

Booking

If you would like to find out more about visiting us, please get in touch: **01256 892065** or email **info@whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk**

Prices

One Session: £4 per child, two sessions: £4.50 per child, three sessions: £5 per child, + VAT. All accompanying adults are free. We can take payment in advance, or we can supply an invoice after the visit.

Loan Boxes

If you would like to borrow a box of resources to use in the classroom, based on any of our key themes, please get in touch.

INSET Days

We are happy to arrange opportunities for teachers to visit the Mill and learn textile skills linked to the national curriculum. Please get in touch if you would like to find out more.

Access

We have a newly installed lift providing physical access to all three floors of the building. In order to be able to evacuate the building in case of fire, we can only allow one wheelchair-bound user into the main building at any given time. If you have more than one wheelchair-bound user in your group, please get in touch so that we can make alternative arrangements where possible.

SEN

If you have a group of SEN pupils we are happy to adapt any of our workshops to accommodate their needs. Please get in touch to discuss this with us.

Shop

We have a range of pocket-money-priced goods in our shop and we can arrange for pupils to visit in groups at a convenient point in the day. Alternatively, we can offer a pre-packed souvenir bag for £1 per child.

Outreach

If you would like us to visit you with an adaptation of any of our workshops, please get in touch. We will generally offer an hour workshop working with one class of children at a time, with the option to repeat the session for multiple classes.

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HERITAGE OF WEAVING

Schools Programme

This programme offers a range of options for visiting Whitchurch Silk Mill. Our flexible approach allows you to choose the duration of your visit and pick from a variety of curriculum-supported, hands-on workshops.

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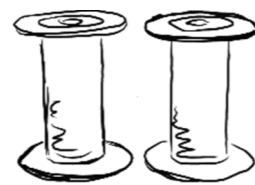


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A unique opportunity for pupils to learn from a range of cross-curricular experiences, located in a 200-year-old working Mill.

We offer a range of workshops for schools to choose from. Each workshop lasts an hour and includes a variety of hands-on activities which have been developed to meet your curriculum needs.

We are also happy to work with you to design your perfect package and can tailor our sessions across the key stages.



Schedule

Schools can book up to 3 workshops a day.
A sample full-day timetable:

- 10:00am arrival & introduction
- 10:15am workshop 1
- 11:15am break
- 11:30am workshop 2
- 12:30pm lunch
- 13:00pm workshop 3
- 14:00pm depart



Guided Tour

The best way to start your day! Follow the story from moth to cloth.

The Mill Fabric



What makes silk special? Its super strength (stronger than steel) or its lustrous gleam (prism shaped thread)? Test your theories with some fun experiments!

Power of Water



Discover how the River Test has powered the Mill for over 200 years! Learn about how the waterwheel transfers power around the Mill building. Activities to investigate materials, types of waterwheels and gears and pulleys.

Mill Time Travellers



How has the Mill changed over the last 200 years? Investigate primary resources to create a timeline of the Mill's history, following its journey through time.

A Splash of Colour



Get creative with either a silk printing or silk painting session. Take inspiration from our beautiful setting and fabulous colours.

Guided Walk: River

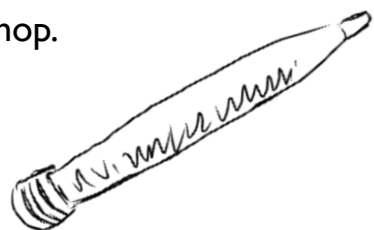


Follow the Mill Trail along the river — one of the few places where the riverbank is publically accessible — and see natural processes, man-made interventions and often a brown trout or two.

Wonderful Weaving



How is fabric made at the Mill? Do you know your warp from your weft? Get creative and design a new silk scarf for our shop.



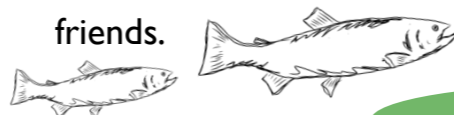
Spotlight 1877

It's 1877, the *Hampshire Chronicle* is reporting that, after the death of owner Henry Chappell, the Mill needs a new child workforce to keep the business going. The new recruits will be put through their paces to see if they have what it takes.

Wild about the Mill



The Mill grounds are home to a wide range of creatures. Explore classification, adaptation and habitats across the site, from the tiny garden minibeasts to our river-dwelling friends.



Test the Water



Investigate the beautiful clear waters of the River Test. Follow its journey from source to sea, exploring the geographical processes and management strategies to prevent flooding.

Origins of Silk



Where does silk come from? Study the lifecycle of the silkworm and find out all about how silk was discovered thousands of years ago.

Guided Walk: Town



On this guided walk through the ages, discover how the town of Whitchurch has changed and developed over time.



Geography

Science

History

Art & Design