

## KS1 Norwich Cathedral School Trip

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023, 53 Students along with 9 members of staff and 3 volunteers went on a trip to Norwich Cathedral. The objectives of the trip were to learn more about the life of WW1 Nurse Matron Edith Cavell and the features of the Cathedral.

The children were incredibly excited but also nervous. For many of our children this was their first official school trip and for some the first time they had never travelled by coach.

We arrived at the Cathedral around 10:15am and made our way through the main archway to the Hostry where we were greeted by a very friendly volunteer. Once inside, the children were led through a series of corridors and into a beautiful room full of religious artefacts.



Soon after, to the children's amazement, they were met by 'WW1 Nurse Matron Edith Cavell'. The children listened intently and thoroughly enjoyed taking a journey with her around the Cathedral as she shared her story. They learned more about the different events during her life and what inspired her to make the choices she did.

They thoroughly enjoyed meeting Edith's dog 'Jack' and found it funny when he insisted on bowing even when it wasn't his turn! Afterwards, the children made their way outside to visit the place where Edith was buried and to look at her headstone.

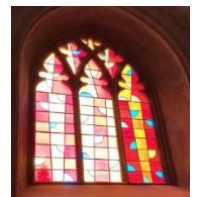


After lunch, the children continued their learning journey and had a guided tour around the Cathedral. They visited the font and learned how it is used for Baptism. The children were



also surprised to learn that the font was donated in 1994 by a Norwich chocolate factory and was previously used for manufacturing toffee!

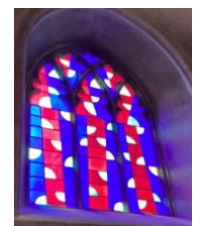
Afterwards, they made their way down to the altar. The children enjoyed exploring the traditional clothing worn by the Bishop and how the colour purple is worn during Advent and Lent to represent sorrow and suffering. Next to the altar was the beautifully carved pulpit. The children were so surprised that it was carved out of stone and couldn't believe how long it must have taken to create it.



Next, the children continued their journey through the Cathedral and looked at its many



stained-glass windows. They were really good at identifying the different Christian symbols and could also spot the window explaining the Bible story of Noah's Ark. The children especially enjoyed looking at the 'Trinity Windows' and how despite the rain, they still created a wonderful, bright kaleidoscope of colour in the corridor.



After the tour, the children made their way back to the classroom where they joined in with retelling the Bible story of Creation and then used arts and crafts to create their own stained-glass window to take home. It was soon time for us to head back to the coach and the children were really sad to hear that our trip to the Cathedral was coming to an end.

The staff at the Cathedral were extremely complementary about the children's engagement and behaviour. They were so impressed with the politeness and kindness shown by all the children.

Here are some of the things our children said about their visit.

"I liked seeing the three stained glass windows because they were so colourful!"

"I liked meeting Edith because she told a really good story. I felt like I was actually there!"

"I really liked meeting Jack the dog. He was so funny when he kept bowing. Edith kept telling him off!"

Everyone in KS1 would like to say a massive 'THANK YOU' to the Parish Council for subsidising this visit. Without this support, the trip would not have gone ahead.