

RE AND CW NEWS FROM YOUR DIOCESAN SCHOOLS' ADVISERS

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DATES FOR DIARIES

Training: New to Teaching RE

This training morning, on Tuesday 20 May, is useful to anyone in your school who has recently started teaching RE, or is about to. More information [here](#).

Training: Inspiring Collective Worship

On Tuesday 3 June, this training will provide an opportunity to explore and develop a clear understanding of Collective Worship in Church schools as well as practical strategies to enhance and strengthen inclusive and invitational provision. More information [here](#).

Cathedral Service

Our annual service will take place on Monday 23 June at 1:30pm at Bury St Edmunds cathedral. It would be lovely to see lots of schools there, so please do save the date. If your school would like to take part in the service – e.g. singing a song, reading or praying - please let us know by 30 April.

Online: RE Subject Leader Update

Our annual update will take place on Wednesday 25th June. More information [here](#).

In-Person: RE Network Meeting

On Monday 30th June (4-5pm) we will be meeting in-person at Great Finborough CEVCP School to network together, discuss how RE has gone over the year and to have a look at the Emmanuel Project website! All welcome! Free to attend, just email Rachel to let us know you're coming.



We have been busy writing the new Early Years units for the Emmanuel Project and we would love to test these in Reception classes! The two units for Summer term are:

What makes every single person unique and precious? and **How can we care for our wonderful world?**

Are you an early years teacher who'd be happy to try out one or both of these new units? Or would the EY teacher in your school be willing to? If it's usually a TA/HLTA in your school who teaches RE in EY, we'd also be keen to see how they find teaching these new units. Do let us know if you can help. Thank you!

You may well be aware that we are currently building the new Emmanuel Project website, where all the plans, resources and supplementary materials will be available in one place. Each school will need to register and subscribe to the new site (£50 per year). We are launching the website in July 2025 so that it is in place for the new academic year. We welcome any suggestions for the new website so do let us know what would be useful to you and help you as you lead and/or teach RE.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT: PROJECT UPDATE

We have been making great progress with the Spiritual Development Project - I have so enjoyed listening to staff across the Diocese talking about their perspective on spiritual development and imagining what could be possible in their environments. Most schools have come up with an analogy to put language around the topic which the whole school can use. We are also trialling some Collective Worship sessions for KS1 and KS2 which are being honed with the children. Look out for these being available soon for you to try out!

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<https://www.re-hubs.uk>

An excellent website for finding accredited places of worship to visit, or visitors to come into school to talk about their faith. They also have a super resource bank. Would recommend signing up to their newsletter, just complete this short form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/937X9mjsP3>

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



We have recently emailed out some CW plans linked to the Fruit of the Spirit. The plans are also available on the CW padlet here:

<https://cofesuffolk.padlet.org/jacquistudd1/cw>

Resources for Ascension (Thursday 29th May) and Pentecost (Sunday 8th June) available here.

<https://cofesuffolk.padlet.org/jacquistudd1/Pentecost>

<https://cofesuffolk.padlet.org/jacquistudd1/Ascension>



Picture News are very excited to announce that they have recently received funding to help embed Picture News in a limited number of schools. They are offering this initially to all Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich schools. Full details, and express your interest [here](#).

Thank you to all the schools who came to the **Big Spring Sing**. It was wonderful to all sing together and to hear many stories of what children in your schools are doing to fight against injustice.

COMPETITION



No Place Like Home

This sounds like a wonderful art and poetry competition! Suitable for 7-18 year olds.

More information here:

<https://sanctuaryfoundation.org.uk/art>

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

We are currently advertising for a 0.4fte Schools' Adviser post, starting in September 2025. This is a role working alongside myself and with the wider Diocesan Education team. It will involve providing training and support on RE, spirituality and Collective Worship to schools and on Christian distinctiveness to church schools. More information available [here](#). For an informal discussion about the post, please contact Jane Sheat, Diocesan Director of Education on 07884 232231.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter and a good rest over the holiday. Do contact me with any queries or if there's anything I can help you with.

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