

Learning at Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse

Victorian Christmas programme
Key Stage 2



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This accessible and hands-on festive day broadens children's knowledge and understanding of life in Victorian Norfolk and provides material for your local study or theme of social history. They meet costumed characters and find out about Victorian Christmas for rich and poor.

Children make traditional candy canes and poor children's toys to take home, perform a festive Victorian melodrama and get to work in the workhouse. They set the table for the Guardians' Christmas dinner, wash the clothes, fold the sheets, clean the silver and dust the corridors. Someone has been leaving presents for the poor people in the workhouse. Can your children find out who it is?

Aims and learning outcomes

KS2 History and English

- British History beyond-1066: perfect basis for a study of changing life for Children or the Poor.
- Provides a vast amount of material for an in-depth Local Study of life in Victorian Norfolk.
- Learn from important sources of evidence: handle objects and explore historic buildings.
- Promote enquiry and thinking skills, and encourage speculation and hypothesising by active participation in a dramatic story line.
- Develop listening, speaking and questioning skills.
- An immersive experience which promotes creative and imaginative writing: subject-specific language, atmospheric settings and developed characters.

Essential information

A day of activities led by museum staff; 10am to 2pm, with a break for lunch.
Maximum group size of 120 pupils.
£6.00 per pupil.

Bookings

Advance booking is essential. For further information or to make a booking, please contact our Bookings Administrator on 01362 860563 or gressenhall.museum@norfolk.gov.uk

