

Meet the Romans @ Colchester Castle

Saturday 1st March

With special guest Jonty from Big Brother

How did the Romans live? What was it like to be a mighty gladiator or a poor slave girl? Now you can find out in a family fun day at Colchester Castle with lots of activities to enjoy for all.

Throughout the day you can meet a mighty Roman Gladiator and hear about his life, as well as some of the great sporting personalities of the Roman world. He will be showing off his weapons and the tactics involved in a great battle. You will also be able to meet Pacata, the Roman slave girl, at performances throughout the day. Pacata will share stories about what life was like as a house slave to some grand Roman masters. You'll love hearing her tales and stories – so don't miss out.

There will be plenty of other Roman characters to meet at the re-enacted Roman market too. You can mingle with them as they wander around the market and see what kinds of things they would be looking at and buying.

If you fancy getting a bit creative then you can take part in the 'Great Mosaic'. With the help of a professional mosaic artist you can add to our large Romanesque mosaic on the day and watch throughout the day as it grows and becomes more and more magnificent. Plus, there will be the chance to handle real and replica Roman objects including pottery and coins.

This fantastic event will be opened by Jonty Stern of Big Brother 8 and he will stay around all day to talk to visitors and help with the handling sessions.

Meet the Roman Gladiator

Drop-in performances at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm

Meet Pacata the Slave Girl

Drop in performances at 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 3.00pm, 4.00pm.

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