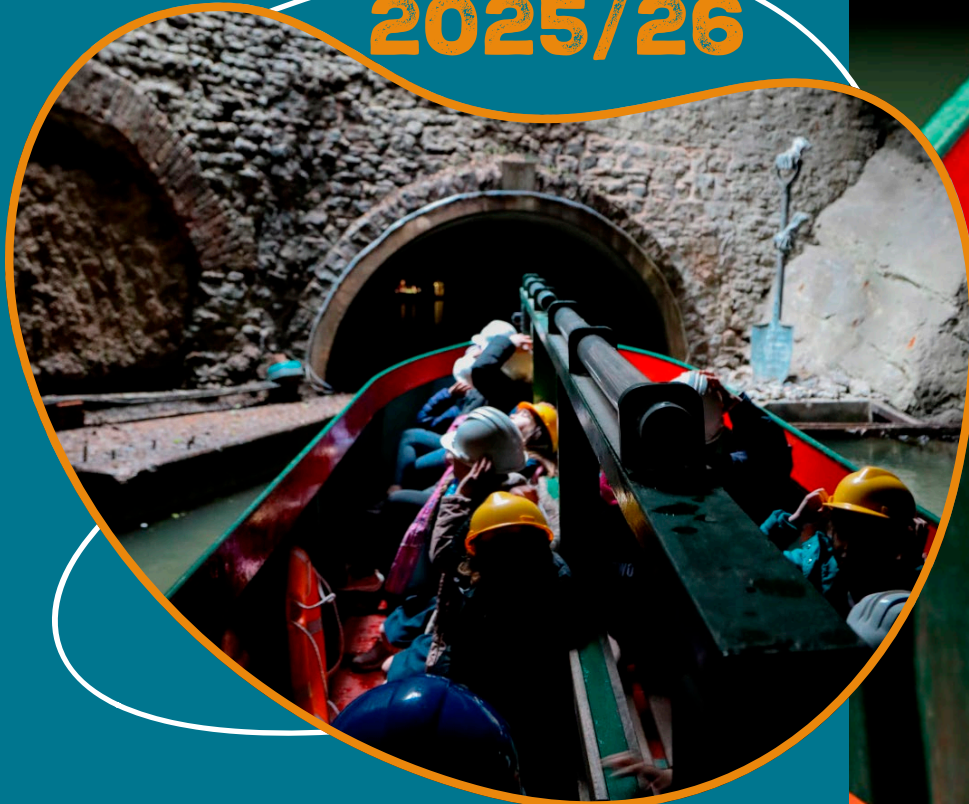


EDUCATIONAL VISITS

2025/26





HELLO!

WELCOME FROM PAUL



At Dudley Canal & Caverns, everything we do is about connections; from the physical links between places, industries, and history through our canal network and boats; to the connections we foster between people, communities, and the stories they share.

As an Educational Charity, we believe learning is all about making meaningful connections.

We are committed to using our facilities to meet the ever-changing learning requirements of students and teachers, ensuring our offer aligns with the National Curriculum and is relevant and adaptable to today's educational needs.

Our role is to build pride and ownership in our history, our canals, and our environment, while making a long-term, positive impact to our local community.

We're equally committed to ensuring that the learning experiences we provide are meaningful for the students and teachers who visit us or invite us to their schools. That's why we've worked hard to revise our workshops to align with the National Curriculum, and we've partnered with the Canal & River Trust to ensure that every child receives Water Safety education as standard.

In addition, we've created School-Only days on some Mondays and Tuesdays during term time, giving schools exclusive use of our entire site. This provides teachers with the opportunity to deliver multi-learning experiences in a single visit.

We're constantly learning and evolving ourselves. If there isn't a workshop that meets your specific requirements, let us know – our Learning Team is here to help and tailor the experience to fit your needs.

Thanks
Paul

CEO

2025/26 PRICES

A full day of immersive, hands-on
learning at Dudley Canal and Caverns

- Access to our site from 10am to 2pm
(Exclusive use for schools on some Mondays and Tuesdays)
- Your choice of interactive workshop
- A guided boat trip into our historic tunnels
and caverns
- A Water Safety session accredited by the
Canal & River Trust which supports the PSHE
National Curriculum: Health and Wellbeing
- A reserved space for lunch

Outreach: We can bring our workshops
to you! All our workshops can also be
delivered in a school environment, perfect
for in-school enrichment.

£45 per workshop

* Free teacher places to match your pupils'
age and needs 1:2 (SEN) 1:7 (Primary)
1:10 (Secondary)

**£13
PER CHILD***

DUDLEY CANAL
& CAVERNS
ACADEMY

**LOOKING FOR
SOMETHING
DIFFERENT?**

No problem –
contact our education
team to discuss a package.
jennie@dctt.org.uk



THE UNDERGROUND EXPERIENCE

DUDLEY CANAL
& CAVERNS

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YOUR BOAT TRIP

The Dudley Underground Experience is a unique educational boat trip through the Dudley Limestone Caverns and Tunnels, located beneath the Black Country. These tunnels, originally carved out during the Industrial Revolution, were used for mining limestone, which played a crucial role in canal building and industry.



WHAT TO EXPECT:

- **Boat Journey:**
Travel through the hidden tunnels and vast underground caverns, guided by expert skippers.
- **Sound & Light Shows:**
Engaging visual and audio displays bring the region's history to life.
- **Mining & Industrial Heritage:**
Learn how these tunnels supplied materials that fuelled the Industrial Revolution.
- **Fossil Discoveries:**
See ancient fossils embedded in the limestone, offering a glimpse into a prehistoric world.



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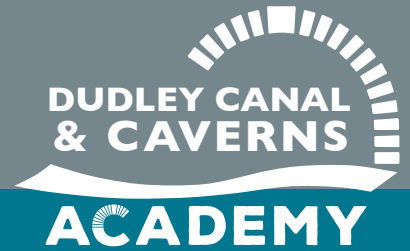
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BRINGING THE CURRICULUM TO LIFE

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WORKSHOPS



Our educational workshops provide interactive experiences for students and visitors.

- National Curriculum compliant workshops
- Outreach or in-person sessions available
- Canal & River Trust approved Water Safety, delivered as standard, free of charge to all schools.
- Exclusive use of the Portal Building for bookings on some Mondays and Tuesdays

"A fantastic trip for our children in Year 3 and 4! A superb experience for both adults and children! Applicable to our curriculum and the workshops were pitched just right for children. We will definitely be booking again next year."



WORKSHOPS

LIFE ON A WORKING BOAT

This engaging, hands-on experience is perfect for teachers looking to spark their students' curiosity about the past. Through real-life artefacts, and hands-on activities, they'll discover what daily life was like aboard a narrowboat during the Industrial Revolution. Explore our historic boat, *Sagitta*, and see first-hand the cramped living quarters where entire families lived while transporting goods along the canals.



**HISTORY NC
PROGRAMME
OF STUDY**

Local History Study

KS1

Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality.

KS2

A study of an aspect of history or a site dating from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality.



WORKSHOPS

BLACK COUNTRY CANALS & INDUSTRY

Children will see, touch, and experience the remarkable transformation of the Black Country during the Industrial Revolution. Through engaging role-plays, hands-on object handling, and fun activities, they'll discover why Dudley and its canal system played such a vital role in driving industrial success.



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WORKSHOPS

SEDIMENTARY ROCKS & FOSSILS

Children will travel back 428 million years to uncover the secrets hidden in the Silurian limestone of the Black Country. They'll get up-close with real fossils, including the famous "Dudley Bug" trilobite, and learn all about how sedimentary rocks form. Pupils will handle and examine fascinating fossils and rocks, identifying the different species.



**SCIENCE
YEAR 3 NC
PROGRAMME
OF STUDY**

Rocks

Pupils should explore different kinds of rocks and soils, including those in the local environment.

WORKSHOPS



WATERY WILDLIFE

In this fun and interactive session, children will explore the fascinating wildlife that lives along the Black Country's historic canals. Through hands-on activities, they'll investigate how animals survive and thrive in this unique watery habitat. From ducks and dragonflies to bats and badgers, pupils will discover the importance of canals for local biodiversity.



**SCIENCE NC
PROGRAMME
OF STUDY**

YEAR 1

Animals Including
Humans

**YEAR
2 & 4**

Living things and their
habitats.



WORKSHOPS

ROSES AND CASTLES

In this colourful and creative workshop, children will discover the traditional canal art of Roses and Castles, once used to decorate working narrowboats. Pupils will learn about the history and meaning behind this vibrant folk art, before trying their hand at creating their own designs. A perfect blend of history and creativity, this session celebrates a unique cultural tradition and encourages children to express themselves through bold patterns and colour.



**ART &
DESIGN NC
PROGRAMME
OF STUDY**

KS1

Pupils should be taught about the work of craft makers and designers.

KS2

Pupils should be taught about designers in history.



WORKSHOPS



WATER SAFETY ACCREDITED BY THE CANAL & RIVER TRUST

We're excited to partner with the CRT's Explorers team to offer free water safety workshops designed specifically for primary schools. These engaging sessions teach children the importance of staying safe near water, including the key message to "*Stay Away From the Edge*" and how to respond in emergencies. Starting September 2025, all visiting schools can participate in this essential life skills workshop at no additional cost.



**NEW
FOR
2025/26**



HOW TO BOOK

The easiest way to book and enquire is
through our online enquiry form.

Which can be found here...

<https://dudleycanaltrust.org.uk/learning/> 



Call us on 0121 557 6265

Email us at info@dctt.org.uk



VISITING FAQs



What should we wear?

Our boats are open-top, and the tunnels can get quite drippy, so we recommend bringing a waterproof jacket - even in summer. We'll provide you with a hard hat to wear on the boat.

Can I visit the Portal Building in advance?

Yes! Simply send us an email, and we'll arrange a convenient time for your visit.

Are you suitable for SEND pupils?

Absolutely. Our accessible boat can accommodate up to two unpowered wheelchairs, or one electric wheelchair. If your group has additional requirements, please get in touch to discuss any reasonable adjustments we can make.

How long can we stay at the Portal Building?

Most schools typically arrive at 10 AM and depart at 2 PM.

Can our coaches park on-site?

Yes, we have a designated coach parking area.

What age groups are the workshops suitable for?

We tailor our workshops to meet the needs and ages of the pupils attending.

Who would lead our workshop?

Our Learning Facilitators have extensive experience in education, having worked as teachers or in similar educational roles at other organisations.

How many children can you accommodate?

We can currently accommodate up to 90 pupils per day.

Will there be members of the public around?

Yes, our site is open to the public during the following periods:

- **Easter to August**
Open seven days a week.
- **September to Easter**
Open Wednesday to Sunday.

However, if you book a school visit on a Monday or Tuesday during our quiet season (September to Easter), **schools** will have exclusive use of the Portal Building.

Where can I find your risk assessment?

You can view it here: [Risk Assessment](#) 

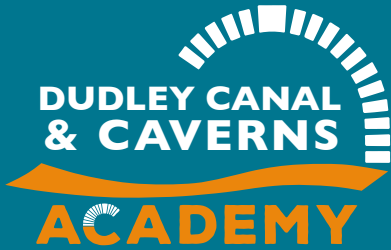
Where can we eat lunch?

Schools can use the Legger Suite, The Biffa Gallery, or our outdoor picnic benches for lunch.

What are your terms and conditions?

We will send you our Ts and Cs upon booking.

For more information:
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