



The Cathedral Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School



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Friday 1st December 2023

Message from the Headteacher

Dear All,

It was wonderful to see the independence and deep thinking evident in our House Assemblies this week. Pupil –led this is when the whole House across the year groups comes together as an entity and celebrates and considers important matters. Visitors are currently hearing the strain of festive songs "...sweetly sung by the choir".....of voices from EYFS and KS1 as well as the choirs across the schools.

Thanks are due to the organisers, helpers and everyone who came and participated and supported the School Christmas Bazaar. It was such a lovely atmosphere, I am sure you will agree. Currently, without the raffle, profit is approximately £2.5K. The raffle will continue to run until 10th December so please follow the link to some wonderful prizes at £1 a ticket.

The Concert at St Andrew's Melbourne after the Bazaar was well-supported and the children sang very well. Thanks are also due to the staff who are giving up more and more of their personal time to support opportunities for the children.

Tomorrow, we sing some of our recently started Christmas music at The Cathedral; meeting at 9.45 near the altar to sing from 10 for about half an hour to forty minutes.

We work with the Chelmsford Teaching Alliance to promote pupil development and last year started an Ambassador project which is about gathering views and finding ways to improve things outside school as well as in. Congratulations to Minerva and Matthew as they have been elected to these roles based on their excellent speeches. No doubt we will hear more from them.

Today we said a sad goodbye to one of our families who are moving to Scotland. We wish them well in their new life, we will miss Mesika.

Thank you to everyone who completed a Parents' Evening survey. 229 were completed and I have enclosed the percentage outcomes. We will now look at comments and welcome anyone in who has any issues.

I may see some of you tomorrow, wishing everyone a warm weekend, inside and out.

Kind regards

Linda Wiskin



Christmas Lunches

5th December 2023

EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2

&

6th December 2023

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

Your child is more than welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper when they have their School Christmas Lunch. If you are able



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Key Dates for Your Diary

- The Cathedral Christmas Fair 10am (Choir) 02.12.2023
- EYFS & KS1 Christmas Lunch 05.12.2023
- KS2 Christmas Lunch 06.12.2023
- Choir at John Lewis 4pm 06.12.2023
- KS1 Nativities 11.12.2023 & 13.12.2023
- EYFS Christmas Productions 14.12.2023 & 15.12.2023
- Carol Service at The Cathedral 6:30pm 18.12.2023
- EYFS Christmas production 14.12.2023 & 15.12.2023
- Christmas Holiday 21.12.2023—03.01.2024
- First Day of Spring Term 04.01.2024
- IOW Year 6 residential visit 03.06.2024 –07.06.2024
- Provisional Sports days EYFS & KS1 13.06.2024
- Middle & Upper school 14.06.2024
- Lunchtime Concert 21.06.2024
- Leavers Service 09.07.2024

[Please view our calendar for all events](#)

Bold recently added



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Parent Survey

	Q4. My child has settled into their new class	Q4. My child feels safe at this school	Q4. My child enjoys learning	Q4. My child is happy at school	Q4. The teacher knows my child well	Q4. The teacher provided information to support my child's progress
Total	229	229	229	229	229	229
Strongly Agree	177	187	169	175	185	191
Agree	50	41	48	51	42	34
Disagree	1	0	7	2	1	3
Strongly Disagree	1	1	2	1	1	1
Don't Know	0	0	3	0	0	0
Total	229	229	229	229	229	229
Strongly Agree	77%	82%	74%	76%	81%	83%
Agree	22%	18%	21%	22%	18%	15%
Disagree	0%	0%	3%	1%	0%	1%
Strongly Disagree	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Don't Know	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Total	229	229	229	229	229	229
strongly agree/agree	99%	100%	95%	99%	99%	98%
strongly disagree/disagree	1%	0%	4%	1%	1%	2%
don't know	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%

	Q4. I feel confident to support my child's targets	Q4. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	Q4. Tapestry is used well to support learning	Q4. School communication is effective	Q4. The school supports my child's wider personal development	Q4. The school promotes positive relationships
Total	229	229	229	229	229	229
Strongly Agree	178	168	157	157	159	168
Agree	44	57	65	68	64	59
Disagree	4	0	5	3	0	1
Strongly Disagree	1	1	2	1	1	1
Don't Know	2	3	0	0	5	0
Total	229	229	229	229	229	229
Strongly Agree	78%	73%	69%	69%	69%	73%
Agree	19%	25%	28%	30%	28%	26%
Disagree	2%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%
Strongly Disagree	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Don't Know	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%
Total	229	229	229	229	229	229
strongly agree/agree	97%	98%	97%	98%	97%	99%
strongly disagree/disagree	2%	0%	3%	2%	0%	1%
don't know	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%

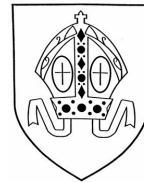
	Q5. Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities	Q6. My child has SEND, and is well supported	Q7. When I have raised concerns with the school :-	Q8. I would recommend this school to another parent (Yes or No)
Total	229	Total 61	Total 229	Total 229
Yes	23	Strongly Agree 19	Has dealt 125	Yes 229
No	206	Agree 13	Not dealt 6	No 0
		Disagree 4	No Raised 98	
		Strongly Disagree 3		
		Don't Know 22		
Total	229	Total 61	Total 229	Total 229
Yes	10%	Strongly Agree 31%	Has dealt 55%	Yes 100%
No	90%	Agree 21%	Not dealt 3%	No 0%
		Disagree 7%	No Raised 43%	
		Strongly Disagree 5%		
		Don't Know 36%		

*Q1-3 are pupil names and year groups

Some parents whose children are not SEND answered Q6 in error hence the anomaly in the result.



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Reminder about Clubs



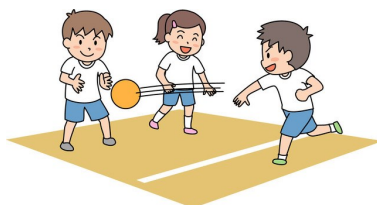
Extra-Curriculum Before and After-School Clubs are finished for the term next week.

However, there are these four exceptions:

Year 5&6 Choir finishes on Monday 11th December

Year 3&4 Chelmsford City finishes on Tuesday 12th December

Year 3&4 Choir finishes on Thursday 14th December





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Lunch Menu week commencing 4th December 2023



THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

Special Lunch Menu W/c 4th December 2023



MONDAY 4th Dec	OPTION 1 Beef Bolognese Pasta Salad	OPTION 2 Vegetarian Pasta Bake (Optional Cheese) Salad	Dessert Fruit Crumble & custard
EYFS & LOWER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH			
TUESDAY 5th Dec	OPTION 1 Roast Turkey with all the trimmings	OPTION 2 Quorn Fillet with all the trimmings	UPPER & MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOICE OF SCHOOL PACKED LUNCHES Dessert Festive Selection
UPPER & MIDDLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH			
WEDNESDAY 6th Dec	OPTION 1 Roast Turkey with all the trimmings	OPTION 2 Quorn Fillet with all the trimmings	EYFS & LOWER SCHOOL CHOICE OF SCHOOL PACKED LUNCHES Dessert Festive Selection
THURSDAY 7th Dec	OPTION 1 Chicken Burger in a Bun Sweetcorn, carrot & sultan salad	OPTION 2 Quorn Sausage in a Hot Dog Bun Sweetcorn, carrot & sultan salad	Dessert School's Favourite Biscuit
FRIDAY 8th Dec	OPTION 1 Salmon Fish Fingers Chips Peas	OPTION 2 Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza Sweetcorn, Pasta & Salad	Dessert Fruit Day & Cream

Also available daily; Fresh wholemeal bread; salad bar; fresh fruit, milk and water

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Please remember to pre-order lunches on SCOPAY even if your child is bringing in a packed lunch from home.

Instructions can be found on our [website/parent's page](#)



Nut Free School The school aims to protect children who have allergies to nuts, We do not allow nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes or in their snacks.

Please can we remind parents to cut grapes in half.

Thank you for co-operation.



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Weekly Special Achievement Awards



EYFS

Noah Ge

James P

Lower School

Larah KL

William M

Harry B

Middle School

Eddie B

Katy S

Bea S

Upper School

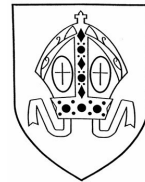
Joshua H

Charlie E

Janelle C



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Grow Your Well-Being

Glitter Bottles

This week at **Well-being Wednesday**, we made glitter bottles.

A glitter bottle can help calm your child when they feel stressed or overwhelmed. You can make a glitter bottle at home - then give it a shake, and watch the glitter settle.

If you would like to make one over the weekend, please see the instructions below:

1. First fill a clean, empty bottle with water (half way)
2. Next add a dash of food dye/colouring
3. **Then add a couple of drops of glycerine**
4. Finally sprinkle in some glitter, sequins, sprinkles...anything you like
5. Screw the lid of the bottle on tight. Secure with glue if needed.
6. SHAKE!



7. Here are some we made earlier...



Have a great weekend,

Mrs Burnham



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Reducing Pollution

Did you know that in order to help reduce pollution around our school, you can park in Tescos car park?



As long as you are in and out of the car park within one hour, parking is free. Of course, if you are able to buy a pint of milk in Tescos, even better!





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**2024
New Year
BALL**

Chelmsford Cathedral and Cathedral School PTA

SATURDAY | 20 | JANUARY 2024

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL
7.15pm for 7.30pm
Carriages at 11.30pm

ARRIVAL DRINK, FOUR COURSE DINNER, LIVE BAND AND DANCING

£50 per person
Tables of 8-10, individual ticket sales welcome
Dress code: Black Tie

Ticket purchases:
Scan the QR code or book via:
www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/new-year-ball-2024

Menu and Dietary requirements will be requested prior to the event

THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL
PTA

**Christmas
RAFFLE**

AMAZING PRIZES

Tickets
£1

- Eurostar tickets - Family of 4
- 2 x Westend tickets to Mrs Doubtfire
- £100 Smyths Toys Voucher
- Christmas Turkey donated by Mrs Wiskin
- £50 Everyman voucher
- Benefit Cosmetics Hamper worth £270
- Little Blossom Skincare treatment and goody bag
- STEM construction kit
- Marriages Flour Hamper
- Total Body Fitness PT session
- and more!!

www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/cathedral-school-pta-christmas-affle-2023

Ball Tickets:



Raffle Tickets:



Christmas Bazaar Map

The winner of the £10 Smyths Voucher is:

Astrid, Class 4

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