



Learning Programme
2026-2027

Welcome to the National Football Museum's Learning Programme

Located in the heart of Manchester, we offer an exciting schools programme with self-guided activities and engaging workshops across three interactive floors, plus a dedicated classroom space.

Whether your students are football fanatics or complete newcomers, our museum is packed with fascinating objects and stories that spark curiosity and imagination.

Through hands-on learning, your class will explore the cultural impact of why **Football Matters**.

It's a fun, educational day out that inspires teamwork, creativity and a deeper understanding of the beautiful game.

Let's kick things off!



Self-guided educational visits & school groups

Bring your group for a self-guided visit to the museum, with three floors of excitement to discover!

Additional information

City of Manchester School	Free
Child (5 - 17)	£7.00 pp
Student (18+)	£9.80 pp
Adult	£11.20 pp

We offer one free adult or leader for every 10 student tickets. Any additional adults are £11.20 each.

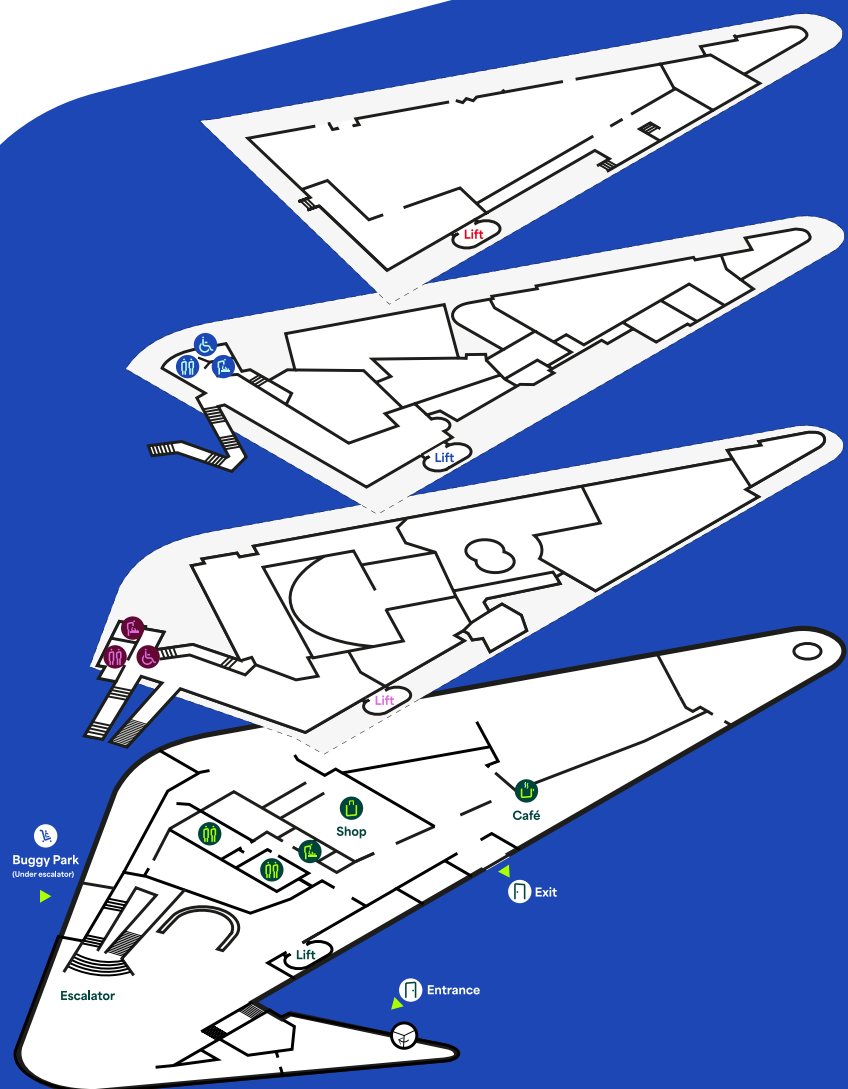
Please note that we also offer free entry to essential carers (proof is required on arrival).

We have 15 SEND bags and Sensory Scout kits for pupils to use on their visit, if they wish.

[Click here for more information!](#)



What's in a self-guided visit?



3 Score Gallery

- Space dedicated to our programme of special exhibitions, changing every six months!
- Visit our [What's On](#) page for more information on exhibitions and special events.

2 Play Gallery



Dedicated to popular culture moments and interactive spaces, including:

- Penalty Shoot-Out (pre-book and save £1.50)
- Passmaster, Shot-Stopper, and more games
- Fancy dress area and touch wall
- Discovery Zone (for ages five and under)

1 Match Gallery



Our biggest floor dedicated to the origins of football, including:

- The original 'Laws of the Game'
- The oldest surviving FA Cup trophy
- 1966 Jules Rimet Trophy and match ball
- Lily Parr statue

G Pitch Gallery

Gift Shop, Café, Exit



- See & snap pics with our trophies
- Picnic tables available for lunch (just ask!)
- Shop (cash/card) and Café (card only) on-site
- Quiet space for prayer or breaks
- Bag storage available on request

What's in a self-guided visit?

Everything on the previous page, plus...

a **World Cup-saving dog**

a collection of **amazing trophies**

a dedicated **Hall of Fame** gallery

super-fun classic **football arcade games**

and *best of all...*

Self-guided learning!

New for the 2026-2027 academic year, self-guided bookings will receive **educational resources** to complement their visit!

Using football as a context to develop **key literacy and numeracy skills**, we hope that these resources will further immerse pupils into our galleries and bring additional value to your group's visit.

For more information, be sure to subscribe to our schools newsletter by [clicking here!](#)



Facilitated educational workshops



90 mins*



max 35 pupils

*60 minute workshops can be booked upon request.

Additional information

Please note, for more than 35 students, you will need to book two workshops.

Workshops take place in either the Level 4 Classroom, Pitch Gallery (Ground floor), or Match Gallery (First floor).

Please factor in extra time to explore the galleries during your visit.



Facilitated workshops

Key Stage 1

Lily Parr: Raise Your Voice

History / Music

Handle real artefacts, explore soundscapes and connect local North West history with national change through song and pioneering women.

History Hunters

History / Social Studies / Local History

Investigate the past through our galleries. Pupils will create their own 'mini museum,' telling stories of inclusion and diversity.

SEND Schools

New!

Same Game, Different Time

Discover how football has changed through the decades in this interactive, sensory session. Guided by football fans Ernie from the past and Jade from the present, pupils compare objects, materials and match-day traditions using touch, smell, sound and texture.

Beginning with a sensory story supported by Makaton and Widgit symbols, pupils then explore the galleries through tactile activities and sensory challenges.

Sensory Scout kits are also available to continue the exploration independently around the museum.

Key Stage 2

Lily Parr: Raise Your Voice

History / Music

Handle real artefacts, explore soundscapes and connect local North West history with national change through song and pioneering women.

Scrap and Score

Design & Technology / Science / Teambuilding

Think like an engineer, design like a creative and work like a team! Pupils will design and build sustainable football prototypes.

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Peak Performance

Science / History

In collaboration with KIT Theatre, this session explores the science of the human body, what makes a great footballer and how we can all look after our health and wellbeing, athlete or not.

Key Stages 3 & 4

Scrap and Score

Design & Technology / Science / Teambuilding

Think like an engineer, design like a creative and work like a team! Pupils will design and build sustainable football prototypes.

Change Makers

History / Social Studies

Explore the global, social and cultural reach of football and the factors that shape participation today.

The Game that Changed the World

PE / Sports Studies / History

From mob football to modern rules: discover the fascinating history of the game in this playful, team-based quiz session. (Perfect for GCSE and BTEC level PE groups.)

[Click here to book a workshop!](#)

Please select a session from the relevant stage when booking your visit.

If you would like to discuss the content of the sessions further, please get in touch at: learning@nationalfootballmuseum.com

School Takeover Days and Treat Trips



Takeover Days and Treat Trips

Takeover Days

If you're looking to bring a whole year group to the museum at once, booking one of our school Takeover Days allows you to choose an engaging itinerary of our workshops for the day, and create an experience that works for your learners' needs.

- Be the only facilitated school in the museum on your chosen day
- An itinerary based on your group needs
- Takeover Days are available for KS2, KS3 and KS4 groups

Choose from the following Takeover Days:

- History and Social Studies
- Science, Sports Studies and Teambuilding
- Hybrid: an all-rounder offer

Click here to email us about your group's Takeover Day or Treat Trip!

Treat Trips

On the last week of term (and throughout the whole of July and December) we offer a Treat Trip package, which includes:

- Group photo with iconic trophies
- Access to all three museum galleries
- A 30 minute design-a-ball workshop
- And a free Penalty Shoot-Out session for each guest!

This is £200 for a group of 20-35 and £350 for groups of 36-80.

**Can't make it to the museum?
We'll come to you!**



For the 2026-2027 academic year, the National Football Museum will be piloting delivering school assemblies, meaning we can share why Football Matters in your own school hall.

If you're a Greater Manchester school, we can also offer these pilot assemblies for FREE! For more information, please contact learning@nationalfootballmuseum.com with the subject line 'School assemblies'.

Create a trip that your pupils will never forget!



Begin planning your school trip now!

Sign up to our newsletter and be the first to know about:

- Educational offerings - workshops, assemblies and takeover days
- New activities - interactive games, activity books and competitions
- Exclusive offers and pilot programmes

Sign up now

We hope to see you very soon!