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Friday 8th December 2023

Message from the Headteacher

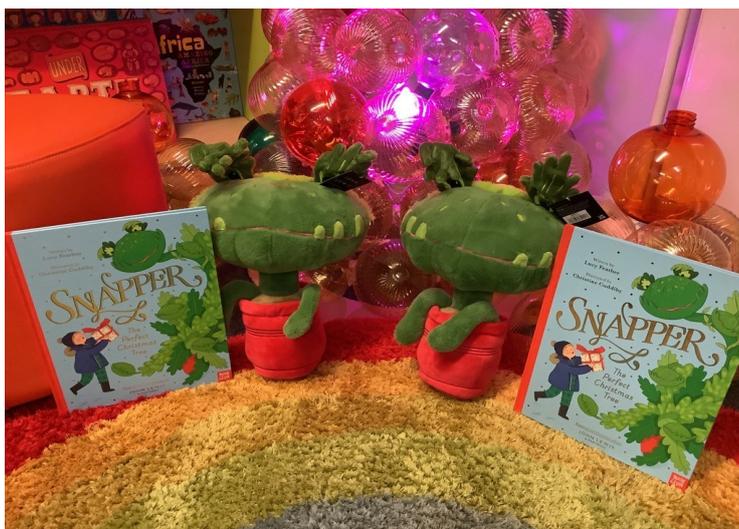
Dear All,

As we start the season of Advent, we have been thinking about preparation of our hearts as well as the outward festivities of the season. So much of this has been about imagining and building understanding of the enormity of the Christmas story. On Tuesday and Wednesday we had some wonderful acting of the roles of Elizabeth, Zachariah, the Angel Gabriel and Mary with everyone involved in one way or another.

The Archbishop of York Award in Year 2 has led to a greater community link with Havencourt, the assisted living residence just up the road from us. Our pupils visit and next week a choir will go to sing to song at Havencourt as is our tradition. This week, twelve members of their community came to see a rehearsal of the Key Stage 1 Nativity. What a lovely experience that was for them and us. Well done KS1 (and Mrs Southgate!)

Parents and staff supported 38 children singing on the first floor of John Lewis on Wednesday which was very well-received. Thank you everyone who sang, supported and attended! We now have some books and two "Snappers". One member of staff who shall be nameless has become so attached they have ordered their own.....

On Thursday, there was an early achievement ceremony as this week on Friday saw the first Nativity dress rehearsal. The newly re-established orchestra/music ensemble played. Hopefully this will inspire more pupils to take up instruments, as this enhances both learning across the curriculum and well-being. Congratulations also to Rose who was runner-up in Vicky Ford's Christmas card competition and received a "Houses of Parliament " bear.



If you haven't yet committed to the school carol service in the Cathedral, please do. This is a school event for the whole of our community to come together with parents and siblings. Starting at 6.30pm on Monday 18th December, it will last about 45-50 minutes. It is one of the special aspects of being a member of The Cathedral School, that we belong to, are supported by and are able to come together in The Cathedral.

Kind regards

Linda Wiskin



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Key Dates for Your Diary

- KS1 Nativities 11.12.2023 & 13.12.2023
- **PTA Free Christmas Games 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](#)

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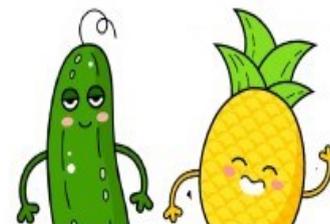
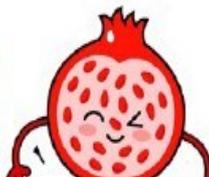
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Lunch Menu week commencing 11th December 2023

THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

Week One Lunch Menu



MONDAY	OPTION 1 Moroccan Chicken Savoury Rice with Mixed Veg	OPTION 2 Moroccan Quorn Savoury Rice with Mixed Veg	Dessert Fruit Crumble & custard
TUESDAY	OPTION 1 Homemade Chicken Pie Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	OPTION 2 Cheese Pinwheels Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Dessert School's Favourite Sponge
WEDNESDAY	OPTION 1 Mixed Grill Pork sausage, hash browns Baked beans	OPTION 2 Vegetarian Mixed Grill Quorn sausage, hash browns Baked beans	Dessert Flapjack
THURSDAY	OPTION 1 Macaroni Cheese Salad	OPTION 2 Jacket Potato Cheese, Beans or Tuna Salad	Dessert School's Favourite Biscuit
FRIDAY	OPTION 1 Omega 3 Fish Fingers Chips, Peas	OPTION 2 Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pasta, Salad & Sweetcorn	Dessert Fruit Day & Cream

Also available daily;
Fresh wholemeal bread; salad bar; fresh fruit 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.

Please check our [X Page \(Twitter\)](#) to see latest information about what we have been up to! [The Cathedral School \(@catschool\) / Twitter](#)



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Reminder about Clubs



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

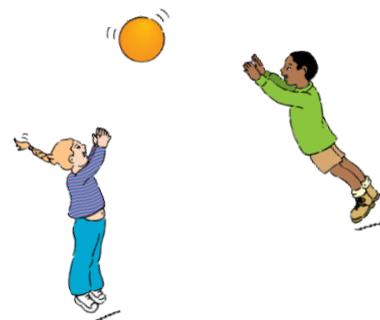
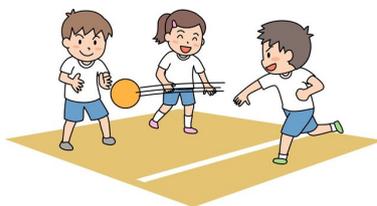
However, there are these four exceptions:

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

Year 1&2 Chelmsford City finishes on Thursday 14th December





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Weekly Special Achievement Awards



EYFS

Adam C

Ikechukwu O

Lower School

Jamie S

Dexter S

Zayn N

Middle School

Lilly R

Izzy D

James W

Upper School

Eleanor C

Giorgia H

Naomi G



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Grow Your Well-Being



KOOTH is a free online mental health and wellbeing support service for children and young people. People aged **11-25** can use Kooth to receive one-on-one online sessions with counsellors, peer-to-peer support and more. This is completely anonymous too. Mrs Burnham

Have a great weekend,
Mrs Burnham

NHS
Providing NHS services

**Free, safe and anonymous
mental wellbeing support
for young people.**

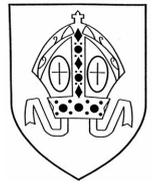
Your local NHS is providing free counselling, community support and self-help tools for young people through **kooth.com**. It's completely anonymous and you can sign up without any sort of referral.

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get started
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FREE Christmas Games
WEDNESDAY, 13 DEC
IN THE PLAYGROUND
3.20-3.45

ALL WELCOME
 FREE GAMES
 A "PRIZE" TABLE OF TOYS,
 CRAFTS AND OTHER ITEMS WILL
 BE AVAILABLE FOR £1

WE HAVE LEFTOVER PRIZES FROM THE BAZAAR WHEEL OF FORTUNE AND NOWHERE TO STORE THEM SO WE'RE CONTINUING THE FUN. EVERYONE CAN PLAY THE FREE GAMES. THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO BUY A PRIZE



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

QR code for ticket purchases

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
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Raffle Tickets:



Ball Tickets:





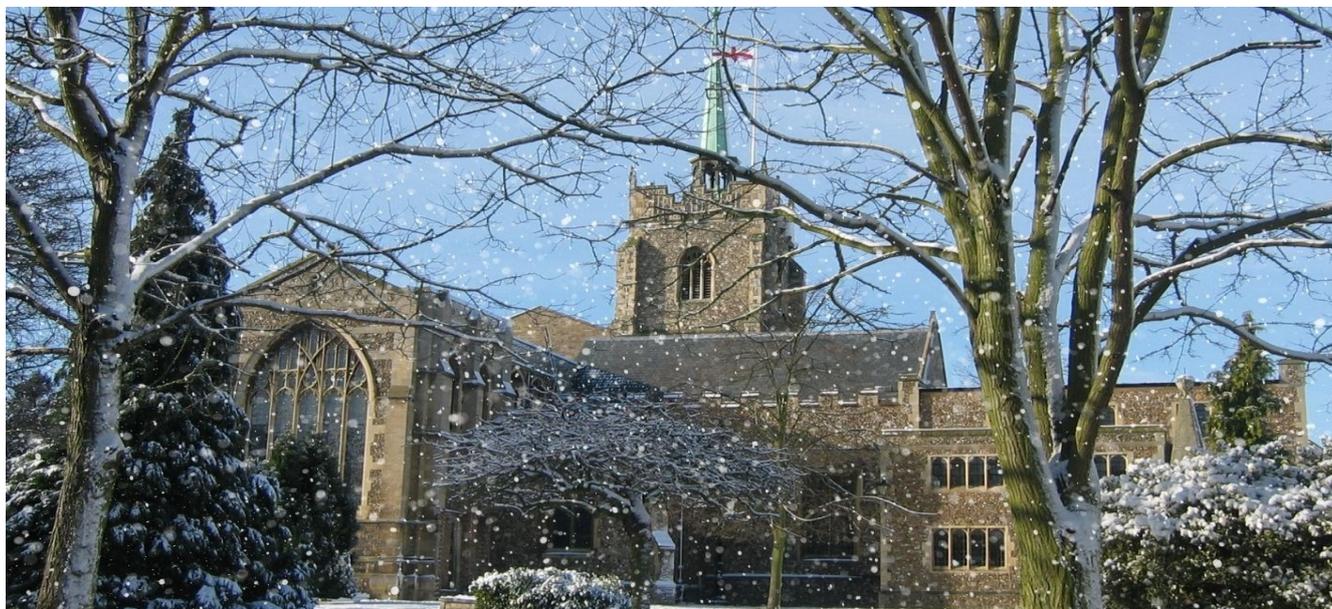
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Christmas at the Cathedral

Carols for Everyone

Fridays 8th and 15th December at midday

Sing your favourite carols during your lunch break and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies!

Christingle Service

Sunday 17th December at 3.30pm

Perfect for young children, find out why the Christingle, a little lighted candle in an orange, helps us tell the Christmas story.

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 17th December at 6pm and 8pm

Sing your favourite Christmas carols by the light of our Christmas tree in the beautiful surroundings of the Cathedral.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

**Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd
December at 6.30pm**

A traditional carol service led by the Cathedral Choir with readings and congregational singing.

Carols for Kids

Friday 22nd December at 12.30pm and 2pm

A family-friendly sing-a-long of all your favourite Christmas carols. Wear your Christmas jumpers!

Crib Service

Sunday 24th December at 3.30pm

In this interactive service children are invited to dress up as characters from the nativity and help retell the Christmas story.

Midnight Mass

Sunday 24th December at 11.30pm

A traditional Choral Eucharist with the Cathedral Choir to welcome Christmas Day. Incense will be used during this service.

All-Age Eucharist on Christmas Morning

Monday 25th December at 9.30am

Christmas Day Choral Eucharist

Monday 25th December at 11.15am

With the Bishop of Chelmsford. Incense will be used during this service.