



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

DAY

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#NottsDay

*A county to
be proud of*

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE DAY SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

This pack includes:

- **Design your own Wanted poster**
- **Create a Robin Hood Ballad**
- **Create a Royal Standard**
- **Design a castle**

Please involve your class in Nottinghamshire day by joining the competitions linked with this pack. Please submit your designs to **Notts.day@nottscc.gov.uk** before the 15th July with the child's name, age, school and permission to use your design online to enter our competition and have the chance to be displayed at Nottinghamshire Day and much more!

Please keep hold of the originals, as we would like to display the winners at Nottinghamshire Day.

For more information and resources on Nottinghamshire Day,

please see our full education packs on Robin Hood, The English Civil War, The Pilgrims and Thanksgiving, and Important Nottinghamshire figures.

[Nottinghamshire Day info packs | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

National Curriculum History Objectives:

- Gain and deploy a historically grounded understanding of abstract terms
- Events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally
- Significant historical events, people, and places in their own locality
- A study of an aspect of history or a site dating from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality
- The lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements.

Nottinghamshire Day competition

Design your own Wanted Poster

Imagine that you are one of Robin Hood's Merry Men and design a wanted poster for yourself! Please submit your designs to **Notts.day@nottscc.gov.uk** before the **15th July** to enter our competition and have the chance to be displayed at Nottinghamshire Day. Meet Robin Hood and his Merry Men below and see if you can experiment with arts and crafts by making your paper look old and tattered!

Little John:

Robin Hood's lieutenant who helped him steal from the poor and give to the rich, one way was by robbing the King's carriages as they came through Sherwood.

Will Scarlet:

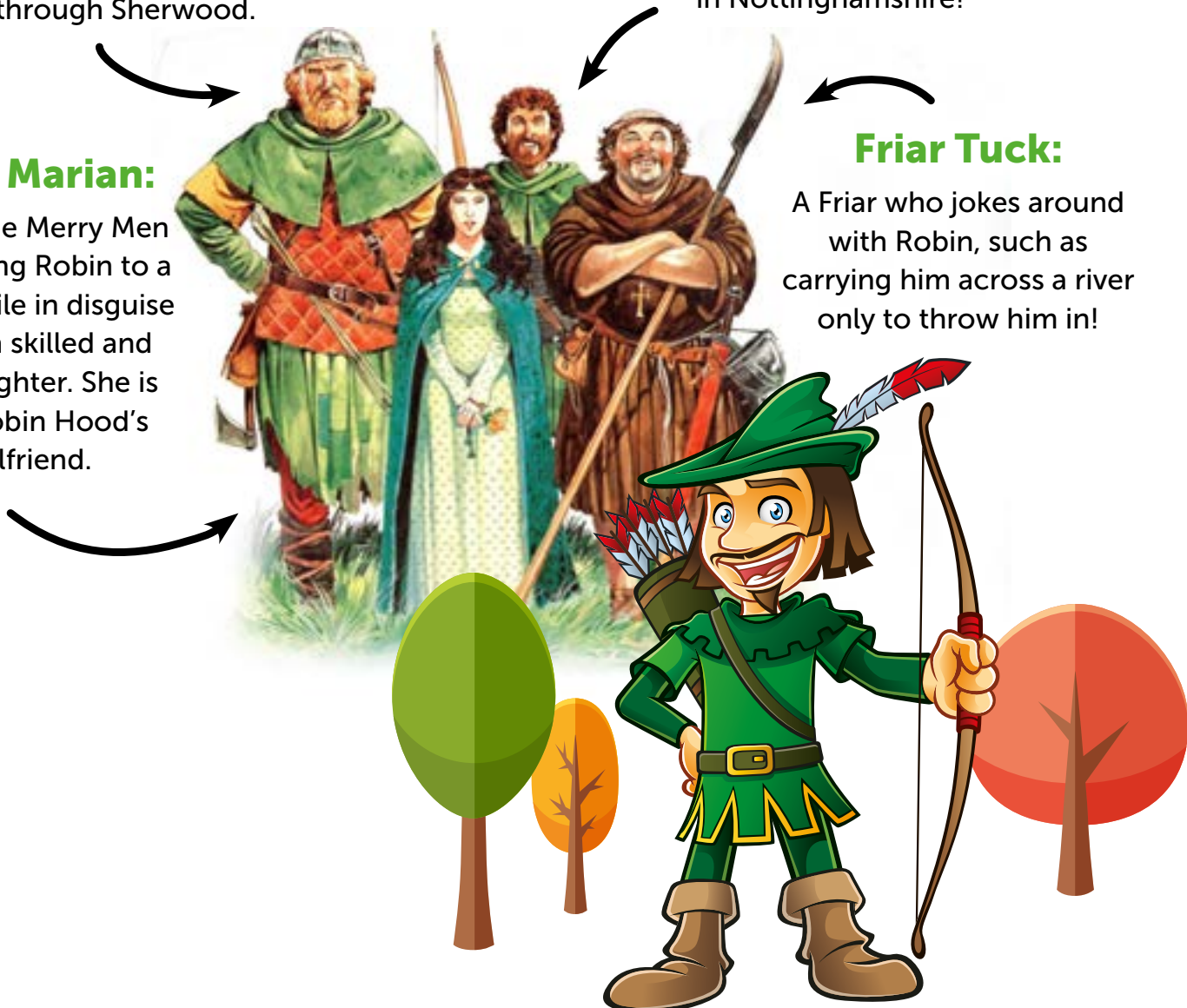
A skilled swordsman and Robin's nephew. He is hot-headed and has a love of elegant clothes. His grave is said to be at St Mary's church, in Nottinghamshire!

Maid Marian:

Joins the Merry Men by fighting Robin to a draw while in disguise and is a skilled and brave fighter. She is also Robin Hood's girlfriend.

Friar Tuck:

A Friar who jokes around with Robin, such as carrying him across a river only to throw him in!



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Nottinghamshire Day competition

Create a Robin Hood Ballad

One of the ways we know about Robin Hood is through 'Ballads'. Ballads in Medieval times were stories that would have been spoken or sung to an audience and were later written down. Read the Robin Hood Ballad and then write your own ballad verse about your own trips or adventures in Nottinghamshire. As an extra challenge, see if you can make it rhyme. Please submit your ballads to **Notts.day@nottsc.gov.uk** before the 15th July to enter our competition and have the chance to be displayed at Nottinghamshire Day and much more!

These verses are from the ballad
'Robin hood and the Monk',
written in 1450:

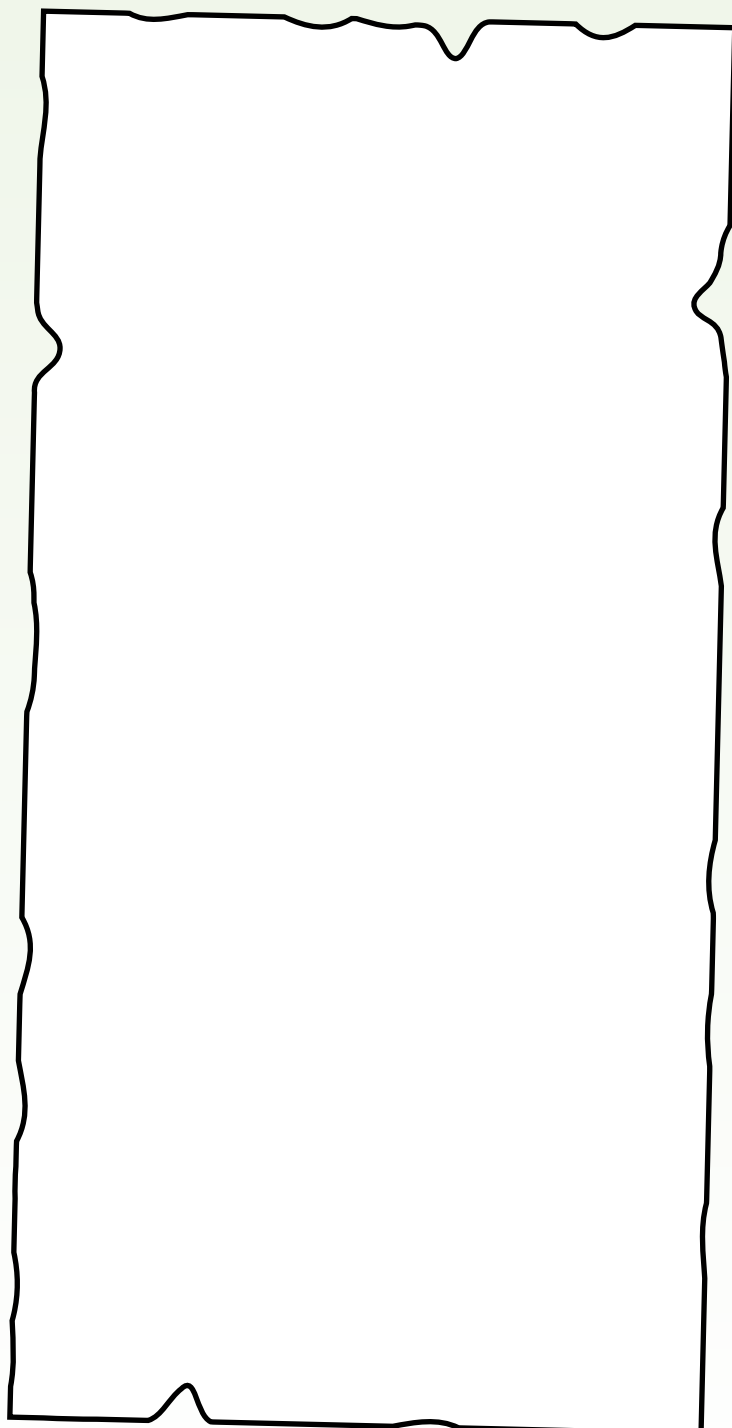
Then Robin goes to Nottingham,
Himself mourning alone,
And Little John to merry Sherwood,
The paths he knew, every one.

When Robin came to Nottingham,
Certainly and without lie,
He prays to God and mild Mary
To bring him out safe one more time.
He went in to Saint Mary's church
And kneeled down before the cross or rood;

All that were inside the church
Beheld well Robin Hood.

Beside him stood a great-headed monk,
I pray to God woe unto he!
For he recognized good Robin,
As soon as him he did see.

Out of the door he ran,
At once he did run;
All the gates of Nottingham
He made to be barred, every one.



Nottinghamshire Day competition

Design your own Standard

Charles I tried to arrest some of his enemies in Parliament, but he failed. He left London and travelled north. Charles I raised the Royal Standard at Nottingham castle on the 22nd August 1642. This was to gather supporters, however no one rushed to support him! Charles raised the standard again on the 25th August and the Civil War began, which is why we celebrate Nottinghamshire Day on the 25th August.

Every regiment in the British Civil Wars had a flag called a standard. These were large, brightly coloured silk squares with shapes on. Sometimes they had pictures, words or cartoons painted on them, with a fringe around the edge. Sometimes they included an inspiring motto like 'For God and The King'.

Flags helped soldiers to feel proud of their regiment and to remind them that they belonged together. That is why King Charles used his flag to begin the war.

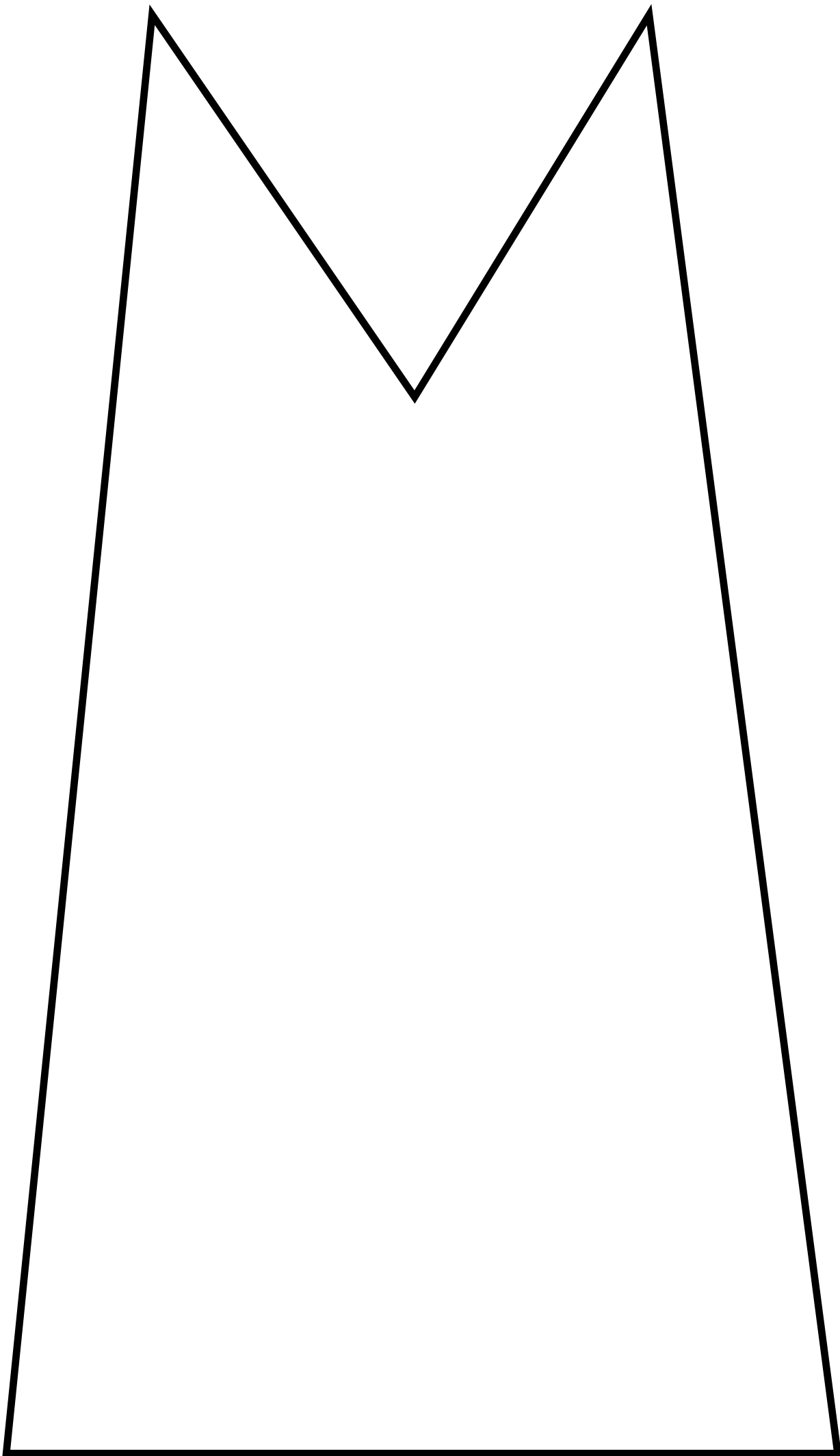
This is the Royal Standard. **Discuss why you think those images were chosen for the standard and then design your own using the tips on the next page.**

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The National Civil War Centre in Newark has a replica of what Charles I's standard is thought to have looked like when it was raised at Nottingham Castle.





Nottinghamshire Day competition:

Design a castle

Newark was an important Royalist town in the Civil War. Many people loved the king, who had stayed in Newark a few times. His wife, Queen Henrietta Maria, owned Newark Castle. The town and castle were built in a great strategic position, where two major roads and the River Trent met. Both **Royalists** and **Parliamentarians** wanted to hold Newark.

Parliament surrounded Newark in three **sieges**, but they never managed to beat the Royalist forces. Find out about the sieges in this podcast for children: <https://youtu.be/lHMTAKh5haA>

These pictures show Newark Castle today. **Can you recognise the main defensive features of a castle? Now design your own castle.**

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