



SCHOOLS & GROUPS

No screens, just smiles 2025/26



Welcome

Beach Academy is here to help people learn more about the shore, our shore. We deliver activities year round offering schools and groups the opportunity to study, explore, experiment, play, observe, identify, conserve, protect, create, train and enjoy.

Our ethos is all about awakening curiosity, helping people rediscover, and care for, marine nature and biodiversity with a focus on the incredible places between land and sea, beaches.

We do this through education and events and are specialists in our fields of Environmental Education, Marine Science, Ocean Literacy, Marine Biology, Nature Learning and Outdoor Learning.

For FAQs, please see our sheets at the back of this pack and please get in touch with us anytime to find out more or to book. We hope to see you again, or meet you for the first time in 25/26. Be advised our slots fill up early, so don't wait to get in touch. Happy to help.

We're Hiring

Fancy joining us? Freelance flexible Beach Teachers required. Drop us a line.

Taking part in Beach Academy?

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What we offer

Services

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Service Type	Summary
Field Trips	You come to us for activities on the beach (See table for topics and costs)
Outreach	We come to you with our workshops. (See table for topics and cost)
Hire	Why buy kit when you can use ours? (See table for kits and cost)
Shop	Marine inspired gifts and equipment to purchase at Rest Bay. Bring your pocket money. All proceeds fund our educational work.
Staff Training	Bespoke professional service on your local beach. Develop yourselves and your school curriculum, with our own 'Teach on the Beach' Programme.
Learning Resources	Downloads to help you learn more about the shore, developed and designed by the Beach Academy education team. Go online to find out more.
Educational Events	Bringing annual celebrations to life, you can either join in one of our arranged school event days or organise your own with us.
Beach School	Regular sessions for smaller groups on the coast. Boost confidence, self-esteem, social skills, connections with marine nature and wellbeing.
Funded Projects	Offered free to schools and groups to participate. Projects are always changing, so please ask for our current list.

Field Trips Led by us

1-hour lesson £4.50pp (min booking fee £130) /// 2x 1-hour lessons or a round-robin £6.50pp (min booking fee £190)

Activity Title (*Wet)	Type	Summary	Rest Bay	Barry	Aberavon	Age	AoLE:
Beach Bugs	Round-robin, 4-6 mini activities	Hunt for marine beach bugs, found all over the shore and compare them with their land living cousins.	Yes	No	No	3+	Science & Technology
Beachcombing Safari	1-hour lesson	Searching for natural treasures and clues to life in the sea left behind with the tides and identifying your finds.	Yes	Yes	No	3+	Science & Technology
Clever as an octopus?	1-hour lesson	Learn more about the incredible octopus, with our series of challenges that test you against these amazing cephalopods.	Yes	Yes	Yes	5+	Science & Technology
Coastlines	Round-robin, 4-6 mini activities	Geography based activities covering cliffs, caves, shore types, landforms and coastal zones.	Yes	No	No	7+	Humanities
Crab Conservation	1-hour lesson	Catch and release conservation work recording species, size, sex and health of our crabs on rocky shores.	Yes	Yes	No	7+	Science & Technology
Egg Hunting	1-hour lesson	Search, record and study eggs left by molluscs, sharks and other animals of the sea. Compare with land animals.	Yes	No	Yes	7+	Science & Technology
Ephemeral Art	1-hour lesson	Create beach art with what you find in this Andy Goldsworthy inspired lesson, leaving no trace after the tide.	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Expressive Arts
Fins, Feathers & Fur	Round-robin, 4-6 mini activities	Covering fish including sharks, sea birds and the fur properties of marine mammals.	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Science & Technology
Fossil Hunting	1-hour lesson	Uncover past marine life, searching, recording and taking a peek at their evolution through time to modern day species.	Yes	Yes	No	7+	Humanities
Goggling *	1-hour lesson	Explore the underwater world of rockpools and record what you see with underwater viewers(*wet one but no swimming required)	Yes	No	No	9+	Science & Technology
Gully Adventure *	1-hour lesson	Explore nature in surge gullies created by tides and time by wading through our reefs (*wet one but no swimming required)	Yes	No	No	9+	Science & Technology
Habitats	Round-robin, 4-6 mini activities	Looking at where animals live on the shore, why they do and what environmental factors affect them.	Yes	No	No	5+	Science & Technology
How litter affects wildlife	1-hour lesson	Understand the threats that plastics and other marine litters are having on our marine wildlife.	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Humanities
Kindy Kite Making	1-hour lesson	Bring a plastic bag to make and fly a kite on the beach. Includes a related seaside story.	Yes	Yes	Yes	3-6	Expressive Arts
Numbers In Nature	Round-robin, 4-6 mini activities	Using seashore nature to deliver real-life maths studying geometry, measurements, shapes and the fibonacci sequence.	Yes	No	No	7+	Maths & Numeracy
Plants 'v' Seaweeds	Round-robin, 4-6 mini activities	Discover seaweed secrets looking at biological features, and adaptation then compare with terrestrial plants.	Yes	No	No	7+	Science & Technology
Plastic Pollution	Round-robin, 4-6 mini activities	Discovering more about plastics in the marine environment from nurdle hunting to how they affect marine wildlife.	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Humanities
Project Starfish	1-hour lesson	Learn about these amazing marine animals and their close relatives the brittlestars found at Aberavon.	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Science & Technology
Rock Discovery	Round-robin, 4-6 mini activities	Explore rock in all its forms from sand to cliffs discovering what rock is and the origin of sand.	Yes	No	No	5+	Humanities
Rockpool School (Beginners)	1-hour lesson	Become Rockpool Guardians learning how to correctly search, handle and care for common creatures in shallow rockpools.	Yes	Yes	No	3+	Science & Technology
Rockpool School (Intermediates)	1-hour lesson	With your previous beginners knowledge learn more about rockpool seaweeds and search deeper pools for other life.	Yes	No	No	7+	Science & Technology
Rockpool School (Advanced)	1-hour lesson	With your previous intermediates knowledge learn about zonation and take part in biodiversity studies of rockpool life.	Yes	No	No	9+	Science & Technology
Sea Creatures	Round-robin, 4-6 mini activities	Explore fab facts about our underwater life covering marine mammals, sea snails, sharks and octopus.	Yes	No	Yes	5+	Science & Technology
Seashell School	1-hour lesson	Collecting and sorting seashells along the shore then identifying the molluscs that made them according to their characteristics.	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Science & Technology
Seaside Storytime	1-hour lesson	Take a seashore seat for a storytelling session, with related outdoor beach activities.	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Language, Lit.&Comm.
Senses Safari	Round-robin, 4-6 mini activities	Feeling, touching, experiencing and discovering the shore with all your senses. Includes a barefoot walk.	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Health & Wellbeing
The Seaside	Round-robin, 4-6 mini activities	Exploration of the shore through many forms of play including a Coastal Cafe and Seawater games.	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Health & Wellbeing
Turtle Nest Building	1-hour lesson	Learn about the anatomy of the sea turtle and how they use these body parts to nest and then make your own in the sand.	Yes	Yes	Yes	5+	Science & Technology
Water Safety	Round-robin, 4-6 mini activities	Staying safe on the shore learning flags and other dangers. In partnership with the RNLI.	Yes	Yes	Yes	7+	Health & Wellbeing
Wild Beach Craft	1-hour lesson	Use found natural beach materials and simple hand tools to create something to take away with you.	Yes	Yes	Yes	7+	Expressive Arts
Worm Digging	1-hour lesson	Dig in the seabed for creatures learning why they are so important to the marine ecosystem.	Yes	Yes	Yes	7+	Science & Technology

Outreach

Led by us

x1 workshop £130 /// x2 workshops £190 (35 people max in each workshop)

Workshop Title	About
Rockpool School	Learn how to handle rockpool creatures correctly with our pop up rockpool. Please note no live animals will be present
Seashore Creatures Specimen Tour	Learn about the marine life that can be found washed up on our shores with real life specimens collected from our beaches by our education team.
Seashell School	Learn all about marine molluscs and how they make their unique shells. Please note no live animals will be present, but we will have real specimens (seashells) to show and handle.
Plastic Pollution	Already litter picking, but would like the children to understand how this can impact on the marine life locally? We see the effects every day. Learn what plastic marine litter is, what lives in our welsh waters and how all this pollution is affecting our living things.
Seashore Senses	Children get to experience the seashore through smell, touch, sight and sounds. We bring objects and activities to stimulate the senses in this hands on workshop.
Starfish Friends	Children learn the different species you can find, what to do when you see one, how to rescue them and top tips on how you can help protect them from harm when at the beach.

Hire

Led by you

Equipment Hire - aimed at one class (group of 30) available Rest Bay only

Title	Summary	Cost	Age
Mission Microplastic	Help us clear beaches of microplastics. All specialised tools and field equipment needed to take part. Instructions included to complete the mission.	Free	Juniors +
Litter Pickers	Do you own beach or common clean up. Help us help the marine environment and rid the coast of pollution. Pickers, buckets, gloves and high viz all provided.	Free	Any
Seaside Sports	Boost energy levels, teamwork and hand eye co-ordination skills at the beach. A selection of beach sports and ball games equipment provided.	£45.00	Any
Coastal Cafe	Seashore play letting imaginations go wild in our coastal cafe. Pots, pans, plates and utensils all provided for hours of fun.	£45.00	Infants

FAQs

If you would like anything else answered at all, please just get in touch, happy to help and answer your questions.

How to Book

Email Beach Academy on
beachacademywales@gmail.com
or Call/Text/WhatsApp us 07966 572273

The tides play a huge part for field trips, so please get in touch with us first to check availability before booking any travel etc.

Once booked you will be sent pre-activity information from us.

We advise you book early... we get very busy.

How much is Beach Academy?

The costs are listed within the tables in this pack.

Are any activities free?

Yes. We have many projects going on at one time and many projects are funded and offered free to schools and community groups. This changes regularly so please ask us for an up-to-date free project list.

What activities are available?

All our activities are tried and tested and developed by the education team. Each member of the team are qualified teachers. Simply check out the tables to make your choice.

For schools our trips are also linked to the Curriculum for Wales AoLE's giving you many options to choose from.

For uniformed groups Beach Academy can deliver activities to complete many clauses for groups working towards badges like Wildlife Explorer, Friends to Animals, Seasons, Science Investigator, Out & About and Environment

Which beaches does Beach Academy use?

We are very mobile and operate across South Wales with permissions and licences for Jersey Marine, Aberavon, Porthcawl, Llantwit, Ogmore, Barry and Penarth.

Our main base is on the amazing blue flag beach of Rest Bay in Porthcawl, Bridgend County Borough Council. Rest Bay is easy to access off the M4 and offers both a sandy and rocky shore for studies.

Beach Academy
Unit 3, Ground Floor
Rest Bay Watersports Centre
Rest Bay, Porthcawl, BCBC
CF36 3UP
What3Words [///stupidly.workshops.reveal](https://www.what3words.com/stupidly.workshops.reveal)

In regards to staff training we travel across the UK to any beach to deliver.

Do activities go ahead in the rain?

Yes, marine animals don't mind water, neither do we! Dress appropriately and if the weather is very very bad we will contact you to rearrange. This is very rare and only in extreme cases.

We also have some all-in-one wet weather suits you can use for those infants unable to provide their own wet weather gear.

Is there shelter?

Whilst all the activities are delivered outdoors on the beach - whatever the weather - we understand that respite may be needed from the weather to eat lunches etc.

We aim to provide shelter in the form of gazebo or bell tent should it be required on beaches that we know don't have anything there already.

At Rest Bay we additionally have access to an indoor large first floor room at Rest Bay Football Club which is booked for your visit just in case.

Is there anywhere to sit for lunch apart from the beach?

Yes. We have many large picnic benches outside our unit at the Watersports Centre which you have priority of use during your booked visit.

Can the kids bring pocket money?

Yes. Beach Academy has a small shop at Rest Bay Watersports Centre packed with marine equipment and gifts. All money raised goes to continue our educational work connecting kids to the shore.

How many pupils can we bring to the beach?

As many as you like! We will organise beach teachers for your day dependent on your chosen activities and numbers. Leave it to us to organise the day, just tell us how many are coming.

Is there a beach wheelchair?

Yes. There is a beach wheelchair that can be booked. Please make us aware that you will need it. The beach is also wheelchair friendly with good access to the beach via the slip. Available at Rest Bay Only.

Does it matter what age the children are?

No. We can accommodate any age and have beach teachers that have specialist age groups. We do make suggestions you may want to consider when choosing your activities based on difficulty and understanding levels.

Are you just a summer thing?

Absolutely not. Beach Academy runs year round and each season brings its own wonders on the coast.

Do we have to take our bags to the beach?

At Rest Bay, no. If you'd rather we can lock them up in our shop and you can access them after your activity. On other beaches, we advise you do so.

How many classes can you do in one day for outreach?

We send one beach teacher who can deliver to 2 classes. One before lunch and one after.

How far do you travel?

Anywhere! We just charge for mileage over 30 miles from Rest Bay. Additional charges may also include an overnight stay, but we keep it cheap and camp.

How do we pay?

You can pay via cheque on the day, BACS payment with an invoice or pay by credit card with a payment link. Let us know your choice when you book.