

# NORWICH CATHEDRAL



Schools & Family Learning Department newsletter

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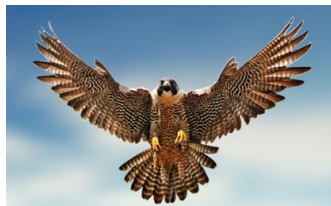
## Spring has sprung (we hope!)

**Welcome back! Here's the latest news.**

Thank you to all children and their teachers who took part in our *Easter Journey & crafts*. It was just great to re-enact this special, world-wide Christian festival in the Cathedral & we witnessed some superb acting, singing and creativity.

Why not come and explore other Christian festivals with us? *Pentecost*, linked with the concept of Trinity & the Holy Spirit for example? You can combine all this with our '*Discover Worship & Belief*' programme to explore how Christians pray & worship, plus the lay out/furnishings of a Christian church. Also available in your school! Then there's Harvest, linked to food & science...

**Wings of Faith'** Why not combine the above with a Hawk & Owl Trust, Peregrine Falcon, Science workshop, led by the experts?



The peregrine pair are back in the eerie nest on our spire! Log on to the live web cam to see it all!

Habitats, food chains, life cycles, anatomy and wing spans....all 'hands on' activities plus your R.E links, led by our team in the cathedral. Get in touch for more info...  
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*Thanks for the feedback...*

*"Leaders fabulous, excellent interactive & practical Easter session 'Freethorpe Primary..*

*'Fantastic trip! It gave the children an in-depth, engaging way of understanding Easter, pitched at exactly the right level' Dussindale Primary.*

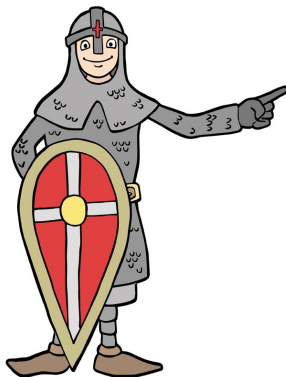
*'Children enjoyed bringing the story to life, lots to discuss later! Nth Elmham Primary.*

### ***In this issue:***

- *'New Horizons in Sacred Space' a special project*
- *Normans take over!*
- *Special activities for tots and early years*
- *T Rex is coming .... book early for dinosaur fun!*
- *Great Fire workshops here!*

## Norman Adventures!

Why not explore  
Normans & Medieval life  
in your locality?



If you are looking to investigate the history of your locality, why not come and get 'hands on' here? Chip away at some stone with ancient mason's tools & learn about how the Cathedral was built after the Norman invasion.

**R.E LINKS...** explore how the monks came here to build their priory/monastery. Lots of practical activities that link in with learning about the lay-out of a Christian church and the way in which monastic worship traditions live on here today. Children dress as monks, illuminate letters using quills & ink, explore prayer and more.



Benedictine monks cared for visitors & pilgrims and looked after the Cathedral & monastery (Priory) 900 years ago. They were made to leave when King Henry VIII's commissioners arrived in 1538 to close the monastery & smash it up!

## DID YOU KNOW?

If you come into the Cathedral during the Christmas & Easter seasons you will see a huge, wicker sculptured angel swinging from the ceiling in the nave.



This wonderful sculpture replicates a Medieval wooden angel that used to swing there 900 years ago with burning charcoal in it, onto which incense was sprinkled. It spun round during worship and the scented smoke filled the air to remind all that their prayers were rising up to God in heaven, just like the smelly smoke!





Interested in some  
new, specially  
created visits for  
**EARLY YEARS?**



GET IN TOUCH FOR MORE  
INFORMATION ABOUT  
EXCITING STORY & ACTIVITY  
DAYS THAT LINK WITH YOUR  
R.E. / CHRISTIANITY.

They will be available all  
through each term, so do get in  
touch with Lindsay on:  
[schoolsofficer@cathedral.org.uk](mailto:schoolsofficer@cathedral.org.uk)  
to plan a bespoke 'early years'  
half or full day.

Which topics do you want to  
bring alive & how might we help  
you?



## NEW HORIZONS IN SACRED SPACE

During the Summer term we will be working with charity groups & schools from areas of deprivation to deliver some exciting dance, drama & art workshops, thanks to a grant from Norfolk Community Foundation's Silk Purse Fund.

However it is also open to all! if your school is interested in taking part in arts based workshops, do get in touch. We can arrange these and negotiate prices with our outside practitioners.

We look forward to welcoming **Maz Jackson**, artist, to the Cathedral as part of our funded project.



## T Rex is coming!



In 2020 we will welcome Dippy to the Cathedral. To 'rev us up' for that, during Science week, this October half term '18 **TEACH REX** will be bringing their enormous, walking T Rex to perform three shows in the Cathedral on **Thursday 25th October!**

Tickets will be released via the Forum Norwich's booking system in August, so keep a look out! **BEWARE!!!**

# **FIRE ! FIRE!** **Great Fires of** **London &** **Norwich take off** **in the Cathedral.**



Come and discover how the locals set fire to the Cathedral spire centuries ago and **double it up** with a visit to the Pudding Lane bakery to meet **Mistress Matilda** as she tells the tale of woe! Make Master Farriner the baker's ship's biscuits with dough, hear the epic story of how the Gt Fire of London began and spread. **Act, sing, dress up, bring it alive! For KS 1 & 2.**

Become a monk too as you discover what happened to the burning spire here centuries ago **RE LINKS...** explore re-birth/the Holy Spirit, symbols, light and prayer. Reflection time too in a prayer space. **IT WORKS BRILLIANTLY IN YOUR SCHOOL TOO. We can come in for a half or full day!**

This day is a great way to combine your History, R.E. & Spiritual Development .



**Do Contact Us. We'd love to work with you & hear your ideas!**

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**Presents...**

**A workshop for teachers  
to help you spice up your  
collective worship and music in  
school.**

**£10.00 per person**  
for the afternoon in the Weston  
Room at Norwich  
Cathedral.

**Monday 14th May 2018**

**1.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m.**

**To book places email Janet:**

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