



NORWICH CATHEDRAL

Schools & Family Learning Department Newsletter

Autumn 2019

Welcome Back!

We hope you've had a great Summer break, just like Ploddy our dinosaur puppet above who took part in the Lord Mayor's procession recently! We look forward to another academic year full of fun learning here and more's the point, we look forward to working with you all again. **But now for an exciting reminder...**

Next year we will be welcoming Dippy the Diplodocus into the Nave of the Cathedral.



Norwich will be the last stop on his tour of the UK which began in 2018.

We're sure that many schools will want to come and meet Dippy, **so booking in advance will be essential**

Please see page two for Information about how to book.

Download our KS1&2/KS3-5 brochures from our website www.cathedral.org.uk
Go to learning/school visits.

There are many cross curricular options for 2019-20 that span:

- Monastic life & medieval/ Norman history
- History on your doorstep - Edith Cavell
- Maths, Science & Art
- The Great Fire of London
- 'Big Issues' debates
- Diversity & World View
- Judaism/Islam (mosque/ synagogue/cathedral combined visits)

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**Dippy will be here from
11th July - 31st October 2020**

Schools will be able to pre-book book 30 minute long self-guided viewings per class group FREE!

OUR BOOKING LINE OPENS ON 1st OCTOBER 2019



Photo courtesy of the Trustees of the Natural History Museum

Dippy the Diplodocus when he was in the Natural History Museum,

Booking for Dippy - what you need to know!

Many of you will recall the heart thumping excitement that used to hit us when we viewed Dippy for the first time when he was in the great hall at the National History Museum in London and we're sure that seeing him in the Nave of Norwich Cathedral will be equally as dynamic! A huge number of schools and academies will want to come and see him so in order to give as many as possible the opportunity, there will be timed, short sessions.

- **It's FREE but all school visits to Dippy must be booked in advance - no school will be allowed in un-booked.**
- **Our booking line opens very soon, 1st October 2019. Just email Debbie on schoolsadmin@cathedral.org.uk to request your preferred date between 13th-21st July & 7th Sept- 21st Oct 2020 and book your FREE 30 minute timed slots.**
- **In 2020 you will receive a Dippy pack about what to do on the day of your visit plus all essential information.**
- **On the day, all classes will receive a short intro when they enter the nave, there will then be time to view Dippy and drop off at our craft activity tables before departing.**
- **We regret that you will not be able to stay on to self-guide in the Cathedral after you have seen Dippy due to the volume of visitors each day. Other venues in the city will likely be hosting special Dippy related activities, so keep an eye on their websites to see what's on offer.**

Did you know?

There are so many creatures to be found in carvings, windows & roof bosses around Norwich Cathedral. The Noah's Ark roof boss is on the Choir ceiling.



A stained, glass window in St Saviour's Chapel features the Medieval Mystic, **Mother Julian of Norwich**, plus her cat!



Our seven hundred year old Lectern for the Bible to stand on in the Choir is a Pelican!



Underneath the Arches!

We've had so much fun with
our new arch building kits!



Primary & Secondary school pupils of all ages have learned about forces, friction and materials on our Science days.



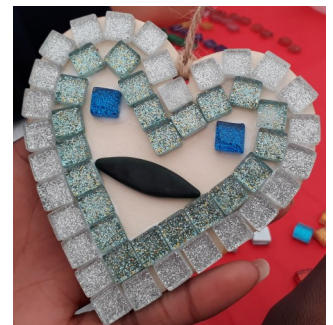
These proud builders were part of a youth group from Skelleftea, Sweden. They tried their hands at being stone masons for the day, chipping, sawing and building arches.

'Colours of Creation' Art Days

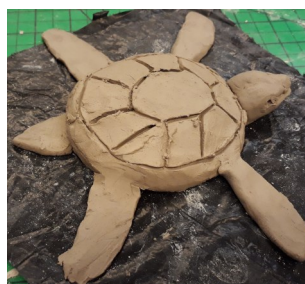
KS2 children from Barford Primary School created some stunning, mini wall hangings & used various techniques & colours based on patterns, shapes, mosaics & stained glass they discovered in the Cathedral. ***Well done to them all!***



It is always good to work with uniformed organisations & **Dersingham Girl Guides** visited in the Summer. They made some amazing, glass tile mosaic designs.



Norwich School Sea Scouts had fun discovering roof bosses in the Cathedral & Cloisters & designed their own using clay!



Be still, relax, reflect...



You can lie down in the Cathedral or reflect on worship & prayer in other cultures & countries, like the children at Sandringham & West Newton schools did this Summer on one of our 'in-school' days, there's so many ways to enhance your teaching about World Views & Diversity, through your R.E.

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(See 'learning', then 'school visits' pages, to download our KS3-5 brochure)

We'd like to know what **YOU** want & we are open to all ideas! Please let us know and do please pass this on to colleagues.

Thank you!

Rose Lane Mosque Link takes off



Students from Taverham High School enjoyed a presentation, discussion and tour from Rajab, our Muslim colleague at the Mosque in June. They then explored similarities and differences between the two faiths later in the Cathedral.

This visit also worked very well with several Primary schools last term.

We also link with the Synagogue and offer Judaism workshops here at the Cathedral. Do get in touch for more details.

A FISHY TALE



We like working out in the community & our local, Norwich Foodbank's 'Fish Holiday Club' invited us to lead activities for them during the Summer holidays. This was great fun and we thank them for inviting us.

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