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2024–25

Early years and primary schools

A wealth of opportunities to enrich learning

Cutty Sark | National Maritime Museum | The Queen's House
Royal Observatory | Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre

Royal Museums Greenwich: Our sites

National Maritime Museum

Galleries and exhibitions that tell stories of people and the sea.

The Queen's House

An architectural gem that houses a stunning art collection.

Cutty Sark

A Victorian sailing ship, the fastest of its time.

Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre

The Museum's collections and conservation store, located in Kidbrooke.

Royal Observatory

The home of time and astronomy. See rmg.co.uk/ROGSchools for more information.

Early years

Capacity: 30 children per session

Sea sing

Scrub the deck and sing along! Join us for a musical journey on the world's last remaining tea clipper.

■ *Cutty Sark*
Mon, Tues and Thurs: 10.15–11.15 and 12.30–13.30

Story house

Explore the architecture and artwork of the Queen's House through song, dance and storytelling.

■ *The Queen's House*
Thurs: 10.30–11.30 and 12.45–13.45

Key Stage 1

Capacity: 30 children per session

Explorers through time

Use handling objects and a gallery visit to find out about two explorers. Compare their journeys and decide if you'd like to have joined them. Choose between polar exploration or space and sea journeys.

■ *National Maritime Museum*
Fri: 10.30–11.40 and 12.50–14.00

Meet a pirate

Ahoy, me hearties! Meet female pirate Alice Leghorn, learn the pirate way of life and hear tales of adventures on the high seas.

■ *National Maritime Museum*
Fri: 10.30–11.30 and 12.45–13.45

Story ship

Use storytelling, song, dance and drama to explore Robert Burns's poem 'Tam O' Shanter' and discover how Nannie the witch became *Cutty Sark's* figurehead.

■ *Cutty Sark*
Mon, Tues and Thurs: 10.15–11.15 and 12.30–13.30

Ship explorer tour

Join us on an interactive guided tour using the ship's animals to discover *Cutty Sark* and its place in Greenwich.

■ *Cutty Sark*
Mon, Tues and Thurs: 10.15–11.30 and 12.30–13.45

Adventure at sea

Discover what life was like on board a Victorian sailing ship. Pick your bunk, complete your ship's tasks and decide what's for supper. Is it a sailor's life for you?

■ *Cutty Sark*
Mon, Tues and Thurs: 10.15–11.45 and 12.30–14.00

Investigate materials

Become a conservator for the day and use practical scientific methods to identify materials and their properties.

■ *Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre*
Tues and Weds: 10.30–12.00 and 13.00–14.30

Also available for Early years

Key Stage 2

Capacity: 30 children per session

Vikings

Become history detectives and explore replica Viking items before setting sail to see if you can be successful Viking traders.

■ *National Maritime Museum*
Mon and Weds: 10.30–11.40 and 12.50–14.00

Polar explorers

Examine objects and explore the 'Polar Worlds' gallery to find out about the lives of Indigenous peoples of the Arctic and the stories of polar explorers.

■ *National Maritime Museum*
Mon and Weds: 10.30–11.50 and 12.30–13.50

Our ocean, our world

Work together to consider the role and importance of the ocean in our lives now, in the past and in the future.

■ *National Maritime Museum*
Weds: 10.30–11.40 and 12.50–14.00

Diversity, art and citizenship

Discover how art and identity intersect by looking at historic symbols of citizenship and community as well as contemporary artworks by Kehinde Wiley and Yinka Shonibare CBE.

■ *The Queen's House*
Thurs: 10.15–11.45 and 12.30–14.00

Sketching the sea

Use experimental mark-making, texture and colour to create captivating impressions of the sea, taking inspiration from famous artists and artwork in the Queen's House.

■ *The Queen's House*
Thurs: 10.15–11.45 and 12.30–14.00

Portraits and power

Explore how elements including pose, costume and background combine in portraits to send messages of power and explore the privileges associated then and now with portraiture.

■ *The Queen's House*
Thurs: 10.15–11.45 and 12.30–14.00

Also available for KS1

Ship discovery tour

Become detectives and investigate mystery objects on this guided tour of *Cutty Sark* and find out why the ship is such an important London landmark.

■ *Cutty Sark*
Mon, Tues and Thurs: 10.15–11.30 and 12.30–13.45

Victorian sailor

Set sail on an adventure at sea using maps, handling objects and real-life letters to find out what life was like for sailors on board *Cutty Sark*.

■ *Cutty Sark*
Mon, Tues and Thurs: 10.15–11.45 and 12.30–14.00

Global trade

Climb aboard the world's last surviving tea clipper and discover what is needed for a successful trading voyage across the globe.

■ *Cutty Sark*
Mon, Tues and Thurs: 10.15–11.45 and 12.30–14.00

Move the ship

See *Cutty Sark* through the eyes of a ship engineer. Investigate forces in action by moving part of the actual ship on the Main Deck. The session ends with the practical task of making a pulley or winch.

■ *Cutty Sark*
Mon, Tues and Thurs: 10.15–11.45 and 12.30–14.00

Art and science matters

See the science behind conserving the collection and explore filtering, evaporation and solubility.

■ *Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre*
Tues and Weds: 10.30–12.00 and 13.00–14.30

Maps, charts and globes

Discover our collection of globes and maps, identify key features and create your own globe to take back to school.

■ *Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre*
Tues and Weds: 10.30–14.00

Mystery story store

Discover intriguing museum objects and visit the mystery story store to inspire story writing.

■ *Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre*
Tues and Weds: 10.30–12.00 and 13.00–14.30 (from Jan 2025)

Coming up in summer 2025

NEW Pirates exhibition

Explore how popular culture has shaped the image of pirates and discover the stories of real pirates from around the world.

■ National Maritime Museum
29 March 2025–4 January 2026

FREE pilots for new school sessions

Contact learning@rmg.co.uk to book.

Pirates – Fact or Fiction? (KS2)

Use all your history skills to investigate stories about pirates and discover that the truth is sometimes even stranger than fiction. Add a visit to the Pirates exhibition for a swashbuckling day to remember.

■ National Maritime Museum
10.30–12.00 and 12.30–14.00 on 18 June, 9 and 16 July 2025 only

Windrush connections (KS2)

Find out about the history and legacy of the Windrush Generation and explore its impact on British society and culture. In partnership with the National Windrush Museum.

■ National Maritime Museum
10.30–12.00 and 12.30–14.00 on 7 May and 12, 19, 26 June 2025 only

Migration: Our shared story (KS2)

Celebrate the long history of migration to Britain. Investigate different migrant groups and their lasting legacies and explore some of our shared history with the rest of the world.

■ National Maritime Museum
10.30–12.00 and 12.30–14.00 on 5 June and 3, 10 July 2025 only

Sailor day (KS2)

Come on board and join us for a fun day of practical sailor skills. Activities include rope making, knot tying, moving the ship and learning a sea shanty!

■ Cutty Sark
10.30–14.00 on 12 June and 3 July 2025 only

For more information and to book,
visit rmg.co.uk/schoolshub or email bookings@rmg.co.uk

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National Maritime Museum improvements

We are making significant improvements to the building at the National Maritime Museum from spring 2024 to summer 2025. We are still welcoming schools during this time but please check the website for more information about how this will affect your visit.

Pricing

National Maritime Museum, Queen's House and Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre sessions cost £90 for a group of up to 30 pupils.

Greenwich state schools go FREE to National Maritime Museum, Queen's House and Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre (subject to availability).

Lewisham state schools go FREE to Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre (subject to availability).

Cutty Sark sessions cost £150 for a group of up to 30 pupils. Bursaries are available, please check conditions at rmg.co.uk/schools-communities/prices-booking.

Want to have an impact on our programmes?

In autumn 2024 we are launching a Royal Museums Greenwich teacher forum. Help shape the learning offer across our sites while getting early access to new resources and special forum member benefits. Contact learning@rmg.co.uk to sign up.

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