



ICONS NEWSLETTER

JULY 2024

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HELLO AND
WELCOME TO
THE JULY ICONS
NEWSLETTER!

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Holy Family Presentation

On June 11th we had the pleasure of hosting Holy Family Catholic primary school's presentation service. This fantastic morning saw the whole school come to the Cathedral and celebrate the school's achievements. The service included a group dance and lots of other wonderful performances/readings. This service was a joyous and fantastic experience for all.



Christ the King Presentation

We have also had the pleasure of celebrating Christ the King Catholic Primary Schools presentation service on the 2nd July at their local parish Church. After a whole school mass we had the chance to celebrate the hard work of this wonderful school and staff community.

We're so excited to see what these two new schools get up to and we hope to hear all about the exciting things they do next year!



Social Media Update

‘RECONCILIATION IS’ Clips

This Summer term we invited our ICONS Schools to create short clips for the Cathedral’s social media series based around the different meanings of Reconciliation. We’ve had amazing entries from Holy Family, Bilton Junior, Bablake, King Henry’s VIII and from Germany the Evangelical Paul Distelbarth Gymnasium Obersulm! Check out these fantastic videos as they are released throughout the summer and have a look at these two already published from Bilton and King Henry VIII/Bablake!



UPCOMING DATES AND OPPORTUNITIES

2024-25 Training and Meeting dates

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

The next academic year is the perfect time to train up your chosen ICONS ambassadors ready for them to get stuck into ICONS Ideals and embed it into the school community early in the year.

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

ICONS DATES 2024-25		
Tuesday 10th September	Year 7 and sixth form half day intro to Reconciliation	10am and 1pm @ Cathedral
Wednesday 11th September	Secondary Ambassadors Staff Induction	4pm – 5pm Online
Thursday 12th September	Champions Training All Day session	8am – 3:30pm Online
Thursday 12th September	Champions Training Session 1	8am – 10am Online
Monday 16th September	Primary School Pupils Peace ambassadors programme Day 1	9:45 – 2:45 @ Cathedral

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Wednesday 18th September	ICONS staff meeting	8am Breakfast @ Cathedral
Wednesday 18th September	ICONS online staff meeting	4pm Microsoft Teams
Thursday 12th September	Champions Training All Day session	8am – 3:30pm Online
Thursday 12th September	Champions Training Session 1	8am – 10am Online
Monday 16th September	Primary School Pupils Peace ambassadors programme Day 1	9:45 - 2:45 @ Cathedral
Thursday 19th September	Primary School Pupils Peace ambassadors programme Day 2	9:45 - 2:45 @ Cathedral
Monday 23rd September	Primary School Pupils Peace ambassadors programme Day 3	9:45 - 2:45 @ Cathedral
Thursday 26th September	Champions Training Session 2	8am – 10am Online
Thursday 10th October	Champions Training Session 3	8am – 10am Online

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ICONS DATES 2024-25		
Monday 14th October	ICONS Staff - Restorative Practices CPD	9.30am - 12.15pm Online
Tuesday 15th October	ICONS Staff - Restorative Practices CPD	12.30pm - 3:15pm Online
Thursday 7th November	ICONS staff meeting	8am Breakfast @ Cathedral
Thursday 7th November	ICONS online staff meeting	4pm Microsoft Teams
Wednesday 9th January	Secondary Ambassadors Staff Check In	4pm – 5pm Online
Monday 13th January	Primary School Pupils Peace ambassadors programme Day 1	9.30am - 2.30pm @ Cathedral
Wednesday 15th January	Primary School Pupils Peace ambassadors programme Day 2	9.30am - 2.30pm @ Cathedral
Friday 17th January	Primary School Pupils Peace ambassadors programme Day 3	9.30am - 2.30pm @ Cathedral
Monday 20th January	ICONS staff meeting	8am Breakfast @ Cathedral

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ICONS DATES 2024-25		
Monday 20th January	ICONS online staff meeting	4pm Microsoft Teams
Tuesday 4th March	ICONS staff meeting	8am Breakfast @ Cathedral
Tuesday 4th March	ICONS online staff meeting	4pm Microsoft Teams
Monday 17th March	ICONS Staff Champions training Session 1	1pm - 3pm Online
Wednesday 19th March	ICONS Staff Champions training Session 2	1pm - 3pm Online
Friday 21st March	ICONS Staff Champions training Session 13	1pm - 3pm Online
Wednesday 14th May	ICONS staff meeting	8am Breakfast @ Cathedral
Wednesday 14th May	ICONS online staff meeting	4pm Microsoft Teams

If you'd like to enquire or book onto any of these sessions please get in touch !

KEY DATES FOR YOUR SCHOOLS DIARY

2024-25:

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.



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Peace Calendar for Schools 2024-25

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
16 th -22 nd September	UK Recycle Week	1
21 st September	International Day of Peace	1 & 3
26 th September	European Day of Languages	1, 2 & 3
30 th September	National Sporting Heritage Day	2
October	UK Black History Month	1 & 2
1 st October	International Older People's Day	3
6 th October	Silver Sunday	3
7 th October	World Habitat Day	1 & 3
9 th -15 th October	National Braille Week	2
10 th October	World Mental Health Day	3
11 th October	International Day of the Girl Child	2
11 th October	National Coming Out Day	2
12 th -19 th October	National Hate Crime Awareness Week	2 & 3
16 th October	World Food Day	2
17 th October	Child Poverty Day	1
17 th October	Conflict Resolution Day	3
18 th October	Anti-Slavery Day	1
6 th November	National Stress Awareness Day	3
8 th November	World Town Planning Day	3
9 th November	World Freedom Day	1 & 3
10 th November	Remembrance Sunday	1
10 th -17 th November	Inter Faith Week	2 & 3

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11 th November	Armistice Day	1 & 3
13 th November	World Kindness Day	3
13 th -17 th November	Anti-Bullying Week	2 & 3
14 th -15 th November	ICONS Birthday	1, 2 & 3
16 th November	International Day for Tolerance	2
20 th November	International Children's Day	2
21 st November	World Hello Day	2 & 3
1 st December	Prisoners for Peace Day	1
2 nd December	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	1
5 th December	International Volunteers Day	2 & 3
6 th December	White Ribbon Day	3
10 th December	Human Rights Day	1, 2 & 3
18 th December	Arabic Language Day	2
18 th December	International Migrants Day	2 & 3
20 th December	International Human Solidarity Day	2
4 th January 2025	World Braille Day	2
21 st January	World Religion Day	2
27 th January	Holocaust Memorial Day	1, 2 & 3
27 th January-4 th February	National Storytelling Week	2
February	UK LGBT History Month	1 & 2
6 th February	Time to Talk Day	3
7 th February	Send a Card to a Friend Day	1, 2 & 3
5 th -11 th February	UK Children's Mental Health Week	3
10 th -16 th February	Student Volunteering Week	3
11 th February	Safer Internet Day	3
11 th February	International Day of Women in Science	2
14 th February	Valentine's Day	3
17 th February	Random Acts of Kindness Day	3
21 st February	International Mother Language Day	2
March	Women's History Month	1 & 2

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ICONS AMBASSADORS

COULD YOUR PUPILS BECOME PEACE 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 justice and peace

The Primary programme is most suitable for pupils in Y4-Y6 and involves sessions run at Coventry Cathedral or by arrangement for schools further afield. Each ICON School can send up to 15 pupils. (£20 per student)

The Secondary programme for 11 - 16 years olds is online and gives you access to the materials for the whole year; giving flexibility on how and when the training is delivered. (£30 per students)

For further information or to book in please email

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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.

If you would like to attend this course please email Jessica.Weale@Coventry.Anglican.org.uk or 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/SHO
P/DIGITAL-RESOURCES](https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/show/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 MEDIA AND GET IN TOUCH
WITH US ABOUT ALL OUR EXCITING
ACTIVITIES.**

**WARMEST REGARDS,
THE ICONS TEAM.**