



Award winning Education Service in an historic and inspiring setting



History: Foundation, Key Stage 1, 2 & 3

- Life in Tudor Times**
- Life in Victorian Times**
- WWII: Bexley at War**
- Homes of the Past**
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- How Does Your Garden Grow Roman Britain?**

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- Drama**



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Loan Box Service



Welcome to Hall Place – real value for money

- Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge
- Sandford Award winners for educational excellence

“Hall Place and Gardens is child-friendly and offers high quality learning experiences linked to the fascinating history and natural history of the site. School pupils are engaged with humour, hands-on activities and skilful teaching by the two members of the Education Staff. The impressive Tudor house and magnificent gardens support teaching in history, science, creative writing and art,”

- Sandford Award judge 2015

Facilities



Visitor Centre

- Education/lunch room with toilets and drinking water
- Onsite Riverside Café for the adults to buy a cuppa during lunch

Historic House

- The most stunning object is the house itself, with something for everyone to discover
- A hands-on Tudor Interactive Discovery Gallery
- Small shop (visit in smaller groups)

Gardens

- Award winning gardens including magical topiary and grass maze.
- Take a Voyage of Discovery around the glasshouse with a display of plants brought back to England by explorers and traders
- Jams Owls and Butterfly Jungles Experience - hold a real owl or visit the butterfly house (additional cost)

‘I wanted to say a big thank you for what was a wonderful and enriching day for the children and the adults who attended. We all had a fantastic time and the children were buzzing and consolidated their existing knowledge, as well as learning lots of new things.’

- Teacher, Farnborough School

‘Thank you for having us at one of the most outstanding school trips ever.’

- Student, Whitehill Primary School

‘Have you ever hugged your favourite tree because I have!’

- Student, Wyborne Primary School

‘I thought history was ok before but now I think it’s GREAT! And you made the learning fun!’

- Student, Farnborough School

Cost of sessions

- 1 x 60min session - £4.40 per child
- 1 x 90min session - £5.50 per child
- 2 x 60min sessions - £6.60 per child

Minimum charge = 20 students
All accompanying adults are free
Ratio of 1 to 6 required

Please book well in advance as sessions are very popular!

Call (01322) 526574

Saving money - here are our top money saving tips...

- Use public transport. Children can travel free with some providers (London boroughs)
- If your journey to us is under 15 minutes and you usually use two coaches, pay for one coach to drop you off in two loads. Using one coach twice, saves the cost of a second coach
- Come for a free teachers pre-visit and assess how you can make the most of your day – book in advance
- All our school’s packs and trails are downloadable from our website – you print only what you need
- Can’t come to us? Rent one of our loan boxes

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Curriculum links

- What was it like to live here in the past? Using artefacts and archaeological evidence
- Changes in living memory
- Lives of significant individuals in the past – ie. King Henry VIII, Queen Elizabeth I, Shakespeare, Tudor explorers, Bruegel, Queen Victoria and other famous Victorians
- Significant historical events, people and places in your own locality
- A local history study – national history from a local level
- A study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066

Also cross curricular links to English, Drama, Maths, Geography & Science (pulls, forces & mechanisms)

The Tudors

❖ Life in Tudor Times (Two 60 minute sessions) KS2

- **Session 1: The History of Hall Place and Tudor Costume** (60 minutes)
Using Hall Place as primary evidence we look for clues in the architecture of the building to discover who lived in the house (a rich merchant). We then take a hands-on look at Tudor 'power dressing', why and how it was created (by Henry VIII and Elizabeth I). The entire class are then able to dress in replica costume and learn a Tudor dance in the Great Hall. Masses of fun!
- **Session 2: Tudor lives and food** (60 minutes)
Discover the dreadful reality of Tudor foods, from the rich person's roast swan complete with feathers, to the poor person's pottage stew. Discuss the different foodstuffs and the strict rules that governed Tudor lives. We finish the session with bees wax candle making.
- **Tudor Activity Trail**
Self-led trail takes children around the house and associated outside buildings.



❖ Tudor Bitesize (60 minutes) KS1

Learn about the strict rules that govern Tudor life including clothes, food and laws. Also suitable for KS2 children who find it harder to focus, and would benefit from a slightly briefer and faster paced session. Team this with the Tudor Trail and a visit to the interactive Tudor Discovery Gallery to make a day of it.

❖ SENs Tudor Life Discovery Chest (45 - 60 minutes)

A discovery session for any age or ability takes its pace from the group involved as they discover life a long time ago. We use touch, smell and sound with replica domestic objects, costume and toys. Dancing optional, learning through fun essential!



❖ Homes of the Past (60 minutes) Foundation & KS1


An interactive tour of the house telling the story of Tudor Hall Place using costumed Teddy Bears. This session is designed for younger children developing an understanding of how people lived in the past. This session also, strengthens: speaking, listening, imagination, interaction and drama skills. Can include Tudor bear mask making on request.

❖ Life in Tudor Times Interactive Talk (60 minutes) KS3

What was life like for children and teenagers in Tudor England? This talk will discuss fashion, food, school, chores and expectations in a humorous and interactive manner. Students will discover how different their lives would have been 500 years ago and surprisingly how little some thoughts and feelings have changed at all!

The Victorians

Choose any two to create a day of activities:

- ❖ **Home Life in Victorian Britain** (60 minutes) Suitable for any age/ability. Domestic life in Victorian times up to the 1940s was based on hard manual labour. Children look at the equipment and processes used to cook, clean and get hands-on washing clothes using our object handling collection.
- ❖ **Toys and Games of the Past** (60 minutes) KS1 & 2
Toys and games changed surprisingly little from ancient times to the 1940s. Learn how simple wooden toys evolved into the metal mechanical toys of the rich Victorians and what the amazing zoetrope led to. Children are given the opportunity to play with different toys such as the cup & ball, whip & top, skittles, wooden hoop and hoop-la.
- ❖ **The Seaside Then and Now** (60 minutes) Suitable for any age/ability. A study of the Victorian seaside then and now comparing the differences and similarities between them. Children learn about travel, the art of promenading, health benefits and other Victorian seaside activities using archive photographs and replica seaside objects and bathing costumes.
- ❖ **Victorian Drama** (60 minutes) KS2 
Drama session using objects from our extensive handling and costume collection. Children are given different drama scenarios to plan, devise a script and act out. Scenarios cover the schoolroom, a seaside outing, the chimney sweep and the Victorian household. Please note that this session works best when it accompanies other Victorian sessions.



Self-led tour of the house in the afternoon – Hall Place was once a private boys boarding school so the house is well worth a look inside. Ask your children to imagine what each room might have been used for.


World War Two

WWII: Life on the Home Front (Two 60 minute sessions) KS2

Historic houses like Hall Place were used as evacuee stations 'matching' children with foster families in safer locations around the country. Your adults will be given WWII foster family characters and the chance to pick evacuees.

You could start your role play at school and come dressed as evacuees.



- ❖ **Session 1: The Home Front Drama** (60 minutes) 
Imagine life with your foster family on the home front in this drama session using numerous objects from our handling collection. **Note: A real air raid siren will sound during this session, you will be briefed as to the correct action to take.**
- ❖ **Session 2: The Secret Life of Hall Place** (60 minutes)
In 1944-5 Hall Place was an outstation of 'Operation Ultra', the secret code cracking operation led by Bletchley Park during WWII. Using rare archive photographs, Morse code machines, torches and secret agent 'Tate disks', children take on the role of spies making and breaking their own codes.

Self-led tour the house in the afternoon – as an outstation of Operation Ultra, Hall Place was home to nearly 50 American soldiers from 6811th Signal Security Detachment. Take a closer look at the house and ask your children to imagine what each room might have been used for. Visit our new permanent WWII gallery.

The Stone Age

❖ **Discovering the Stone Age** (90 minutes) Suitable for KS2

Children are introduced to the idea that people have been living in Britain for a very long time, so long that there is no written evidence. We will be making deductions about life in the Stone Age by investigating the archaeological evidence they left behind. Using objects from Bexley's museum collection children will be encouraged to develop their visual, inquiry and analytical skills (by looking at footprints, flint tools, seeds, animal bones and pot shards) to discover the changes between the earliest hunter gathers and the Neolithic farmers.

(please note: this session takes 1 hour and 30 minutes)



This session is supported by self-led trails that are available on our website www.hallplace.org

Stone Age Tracker sheet – find the Stone Age animal footprints around Hall Place house and deduce which animals they belong to.

Stone Age Trail (onsite activity sheet) – Look around the Hall Place estate for clues from the Stone Age. Which trees would have lived then? What would the landscape have looked like? Enter the house to find a real mammoths tooth, the biggest sharks tooth you've ever seen and tools that our ancestors used. This trail is in and outside the main house.

Romans

❖ **How Does Your Garden Grow Roman Britain?**

(60 minutes) Suitable for any age/ability

The Romans introduced many plants to Britain (many of which we still use), so what would they have grown in their gardens? Starting with the very first Roman soldiers to visit Britain who brought their favourite seeds. How much of our food is Roman? Tour the evidence in our orchard and vegetable plots as well as planting seeds (to grow back at school) and seedlings. Seasonal versions apply.



Art Award

❖ **Art Award Supporter**




- All school sessions are very hands-on and aim to develop students' analytical and observation skills working with objects, paintings and other forms of artwork depending upon the session booked
- During the holidays we work with family groups on various craft activities that encourage parents, carers and children to work alongside each other
- We can also support students to achieve Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards through our calendar of exhibitions and events and our volunteering/work experience programme (volunteers must be 17 or over). Please contact us for more information.

Literacy: Storytelling, writing, language & drama skills

Curriculum links

- Personal, social and emotional development
- Communication, language and literacy
- Knowledge and understanding of the world
- Using different genres as models for writing (fantasy worlds, historical & imagined worlds)
- Creating and shaping texts, imagination, story organisation, use of adjectives
- Communication skills

Storytelling and writing skills

- ❖ **Storytelling with the Champneys Bears** (60 minutes) Foundation & KS1
An interactive tour of the house telling the story of Tudor Hall Place using objects from our handling collection and costumed Teddy Bears. Tour includes the Great Hall, Tudor kitchen, Minstrel's Gallery and Great Chamber. This session is designed for younger children developing skills for speaking, listening, interaction and drama. Classes usually write back to us or create a story book of their visit.
- ❖ **Creative Writing** (60 minutes) KS2 
Come and join us in creating stories using Hall Place as the setting. We will explain how to write exciting stories using wonderfully descriptive language. The session includes a tour of mysterious Hall Place using appropriate adjectives to help describe the building, people and objects to inspire adventure, mystery or spooky story writing back at school. We would love to see the finished stories. Classes are encouraged to use the house in self-led groups after the session.



Self-led tour of the house



Hall Place has a really exciting history, it was built in Tudor times by a rich merchant as the country was healthier than the dirty, cramped, disease ridden city of London.

It was also a strict Victorian private boys boarding school, so imagine that you are the new headmaster or a Victorian estate agent - what could each room have been used for?

During WWII it was a top secret radio receiving station listening to the Germans for Bletchley Park. Imagine you were stationed here listening to the Germans.

Drama KS2 only

We offer these exciting drama sessions as part of our history packages:

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Science: Go Wild in our Nature Base

Curriculum links

- Growing plants
- Plants and animals - life cycles, adaption, classification, evolution
- Environmental change
- Consumption and sustainability
- Where does our food come from?

Hall Place is a great site to study ecology and biology. We offer several taught sessions and exciting experiences you can pick and choose from to make your own unique day.

Choose one or two taught sessions from the list below:

- ❖ **How Does Your Garden Grow?** (60 minutes) Suitable for any age/ability
This session has been developed to show children where food comes from and how plants grow. Children tour our fruit trees and vegetable plots, they also plant seeds (to grow back at school) and plant seedlings in our vegetable beds. New winter edition: Buds and Berries available Oct-March.

- ❖ **Mini Beast Safari** (60 minutes) Suitable for any age/ability
Experience our wildlife corner, hunting for bugs in water, land and air. After an engaging short introduction into the life of mini beasts, your class will be split into 2 groups to hunt for bugs in the pond area and the Bug-a-licious Bug Hotel. All equipment will be provided as well as 'spotter' sheets and a survey to record your findings. Children are encouraged to look at habitats and how each bug is suited to the environment in which it lives. Seasonal, March-October only.

- ❖ **Global Glasshouse** (60 minutes) KS2
Learn about the journey plants go through from soil to shop, our relationship with them, just how amazing they are and how our choices have real consequences. How much of a global shopper are you and what's the real cost of the goods you buy? Book with How Does Your Garden Grow? for a day long visit.

- ❖ **Owlett Programme - Twit-Twoo** (60 minutes) Foundation & KS1
A very interactive storytelling session with a difference of 'The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark' that will fit into your annual teaching plan. Children will then be able to meet a real owl in a brilliant hands-on experience.

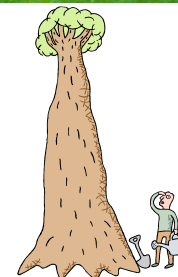
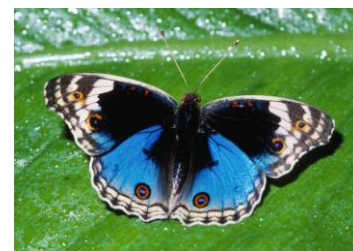
- ❖ **Mr Newman's Beautiful Butterflies** (60 minutes) KS2
Learn all about the famous 20th century local butterfly expert Mr Newman using archive photographs and our museum collection. Undertake your own scientific investigation as a lepidopterist and learn about butterfly classification, adaptation, life cycles and anatomy with a little maths work on symmetry too, Make your own butterfly specimen display to finish at school.

Now read on for exciting live extras that you can add to your visit



You can then add-on any of these experiences to make a whole day visit:

- **Visit All About Owls - Jams Owls** Suitable for any age/ability
A group of owls is called a parliament and this parliament of at least 10 owls sits every Friday. Learn about their lives, life cycles and favourite foods from the Jams team and even hold a real owl. £3.00 per child, adults free.
- **Visit Butterfly Jungles Experience** Suitable for any age/ability
Enter the butterfly jungle and see them fly around you. Look and learn about their amazing life cycle from tiny egg, caterpillar and cocoon to beautiful butterfly from a member of the staff. Includes butterfly spotters sheet. £3.00 per child, 2 adults free per every 10 children, extra adults £4 each.
- **The tree-mendous tree trail** Suitable for any age/ability
Discover some of the interesting trees at Hall Place and how they are all different and brilliant in their own way. This **self-led** trail includes adult resource notes and children's sticker trail sheets. 50p per child. Winter or Summer.



Loan Box Service

We rent out the following boxes to schools, home educators and other educational groups. They contain everything you need – objects, books and full teacher's notes brimming with teaching ideas and activities and most importantly – objects for an exciting hands-on lesson your class won't forget.

A £11.00 charge per week applies. Book well in advance as some are very popular.

- ❖ Ancient Egypt
- ❖ Ancient Greece
- ❖ Anglo-Saxons
- ❖ Aztecs
- ❖ Roman
- ❖ Transatlantic Slave Trade
- ❖ Tudor
- ❖ Victorian Homes of the Past
- ❖ Victorian Schools
- ❖ Toys and Games
- ❖ Vikings
- ❖ WWII (Home Front)



Tudor loan box



Anglo-Saxon loan box

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