

# ICONS NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THE  
DECEMBER ICONS  
NEWSLETTER!**



**International Cross  
of Nails Schools**

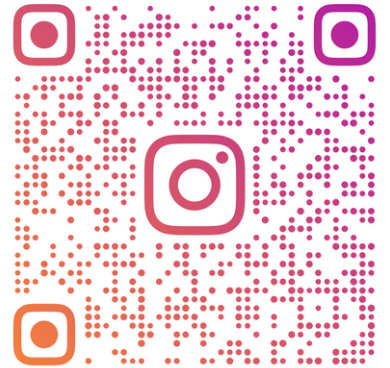
**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR  
SOCIAL MEDIA AND GET  
INVOLVED**

Make sure to send us any images or news of your activities, we would love to showcase what you are up to! And get in touch if you'd like us to share your school pages and updates, etc.

Just double click or scan the links!



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# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

## ST ANDREWS

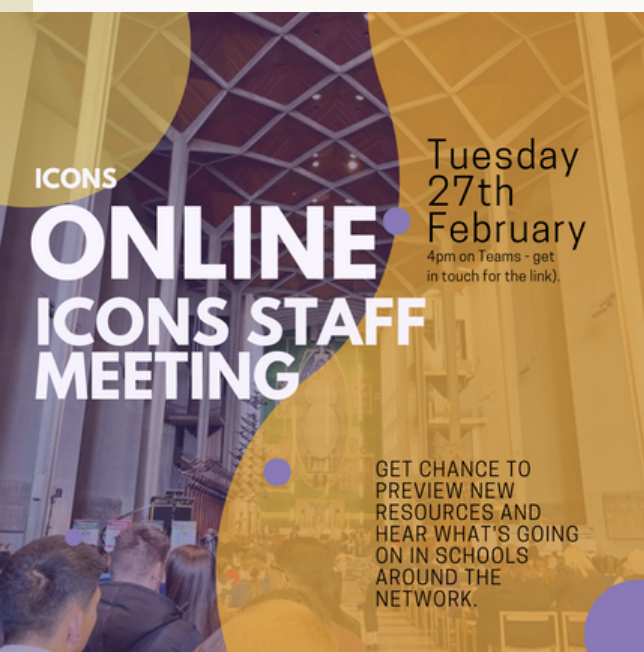
This November 9th we had the great pleasure of celebrating St Andrew's CE Infant School's cross presentation service! This fantastic service involved all of the pupils of this wonderful school community performing drama, singing songs and showing off there awesome artwork. We are so happy to welcome them into the network and see what they get up to!



## ICONS Staff Meetings

Our Next set of ICONS staff meetings are coming this February following our new format of a breakfast and an online staff meeting for those further afield. We would love to see you there!

Our most recent meeting on the 7th November was well attended and we shared many insightful viewpoints on current events and how this translates into how we interact with pupils- email for a link to the meeting recording!



# UPCOMING DATES AND OPPORTUNITY

## 2024 Training dates

Check out our upcoming Ambassadors and Champions training dates and get in touch to book on or for more info!

The next two terms are the perfect time to train up your chosen ICONS ambassadors ready for them to get stuck into ICONS Ideals before next September and embed it into the school community.

It's also the perfect time to undertake Champions ready for you to write any important ICONS themes and values into your curriculum during the summer and before the new academic year!

### ICONS DATES 2024

**SECONDARY SCHOOL AMBASSADORS (IN-PERSON) 9.45am-2.15pm**

**19th January, 23rd February and 24th April.**

**PRIMARY SCHOOL AMBASSADORS (IN-PERSON) 9.45am-2.15pm**

**18th, 20th and 22nd March.**

**ONLINE STAFF CHAMPIONS TRAINING (BREAKFAST SET) 8am-10am.**

**19th and 26th of February and the 4th of March.**

**ONLINE STAFF CHAMPIONS TRAINING (TWILIGHT SET) 3pm-5pm**

**19th and 26th of February and the 4th of March.**

**IN PERSON STAFF CHAMPIONS TRAINING (ONE DAY VERSION) 8am-2pm**

**19th February.**

# KEY DATES FOR YOUR SCHOOLS DIARY \*2023-24\*:

The updated Peace calendar for 2023-4 can be found through the link below and through the website also and is packed with ideas and prompts on how to weave ICONS work and practice into the heart of your schools learning and teaching! Perfect for preparing for September and writing plans for collective worship/ R.E.

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/shop/digital-resources/icons-peace-calendar-2023-24>



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## Peace Calendar for Schools 2023-24

Below are key dates, focus weeks and months, which you may want to use as vehicles for developing the 3 themes of ICONS in your school:

1. Healing the wounds of history
2. Living with difference and celebrating diversity
3. Building a culture of peace

Date	Event	ICONS Theme
21 <sup>st</sup> September	International Day of Peace	1 & 3
19 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> September	UK Recycle Week	1
26 <sup>th</sup> September	European Day of Languages	1, 2 & 3
30 <sup>th</sup> September	National Sporting Heritage Day	2
October	UK Black History Month	1 & 2
1 <sup>st</sup> October	International Older People's Day	3
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Silver Sunday	3
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	World Habitat Day	1 & 3
10 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health Day	3
10 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> October	National Braille Week	2
11 <sup>th</sup> October	International Day of the Girl Child	2
11 <sup>th</sup> October	National Coming Out Day	2
14 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> October	National Hate Crime Awareness Week	2 & 3
16 <sup>th</sup> October	World Food Day	2
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Child Poverty Day	1
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Anti-Slavery Day	1
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Conflict Resolution Day	3
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	National Stress Awareness Day	3
8 <sup>th</sup> November	World Town Planning Day	3
9 <sup>th</sup> November	World Freedom Day	1 & 3
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Armistice Day	1 & 3
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Sunday	1
12 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> November	Inter Faith Week	2 & 3

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13 <sup>th</sup> November	World Kindness Day	3
13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week	2 & 3
14 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> November	ICONS Birthday	1, 2 & 3
16 <sup>th</sup> November	International Day for Tolerance	2
20 <sup>th</sup> November	International Children's Day	2
21 <sup>st</sup> November	World Hello Day	2 & 3
25 <sup>th</sup> November	White Ribbon Day	3
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Prisoners for Peace Day	1
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	1
5 <sup>th</sup> December	International Volunteers Day	2 & 3
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Human Rights Day	1, 2 & 3
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Arabic Language Day	2
18 <sup>th</sup> December	International Migrants Day	2 & 3
20 <sup>th</sup> December	International Human Solidarity Day	2
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	World Braille Day	2
21 <sup>st</sup> January	World Religion Day	2
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Holocaust Memorial Day	1, 2 & 3
30 <sup>th</sup> January-6 <sup>th</sup> February	National Storytelling Week	2
February	UK LGBT History Month	1 & 2
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Time to Talk Day	3
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Care Day	1
5 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> February	UK Children's Mental Health Week	3
5 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> February	Student Volunteering Week	3
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day	3
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Send a Card to a Friend Day	1, 2 & 3
11 <sup>th</sup> February	International Day of Women in Science	2
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentine's Day	3
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Random Acts of Kindness Day	3
21 <sup>st</sup> February	International Mother Language Day	2
March	Women's History Month	1 & 2

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# ICONS AMBASSADORS

## DO YOU THINK YOUR PUPILS COULD BECOME ICONS AMBASSADORS?

ICONS Ambassadors is a leadership programme for children and young people which will develop their understanding of the following:

- Theory behind ideas of prejudice, conflict transformation, forgiveness and reconciliation and how to apply their understanding to schools contexts
- Skills and values of peace-makers and reconcilers and how to plan for change within the school context
- Coventry Cathedral's story and the lasting, global legacy of peace and reconciliation that has grown out of it
- The 3 themes of ICONS: 1) Healing the wounds of history, 2) Living with difference and celebrating diversity, 3) Building a culture of peace

The ICONS Ambassadors Programme is most suitable for pupils in Y4-Y6 and involves attendance of sessions run at Coventry Cathedral or by arrangement for schools further afield. Each ICON School can send up to 15 pupils

For dates please see page 3 and if you would like to indicate when your term time preferences are for when we could book any dates for next academic year please let us and we can take this into consideration when booking (e.g. not during mock exam season) - Thank you!

If you would like to send your pupils on this course or are interested in trailing our new course please email [Jessica.weale@coventry.anglican.org](mailto:Jessica.weale@coventry.anglican.org) or [emma.griffiths@coventry.anglican.org](mailto:emma.griffiths@coventry.anglican.org) and we will send you an application form - please be aware that this course costs £20 per student (£30 for secondary students), which can be discussed with the Cathedral if this is a difficulty.

# ICONS CHAMPIONS

**WE ALSO OFFER ICONS CHAMPIONS TRAINING TO STAFF TO EQUIP YOU WITH THE CLASSROOM SKILLS THAT FURTHER RECONCILIATION CENTRED LEARNING AND PEACEFUL PRACTICE IN THE CLASSROOM.**

**What is an ICONS Champion?**

**An ICONS Champion is a member of staff who is passionate about the concept of ICON Schools and understands the story of Coventry Cathedral and the Cross of Nails as a symbol of peace and reconciliation. This person will drive forward peace-building and reconciliation initiatives and encourage children and staff to engage with the school's work in this area.**

**This training is for staff in ICON Schools who are intending to take a lead on embedding their ICONS status so that there is ownership across the school community.**

**Smaller ICON schools may wish to send only one member of staff but larger primaries and secondary ICONS are encouraged to send more than one member of staff, especially if they want to spread impact across several key stages or different departments.**

**Over time, many members of staff from the same school may attend the training each time it is run to foster the greatest level of ownership.**

**See page 3 for details of date options including our twilight and breakfast set of timings, perfect for staff trying to fit it into a busy work day!**

**If you would like to attend this course please email [Jessica.Weale@Coventry.Anglican.org.uk](mailto:Jessica.Weale@Coventry.Anglican.org.uk) or [emma.griffiths@coventry.anglican.org](mailto:emma.griffiths@coventry.anglican.org) and we will send you an application form - please be aware that this course costs £90 for all three sessions, which can be discussed with the cathedral if this is a fiscal difficulty.**

**PLEASE KEEP CHECKING OUR WEB-PAGE FOR RESOURCES AS  
WE'LL BE POSTING NEW ICONS TEACHING RESOURCES EVERY  
FEW WEEKS.**

**IF YOU ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY ACCESSING THESE PLEASE  
LET  
US KNOW.**

**[HTTPS://WWW.COVENTRYCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK/SHOP/DIGITA  
L-RESOURCES](https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/shop/digital-resources)**

**OUR NEW RESOURCE HUB WILL BE AVAILABLE TO YOU SOON  
SO WATCH OUT FOR DETAILS ON THAT COMING UP!**

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR READING AND INTERACTING WITH  
THIS NEWSLETTER.**

**DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIAS AND GET IN  
TOUCH WITH US ABOUT ALL OUR EXCITING ACTIVITIES.**

**WARMEST REGARDS,  
THE ICONS TEAM.**