



# Gunnersbury Park Museum



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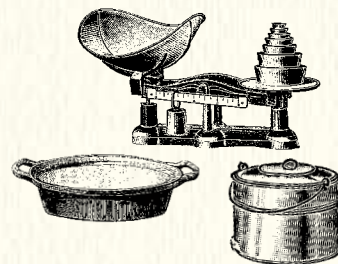




## Bring history to life at Gunnersbury Park Museum.

Come and enjoy exciting new experiences in one of our creative and inspirational dramatised history workshops.

Find out what life was like for a Victorian servant by spending a day in our original Victorian kitchens. Dress as Crimean soldiers, doctors and nurses and help Florence Nightingale improve hospital conditions.



Our educational programme allows students to participate in a wide range of activities, handle a range of authentic objects and recreate scenes from the past in historic surroundings.

The Museum has an excellent reputation for its educational service, and offers specific themes which are closely related to the National Curriculum.

While visiting the Museum students can enjoy the 186 acres of beautiful park land that was once the former country residence of the famous Rothschild family.



## KS1 Workshops (60 minutes)

Available all year round unless otherwise indicated.



### The Great Fire of London

Do you know how the fire started? Or how much of London was destroyed – and why? Meet Jane Birch, maidservant to Samuel Pepys and eyewitness to the Great Fire. Help her tell her remarkable story and join the fight to save the city. Create a soundscape of London ablaze as you sail down the river to safety!



### Florence Nightingale

Meet the Lady with the Lamp herself and help her tell her incredible story. Dress as Crimean soldiers, doctors and nurses, and help Miss Nightingale improve conditions at Scutari Hospital. Discover how this very determined lady became the founder of modern nursing.



### The Adventures of Mary Seacole

Play your part in the wonderful music hall benefit for Mary Seacole. Join our music hall star in songs and sketches, and help her tell the extraordinary story of this eminent lady doctor. Learn the secrets of Mary's medicine, tend to the wounded on the battlefield or play the part of Mother Seacole herself.



### Great Grandmother's Trunk

Sharpen your detective skills! Help us unpack mystery objects from the old Victorian trunk. Use clues to help you discover the identity of the trunk's owner. Why did she keep these objects? What materials are they made from? Do we still have objects like these today? Discover the differences and similarities between her life and yours.



### Victorian Kitchens

An unforgettable experience in our beautiful original Victorian kitchens. Meet our Victorian servant and discover what homes were like in the past. How did they cook? How did they clean the carpets? Whose job was it to empty the chamber pots? Discover the differences and similarities between homes then and now. Dress as maids and footmen, pound the sugar with a pestle and mortar, beat the carpets and scrub the floors.



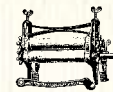
*"As always the session was absolutely fantastic. The children loved it and it's such an excellent experience for them."*

Year 6 Teacher  
Ivybridge Primary School  
Hounslow



### Toys & Games of the Past

What toys did our great-grandparents play with? What materials were they made from and how were they different from the toys we have today? See original and replica toys of the past such as china dolls, teddy bears, clockwork toys, a zoetrope and many more. Will you be skilled enough to win at cup and ball? Or fast enough to keep the whipping top spinning? Perhaps you'll learn some new Victorian parlour games to play with your friends!



### Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle's Wash Day \*

Come and enjoy this timeless classic! Listen to Beatrix Potter's enchanting story of Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle and help her to do the washing for Tom Kitten, Peter Rabbit and friends. There's lots of fun to be had washing, mangling, crimping and ironing in our original Victorian kitchens.

\* Summer Term only  
(please call for specific dates)



### Material Mayhem

Fast and furious fun! Become Rock Man, Animal Woman, Oil Man or Plant Woman and use your five senses to explore the wonderful world of materials. Where do they come from and why do some last for thousands of years?



### Museum Discovery

Explore the museum galleries with one of our education team. Discover how this local history museum was once the country home of the wealthy and prominent Rothschild family. Please note this tour is designed to be an introduction to the museum, and does not include role-play, the Victorian kitchens or object-handling.



## KS2 Workshops (90 minutes)

Available all year round unless otherwise indicated.



### Romans \*

Who were the Romans? Why did they invade Britain? And how did they affect the Celtic tribes already living here? A rare opportunity to handle real Roman artefacts and discover the secrets of Roman food, clothing, writing and bathing. Who will you be? A Roman legionary, the mighty Julius Caesar, or perhaps even the fearsome Queen Boudicca?



### Tudors †

Explore life for both rich and poor during the reign of Elizabeth I. Become the night watchman patrolling the streets of London or a royal courtier dancing a graceful galliard. Shoot an arrow from a yeoman's bow, play Tudor games and be knighted by Her Majesty! Wonderful opportunities for pupil participation, as well as authentic reproduction Tudor clothes.



### Victorian School

Meet your new schoolmistress in our Victorian schoolroom. She will instruct you in the 3Rs, vocal gymnastics and physical drill. Her Majesty's School Inspector will also be visiting to issue certificates of merit to exemplary pupils. But be warned, failure to meet these exacting standards will lead to punishment! One of our most popular sessions, packed full of history, drama and excitement. Please note this session is only offered to pupils of KS2 and above as it is a very realistic drama experience unsuitable for KS1 pupils.



### Below Stairs

Experience Victorian domestic service in our original Victorian kitchens. Our kitchen maid will dress you as maids and footmen and put you to work beating the carpets, scrubbing the floors and pounding the sugar with a pestle and mortar. Industrious, well-mannered children will be interviewed by the housekeeper or butler for a position in this illustrious household! This session is led by two costumed characters – a kitchen maid and a housekeeper or butler – creating an unforgettable experience in unique surroundings.



### Above Stairs

The Lord and Lady of the house are expecting guests for afternoon tea. The upper servants must clean the house and dress the master, mistress and children; corsets must be tightened, crinolines fitted and cravats tied. In this fun and lively session, which combines extremely well with Below Stairs, children can dress up and role-play as characters from the household. Discover Victorian etiquette and the importance of "knowing your place"! The session includes a short tour of the museum with a chance to see the original Rothschild carriages.

\* **Autumn/Summer Term only**  
(please call for specific dates)

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(please call for specific dates)



### Victorian Child

Experience the rougher side of life for 19thC working class children – surviving on the streets as a shoeshine, crossing-sweeper or flower-seller. Learn some pickpocketing tricks like Oliver Twist, and discover how Dr. Barnardo and the Earl of Shaftesbury changed the lives of the poor.



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### World War Two

During the Blitz the anti-aircraft battery stationed here in Gunnersbury Park provided invaluable protection and saved many lives. What was it like to live through those frightening times? Discover life on the Home Front; wear a gas mask, put out an incendiary bomb or get evacuated to the countryside. All while "Doing the Lambeth Walk - Oi!"



### Thames Explorer

A fascinating journey across 2000 years of London's history, as witnessed by its oldest resident – the River Thames. Become an archaeologist and dig for Roman remains, create the fun of a Tudor frost fair, balance a ship's cargo like a Victorian stevedore, and discover the Great Stink that stopped Parliament! A truly remarkable journey!



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## Christmas Workshops for KS1/2



### A Victorian Child's Christmas

**KS1** (60 minutes)

**KS2** (90 minutes)

Where do our Christmas traditions come from? Why do we decorate Christmas trees, send cards and sing carols? Enjoy the festivities as a Victorian child. Discover and play with original and replica Victorian toys, act in a traditional pantomime and finish with a fantastic shadow-buff show. A wonderful seasonal treat – educational and great fun!



### Christmas in the Victorian Kitchens

**KS1** (60 minutes)

**KS2** (90 minutes)

Christmas is coming! Help our Victorian servant prepare for the seasonal festivities. Come and make our kitchens sparkle, smell the spices, pound the sugar, stir the plum pudding and make a Christmas wish!



### Christmas Below Stairs

**KS2 only** (90 minutes)

Led by two costumed characters – a Victorian kitchen maid and a housekeeper or butler – this seasonal session follows a similar structure to 'Below Stairs'. In addition, you can stir the Christmas pudding and discover many Victorian Christmas traditions. Why do we put three spices into the mince pies? What is Lamb's Wool? And who are the Lord and Lady of Misrule? The kitchens will be decked with holly and ivy to put you in the Christmas spirit!



**“Absolutely fabulous – the children talked about it all the way home!”**

Year 2 Teacher  
Notting Hill & Ealing Prep.  
Ealing

## KS3/GCSE/Student Workshops

Available all year round.



### Out of the Dolls' House

Explore the changing role of British women and their struggle to achieve the vote. A full day workshop in three sections; first we examine the lives of Victorian working class women in a time of great industrial change; next we meet Emily Wilding Davison, a WSPU militant; and finally we discover the effects of the First World War on the role and status of women. The day ends with a chance for pupils to express their own views in a debate.



**“Thank you for being fantastic actors and making the trip ten times the amount of fun that I thought it was going to be.”**

Year 6 Pupil  
Stanley Park Junior School  
Surrey



## Specialist Services

### SEN Workshops

Many of our sessions can be adapted for groups with special needs. **Please call us to discuss your requirements.** The museum and Victorian kitchens are fully accessible. Disabled parking and a wheelchair accessible toilet are also available.

### Adult Tours

Tours of the museum and Victorian kitchens can be booked with a member of our education team or with the museum's curator. **Please call for details.**

### ESOL Tours

*(English for Speakers of Other Languages)*

Brush up your English with an historical, drama-based tour of the museum and the Victorian kitchens. You will be accompanied by our Victorian housekeeper, as portrayed by our qualified ESOL teacher.

### Loan Box Service

History to take away! Schools and community groups can hire loan boxes from us for a two week period. The boxes contain both original and replica objects from the museum's handling collection, as well as a teachers' pack with information and suggested activities. **The following loan boxes are currently available:** The Victorian Household, World War Two 'Home Front', Archaeology.

### Holiday Workshops & Family Event Days

Each year we devise new and exciting holiday workshops and family event days. If you would like to be included on our mailing list please email us at: [gp-museum@laing.com](mailto:gp-museum@laing.com)

### Museum Shop

School groups are very welcome to visit our shop. Alternatively, we can provide pre-ordered goody bags for you to collect during your visit. A price list is available on request.

### Booking Information

- All sessions need to be booked in advance with the education department. Please call us for details of workshop prices and times.
- Limited lunchroom space is available and must be reserved at the time of booking.
- The museum is wheelchair accessible with disabled parking available and a wheelchair accessible toilet.
- Risk assessment guidelines can be provided on request. Teachers wishing to carry out their own on site risk assessment should book through our education department.

## Contact Details

The Education Department  
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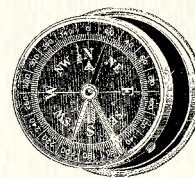
**Tel:** 020 8992 2247  
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020 8992 1612  
*(Main Museum)*

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**Email:** [gp-museum@laing.com](mailto:gp-museum@laing.com)

**Nearest Tube: Acton Town**  
*(District/Piccadilly Line).*  
We are approximately  
10 minutes walk from the station.

**Bus Route: E3 Popes Lane**  
*(off North Circular A406).*  
The bus stops right outside  
the entrance to the park.





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