NORWICH CATHEDRAL

September 2026

Dear Parents,

‘BE A CHORISTER’ DAY AT NORWICH CATHEDRAL
Saturday 10th October 2026, 11.00am – 4.00pm

On Saturday 10th October, we will be holding our annual ‘Be a Chorister’ day, in partnership with Norwich School. This is a fun day of singing, music-making and games, open to all boys and girls of primary school age. No prior singing experience is necessary and there is no cost to participate. We simply want children to come along and enjoy the opportunity to sing with us in the Cathedral!

The programme for the day is:

10.45am	Arrival and registration ▪ Singing session for children with a vocal coach ▪ Presentation for parents who would like to find out more about choirs at Norwich Cathedral ▪ Drama & games for children at Norwich School ▪ Q&A for parents and coffee
Lunch	Provided for children at Norwich School
Afternoon	Singing for children with Ashley Grote, Organist & Master of Music at Norwich Cathedral and the Cathedral Choristers Optional tours of Norwich Lower School for parents
3.30pm	Choral Evensong in Norwich Cathedral, sung by the participating children alongside the cathedral choristers – all welcome to attend
4.15pm	End

Throughout the day, children are supervised in small groups by staff from Norwich School and Norwich Cathedral: parents can drop their children off and are not required to stay with them.

To register for a place, please visit www.norwich-school.org.uk/open-events-and-visits

SINGING OPPORTUNITIES AT NORWICH CATHEDRAL

As well as inviting children to take part in 'Be a Chorister' day, I'd like to draw your attention to the opportunities available for children to sing at Norwich Cathedral:

Norwich Cathedral Choir – CHORISTER SCHOLARSHIPS – auditions Saturday 21st November

Norwich Cathedral Choir is widely regarded as one of the finest Cathedral Choirs in the country and being a cathedral chorister offers unrivalled musical and educational opportunities for boys and girls. All the choristers attend Norwich School and receive a scholarship worth 30% of the school fees during their time in the choir. Typically, choristers join the choir at the start of Year 4 and are choristers until the end of Year 8.

On Saturday 21st November we will be holding auditions for boys and girls who would like to join the Cathedral Choir in September 2027. This means boys and girls currently in the Year 3, although we are also happy to meet and hear children in Year 2 who may be thinking about joining the choir in September 2028.

At audition, we ask children to sing a piece of their own choosing, with piano accompaniment. This can be a hymn, nursery rhyme, song they know from school, or even a Christmas carol: it should be anything that they enjoy singing with confidence and they are not judged on what it is. We will ask them to do some simple vocal exercises and pitching tests in a fun and informal way. If children are learning instruments, they are encouraged to bring them along too.

Enquiries about the Cathedral Choir are welcome any time and I am always happy to meet children and parents informally. To register for an audition, or to find out more, please email our Choir Administrator Mrs Jo Dembicki choir@cathedral.org.uk or telephone 01603 218306.

Norwich Cathedral Children's Choir

Norwich Cathedral Children's Choir meets each Saturday morning during term time, 9.30am – 10.15am for boys and girls in Year 2 to Year 6.

There is no charge to join and no audition: it is simply a group for children who enjoy singing! It is a great opportunity to sing with other children and take part in events at the cathedral and elsewhere throughout the year. If you are interested in this, please do get in touch with Mrs Jo Dembicki: choir@cathedral.org.uk. New members are welcome at any time; all that we ask is that the children make it a regular commitment once they join.

I hope that your children will be inspired to join us on 10th October, and perhaps even to join one of our choirs – please do get in touch!

Yours sincerely,

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