

Dorset Museum Schools Programme







Welcome to Dorset Museum

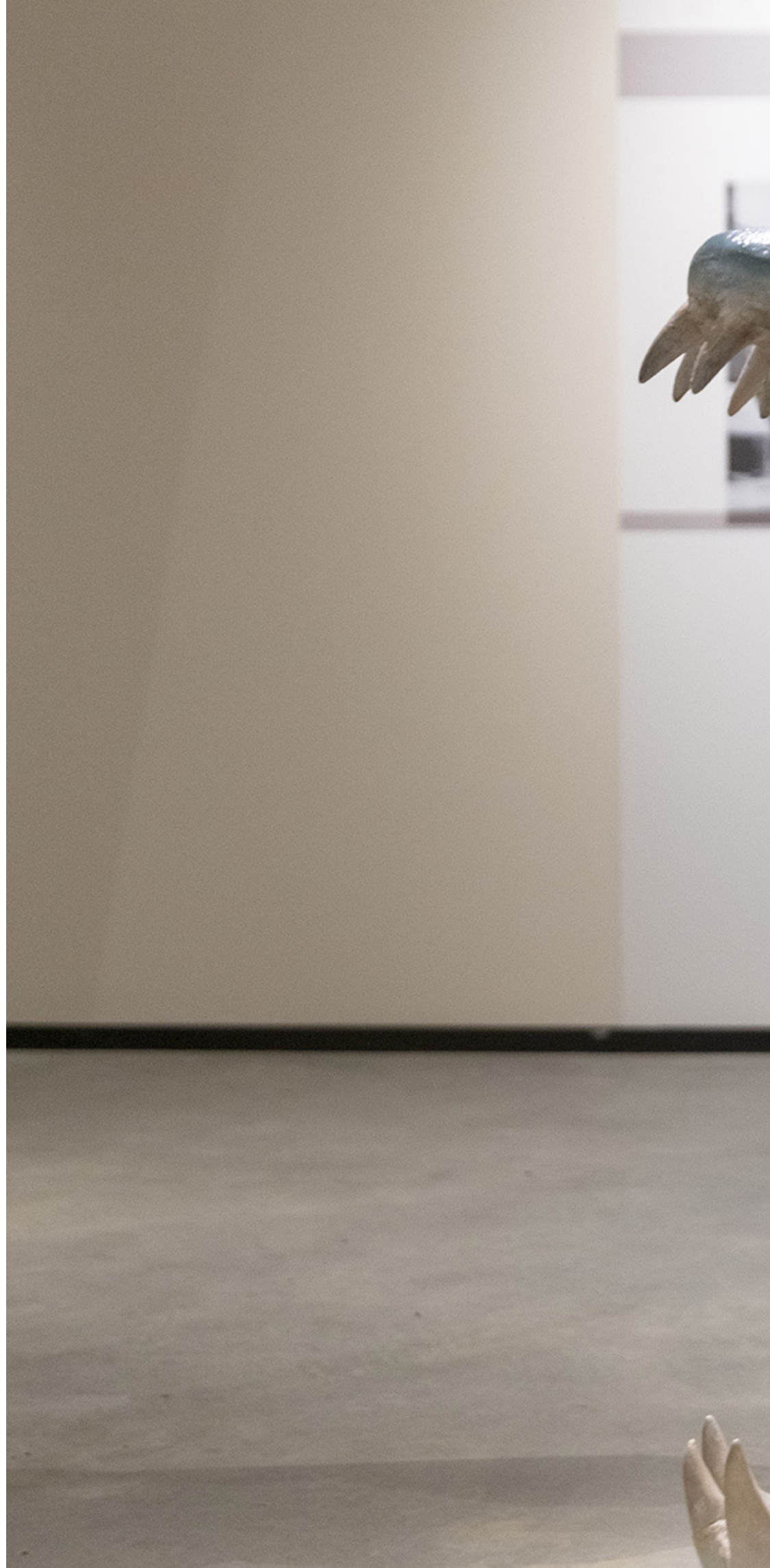
A place to connect with 250 millions years of Dorset's history.

Our schools programme will captivate and inspire young minds through exploration, discovery and wonder.

Come face to face with the creatures of the Jurassic Coast and uncover the archaeology of ancient Dorset. Discover the tales of Thomas Hardy and be inspired by the creativity of Dorset's artists.

Get in touch at bookings@dorsetmuseum.org

Early Years & Key Stage 1 Workshops.





Our hands-on, fun workshops for Early Years and Key Stage 1 offer children plenty of opportunity to discover, explore and wonder.

Discover: The Magic Key to the Museum

Explore, play, get hands-on to create and try things out. Discover our magical collection and wonder during this immersive workshop.

Duration | 45 Minutes

Timings | 10:00-10:45

Aimed at | Early Years

Discover: We're Going on a Mammoth Hunt!

Explore, play, have fun, use your senses, create and try things out in our Natural Dorset Gallery.

Duration | 45 Minutes

Timings | 10:00-10:45

Aimed at | Early Years

Discover: Dinosaur Tracks and Trails

Learning about the mighty and mini animals that roamed, stomped or slithered on land and swam, splashed and swooshed in the sea millions of years ago.

Duration | 1 Hour

Timings | 10:00-11:00

Aimed at | Key Stage 1

Make: Dinosaur Tracks

Stomp! Stomp! Make our own dinosaur footprints to take away with you.

Duration | 45 Minutes

Timings | Flexible

Aimed at | Key Stage 1

ed by a pliosaur?

osaurs were alive they were the
top of the sea. They feasted
on all animals - sharks and
fish, squid and dinosaurs
of out to sea. They even ate
each other including other pliosaurus.

pliosaur's lunch





Key Stage 2 Workshops.



A choice of hands-on workshops aimed at Key Stage 2 that put object handling, enquiry-based learning and creativity at the heart of pupils' learning and exploration.

Discover: Stones, Bones and Metals

Discover how people lived in the Stone to Iron Age by investigating what they left behind. Get hands-on excavating a burial mound and uncover the mysteries of life in Ancient Dorset.

Duration | 2 Hours

Timings | 10:00-12:00

Aimed at | Key Stage 2

Discover: Durnovarian Dorset

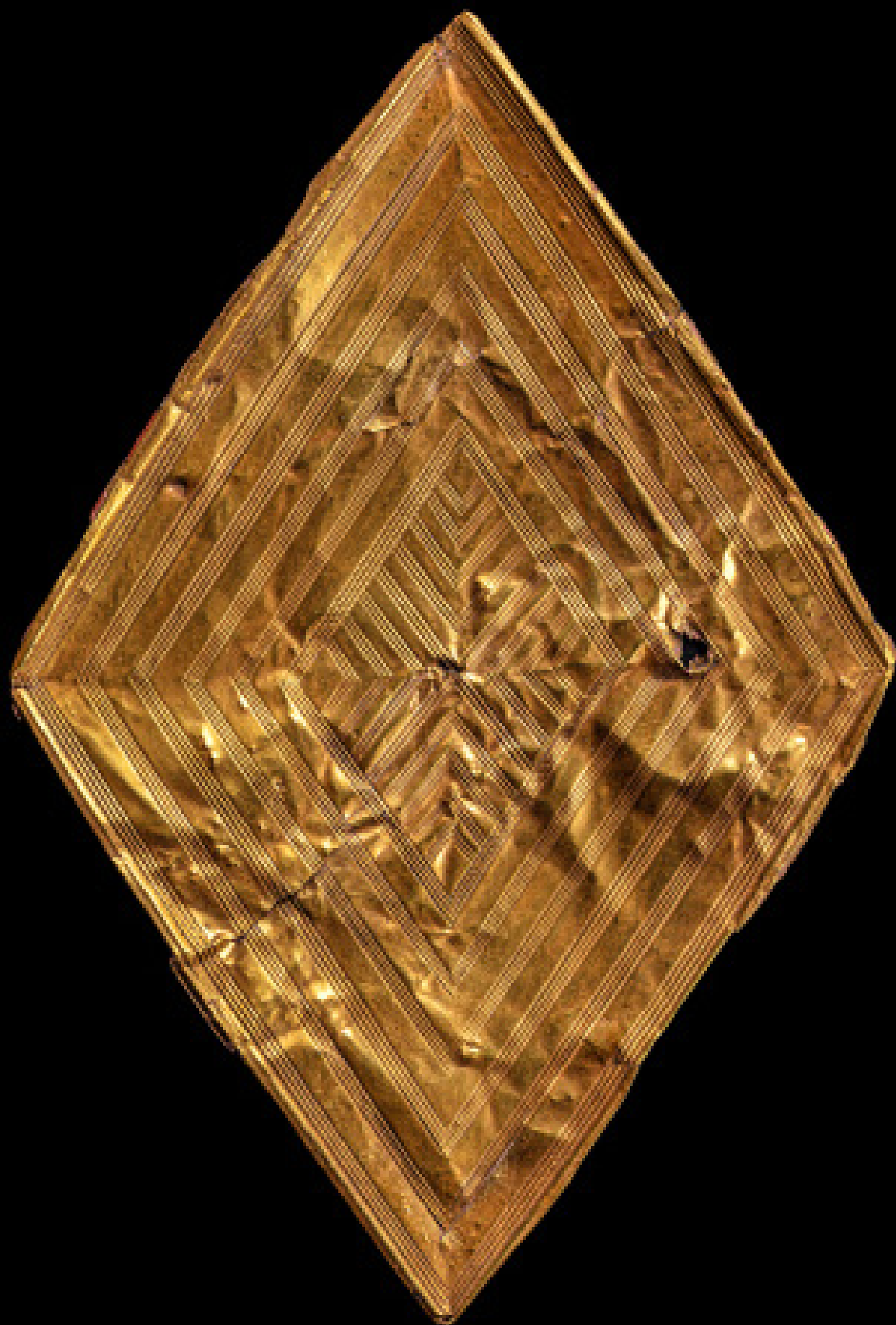
Become an archaeologist and excavate a Roman burial to uncover the mysteries of Roman life in Dorset.

Duration | 2 Hours

Timings | 10:00-12:00

Aimed at | Key Stage 2

Fill your day with wonder.
Explore the galleries after your workshop.
Use the Learning Centre for lunch.



Discover: Dorset Art Detectives

An interactive tour of our art collection introduces different types of art, craft and design to encourage pupils to look closely, form and share opinions.

Duration | 2 Hours

Timings | 10:00-12:00

Aimed at | Key Stage 2

Discover: The Roman Townhouse

Take part in a guided visit of Dorchester's Roman Townhouse. Dress up and handle real Roman objects in this unique setting.

Duration | 1 Hour

Timings | 13:00-14:00

Aimed at | Key Stage 2

Make: Gold Lozenge

Create your own gold lozenge inspired by the Early Bronze Age gold lozenge found at Clandon Barrow.

Duration | 1 Hour

Timings | 13:00-14:00

Aimed at | Key Stage 2

Make: Marvellous Roman Mosaics

Create your own Roman Mosaic using real tesserae, inspired by the mosaics at Dorset Museum.

Duration | 1 Hour

Timings | 13:00-14:00

Aimed at | Key Stage 2

Loan Boxes







Archaeology site report 'mapping' the dig

Record your finds in the grid below, draw an outline of the object placed around the body then record below where they were found
the grid readings

Draw an outline of the object

A variety of loan boxes available for use in your classrooms provides an opportunity to handle and discover objects from the past.

Handle: Roman Life in Dorset

A selection of real and replica Roman objects for use in the classroom.

Duration | For use in classroom for up to 3 weeks

Aimed at | Key Stage 2

Handle: Stones, Bones and Metal

A selection of real and replica Stone Age to Iron age objects for use in the classroom.

Duration | For use in the classroom for up to 3 weeks

Aimed at | Key Stage 2

Unguided Visits and Bespoke Tours

Ask questions, have discussions and encourage plenty of interaction in our galleries.

We welcome pupils from everywhere to discover and enjoy the richness of Dorset's natural, historical and cultural heritage through our world class collections.

Get in Touch with us to discuss your needs and resources we have to support your visit.



Get in Touch

For all enquiries please contact us at bookings@dorsetmuseum.org.

We look forward to hearing from you.