

The City Museum Welcomes Under-5s

We know visiting museums with very young children involves practical challenges, but at Winchester City Museum we hope to make your visit easier and more enjoyable.

Pushchairs and Toilets



You are welcome to leave your buggy on the ground floor near our entrance but please take all valuables with you. Toilets and baby changing can be found on the ground floor, near to the lift.

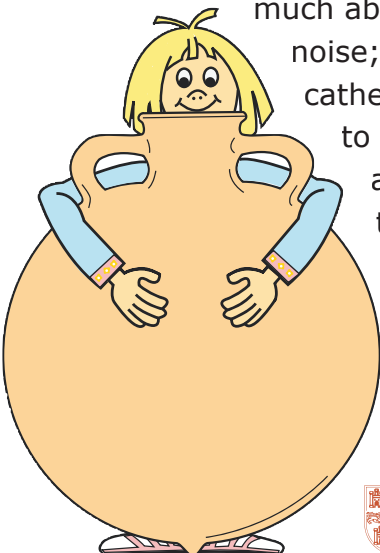
Seeing and Doing

Throughout the museum you will find step-up stools. Even the youngest children can try the activities which you'll find on each floor, although they may need help with the instructions. We hope you enjoy doing all our activities together.

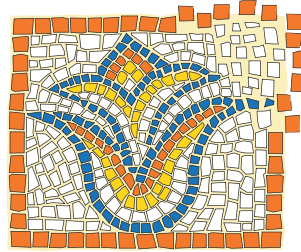


Touching and Noise

The museum welcomes families with children of any age. Don't worry too much about your toddler's noise; we're not the cathedral, you don't have to whisper! Try to relax about your children touching things. If objects shouldn't be touched they are safely out of harm's way.



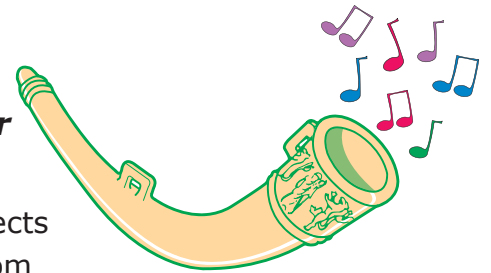
Where do we go?



Start at the top!

We recommend that you begin your visit on the top floor of the museum, take the lift or use the stairs.

The top floor gives you a history of Roman Winchester. Try making a mosaic together or sorting objects. Look in the cases and see if your child can find objects they recognise from their own daily lives, such as coins or pots. Press the buttons on the model. Try on our Roman costumes.



Middle Floor

On this floor you'll find objects and stories from Anglo-Saxon and medieval Winchester. Try on our Saxon costumes. Colour in a picture of our face jug, then look in the cases and see if you can find the real thing. Press the button to listen to the moot horn. Look at the model of Winchester and compare it to the town your children have just walked through.

Note - The story of Tudor and Stuart Winchester is told in the Westgate Museum at the top of the High Street.

Ground Floor



Down on the ground floor you will skip forward in time to the 18th and 19th centuries. Let the children have

a go at dressing up as Edwardians then wander round the shop fronts. They will find many objects they can relate to their own experience of the world. Try finding things they recognize and talk about how objects have changed or stayed the same.

We hope you enjoy your visit and please come again!

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