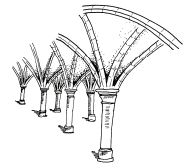


Greetings from the Education Team

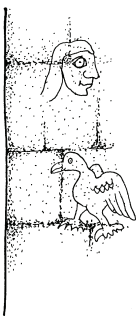
Belated Happy New Year from Rochester Cathedral Education Team. We have had busy start to the year with bookings flooding in for the spring and summer terms. Some days are already fully booked! If you are planning a visit to the Cathedral please contact us soon to avoid disappointment.

Fund raising has begun for our 2012 free Family Fun Day. TV Presenter Rev Peter Owen Jones gave a well-received talk in the Cathedral on 8th Feb. Profits from the evening will go towards the 2012 fun day. More details later!

*Have a good spring break and best wishes for the coming term,
Liz and Helen*



AspiRE Days



During our quieter months we are able to provide whole days of activity for KS1 and KS2 groups. These days, costing £3.95 per pupil (no charge for accompanying adults) offer two workshops, chosen from our suite of KS1 and KS2 activities, and time to explore the cathedral using one of our workbooks or trails. The day concludes with an optional 15 minute Act of Worship in our crypt chapel. We also offer free use of our lunch-rooms (normally £15 for 30 minutes) on AspiRE Days.

To book please contact us by email educationofficer@rochestercathedral.org or phone 01634 810066.

Easter Outreach

NEW

This year we are also offering the opportunity for us to explore Easter themes in your own school setting (schools within a 25 mile / 40 minute drive radius). We have some dates available for the cathedral education team to come to your school and, using the medium of dance, look at the Easter Story. The cost for this is £100 per class for a half-day session. For more details please contact us as above.



Cathedral Postpones Christmas

During Advent we launched our brand new Christmas Activity Day aimed at Foundation / KS1 pupils. The sessions were offered as cathedral or school based activities and all available slots were very quickly booked up. We held our first school based session on 24th November but then the weather intervened and all our December sessions were snowed off. The good news is that we were able to reschedule some of the sessions for early January. We found that the activities worked equally well as a Christmas follow up and so next academic year the activities will be offered in November, December and January! The Nativity story isn't just for Christmas!



Special Schools Update

This term we will be running a special day of dance, drama and music for 72 students from Trinity school, exploring pilgrimage and the story of St William of Perth. The day will culminate in a scratch performance in front of parents. If you would be interested in booking a similar day then please contact us to discuss options. We have availability on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in May. The cost of the day is £3.95 per Pupil (no charge for accompanying adults).



Uniformed Groups

Forthcoming events:

Beaver Badge Day—
Sat 26th March



For details of this event please call
01634 810066.

Deposits

For our special events (e.g. our Creation Disco Days or the Pilgrimage Day above) we will in future require a 50% deposit at confirmation of booking. This will be non-refundable unless the slot is filled by another school.

From the beginning of the Summer Term we will also be asking for a non-refundable deposit of £20 per booking.

Any cancellations within 14 days of booked visits will incur a cancellation fee. Please see website for full details.

Holiday Activities

BRASS RUBBING ...

....on most Tuesdays during school holidays—check the website for full details. 50p per rubbing. We have 10 new brasses so come and meet our gryphon, dragon and several other characters!



FAMILY AUDIO GUIDES

Explore the Cathedral with Eggie the Eagle and meet a whole host of characters from the Cathedral's past. £3 per guide. Available from the welcome desk.

TRAIL SHEETS

Our Cathedral I Spy sheet is available from the welcome desk. A selection of other sheets may be downloaded from the cathedral website www.rochestercathedral.org/education/family-visits

Please Note

If you are planning to visit the Cathedral remember to contact us first! This is a very busy building hosting up to 17,000 school visits each year as well as numerous special services and events. **Sadly, un-booked groups often have to be turned away.**

For more information about visits and activities please call our Education Team on 01634 810066 or email

educationofficer@rochestercathedral.org

Visit the Educational Visits pages on our website to explore our full programme for visiting schools, families and youth groups.

www.rochestercathedral.org/education



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