



Contact us

We are open to the public from April to October. We recommend that during our open season, schools and groups visit on a Wednesday when there is no public access. We are happy to welcome you on Thursday and Friday, but please be aware that we are open to the public on these days.

For more information, pricing and booking, please contact the Learning Officer:
Email: learning@engleseabrook.org.uk
Telephone: 01270 820836.
Visit our website: www.engleseabrook.org.uk



Home-educators

All our workshops can be adapted to suit small groups and timings to suit. We are very happy to create specific workshops that are relaxed and very informal.

SEND

All our staff are autism-aware trained. We have a pop-up chill-out zone and sensory lights and toys. We will provide visual timetables in advance of your visit which are highly flexible to accommodate all needs.

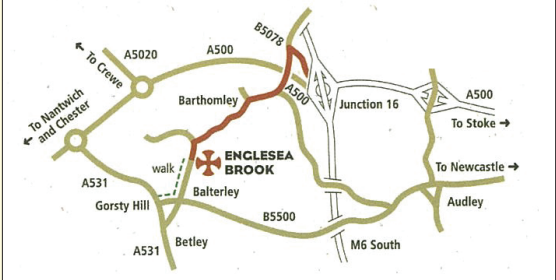
Access

The whole site is wheelchair accessible, except the chapel gallery due to the 19th century stairs. There is an accessible toilet, baby-changing facilities and provision for a Chill Out zone. Visit our website for a full accessibility guide and visual story.



A warm welcome awaits you!

How to Find Us



By Car
 Look out for the brown signs, which will guide you to the Museum from several directions. Car parking, including disabled parking and bike racks, is opposite the Chapel and Museum.

By Rail
 The nearest railway station is Crewe (5 miles).

By Bus
 D&G No. 85, the nearest stop is Gorsty Hill (by The Broughton). From there it is a 15 minute walk.



Englesea Brook Chapel & Museum

The Story of Primitive Methodism



Learning at Englesea Brook

The story of Primitive Methodism offers learning opportunities to discover much about 19th and early 20th century faith, work, family and society.

We have various workshops to complement EYFS and key stages 1,2 and 3 curricula that are fun, interactive and informal.

We welcome groups from different settings and all our workshops are suitable for SEND pupils, and for the home-educated.

Please turn over for a selection of our learning workshops.





Hugh Bourne's Travelling Chest

Hugh Bourne was one of the founders of Primitive Methodism and travelled far and wide by foot, train and boat. The workshop uses handling objects, role-play, poetry, exploration and craft to delve into transport in Victorian times and today, with particular emphasis on railways.

Suitable for KS 1 and 2

Curriculum Links: RE; history; local historical character; geography; art & design; literacy



A full day from 10am to 2pm that can accommodate up to 60 pupils

Hot off the Press

Interactive exploration of the history of printing – from its origins in China, its spread through Europe and opportunity to print with our own Georgian printing press. The day includes an interactive Greek myth, mystery objects, badge and print block making, and forms of printing to try.

Suitable for KS 1 and 2.

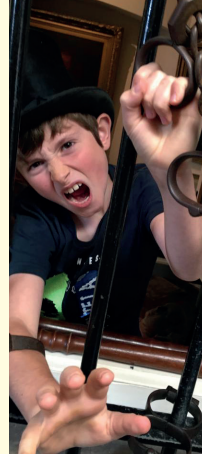
Curriculum links: RE; history, literacy, art & design; design & technology.

The workshop is adapted for KS3 pupils to enable reflection and discussion on the impact of social media on communication and the printed word today.

Additional curriculum links: PHSCE



A full day from 10am to 2pm that can accommodate up to 30 pupils



Sister Smith's Sunday School

Sarah Smith lived in Englesea Brook at the beginning of the 19th century. Primitive Methodists met in her cottage and she began a Sunday school and Dame school for local children.

The workshop explores the Victorian childhood of working class children; the provision of the Primitive Methodist Sunday school; child labour; leisure; childhood mortality; and Primitive Methodist activists who campaigned for children's rights. Pupils take part in a costumed Sunday school lesson, play with Victorian toys, create stone rubbings of gravestone engraving and follow a museum trail. Child mortality in Victorian times is one of the subjects covered.

Suitable for KS 1 and 2.

Curriculum links: RE; history; personal development; local historical character.



A full day from 10am to 2pm for up to 40 pupils.

A shorter workshop is available for EYFS from 10-11.45am, that includes a Sunday school lesson, a museum trail, play with Victorian toys and a hands-on look at the work children did.



The Treasure Within

Using treasure chests to unpack different aspects of the faith and work of Hugh Bourne in the development of the Primitive Methodist movement, pupils are able to handle artefacts, get creative with LEGO®, try rudimentary scientific experiments, and have a good root around to discover life and faith in the 19th century.

The chests and their contents are designed to stimulate enquiry and discussion of the past and of the present.

Suitable for KS 2 and 3.

Curriculum links: RE (science vs religion; religious/ inspirational leaders); history (local historical character); communication; personal development; PHSCE.



A full day from 10am to 2pm for up to 40 pupils.

This workshop is particularly suitable for smaller groups and SEND pupils given its unstructured and sensory design.

Seasonal and bespoke workshops

We are able to offer workshops for Easter and Remembrance that can be adapted to key stages and learning styles.

There may be stories you would like to explore and we are happy to develop workshops to suit your needs.