



The Cathedral Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School



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Friday 12th January 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Dear All,

At the end of our first full week of 2024, the Christmas break seems a long time ago as everyone has been meeting new learning challenges. The weather is noticeably colder, but we wrap up warmly when we are outside and we are doing our best to preserve heat inside in that interesting balance between the need for fresh air and not pushing up the energy bills!



We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Green level National Travel Award from Modeshift for all the work related to tracking how we travel to school. This was led by Mrs Morecroft and the Eco team, but everyone has contributed to this. Well done everyone! We are now moving to the next level.

In our Early Years setting, it has been lovely to welcome parents in to talk about their professional roles. This helps the children build their knowledge and understanding of the world, but also inspires them in the earliest stage of their education.

If we do have snow next week, we start from the assumption that the school is open. A judgement has to be made as to the safety of the site and the sufficient staff to look after the children. Coming onto site, please stick to the cleared areas to access school. If the weather was so severe, or in the case of catastrophic failure of the heating system, we would alert you by email and Tapestry.

There are some unpleasant bugs around at the moment hitting all schools. A reminder that, as a policy, in the case of vomiting and diarrhoea children must not return to school for a period of **48 hours** following the last bout of illness. We follow this advice to limit the spread of illness.

Well done! to Class 7's Abigail in receiving an Honourable Mention certificate for Exceptional Poetry in the Mighty Oak Public Speaking competition. The poem greatly impressed the judges with its creativity and skill.

Staff have been very busy covering classes as needed and attending meetings afterschool for some of the exciting events this term, such as the Infant Music Festival. Please remember to check the school calendar, we will continue to provide details on Tapestry and continue our home/school dialogue.

Kind regards

Linda Wiskin

**Important
Notice!**

Application to The Cathedral School - September 2024

The local authority closing date for applications to the join reception intake in the school year 2024/25 is on Monday 15th January. To apply [click here](#)

The deadline for submitting the school's Supplementary Information Forms is 31/01/2024

Collect a SIF from the office or download from <https://www.cathedralschool.co.uk/office/admissions>

**All Extra Curriculum Clubs
Clubs Start Week Commencing**

15/01/2024



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Key Dates for Your Diary

- **Upper School Sports Hall Athletics** **16.01.2024**
- **County Basketball Final-Colchester** **18.01.2024**
- **KS1 Assembly Class 4** **18.01.2024 2:45pm**
- **Upper School Assembly Class 10** **25.01.2024 2:45pm**
- **Middle School Assembly Class 7** **01.02.2024 2:45pm**
- **Non Pupil Day** **16.02.2024**
- **Half Term** **19.02.2024—23.02.2024**
- **Parents Evening** **06.03.2024 & 07.03.2024**
- **World Book Day** **08.03.2024**
- **Upper School Assembly Class 11** **14.03.2024**
- **Infant Music Festival** **15.03.2024**
- **Middle School Assembly Class 6** **21.03.2024**
- **Good Friday & Easter Monday** **29.03.2024 & 01.04.2024**
- **Easter Holiday** **02.04.2024—12.04.24**
- **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**
- **Year 4 Sleepover** **28.06.2024**
- **Leavers Service** **09.07.2024**

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

Bold recently added



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Lunch Menu week commencing 15th January 2024

THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

Week Two Lunch Menu



MONDAY	OPTION 1 Chicken Curry Rice Mixed Veg Naan bread	OPTION 2 Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry Rice Mixed Veg Naan bread	Dessert Fruit Crumble & custard
TUESDAY	OPTION 1 Homemade Sausage Roll Potatoes Sweetcorn, Baked Beans	OPTION 2 Carrot, Courgette & Cheese Roll Potatoes Sweetcorn, Baked Beans	Dessert School's Favourite Sponge
WEDNESDAY	OPTION 1 Roast Chicken Crispy Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Seasonal Vegetables (optional gravy)	OPTION 2 Roast Quorn Fillet Crispy Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Seasonal Vegetables (optional gravy)	Dessert Flapjack
THURSDAY	OPTION 1 Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake	OPTION 2 Mediterranean Roasted Vegetable Pasta	Dessert School's Favourite Biscuit
FRIDAY	OPTION 1 Fillet of Fish Chips Peas	OPTION 2 Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pasta, Salad & Sweetcorn	Dessert Fruit Day & Cream

Also available daily;

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

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

Aminah J

Eve B

Lower School

Olivia B

Poppy W

Ashwin DD

Middle School

Oscar W

Henry K

Henry H

Upper School

Petra B

Harrison L

Wiktor S



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National School Travel Award



The whole school community has worked towards the 'National School Travel Award' and has now achieved the Modeshift STARS Green level. Elements of this work can be seen across the school, ranging from new scooter storage facilities to learning about road safety.

As part of our work and in order to achieve the next level in this accreditation, the children have designed a method of tracking travel to school as the WOW travel tracker system is no longer in place. The children have designed their own bespoke travel tracking scheme. Our Essex County Council travel advisor is keenly awaiting our first results from this exciting child-led initiative. Please see the below report by Melissa and Joshua for the details of how this system works and how your child's class will be bargaining with their teacher!

"Since our old travel tracker is gone we've come up with a new method to record our ways of getting to school. Each day we make a tally of how we get to school and each week the winning class is announced. Two points for walking/ scooting or cycling. One point for park and stride or public transport and zero for travelling by car. At the end of each half term the class with the most active points will get a reward of extra playtime or whatever else we can get our teachers to agree to!"

By Melissa A and Joshua S