

The Royal Mint Experience – Primary Schools



How well do you know the coins in your pocket?

The Royal Mint Experience offers a brand new exciting day out for schools. In addition to our group visit to the exhibition and factory tour, we offer fun and engaging workshops for pupils in Key Stage 2.



What's here

Factory tour

The Royal Mint is the world's largest exporting Mint. Led by a guide to the Coin Press Room, pupils learn how coins are made before seeing circulating coins being struck for the United Kingdom and for many different countries around the world (45mins).

Exhibition

This interactive exhibition explores the 1000-year story of The Royal Mint as a manufacturer of coins, medals and seals. Pupils can follow our trail to learn about art, design, history and science, and experience what it's like to be a coin being made in our 180° cinema (45-60mins).



Workshops

Fakes and forgeries

- Find out how counterfeiting has challenged The Royal Mint over the centuries.
- Develop your investigation skills by becoming a Royal Mint coin inspector, and use scientific equipment to test £1 coins for counterfeits.
- Learn how future coins, including the UK's new 12-sided £1, will be protected from counterfeiting using modern high security features.

Curriculum links

History, Science and Curriculum Cymraeg, with LNF opportunities to develop numerical reasoning, use measuring and data skills.

Coin designer

- Find out about the importance of coin designs and how each is chosen.
- Learn about coin designers Matt Dent and Edwina Ellis, and discover how they created the designs on the change in our pockets.
- Take on the role of coin designer, apply your knowledge and develop new skills by creating your own embossed coin badge to take away.



Curriculum links

History, Art and Design and Curriculum Cymraeg, with LNF opportunities to handle information, ask questions, work cooperatively and present ideas.

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Packages and pricing

Available Monday-Friday, in English or Welsh.
Workshops run 10am-11:30am and 12:30pm-2pm.

1. Tour and exhibition package

Cost - £4.50 per child

Includes - guided factory tour, entry to the exhibition.

2. Workshop package (Key Stage 2)

Cost - £8.50 per child

Includes - 1 x 90 minute workshop, guided factory tour, entry to the exhibition, lunch room provision.

All primary school packages include one free 'strike your own coin' demonstration per class with coin to take away, and one free USB stick per school containing class photos taken with our coin chests.

1 free adult place is granted for every 10 paying pupils and for those providing one-to-one support. Additional adults will be charged at the adult group rate of £12.50. Two teacher pre-visit places will also be made available to you on booking.

Add-ons

Not everybody wants to spend their pocket money in the shop. In addition to your group demonstration, 'strike your own coin' is available to individual pupils at an additional £2.50 each. Please inform us if you would like to take this option on booking. Final numbers can be determined and paid for when you arrive on the day.

Additional resources

- Pre-visit information.
- 'Your visit' information sheet including instruction and timetable for your day.
- Downloadable post-visit resources that complement workshops.
- Additional learning resources by the Royal Mint Museum including *Coins in the Classroom* www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk/educationandlearning.

How to book

To check availability or make a booking, please call Bryony Greenman on 0333 241 2223 or email schools@royalmint.com.

Look out for...

Teacher Twilight events

Run between 5pm and 6:30pm on weekday evenings, these twilight events give you the opportunity to meet Royal Mint Experience staff over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit. You will get the chance to learn about the primary school programme and have a go at some of the workshop activities, before being shown around the factory tour and exhibition by members of the learning and marketing teams. Dates for these events will be advertised through direct emails to schools.

