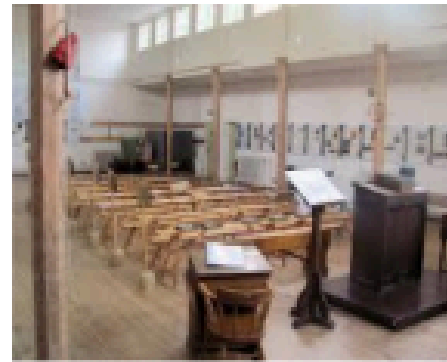


# Haffydown Home Learning – Joseph Lancaster – Autumn 1

To support and enrich your learning in class, please choose one of the activities below linked to our local history unit on Joseph Lancaster. Once completed, this should be brought into school or uploaded onto Seesaw to share with the class. You may prefer to use your own idea to explore this unit further, or even complete more than one of the activities below. Please be as creative as you wish! Your work should be brought in or submitted by the 22nd October 2025 at the very latest.

**Make it!** Can you make a 3d model of a Lancastrian classroom? Try to reuse things from your home such as shoeboxes or packaging. Remember to add the important features of Joseph Lancaster's design such as high windows and long desks.



**Research it!** Research another local person who was connected to the British School – William Wilshere. Who was he and what evidence of him can we still see in Hitchin today? You could make a poster, a presentation or find a different way to show your findings. Be as inventive as you like!



**Draw it!** Use your sketching skills to draw a picture of a real or imaginary child from Hitchin in the late 1800's. Maybe you could draw them at their newly opened school, in their home, at work as a straw plaiter or create a portrait of their face.



**Visit it!** Visit Hitchin – without going into the British School Museum – and see what other evidence you can see from the 1800's and early 1900's. The carpark in front of St Mary's church is where the poor children who went to the British School lived before the houses were demolished. Take some photos or crayon rubbings of a historic plaque that interests you.

