type of visit (delete as appropriate)	Tudor Day / Tour only / Journey of Faith / KS1 Day / KS3 Day
Name of school	
Contact Name	
Address of school	
Contact telephone	
Contact email address	
No. of pupils and accompanying staff	
Age of pupils	
Special requirements?	
Arrival time (10.00am for Tudor Day)	
Departure time (2.30pm for Tudor Day)	
Do you require the shop to be open?	Yes / No
Goody Bags?	Yes / No Selection:
Use of Georgian Chapel for Mass or a Eucharistic service?*	Yes / No Time of Mass: Name of Priest:

*If you would like to have Mass for a group larger than 40 people, please contact Monsignor Moran about holding a Mass in St. Mary's Church, opposite the Hall: 01562 777319

Declaration

I have read and accept the Terms and Conditions of booking (overleaf), and I have read the Risk Assessment on the Harvington Hall website.

Signed:

Date:



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Terms and Conditions of Booking

- The acceptance of these booking conditions shall be considered to be a binding contract to abide by these terms and conditions, and to pay the relevant sum charged by the Hall.
- Admission prices are payable on the day of the visit. Please make cheques payable to 'Harvington Hall'.
- Any changes, including cancellation, must be notified at least 14 days prior to the visit.
- Cancellation Policy: If you cancel a booking more than 14 days before the date of the session, your fee will be refunded in full. If you cancel a booking fewer than 14 days before the date of the session, your fee will not be refunded, but an alternative date will be offered where this is possible. In the unlikely event that a session has to be cancelled by the Hall, you will be informed at least 14 days before the date of the session. In the event of such a cancellation, the full fee will be refunded, but the Hall cannot take responsibility for travel or other costs.
- Due to the nature of the site, adequate supervision of children must be ensured at all times. A full briefing of the hazards highlighted in the risk assessment must be provided before leaving the coach.
- Taking photographs or photographic recordings during tours or activities is not permitted.
- The organiser of the visit will be responsible for the good conduct of the party.
- The organiser of the visit must brief the visiting group about the deep water on the site, and must ensure that children should be accompanied by adults at all times. The floors and stairs in the Hall are uneven in places and can be difficult to negotiate.



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- Where possible, please ensure that unloading of coaches takes place on the front car park. All coaches must then park in the walled Overflow Car Park. It will be easier for coaches to approach Harvington Hall Lane from the A450 Worcester Road, rather than the A448 Kidderminster Road.
- As the Hall has no waste disposal area, we politely request that you take your litter away with you.
- If an indoor room is used for picnics, please leave the area clean and tidy.