

# Roman History for Schools 2019

## Crofton Roman Villa, Orpington, BR6 8AF

Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit

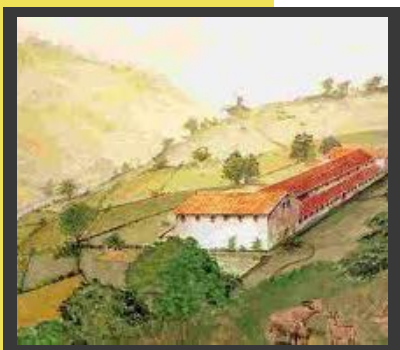
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### Open 2nd April - 30th October 2019

▪ **The only Roman Villa in Greater London open to schools** ▪

*"A superb and very informative visit. My class had a great experience"*  
- a Chislehurst school



Ten rooms of this Roman villa-house are on view with the remains of an extensive **hypocaust** system (under-floor central heating) in five rooms and evidence of **opus signinum** (concrete) and **tessellated** (tiled floors). With graphic displays, models, touch table and activities for children.

**We would love to welcome your school to Crofton Roman Villa**

#### Facilities

All facilities are designed to meet with the National Curriculum and are targeted at Key Stage 2.

#### Roman Villa Activity Workshops

Roman Activity Workshops are available from April to October - see details opposite.

#### Life in Roman Britain

A special Introduction to Life in Roman Britain is held from 30th September - 4th October; see details below.



### Special holiday activities for Children

**Fun with Pots:** 10th & 17th April 2019

**Horrible Habits:** Every Wednesday in August

**For info call: Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit 01689 860939**

### Introduction to life in Roman Britain

#### A special activity event

**Monday 30th September -  
Friday 4th October 2019**

**Charge: £3 per child (teachers and helpers free).**

**Duration: 2 hours. Minimum number of pupils 25 and maximum 30. Sessions at 10am & 12.45pm.**

#### AD43 The Celts & Roman Invasion

Two children dress up as Celts. *The Roman Invasion* of AD43 and defeat of the Celts. A Roman soldier's armour and weapons (with adult replica items). Six children dress up as Roman soldiers and drill, with military 'diplomas' awarded. *Settling in*: a new capital city, towns, roads and villas.

#### The Roman villa- house

An archaeologist describes the discovery of the site, excavations in 1988 and the villa house remains. Information is given on the tessellated floors, central heating (hypocaust) and concrete floors (opus signinum).

#### Design a Roman mosaic pattern

Unit staff briefly outline how the Romans made mosaics. Children then design a 'Roman' mosaic pattern with coloured tiles.

#### Life on the Roman Villa

Life on the farm and in the house is described with Roman artefacts and replica Roman domestic objects.

#### Handling & drawing Roman artefacts

Each child has a tray of Roman artefacts with identification and handling followed by labelling (drawings are taken back to school).



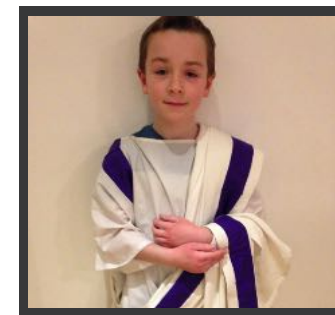
### Roman Villa Activity Workshops

**Charge: £3 per child (teachers and helpers free).**

**Duration: 2 hours. Minimum number of pupils 20 and maximum 60.**

**Tuesday and Wednesday: 10am or 12.45pm**

**Workshops: consist of two talks, each followed by activities. See details below:**



#### The Roman Villa House

An archaeologist describes the discovery and excavation of the villa and explains the remains of the house - its walls, roof, floors and *hypocaust* (central heating) as well as its end in c.AD410.

#### Life in the Roman Villa

A second session covers life on the farm and in the house with Roman artefacts and replica Roman domestic objects including pottery and jewellery. Four children dress as Romans - as a little girl, a married lady, a farm boy and a senator.

#### Handling & drawing Roman artefacts

Each child has a 'finds' tray of Roman

**Please note : teachers and helpers are requested to help during the activity sessions. This is a very full 2 hour programme and late arrival may result in some of the activities having to be curtailed.**

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#### 'Brass rubbing' activity

'Rubbing' of figures of Roman soldiers, Julius Caesar and gladiators (14cm high) with a brief written description about the figures and instructions from Unit staff (rubblings are taken back to school).

#### Mosaic making activity

Unit staff briefly outline how the Romans made mosaics, followed by mosaic making with individual trays, coloured 'tesserae' and Roman patterns to follow.

### Booking a school visit

For further information and to book a visit, please contact:

**Catherine Horne, Tel: 07805 138465**

**Email: [crofton.roman.villa@gmail.com](mailto:crofton.roman.villa@gmail.com)**

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*"A fantastic experience for the children! A perfect mix of hands-on activities and facts. Thanks to all the team!"* - a Lewisham school

#### Preview

Teachers can preview the villa during normal opening hours (April - October: Tuesday and Wednesday: 10am- 3.30pm and Sundays: 1st in the month only: 2pm - 4.30pm) free of charge.

#### Souvenirs and school packs

During your visit booklets, postcards and souvenirs are on sale at the Villa shop (most items are £2 or under).

To save time during your visit **'Roman' packs** can be ordered at the time of booking. Packs cost **either £1 each** (two postcards, an activity booklet, a logo pen and pencil) or **£2 each** (as before plus a replica Roman coin and second activity booklet).

#### Transport

Free transport is available for Greater London schools using public buses or Tramlink. Phone: 0343 222 1000 or email: [schoolparty@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:schoolparty@tfl.gov.uk)

#### Ideal for school projects

If your school is unable to make a class visit (or even if you do) children and families are welcome to visit during normal opening hours (see above). **Facilities and activities are designed for children undertaking school projects.** These include **graphic displays** on Roman life - the villa, food, clothes, boys and girls, toys and games, mosaics and soldiers. **Activities** include Roman games, dressing up, brass rubbing and mosaic making. **Special events** for children are held in the holidays. **Please do send for an information leaflet for your class.**