



NORWICH CATHEDRAL



Schools & Family Learning Department Newsletter

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Welcome back Here's the latest news...

Thank you to all children and their teachers who took part in our **'Discover Advent & Christmas'** visits.

Why not bring your children to do our **'Journey through Lent & Easter'?**

Also available in your school! Book now!!

'Wings of Faith'



Why not try a Science workshop about the peregrines (food chains, life cycles, habitats) when they arrive here this Spring? led by the experts from Hawk & Owl Trust, and our team. We also include your Christian places of worship units, Holy Spirit/ Trinity/symbols/colour, light and more.

We advise you to book early for all Spring term visits.

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Thanks for the festive feedback...

"Exactly what I'd hoped for! Informative, engaging and age appropriate" All Saints Primary, Laxfield.

"Excellent delivery and acting, brought the Nativity story to life!" Heather Ave, Infants, Norwich.

"Perfectly pitched, very well organised, lots of practical crafts, a great intro to a place of worship too!" Naborough Primary



Our Lent & Easter programme is packed full of drama, art, story telling, discussion, reflection and exploration!

In this issue:

- Cathedral/Mosque partnership takes off!
- Pilgrimage Journey fun
- Florence Nightingale starts to feel at home here!
- Science Festival Success

Cathedral link with Dereham Road Islamic Centre & Mosque gets off to a flying start!



So what happens

during this visit?

If you have multiple classes we can devise a bespoke timetable to accommodate at both venues. Get in touch for more info: headofschools@cathedral.org.uk Tel: 01603 218320

The centre can accommodate two classes at any one time and it works well to start your day there at 10.00 or 10.30 a.m. Members of our Cathedral team also meet you there.

On arrival they are welcomed by Sirajul and split into groups who then tour the centre.

They see a demonstration of the Wudu washing ritual that Muslims do before prayer and they find out about how the community centre serves the local community at large.

They find out why the carpet designs are set out the way they are and see the special furniture and time zone clocks where the call to prayer takes place. They view the ladies and children's room.

Short, captivating cartoon videos are shown about how Muslims pray, the Five Pillars and what is to be found in a mosque.

There is then ample time for children to ask questions and a full demonstration is given of Muslim prayer. If there are any particular topic areas/learning outcomes you wish to focus on in detail we can plan this in advance. **Your coach driver can either wait for you at the centre, or come back and collect you.** You then make your way to the Cathedral, drop off in Tombland and come to the classroom to eat your lunches.

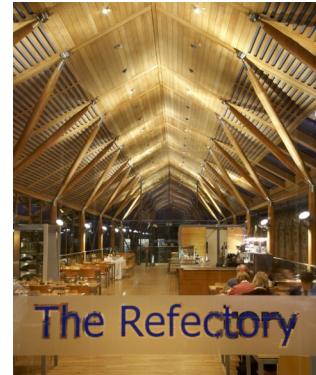
Your afternoon session from 12.45-2.00 p.m. (or whatever time you wish to finish) involves a full guided visit in the Cathedral, comparing and contrasting furnishings, features, decoration, windows, worship styles, prayer— **we will tailor make content so that it covers whatever boxes you wish to tick.**

Throughout, we celebrate the similarities and differences between our two faiths and end the day with a short period of reflection & thanksgiving.

In November we began our partnership with our friends at the centre in Dereham Road, Norwich. This is a short, ten minute journey by coach or mini bus from the Cathedral and they have ample parking.

It has been great to work alongside my colleague Sirajul Islam and his team to devise visits to the prayer room, washing area and community and centre. So far two schools have had successful visits, Bawburgh Primary (KS1 & 2) and Dereham Northgate High.

DID YOU KNOW?



Our Cathedral café is called **the Refectory** because that is the name of the original Benedictine Monks' dining room that used to be on the same site. The new one is the same size as the original and is in exactly the same place.



The hostry entrance hall also has its name because this was the place where the monks greeted all visitors in medieval times. Here you would have been offered food, had your feet washed be given a blanket and space to lie down and rest.



'Story Time' in the Cathedral for KS1



These fun days were piloted with classes before Christmas and were enjoyed by all.



Why not think about stories you would like to explore from the Old or New Testaments in the Bible?

If you are exploring who Jesus is and why he is special for Christians, this would be a great visit for you.

Suggestions: Moses, Abraham, People of God, Parables of Jesus, Miracles, St Paul, Super Saints, Creation stories — or even stories about this Cathedral and how it was built?

TELL US WHICH STORIES YOU'D LIKE TO BRING ALIVE!

Or...Try our new 'Explorer Days' for EYFS. Fun learning for little people.

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Autumn Science Festival is a Blast!

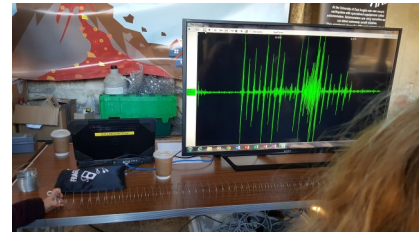
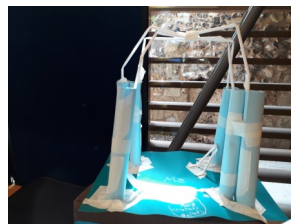
October was pretty busy as we joined forces with our partners across the city for the annual Science Festival. Many schools took advantage of our '*Simply Sacred Science*' programmes which were advertised for us by The Forum, Norwich. Hundreds of KS2 pupils booked.

Pupils explored forces, sound and light and even put their knowledge and skills into practice by designing their own Cathedral structures. *Well done to all!*

We also had hundreds take part in our families Science Day where the WOOFYT— 'one octave organ for young technologists' stole the show!



Jeremy Sampson & his 'WOOFYT', above. If you are interested in booking this or our Science programmes, get in touch!



'Teach Rex' took us all by storm during October half term when he came along for three shows in the Cathedral. Children learned about what T Rex ate and how he lived. It was great fun!



Would your pupils like to meet Teach Rex? Do get in touch if you are interested in coming here for a bespoke Dino day, with links to drama, writing, and even R.E!!

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EVER THOUGHT ABOUT PILGRIMAGE?



Our **'PILGRIMAGE, A WORLD OF FAITHS'** day works well here or in your school.



Children go on a journey with the medieval pilgrim leader and discover lots about why Christians still make journeys to special places today. They also explore places of pilgrimage in other world faiths. They discover special places within the cathedral to reflect in, or we create them in your own school hall!

Singing, drama, scroll and badge making, hands on learning to bring religious practices and prayer styles alive.

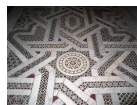
- Make your pilgrimage passport & scallop shell badge
- Become a pilgrim and off you go!
- Sing the song, experience special places and share in some amazing stories...
- Perhaps combine it with the big canvas labyrinth walk!

Feedback: "These workshops tapped into their curiosity and they were inspired to ask lots of questions. The children clearly had a wonderful time." I. Chandler, Edith Cavell Academy, Pilgrimage day.

'Through the Window' Maths, Art, Science with lots of R.E. Christianity content for KS1 & 2

- * Stained glass, patterns, shapes, light & colour
- * Activities that enable questioning & discovery using mosaics, Icons, signs & symbols and more

Ask us for more information!



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

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Bring
Florence
Nightingale
to life
in your
classroom



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

Find out about her life story, her pet owl Athena and explore how being a Christian influenced her work. Links can be made with your Christianity topics/ Christian places of worship, hospitals/nursing then and now, values: goodness, trust, loyalty, service.

You can also combine this with Edith Cavell, our own Norfolk heroine — we still run our successful Meet Edith days here or in school.



HISTORY BROUGHT TO LIFE ON YOUR
DOORSTEP FOR KS1 & 2