

J M Barrie's Birthplace for schools

J M Barrie was born at 9 Brechin Road, Kirriemuir in 1860. The upper floors are furnished as they may have been when Barrie lived there. Many relics of his life and works are on display, original manuscripts, pieces of furniture from his London flat including 'the most uncomfortable seat in the whole of the city'. Costumes worn by some of the many actresses who have played Peter Pan are also shown.

In the adjacent house there is an exhibition, The Genius of J M Barrie. An audio presentation takes visitors through the author's life. The outside wash house, said by Barrie to be his first theatre, is the original "Wendy House" The name 'Wendy' did not exist before Peter Pan. Outside in the garden there is a 'Pirates' Workshop', available for small projects. To end the visit, step inside the giant living willow crocodile who lives in the garden.

Barrie presented a cricket pavilion and Camera Obscura to the town in 1930. This is situated in Kirriemuir Hill and can also be visited. It is one of only three in the country and is a fascinating experience. On a clear day it is possible to see over 70 miles away. There is a picnic area and children's play park.

● education programme

Barrie's Birthplace is an important primary resource that offers cross-curricular learning opportunities for key areas of the 5-14 Curriculum

a site visit offers

- a special tour of the property (allow 1 hour – can be shortened for special needs groups):
topic tours- *Barrie's Life & Work*; *Life in a 19th-Century Weaver's Cottage*; or tailored to school-based project work
- replica objects for handling
- replica Peter Pan and Tinkerbell costumes (available for observation)
- various workshops (available on request)

classroom resources

- study box with handling objects and curriculum-linked written material
- illustrated guidebook (available on request)

● practical information

planning your visit

- open for school visits: between 1 April and 31 October only
- pre-booking is essential - maximum class size: 33 with a ratio of 1 teacher/adult to 10 children
- cost for school parties: children £1 - accompanying adults admitted free of charge
- Educational Membership of the National Trust for Scotland allows free entry to all NTS properties
- preparation: we welcome a free preparatory visit by the teacher.

during your visit

- visiting teachers are responsible for discipline
- on arrival please report to the reception desk
- toilets: not available at the property - nearest public toilets are in the public car park 100 yards from the Birthplace
- shop: there is a limited selection of Barrie related items for sale

complementary visits (NTS properties)

Camera Obscura, Kirriemuir • Angus Folk Museum • House of Dun

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