

Rochester Cathedral

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Greetings From The Education Office

As the academic year draws to a close and planning for September begins we thought it might be useful to update you on developments at the Cathedral, family activities on offer during the summer break, and special events being planned for the autumn term. This newsletter briefly brings you up to date with what's going on—our website www.rochestercathedral.org gives full details of all events.

In September we will be hosting our ever popular Creation Disco Days, these were over-subscribed last year so please book early to avoid disappointment. AspiRE Days can also be booked from September to February, this year a wider choice of activities are on offer. Details of both of these events can be found over the page and on our website. Prices are being held at last year's rates.

Best wishes,

The Education Team

Family Drop in Workshops

Thanks to HLF funding the Cathedral is now able to host drop in workshops.

Summer Holiday Dates

Tue 11th Aug 12.00—16.00
Brass Rubbing
with Tudor dance displays **14.00—16.00**

Tue 18th Aug 12.00—16.00
Create your own heraldic shield

Tue 25th Aug 12.00—16.00
Brass Rubbing

Full details can be found on
our website



New Look Web Pages Launched



After months of research, planning and programming the Education pages on the

Cathedral website have now been re-launched. Finding your way around what's on offer is now very simple. Each Key Stage has an allocated page with extra pages for special schools, families and non-English speaking schools. Still to come are a downloadable picture gallery and story pages on monks and pilgrims.

Please let us know what you think.

You can contact Rochester Cathedral Education Department by phone on
01634 810066 or email educationofficer@rochestercathedral.org
www.rochestercathedral.org



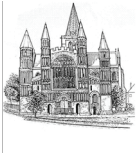
Creation Disco Days Autumn 2009 18th and 25th September & 2nd October



A day of creativity and discovery. Explore the Cathedral using science and maths skills. Meet Bishop Gundulf and discover the physics of building; explore the science of sound in the crypt; create your own tessellated tile pattern; find out how the sun impacted on medieval monastic life; investigate the nave using mathematical skills.

The day ends with an organ demonstration and talk from the Cathedral's Director of Music.

Creation Disco Days are suitable for all KS2 students and cost just £3.95 per pupil. Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. Phone Helen on 01634 810066 to book.



AspiRE Days KS1 & KS2



Aspire Days are offered from September to February and involve a whole day of activities including Heraldry, Monks, Pilgrims, Stories in Glass and Role Play Baptism. We conclude your visit with an optional assembly in the crypt.

The day costs just £3.45 per pupil.

Please check the website
www.rochestercathedral.org
for further information.

New Handling Box Now Available

The handling box is now available for use by **KS1** visitors and **special schools**. The box contains a variety of artefacts and tools to enhance your visit. Mirrors will help children view ceiling bosses and green men, binoculars will bring high up objects into focus. When you book the box you will be able to select from a menu of objects for inclusion from: candles to crosses, Bibles to baptism bits, shells to smells, we'll pack the box to meet your requirements. The box also includes large print photos and discussion / activity ideas for use with small groups.



The box can be booked at no extra charge, but a small refundable deposit may be requested.

Uniformed Groups

The Education Team hosted its first ever Beaver Badge day in spring 2009. Nearly 100 Beavers from 6 different Medway packs dramatised the Good Samaritan in 30 minutes, spent time exploring the building and engaged in a selection of interactive prayer activities.



Brownie visits are planned for the summer holidays and a Cub Badge Evening has been scheduled for October.

Details from the Education Team
01634 810066

Please Note

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

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