



NORWICH CATHEDRAL

Schools & Family Learning Department newsletter

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Happy New Year!

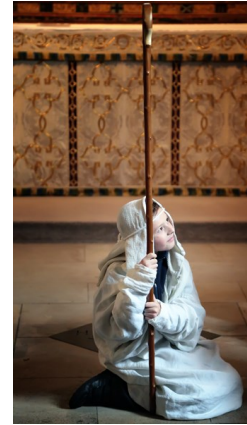
We hope the festive break was peaceful and just a little restful & refreshing for you. Welcome back!

As we all get ready for another busy term, we'd like to share news of what schools got up to with us last term.

We'd also like to let you know about some of the exciting things we have in store for you in 2018.

As we take down the trees and pack away the baubles, we would like to say a massive 'well done' to all pupils who took part in our 'Discover Advent & Christmas' programme. We witnessed some brilliant acting, singing & creative art as we all made our way to Bethlehem. Thanks to all staff & helpers who enabled the trips to happen in the wintry weather.

Why not bring another great Christian festival alive by taking part in our 'Explore Lent & Easter' visit. It is available at the cathedral or [in your school](#).



Thanks for the feedback...

"It really brought the Christmas story to life and being in the cathedral was fantastic in itself"
J. Thirtle, Ald. Swindell Primary.

"Fantastic, enjoyable as well as educational. Children engaged the entire time. Heather Ave Infants."



Get in touch to book a half day or full day.

Easter drama journey, reflection & art work. Great for KS1 or 2.



TOP TIP...

Exploring Easter is a great way to get to grips with lots of your Christianity RE concepts such as: Salvation, Resurrection, how Christians use a place of worship, prayer, sacraments—Holy Communion, links with Judaism—Passover, People of God, the life of Jesus, and more!

In this issue:

- National Paralympic Exhibition...coming soon!
- New opportunities to bring the Bible alive with dance and story telling
- Art days success stories
- The fire still burns... a flaming great experience for schools at the cathedral



Holy smoke...fire at the cathedral!

SCHOOLS REPORT BACK ON SOME FIRE FILLED ACTIVITIES!

PLUS...



Mistress Matilda of Pudding Lane went to Trowse Primary school in the Autumn term where we transformed the school hall into Pudding Lane Bakery, the River Thames and made ship's biscuits! A huge 'well done' to the children for their amazing drama, questions, enthusiasm and singing.

Later, back in the classroom, we explored how the monks at Norwich Cathedral dealt with some fiery problems hundreds of years ago when the city dwellers revolted and set fire to the spire. A period of reflection ended the session as we contemplated the flaming symbol of God's Holy Spirit and its importance for Christians around the world.

Reedham Primary School took part in a great day of flaming fun at the cathedral too. In the medieval Prior's hall we re-created the night the Great Fire of London started. Fabulous acting, biscuit making and singing everyone! They also experienced what it would have been like to be a monk at Norwich Cathedral Priory hundreds of years ago. You looked great in your monk's gear everyone!



THE PEREGRINE FALCONS WILL SOON BE BACK! Keep a beady eye on our cathedral website. Our spire nesting birds will be back in Spring (fingers crossed!). **Contact us to book exciting Science/RE activity days** with the trust & our team that explore food chains, life cycles, facts about peregrines and some bird related Cathedral fun that looks at art/Holy spirit symbolism and more!

Did you know?

Janet Marshall, Head of Schools & Family Learning reports on riverside history & nature in the cathedral Close ...



Walk for just 4-5 minutes from the Cathedral and this is what you see. **Pull's Ferry**, the place on the River Wensum where the stone, shipped over from Caen in Northern France in 1096 to build Norwich Cathedral Priory, began its final trip upstream to the building site.

It is a beautiful spot and makes a wonderful outdoor addition to many school visit programmes, especially if you are looking at your locality/Normans. There are also opportunities for nature studies and comparative Geography work as we examine the features and changes to the site with the children. **We'd like to develop more 'out door' activities on the riverside and in the grounds round the cathedral. Unusual trees, sculpture, and the medicinal herb garden used by the medieval monks can be incorporated into any programme. Do tell us your ideas!**



Exploring the Symbol of the Cross

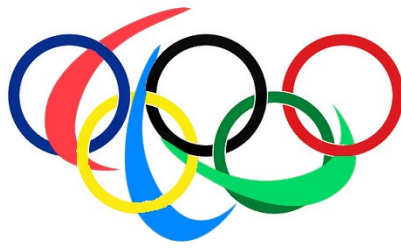
Art Days at the Cathedral
Autumn 2017



Well done pupils from Brisley & Hempnall Primary schools who made fabulous banners from their crosses around the world designs.



NATIONAL PARALYMPIC EXHIBITION 2018



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HERITAGE TRUST

It's coming to Norwich Cathedral this Spring!

From 3rd March until the end of May, the North Transept of the Cathedral will house this colourful, engaging, touring exhibition. This will be a great stimulus for children of all ages to help them explore diversity, courage, achievement, determination and so much more.

We are offering some fantastic activity days for Key stage 2 on 15th & 20th March and 17th April. Contact us on:

headofschools@cathedral.org.uk to reserve places. Only 60 places per day to:

- **Explore the exhibition with input from our team**
- **Take part in a challenging dance workshop that looks at diversity and the wonder of our creative bodies, minds and spirits**
- **Engage in reflective activities in the cathedral on this theme**

Stories of the **OLD** TESTAMENT

Bible Lands, Customs, Worship & Dance Days

Following our successful days with dance teacher Lorraine Theabold in 2017, join us to explore People of God & amazing Old Testament stories & life in Bible times, through dance and activities



Old Catton Primary School took part and had this to say:

"Perfect, wonderful reminder and intro to 'People of God'. We were well looked after. A lovely day. Deepened their knowledge and understanding" J. Semmens.



**26th April
1st & 3rd
May**

BOOK NOW!

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Fabulous Banners for Harvest Festival 2017

A MASSIVE well done to: Toftwood Infants & Juniors, Nth Elmham Primary, Rackheath Primary, Charles Darwin Free School & Whitewoman Lane Primary for making some amazing, huge, colourful banners that were carried in the procession at the Cathedral's Harvest Festival service on Sunday 8th October. Toftwood Juniors you did a brilliant job with your banner carrying! **Thanks to all staff and helpers who inspired and helped the children create these.** The Dean and Chapter extend their thanks to all schools who took part.

The theme for the banners was: 'Giving thanks to God for all who give us food: farmers, scientists, factories, shops and transporters'. **Fabulous work all!**

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Don't forget...there's so much on offer here or in your school.

Normans... Edith Cavell (the free class set of books offer still applies if you book a visit here or in your school!), Monks, exciting worship & belief days and a range of arty workshops!

