



**for schools**

# What facilities do we offer?



We want you to enjoy your visit, as well as meeting your learning objectives. Our volunteer staff are experienced, knowledgeable and enthusiastic. They will arrange a tailor-made programme to suit your requirements, and lead the activities while you are on the South Devon Railway.

Our facilities include:

- accessible trains
- reserved seats on our trains
- accessible toilets in our Refreshment Rooms and on our station platforms at Buckfastleigh and Totnes
- secure facilities for pupils to leave bags while their visit is in progress
- facilities for pupils to eat their lunch at Buckfastleigh station – under cover on the rare times it rains
- facilities for pupils to eat their lunch on the train
- school staff can use the on-train buffet car or the Refreshment Rooms
- a detailed timed programme of activities sent in advance of your visit
- risk assessments sent in advance of your visit
- trained and experienced staff to lead your activities
- combined visits with Dartmoor Otters & Buckfast Butterflies, and the Totnes Rare Breeds Farm. Good value joint tickets are available.
- free coach parking at Buckfastleigh station
- coaches can drop off at Totnes National Rail station. It is a safe 464 yard walk to the South Devon Railway station.

## friendly and helpful staff!

# **Schools at the South Devon Railway**

The South Devon Railway offers schools a great day out that is both educational and enjoyable. We immerse pupils and staff in a range of activities of their choice so that they both learn and remember their day with us.

We can offer a wide range of topics which can be grouped into learning packages, including:

## **Evacuation and World War 2**

Many parts of the West Country suffered badly during the world war, and children were evacuated from cities such as Exeter and Plymouth to the safety of the countryside. During your visit you and your pupils will:

- travel on a steam train
- learn about propaganda
- Dig for Victory
- visit a military ambulance with the Home Guard
- learn the importance of local trains



## **The Victorians**

Most railways were built in Victorian times, including the South Devon Railway. Great changes occurred in farming, industry and local communities.

During your visit you and your pupils will:

- travel on a steam train
- learn about mail on trains
- handle old pre-decimal money
- find out about coal
- learn about communication before electronics

## **History of Transport**

The railways revolutionised transport – before they came, nothing moved faster than a galloping horse. Within a few years speeds approached 100 miles per hour, and people and goods could be moved quickly and cheaply. During your visit you and your pupils will:

- travel on a steam train
- see how a steam locomotive works
- find out about coal
- learn how the railway works safely
- find out what the railways carried – goods were more important than people





## what next?

You can check our website for more information at **[southdevonrailway.co.uk](http://southdevonrailway.co.uk)**.

Information sheets about our education work can be downloaded from the Groups & Schools area of **[southdevonrailway.co.uk](http://southdevonrailway.co.uk)**.

Come and see us in advance of your visit, so that you can talk to our museum staff and see for yourself what we can do.

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**we look  
forward to  
seeing you soon!**