



NORWICH CATHEDRAL



Schools & Family Learning Department Newsletter

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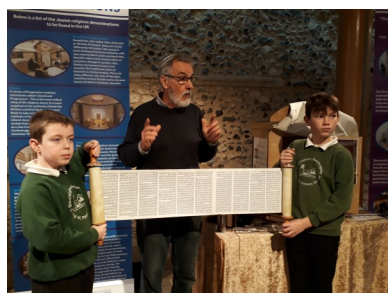
Hello Everyone!

Here's our latest news & it comes with our very best wishes for a happy Spring & Summer.

Easter Journeys have been and gone & our peregrines' eggs are being nurtured in their spire nest box once again. Well done to all schools who walked the way from Palm Sunday to Easter day & your great crafts, acting & singing!



We began 2019 with the amazing *Jewish Living Exhibition*, supplied by the Board of Deputies of British Jews. Thank you to our friends from the Hebrew Congregation at Earlham Road Synagogue, led by Marsha & Todd Parker. We worked with hundreds of primary school children throughout January. The activities were engaging and fun.



THANK YOU TEACHERS FOR YOUR FEEDBACK...

'So glad we had the Cathedral activities as well as 'Jewish Living'. Great links made & the children had an enriching experience'.

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary.

'Very good. Staff were brilliant with the children!' Head,
Frettenham Primary School

THE GOOD NEWS IS...
YOU CAN NOW BOOK A
'DISCOVERING JUDAISM'
WORKSHOP PLUS LOTS OF
CHRISTIANITY ACTIVITIES
HERE AT THE CATHEDRAL
ALL YEAR ROUND.

Please get in touch for more information and fees.

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In this issue:

- **WOOFYT** takes over!
- Discover our beautiful herb garden
- Global Christianity & 'World View' programmes take off in Norfolk Schools

Big WOOFYT noise in the Cathedral!

Science day with a difference was a terrific success for Magdalen Gates Primary School, Norwich.



Jeremy Sampson came to the Cathedral in March. He works across the UK with his amazing, unique 'One Octave Organ for Young Technologists' – '**WOOFYT**' for short!

Children from **Magdalen Gates** learned about air and how sound travels before getting 'hands on' at making their own organ tunes using the WOOFYT pipes and buttons. They then climbed up into the organ loft to experience the real thing as George our organ scholar demonstrated the majestic sound of our 6,655 pipe organ! To complete their day they also became Benedictine monks and found out how to make their voices travel as they sang in various parts of the Cathedral, plainsong style of course, like those medieval monks of old! **Well done all. You were fantastic!**



DID YOU KNOW?

There has been a **Herb Garden** at Norwich Cathedral since Medieval times. The Benedictine monks grew and used the herbs to treat illnesses and skin conditions. There was an infirmary here too, where people came to be cared for when they were ill.



Polly Lavender and her team of volunteers designed and planted the present garden a decade ago. A book was written too about the herbs and is still on sale in the Cathedral shop. The core star design is based on the wonderful vaulted ceiling design in the Cathedral's nave.



The garden is used for relaxation and you can include it as part of school visits. **Ask us about having a medieval potions & herb workshop for your class!**

'THROUGH THE WINDOW'

Schools continue to enjoy this exciting maths & art based programme at the Cathedral.

Mousehold Infants recently took part in one. Using our stained glass, stone and woodwork, floor mosaics and the design and grandeur of the Cathedral they measured, got up close with magnifiers & torches and created art. This is a great learning experience for KS1 and above!



Well done Mousehold!

Exploring Diversity, Global Christianity, World Views & a Treasury of Many Faiths

Sometimes it is easy to forget that the Christian family spans many countries & cultures and that there many denominations of it in our own country. It has been fun delivering 'in-school' workshops, and day programmes at the Cathedral which unpack these topics, including exploration of **'World Views'** (different cultures, world faiths & ways of life).

Freethorpe Primary School set us a challenge to work with EYFS & Foundation classes to explore **'Our Great Big World'** with it's diverse expressions of Christianity & world faiths and to look at how each of us is unique, special and different. We had great fun with story telling, artefacts and costumes, singing and walking the Labyrinth journey, reflecting and giving thanks together for the richness and beauty of our world of people & faith. **IF YOU'D LIKE TO EXPLORE THESE CONCEPTS WITH YOUR CHILDREN AT ALL KEY STAGES, DO GET IN TOUCH! E: headofschools@cathedral.org.uk**



Well done Freethorpe! We loved working with you all. Superb thinking, discussing, listening, singing, labyrinth walking and reflecting!

Variety is the Spice of Life! So many Schools & inspiring visit programmes

The greatest joy of our work is working with a vast amount of different schools & academies and we've covered many exciting curriculum areas over the past term...



Samuel Pepys, fire chiefs, & the maid were great from **Wicklewood & Dussindale** schools in their recent '**Great Fire of London & Fire at the Cathedral**' days.



Northrepps Primary learned about Christian worship in other countries alongside Easter worship traditions in India!



Designing a Cathedral is tricky, but **Aslacton Primary** built some amazing models after finding out about gravity, forces and arch building. They also discovered materials & their properties



WANT TO BOOST YOUR COLLECTIVE WORSHIP?

We love coming into school to deliver this, on any topic.

If you'd like us to meet with your staff team to discuss ideas for creative teaching related to R.E. and linking it across the curriculum, do get in touch with us!

Please get in touch. We'd love to work with you & hear your ideas!

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Bring
Florence
Nightingale
to life



You can invite Florence into your school to work with one or more classes, or meet her here and journey around the cathedral with her.

Clover Hill Infants, KS1 had a challenging time with us.

They found out about her life, her work in the Crimea at Scutari, her pet owl Athena and explored how being a Christian affected her work.



They also met WW1 nurse Edith Cavell, our own Norfolk heroine. This worked very well... **why not try it?**