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The steam railway at Havenstreet is a living, breathing, working museum with beautifully restored Victorian and Edwardian carriages, often hauled by 19th century locomotives, that take the visitor on a leisurely 10 mile journey through the Island's unspoilt countryside.

There is a dedicated education room, a children's play area and a Woodland Walk. Since 2014 the museum's displays about the history of the railways on the Isle of Wight have been augmented by the, Heritage Lottery funded, enormous 'Train Story' hangars which provide a comprehensive insight into the history of Victorian and Edwardian rail travel. The Railway has excellent wheelchair access and ample parking facilities. A mixture of pre-visit, on-site and post-visit activities, are also available, differentiated by age and ability.

KS1 - Oh - We Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside!

Pupils will explore original and replica artefacts to discover how seaside holidays have changed within living memory including a fantastic example of a carriage that was used as a holiday chalet at Thorness Bay in the 1950s. They will also learn how rail travel on the Isle of Wight has changed: using film, photographs and investigating the trains at the Steam Railway. To conclude, pupils will experience the sounds and smells of steam train travel first hand during an exhilarating ride on one of the trains.
Curriculum Links: History, Science, English

KS1 & KS2 - The Age Of Steam

Pupils will learn about the age of steam and find out how rail links and land transport have changed over time on the Island, using film, photographs and the trains on display. At the end of the session they will, experience the sights, sounds and smells of the steam age, first hand, and be transported back in time with a ride on one of the steam trains.
Curriculum Links: History, Science, English

KS2 - World War 2 and the Home Front

Although we run an Evacuee Week in June each year, we are also offering a Home Front workshop through the year. The workshop is designed to help students imagine what it might have been like to be evacuated to the Island during the early stages of the Second World War, via a train journey from Havenstreet, including simulated waving off. Additionally, there will be a rotating series of workshop activities including: stirrup pump drill, air raid practice and investigating original wartime artefacts.
Curriculum links: History, English, Geography, Citizenship

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