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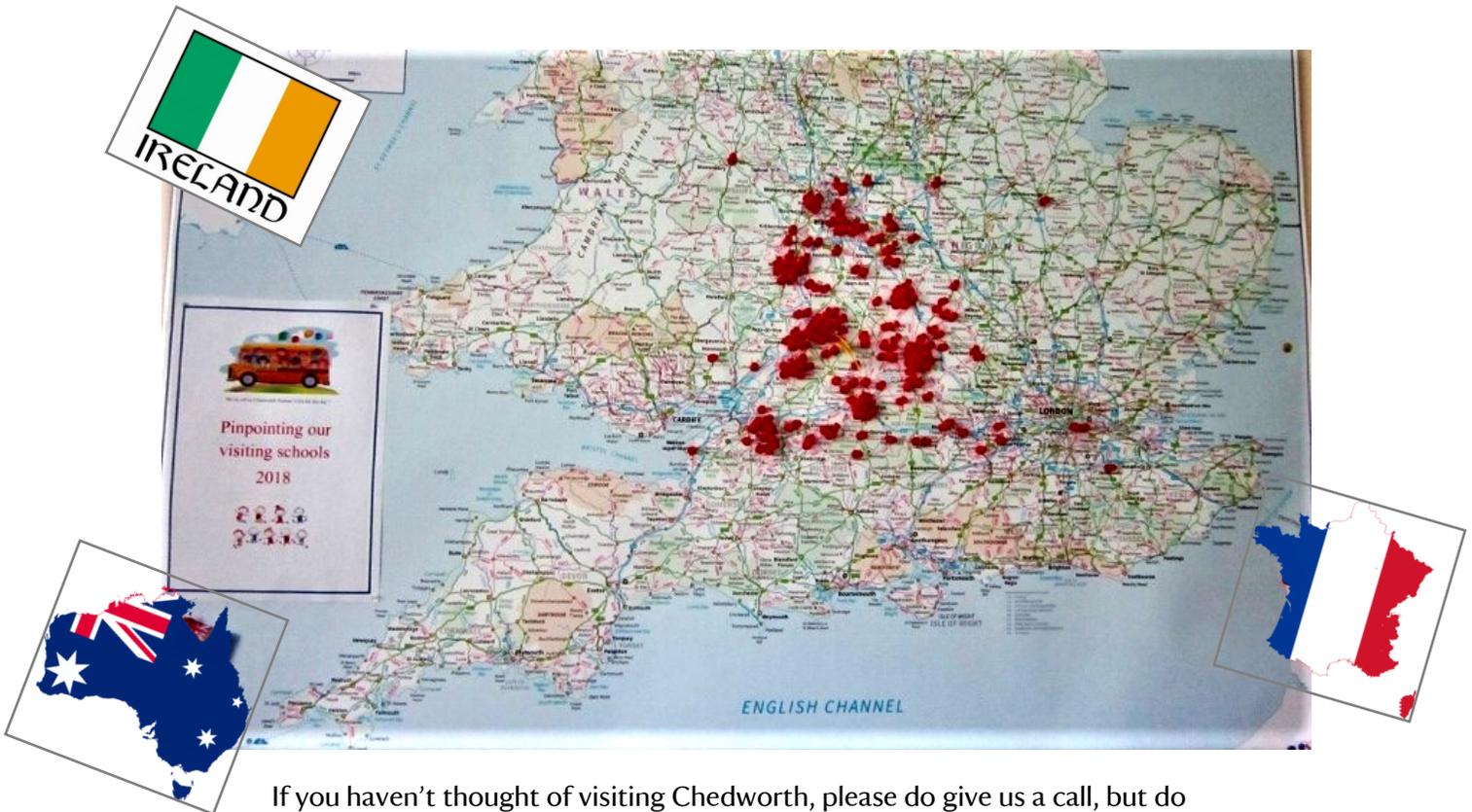
Chedworth Roman Villa newsletter

A seasonal round up of what is going on for schools

Learning with the National Trust

**“What do you do with them?
They are always smiling when they have been here.”**

2018 was a record year for the Education Department. We welcomed over 200 schools. Already this year we look to be surpassing that figure. We now have a map on the Education Office wall to chart just how far our young visitors have travelled. They have come from Ireland in the west, to Kent in the east, Shrewsbury in the north and down to Weston Super Mare in the south. Most of the Shire counties are represented, but the furthest distance is awarded to Brisbane Girls' School, Australia.



If you haven't thought of visiting Chedworth, please do give us a call, but do remember to plan well ahead. Contact details on page 2.

Volunteering for the Education Department

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers to join our team here at Chedworth. We're a friendly bunch of predominately retired teachers/ heads. The choice of commitment is yours, one or two days a week helping to lead sessions we deliver to school pupils and students from KS2 through to postgraduates.

“Passing on knowledge and, hopefully inspiring children, is such a privilege. I always look forward to the start of the new school year. The children have a wonderful time, but we do too.”



Olivia Scott, Volunteer Education Guide

What we can offer you

- 45 minute classroom sessions inspecting and handling replica and primary source materials, including bone, pottery, tesserae, metal, shells and building materials. Contributes towards an understanding of the importance of archaeological investigations with the “wow” of holding something that is “really Roman”.
- 45 minute session touring the site with an expert guide. Investigating what it was like to live in the Villa 1700 years ago and to what extent Chedworth Roman Villa was typical of life in Roman Britain.
- Living History - dressing-up in Roman outfits and using examples from the Bath House and Latrine to explain the Roman attitude to health and hygiene. Each student grinds up spices in a mortarium to make a medicine bag to take home.
- Support for exams and assignments. Advise us in advance of the topic and we will aim to tailor the sessions to address your needs.

Annual Education Group Membership 2019

- Free entry for group visits to any NT property
- Free pre-booked planning and preparation visits to sites for group leaders
- A membership pack which includes the annual handbook
- The Trust’s membership mailings three times a year with the NT Magazine.

Pupils	Annual cost
Home tuition	£50
Under 50	£50.00
51-100	£80.00
101-200	£95.00
201-500	£100.00
500+	£120.00
Tertiary	£150.00

You can take out membership at the Villa, or

- collect a leaflet at National Trust site.
- email enquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk
- Website [education group membership](#)

Each group session costs £50

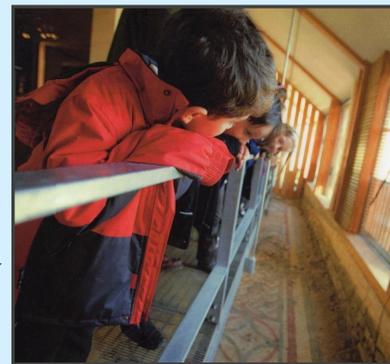
To arrange a visit, please call:
Jane Lewis on 01242 890905
or e-mail jane.lewis@nationaltrust.org.uk
It is advisable to book well in advance



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Your feedback

“At Chedworth Roman Villa you go on a tour. You see all sorts of rooms such as the bath houses and the dining room. During the tour people tell you all about the villa. You can learn a lot.”



“Have you ever wondered what it’s like to be a slave? If you haven’t, then dress up as one here, you wear a sack with two arm holes. When Romans were around, people sometimes went to the toilet in groups in toilets in the open! Ugh!”

“My favourite bit was learning how to make a Roman medicine bag because you got to smash the herbs and pour them into a muslin square, then you fold the material up and tie up the medicine.”



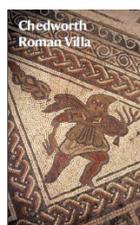
“You can hold real Roman artefacts like bits of pottery and Roman nails. Artefacts are things found by archaeologists and they work out whether they were left by the Romans or someone else.”

“This Roman villa is about 2000 years old. It is one of the biggest villas in the country. It has two bathhouses, how amazing is that! There are also lots of real Roman mosaics at the villa.”



Retail Ramblings

This year sees the launch of our new pin badge. We are hopeful that each child will obtain a badge as a memento of their visit



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