

*Welcome from all of the Education Team here at Rochester Cathedral.  
New brasses, new photo-trails and new approaches through movement and dance are among the features making 2009/10 a great year so far despite nature's best attempts to restrict our activities! Do you remember snow, ice and volcanic ash? 500 visitors joined in our Family Fun Day in February, enjoying morris dancing and parachute games as well as our more familiar offer. 53 Cub Scouts came along on a soggy October evening and found that exploring "My Faith" is very active and great fun! Our website (address below) is proving a great success as teachers using it now make their booking enquiries in a very informed fashion. Have you seen our panoramic virtual tour yet? Ideal for your interactive white board.*

## **CALMING OF THE STORM**

- our dance project for special schools

**"... a rich learning experience  
... in an awe-inspiring building"**

... Is just one of the comments from Abbey Court School who joined us to pilot our Dance Project workshop – The Calming of the Storm.



What the students thought!

Pupils, staff and Cathedral volunteers enjoyed three sessions of music and movement in the Cathedral nave during the recent Autumn & Spring terms. Whilst the story was narrated we climbed into our boat, hoisted the sail, rocked on seas both calm and rough, got cold and scared; then finally, rejoiced as Jesus did his bit and calmed the storm.

A rollercoaster of fun, laughter and emotion as we learned together under the watchful eye of Pam (a professional dancer and one of our Education Development staff).

The final session took place in front of several other schools, some of whom were so impressed that they have now signed up to join the fun on future dates.

Following this pilot, the Calming of the Storm project can be booked from September 2010. To find out more please come along on Sept 15th to our **free** teachers' twilight briefing (see overleaf)— booking essential.

**You can contact Rochester Cathedral Education Department by phone on  
01634 810066 or email [assistofficer@rochestercathedral.org](mailto:assistofficer@rochestercathedral.org)  
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## Special Schools Update

Don't forget our Open Door Pass, launched in 2009. You can still apply.

### The Open Door Pass

For £50 this 12 month pass entitles the participating school to unlimited entry to the Cathedral for self guided visits plus access to our handling collection which has grown in 2010!

All visits must be pre-booked.



### Dates for your diary

Dance Project

(see review overleaf)

dates:

**May 18** - Calming the storm with Parkwood Hall

**May 20** - Noah and the Ark with Trinity

and

**Sept 15—(4-5:30pm)**

Free **twilight session** for teachers (chocolate biscuits guaranteed). Come to hear what we are up to. Booking essential!



## KS2 Science and Maths Creation Disco Days September 2010

Bookings are now being taken for our popular Science / Maths Creation Disco Days on 17th and 24th September and 1st October 2010. Explore the science of sound, find out how Rochester's monks used the science of light to enhance their lives, explore the physics of the building with Bishop Gundulf, use mathematical skills to investigate, create your own tessellated patterns. The day ends with an organ demo and talk. Prices held at last year's rate of £3.95 per pupil. Call 01634 810066 to book. Please note these days sell out quickly!

### Holiday Activities



#### **BRASS RUBBING**

Most Tuesdays during school holidays—check the website for full details. 50p per rubbing. We have 10 new brasses for 2010 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**

We have new sheets for 2010 featuring patterns and beasts. Available from the welcome desk, these can also be downloaded from the cathedral website.

[www.rochestercathedral.org](http://www.rochestercathedral.org)

### 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.**

**For more information about visits and activities please call our Education Team**

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