

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

A GUIDE TO SCHOOL VISITS AT COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

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WELCOME TO COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

Greetings from Coventry Cathedral's Schools' Team

The Schools' Team provides educational visits that will be memorable, exciting and will allow you to discover the unique history and stories of Coventry Cathedral.

Our curriculum-linked tours will allow your group to explore the cathedral with the help and expertise of our highly skilled and knowledgeable teachers. You will be taken through both the old cathedral ruins and the new cathedral.

To continue your students' learning journey we provide workshops for all ages, designed around a varied curriculum, ensuring your students get the best opportunity to learn and develop their knowledge and skills. More information on the workshops available can be found within this booklet.



Coventry Cathedral provides children with the opportunity to learn about peace, reconciliation, art, history, mathematics and much more.

Come and spend the day with us and explore our story. Coventry Cathedral can take your school on a journey and with our dedicated Schools' Team we will ensure your visit is unforgettable and educational.



EARLY YEARS AND FOUNDATION STAGE WORKSHOPS

CURRICULUM BASED WORKSHOPS:

The following topics have been designed around the early years and foundation stage curriculum. All the workshops mentioned can be easily adapted to suit the needs of your pupils. We will happily work with you to create a session that is more fitting to the topics you are covering with your class.

SHAPES AND PATTERNS

CREATION – Explore the Creation Story through shape, space and patterns both inside and outside the Cathedral.

BAPTISM – Learn about Baptism by exploring the Baptistry Window and Cathedral Font through the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar.



IMPORTANCE OF FORGIVENESS

CONFLICT, PEACE AND RECONCILIATION – Explore the story ‘God’s Dream’ by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and discover the important message of love and forgiveness.



USING YOUR SENSES

CATHEDRAL SENSORY TOUR – Enjoy an ‘I Spy’ hunt using all the senses.

WEDDINGS – Journey through the space of the Cathedral, and discover what Christians believe about marriage through acting out a wedding.

STORIES FROM THE BIBLE

THE LOST SHEEP – Explore this well-known story from the bible and discover animals in the Cathedral.

PREPARING FOR EASTER – A closer look at Lent and Easter.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS – A closer look at Advent and Christmas.

‘top of my list of places to visit’.

Thanks so much for all of your help and your care with dealing with our children. We had a fantastic time!

J Ford, St Anne’s Catholic Primary School



GUIDED TOURS

Immerse yourself in the Cathedral for half a day on a curriculum-based tour with one of our teachers.

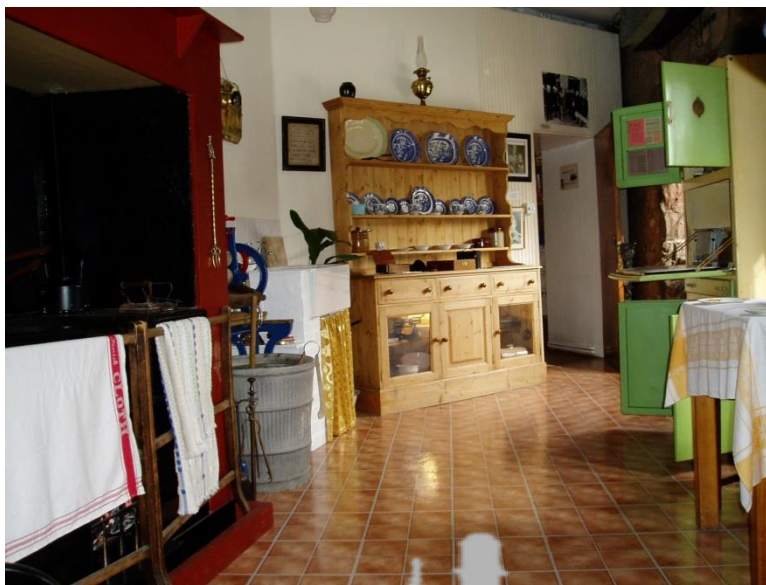
TOUR TOPICS

GENERAL - An introduction to the medieval and modern Cathedral buildings.

ART - Study the Cathedral's art and architecture, and experience how they enhance the building's atmosphere.

BLITZ IN COVENTRY - Travel back in time to 1940, and see how the Blitz affected Coventry in our Blitz Museum.

MEDIEVAL TO 1960s HISTORY – Explore the changes over the centuries in our city rich with history.





CONFLICT, PEACE AND RECONCILIATION - Coventry Cathedral is at the heart of global reconciliation initiatives. Investigate how we use our past to strive for forgiveness instead of conflict.

PLACE OF WORSHIP - Explore the Cathedral as a place of worship

SIGNS AND SYMBOLS – Uncover the signs, symbolism and hidden meanings in the Cathedral

'Our pupils got so much from the day. Many thanks. For our kids it was a chance for them to lift their horizons'

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AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

If you can stay for the whole day we can provide workshop activities to continue and enhance your experience at the Cathedral and deepen students' learning.

ACTIVITIES

ART WORKSHOP – Students take part in a number of art activities, and practice skills such as sketching, sculpting and collage in this dramatic space.

HISTORY WORKSHOP – Take a closer look at life in World War II using Identity Cards, Ration Books and Henry Moore's air-raid drawings.

MATHS WORKSHOP – Explore the Cathedral using a variety of mathematical skills.

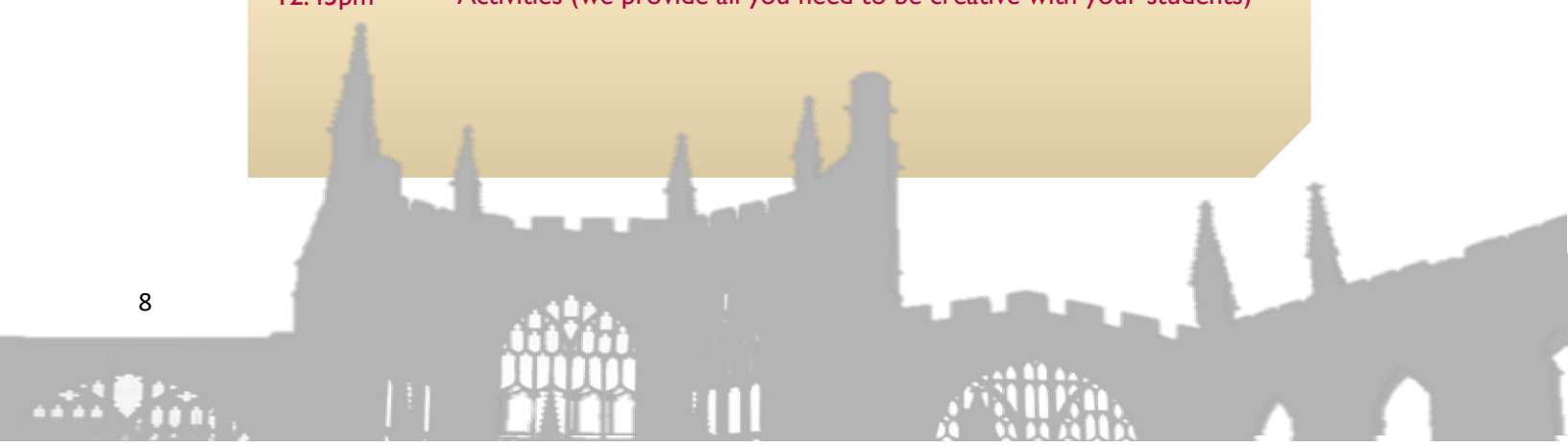
CONFLICT RECONCILIATION & PEACE WORKSHOP – Explore these key concepts and how they relate to us as individuals, to our community and to the world.

RE WORKSHOP – Consider the sacred, reflect, respond and be creative

SIGNS AND SYMBOLS – Uncover the signs, symbols and hidden meanings in the Cathedral art and furnishings

TYPICAL DAY

10am	Arrival and tour
12.15pm	Lunch
12.45pm	Activities (we provide all you need to be creative with your students)



KEY EVENTS

BLITZ WEEK

Question characters from the Coventry Blitz, explore WW II artefacts and become an evacuee for the day! Join in between the 8th to the 12th November.

CHRISTINGLE EVENT (to be confirmed)

Primary Schools from Coventry and Warwickshire get into the Christmas spirit by making Christingle candles and performing Christmas songs.



GCSE & A-LEVEL ART WEEKS

Immerse your class in some of the finest examples of 20th Century art and sculpture for half a day in January. Tour the New Cathedral, studying the various techniques used by the artists, then unleash your creativity and use the space to



produce your own art - from photographers to sketchers, there's something here for everyone!

GIFTED AND TALENTED DAY

Explore Coventry's historic centre, using your enquiry skills to study its geography, history and religious importance.

PI WEEK: AWE-SOME MATHS

Join us during the week of March 14th (3.14...) and explore this amazing mathematical concept in the New Cathedral. Get hands-on with Maths, using the building itself to discover why Pi is so important!

EXPERIENCING EASTER

Learn the Easter story through an imaginative journey which takes you from Lent through to Easter.



IN SCHOOL VISITS & VIRTUAL CLASSROOMS

There's no doubt that bringing children out of the classroom to experience the sights, sounds and smells of historic buildings and places of worship is an amazing experience, and one that cannot be replicated online.

We know, however, that taking children away from the classroom is tricky – especially since COVID-19 took hold.

To support you and your students in the history and RE curriculum we've created a range of sessions and workshops accessed online and via Microsoft teams in your classrooms.

Coventry Blitz – 45 min session – including story of the 14-15th Nov & activities

Coventry Blitz assembly – 20 mins

Coventry Cathedral place of worship – 45 mins to see and explore the key features and furnishings of a Christian church.

Our Schools' team is also very happy to come to you if you cannot get to us here at Coventry Cathedral.

Running a Community Day on the theme of forgiveness?

Want help with a class/school art project?

Would you like to run a Citizenship Workshop on Conflict Resolution & Bridge Building, or Relationships?



We are available to visit your school to help bring a variety of topics to life with some of the stories that surround Coventry Cathedral. We can talk in assemblies, teach a specific lesson, teach a series of lessons throughout a day or present to an entire key stage/year group. Just let us know what you would like and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOLS PILGRIMAGE TO THE CATHEDRAL

Asking the question “Who am I?”

Identifying talents and abilities

Exploring Christian Values

Learning about Pilgrimage

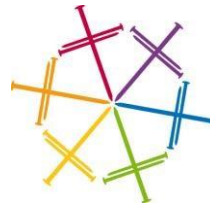
Bring your students to the Cathedral, and we will take them on a reflective journey. Designed with specific year groups in mind, such as the Year Six transition to Secondary School, the pilgrimages are explicitly Christian in nature and allow time for the children to encounter Jesus through a number of fun and reflective activities. They will be encouraged to use their senses and work in groups. They will also be given space to be alone and understand better the person they are.

Pilgrimages are tailored and bespoke to your particular group, but could be on:

TRANSITION • PEACE & PRAYER • RECONCILIATION • LENT & EASTER



BECOMING AN ICONS SCHOOL



International Cross
of Nails Schools

The **International Cross of Nails Schools (ICONS)** is a growing network of schools around the globe, committed to deepening their understanding of reconciliation and incorporating it into their everyday life and routine.

The ICONS programme creates a safe space, without fear, for children to explore powerful emotions and practice the skills of reconciliation, encouraged by the positive example of their teachers and school community.

We want to inspire children with hope, and empower them to play an active part in changing the world.

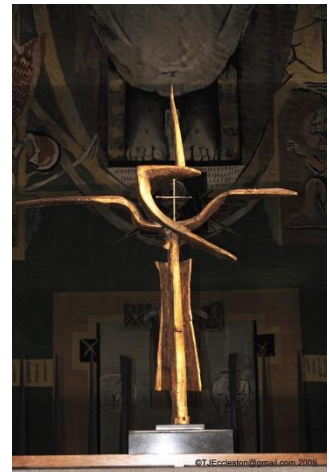
If you would like more information, or if your school is considering becoming an ICONS school, please contact:

icons@coventrycathedral.org.uk

02476521256

Alternatively, telephone the Schools' Team on:

02476 521 257



ORGANISING YOUR VISIT

To help us with your enquiry please let us know the following information, and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Your booking is not confirmed until we have checked the Cathedral Diary and contacted you.

VISIT REQUEST FORM

INFORMATION

Name	
Contact Email	
School	
Year Group(s)	
Number of Students visiting	
Type of tour (Cathedral workshops or independent visit)	
Preferred Date 1	
Preferred Date 2	
Preferred Date 3	
Any Special Needs and Requirements	

CONTACT DETAILS

Email: ellie.wall@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Telephone: 024 76 521 227

Website: www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/wpsite/contact-us/



PRICE LIST

Below is a guide to the prices of visiting the Cathedral. Full prices will be calculated based upon the specific requirements of your trip.

	Time	Number of Pupils	Price	Comments
TOUR				
Guided Tour	2 Hours	Up to 20	£60	
Whole Day Experience	All Day	Per pupil	£10	
Independent Visit (Unguided)	All Day	Up to 30	£75	Not available currently <i>You are responsible for your students at all times and may not be able to access restricted areas of the cathedral or chapels that are in use.</i>
Lunch	Mid-tour	1-30 31-60 61-90 91-120	£20 £25 £35 £48	<i>Access to an indoor space for pupils to sit and eat lunch</i>



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EXTRAS				
Photo Permit	All Day	N/A	£10	<i>This includes permission for all members to take photos</i>
Pilgrimage to the Cathedral	All Day	Up to 30	£200	
VIRTUAL CLASSROOMS				
Coventry Blitz assembly	20 mins	n/a	£30	
Coventry Cathedral place of worship – key features of a Christian church	45 mins	n/a	£90	Discounts available for session delivered to multiple classes on same day
Coventry Blitz – including story of the 14-15th Nov and activities	45 mins	n/a	£90	Discounts available for session delivered to multiple classes on same day
IN SCHOOL VISIT				
Assembly Talk	N/A	N/A	£40	<i>Costs include travel and preparation time, but resources may be added</i>
Per Lesson	N/A	N/A	£60	
Whole Day	N/A	Single lessons delivered one class at a time	£200	
Key Stage/Year Group Presentation	N/A	N/A	£100	



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FINDING US

The main entrance to the Cathedral can be found off Priory Street opposite Coventry University or via St Michael's Avenue from the City Centre.

CAR/COACH PARKING

Visitors arriving by car can use Cox Street car park, located underneath the ring road (Sat Nav CVI 5GA).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR COACH DRIVERS

There are two convenient set down/pick up points in the heart of Coventry – Priory Street at the foot of the Cathedral steps – where there are coach bays for drop off only – and Hales Street next to the Transport Museum.

Coach parking is available at White Street car park. There are six spaces available, operating on a pay and display basis. Overnight stays are not permitted.

PLEASE NOTE: The Sat Nav postcode for coach access is CVI 5FB.

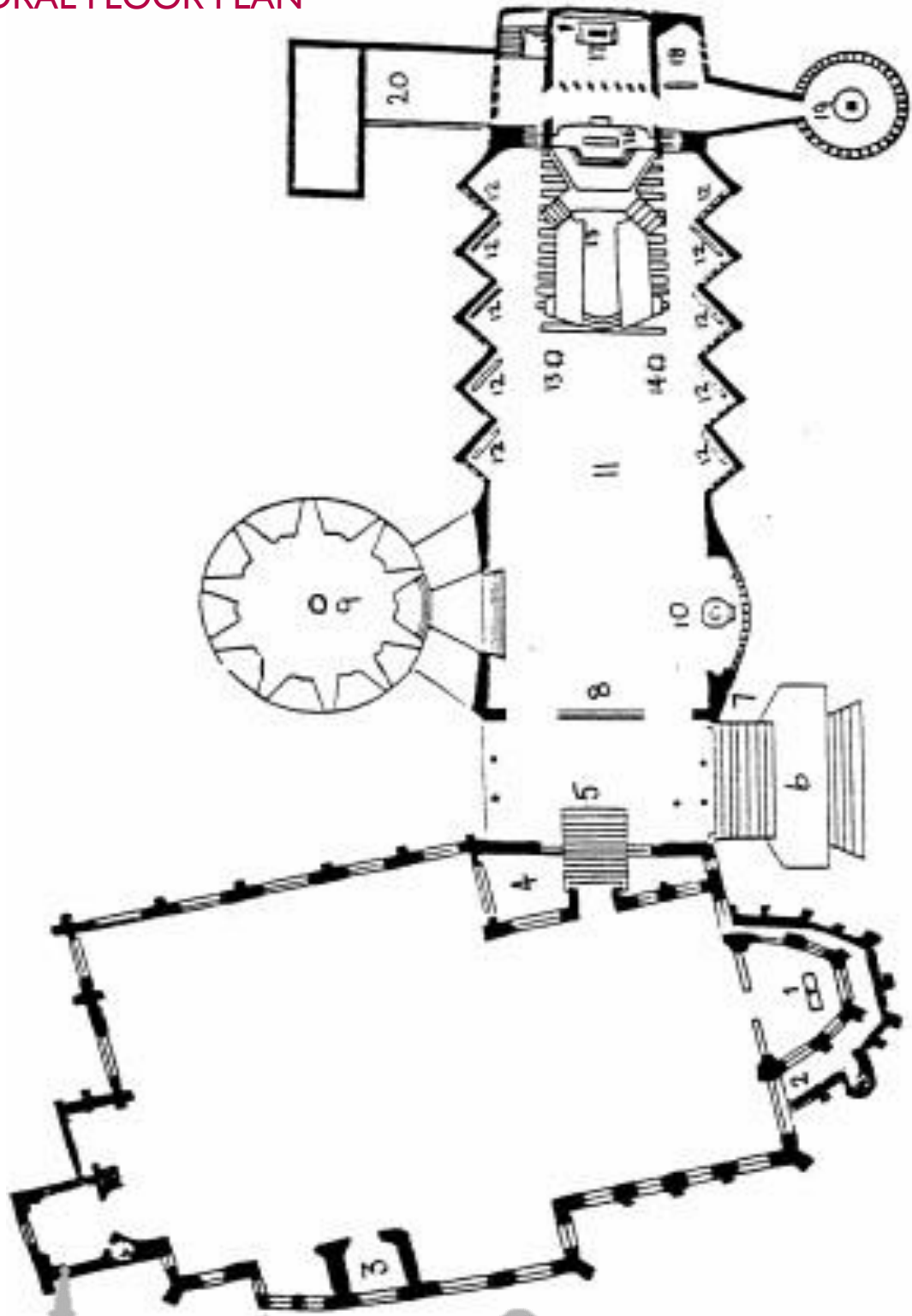
DISABLED ACCESS

For our full Access Statement, please visit:

<http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/wpsite/wp-downloads/CathedralAccessibility2016.pdf>

If you have any access issues or ideas you would like to raise with the Cathedral please email: information@coventrycathedral.org.uk

CATHEDRAL FLOOR PLAN



1. Altar & Charred Cross
2. Blitz Museum
3. The Haigh Chapel
4. Crypt Chapels
5. The Queen's Steps
6. St. Michael's Steps
7. St. Michael & the Devil
8. The West Screen
9. The Chapel of Unity
10. The Font
11. The Nave
12. The Nave Windows
13. Pulpit
14. Lectern
15. The Bishop's Throne
16. The High Altar
17. The Lady Chapel
18. The Chapel of Gethsemane
19. The Servant Chapel (Industry)
20. Rising Café





WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON

