WINTERSHALL
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Advent Travelling Crib Host School Guide

Suitable for EYFS, KS1 and KS2 children, our Advent Travelling Crib workshops are an excellent introduction to the Nativity story for schools of all faiths and none. They also encourage a deeper exploration into the meaning of Christmas for Christians.

The Wintershall Education Team are looking for schools who can host this unique event.

We will bring our interactive Travelling Crib, including a donkey, several sheep, a wise man and Mary, to your school field and run workshops for the whole school, as well as opening out the experience to other local schools. The Travelling Crib is a truly unique and special way to celebrate Advent both in school and together with your wider community of schools.

A site visit and a **30-minute meeting** with the person responsible for booking the workshops is essential to confirm that schools are suitable for hosting. Bookings are only confirmed once host schools can guarantee they are able to welcome other groups on site for this event. **A non-refundable deposit** must then be paid by the end of July to secure your slot. All our workshops are run in partnership with schools, so can be tailored to meet any host school's needs. Please discuss timetable options for your booking with our Education Team during our site visit.

The information below will provide you with all you need to know about being a host school and how to prepare. If you require further information, please email the Education Team at schools@wintershall.org.uk

Inviting local schools – The host school will contact local schools in their area to invite them to bring a year group/several year groups to experience the Wintershall Travelling crib. The capacity per day is 420 students and the minimum cost per day is £1250. At full capacity this equates to £3 per child. Wintershall staff will provide a timetable to complete and can assist the host school with contact details of schools we have worked with previously in the area. Wintershall will invoice the host school the full amount per day.

Why Host the Wintershall Travelling Crib?

- Whole school experience
- Significantly cheaper per child as onsite, with less staffing required than an offsite trip
- Great outreach opportunity
- Link in and share learning practices with local colleagues

As a host school, you must be able to provide:

- ✓ A suitable outdoor space/field, accessible for Wintershall Crew and visiting groups
- ✓ Time and space to host workshops for a minimum of two days, with access from 7am on the first morning
- ✓ A space for workshop equipment to be left over night
- ✓ A room for Wintershall team to use for changing and lunch/breaks throughout the day
- ✓ A good local network, or the wish to build one
- ✓ Suitable parking/drop off arrangements for coach/minibus and parking for crew
- ✓ Enthusiasm to welcome all, both faith and community schools, providing they have the requisite adult/child ratios
- ✓ Clear sign in requirements for visitors - confirmed during site visit
- ✓ A waiting space for visiting schools and access to toilets for visiting schools/staff
- ✓ Be within walking distance or close to local primary schools

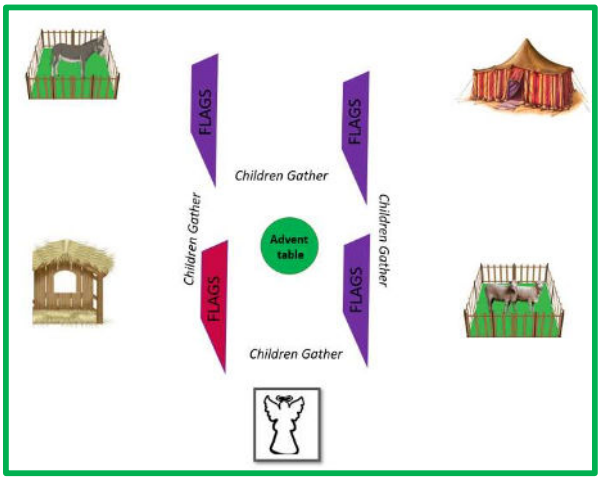


Workshop structure Every host school is different, so timetables will be adapted depending on school needs. The structure for each session will run as follows:

GATHER	In a circle around the Advent Wreath Flags.
INSPIRE	Begin your journey with the Wintershall Narrator.
EXPLORE	Divide into small groups. Meet the characters from the Nativity story. Groups rotate around all stations.
REFLECT	and WONDER with each character.
RESPOND	Collect an item at each stop to place in your story bag.
SEND	Gather together again in the Advent circle for the final reflection.

Layout for sample workshop with 5 stops.

Exact location and details for stations will be confirmed during pre-visit to your school



Gift bags The characters will provide a gift for each child to put in their pilgrim bag, so that they can remember them on the journey. These bags can be used in class for follow up lessons and reflections until the end of term.

Weather Outdoor activities mean that weather, temperature, climate and light conditions may impact on our visit but they are an integral part of the Wintershall experience. Workshops will only be cancelled in the event of adverse weather conditions deemed by the Wintershall Team and School to pose a health and safety risk. In wet weather, we recommend that a host school allocates space for visiting groups where they can wait before and after their workshop if needed.

Animal Handling All animals will be supervised by an animal handler. If children have contact with animals, they are provided with handwash/sanitiser to wash/wipe their hands. Individual school groups are asked to make the team aware of any animal allergies prior to the workshop. Animals will not stay overnight onsite, unless previously agreed with the host venue.

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are made aware of supervision procedures and responsibilities agreed prior to the sessions. The Child Protection Act legislation does not consider Wintershall as a provider of specific services to children, and it is therefore not necessary for all production team to have DBS checks, however the Education Officer and key leaders are DBS checked. All Education Team have received safeguarding training and are briefed on the Child Protection Policy.

At all times, supervision of pupils within class groups is the direct responsibility of their teachers, and there must be the requisite adult to child ratios. Please ensure that teacher supervision is evenly spread throughout your group. We ask that teachers monitor pupil behaviour throughout the workshop.

First Aid

Immediate first aid assistance is the responsibility of the school nominated First aider.

Risk Assessment

Our Wintershall workshop risk assessment is available to accompany this document.

Teacher Resources

Classes can use the follow up resources to dig deeper into this incredible learning experience! We will provide you with a follow up teacher booklet and PowerPoint document to use in the weeks following the workshop. Class teachers can use them as part of RE lessons or in class or whole school collective worship

School visit timetable

Below is a sample timetable for a two-day 2 form entry school with guests, with each workshop lasting 45 minutes. The capacity for a workshop is 64 or 2 classes. Usually, host schools are allocated the first and last workshop of the day, as well as the one before lunch, to facilitate hosting guest schools

07:00 – 09.00		Wintershall Team arrive and set up scenery and props. Animals arrive.	
		DAY 1	DAY 2
9:00 – 9:45	Workshop 1	**Host School Year 2**	**Host School Year 1**
9:45-10:30	Workshop 2	**Visiting School**	**Visiting School**
10.30 – 10.45	Break	-	-
10:45 – 11:30	Workshop 3	**Visiting School**	**Visiting School**
11:30 – 12:15	Workshop 4	**Host School Year 3**	**Host School Year 4**
12.15 - 13.00	Lunch	-	-
13.00 – 13:45	Workshop 5	**Visiting School**	**Host School Year R**
13:45 – 14:30	Workshop 6	**Visiting School**	**Visiting School**
14:30 – 15:15	Workshop 7	**Host School Year 5**	**Host School Year 6**
15:30 - 16:30		Animals leave. Actors and team pack up site and leave.	

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