

**BUTSER ANCIENT FARM
THE OPEN AIR LABORATORY
FOR ARCHAEOLOGY**

Butser Ancient Farm
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**We offer a valuable educational experience to groups of all ages
- infants, juniors, secondary pupils and older students.
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- we can address many areas of the curriculum.
Just come and talk to us about your needs!**

LEARNING BY DOING

Here at the Ancient Farm we can offer a unique educational experience. It is a real, working farm, as well as an open-air research laboratory, where the ancient world of the Celts and the Romans is being explored. It provides a wonderful setting for an educational visit, allowing the pupils to experience life in the past by using as many of their senses as possible, helping them to both understand and remember the experience.

We begin the visit with an introductory talk and discussion in one of the roundhouses around the fire. This is then followed by a tour of the farm and / or some “hands on “ activities. These allow the pupils to understand better what life was like in the distant past.

The tour enables pupils to see as many aspects of life on the farm as possible, including the difference between Celtic and Roman housing as we have constructs of Iron Age roundhouses and a Roman villa, with a hypocaust.

The activities consist of tasks that would have formed an important part of everyday life for many early peoples, not just Celts and Romans, but Anglo-Saxons and Vikings too.

We feel strongly that by taking part in the activities, pupils will have a better understanding of what life might have been like. Quite often children are expected to use their senses - to smell the herbs, to hear the sheep and feel their fleece and horns, etc.

We offer a constantly changing range of activities. We try to ensure that each group has taken part in a building project, to leave something lasting at the Ancient Farm that they have helped to construct (eg. wattle fencing, walls). We like pupils to have learnt a new skill (e.g. spinning, Roman surveying) and we try to include an activity which enables them to take home something that they have made (e.g. pottery, chalk carving).

Below are some of the kinds of activities we can offer. Some of them may not be suitable for visits at certain times of the year. However, we can offer a considerable variety at all times and can discuss this with you when you are planning your visit.

Walls

Fences

Carving

Flooring

Textiles and fibres

Surveying

Crop work

Animals and their foods

Herbs and flowers

Mini bug hunting

Storytelling

Archaeology

Teachers Planning Visit

We recommend that all teachers should come to the Farm for a planning visit, particularly if you have not visited us before. We invite you to arrange a suitable time by ringing the office number below. We will then be able to show you around the site, discuss the programme for your school's visit and answer any questions that you may have. There is no charge for this pre-visit.

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To make a booking, please contact

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HISTORY IN THE CURRICULUM

Visits to Butser Ancient Farm can be used to introduce and /or consolidate knowledge and understanding at the following levels.

KEY STAGE LEVELS

KS1

An Introduction to the Past

- The way of life of people in the distant past, who lived in Britain
- How the past is different to the present
- What were homes like a long time ago?

KS2

Study Unit 6

Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings

- How British society was shaped by Roman / Anglo-Saxon / Viking settlement
- Roman conquest and occupation of Britain
- Boudicca and Caractacus and the resistance to Roman rule
- Building of roads, villas and towns
- Roman settlement in local area

Study Unit 18

- What was it like to live here in the past? (Link with Geography local area study)

KS3

An Era or turning point in European history

- Changes from prehistory to history, from hunter-gatherer to farmer
- Impact of the written word, of Christianity
- The development of technology, building, art

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PLANNING YOUR VISIT

Dates

Provisional dates are accepted and kept for a week. A confirmed date takes priority. Bookings for the summer and autumn terms need to be made in good time.

Tell us your needs

Following your booking, if you wish to telephone to discuss your requirements for your visit, you can contact us on this number: 07903 433482. Or, if you prefer, you may arrange to visit the site on a Monday afternoon.

We are very flexible in our approach. There is no “set programme”, so tell us what your requirements are, and what you hope to achieve.

CHARGES FROM 1ST JANUARY 2007

Full Day Visit

A full day visit will usually include an Introductory Talk with at least three activities, dependent upon the time available.

Cost: **£6.30 + VAT per child** Minimum charge per group **£120.00 + VAT**

Half-Day Visit

A short visit, lasting no more than two hours, comprises either a Talk with an explanatory tour of the farm or a Talk with two activities.

Cost: **£5.50 + VAT per child** Minimum charge per group **£110.00 + VAT**

Payment

Please arrange to pay on the day of your visit – a receipt will be ready for you. In order to cover administration costs, it is necessary to make a surcharge of 3% on later payments.

Please make cheques payable to:

Butser Archaeological Centre Ltd

SOME HANDY HINTS

Coaches

Please remember we are in the heart of the countryside and you would be wise to inform the coach company that after a day at the Ancient Farm children will almost certainly have muddy boots and clothing.

Parking

There is ample room for several coaches to park and manoeuvre.

Clothing

Ask parents to prepare the children well for the worst of the British weather: old clothes, old shoes or Wellington boots, warm waterproof clothing for cold days. A change of clothing and bags to put muddy boots in.

Toilets

Two each for males and females. One with disabled access. Cold running water for washing.

Wet Weather

If the weather is bad we try to continue activities inside the roundhouses.

Lunch

Bring sandwiches and picnic anywhere on the farm or in the roundhouses. Please bring a bin bag to take your rubbish away in.

Shop

Our small souvenir shop is designed with children very much in mind and most of the items for sale are educational and affordable. There are four basic fixed prices- 50p, £1.00, £1.50 and £2.00 with one or two items that are a little more expensive. And it's really hassle free - we supervise the children while you enjoy a break.

Teaching Resources

Useful information packs and brochures are available in the shop also posters, postcards, colouring books and other items that can be used in the classroom.