



# EDUCATIONAL VISITS

A guide to school visits at  
Coventry Cathedral

EYFS

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# Welcome to Coventry Cathedral

## Greetings from Coventry Cathedral's Schools' Team

Leave your classroom behind and bring your pupils to enjoy a wonderful day at Coventry Cathedral. We offer a range of carefully prepared tours and workshops that will support you in delivering your curriculum. We have also developed a range of new tours and workshops that embraces the new Coventry and Warwickshire Agreed Syllabus for RE and you will see these highlighted in the brochure. Pupils will be able to explore concepts through hands on activities led by our experienced Schools Team staff visiting both the old and new cathedral. We can adapt our offer to meet your requirements and welcome all pupils whatever their needs. We offer pre-visits to teachers and encourage you to be in touch to discuss your visit requirements.

All school groups wishing to visit must be booked in advance. Booking your group visit means that we can check the availability of your preferred date and time and can ensure that your group has the very best experience with us and avoid disappointment.

We would love to host you for a full day and we can offer indoor lunch spaces for your school. Our normal day at the Cathedral would include tours in the morning and workshops in the afternoon, although this can vary if we have a large group.

### Typical day

10am Arrival and tour

12pm Lunch

12.45pm Activities (we provide all you need to be creative with your students)

# Early Years and Foundation Stage

## Curriculum based workshops and trails.

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.

### Stories from the Bible (CWAS F2)

#### Experience Easter (April 2026)

#### Experience Christmas (Dec 2025)

Both Experience Easter and Experience Christmas are offered as half day events. Students will look closely at the Biblical stories and be facilitated in exploring how some Christians interpret key moments in the stories through a series of hands on activities. Pupils will then be guided in questioning how this might be important today for people with this worldview.



### Story Trails

#### The Cathedral Adventure

Explore the cathedral as a place of worship through the eyes of Popcorn the Squirrel.

#### God's Dream

Explore the story 'God's Dream' by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and discover the important message of love and forgiveness.

### Exploring the Cathedral EYFS

#### Sensory Tour

Pupils consider their experience of the Cathedral through their senses. Looking for opportunities to use their touch, sight, smell and hearing.

#### Shapes and Patterns

Putting their classroom maths into practice as they consider the wealth of shapes and patterns to be found around the Cathedral.

# Key Stage 1

## Celebrating Christian Beliefs (CWAS K1.3)

Pupils will encounter the Church of England Celebration for each special occasion with the opportunity to observe and role play where appropriate. Each workshop will unpack the various elements in a creative and hands on way.

### Baptism Workshop

### Wedding Workshop

### Eucharist Workshop

The workshops could be paired with one of the story trails (listed in the EYFS section) to make a full day experience.

## Ruined and Rebuilt: Two Crosses Tour (CWAS K1.6)

Students will explore how the experience of the Blitz shaped the Christian world on war, peace and reconciliation and the impact locally and internationally. During the tour students will be involved in activities that explore the cross of nails through art, reconciliation through drama and similarities and differences through discussions.

## Ruined and Rebuilt: Two Crosses Workshops

Staying the whole day? Extend your experience to include our interactive art based workshops

### Portrait Gallery

Taking the work around similarities and differences further students will explore their own identities as well as those of others. Through a piece of multi-media art work students will create a portrait gallery that celebrates their similarities and differences ready to take back to school.

### Weaving

Be inspired by the enormous Christ in Glory tapestry and the Baptistry window to create your own paper weaving art work. Pupils will reflect on the key words we have explored on the tour and build these into their design.



## Exploring the Cathedral KS1

### Sensory Tour

Pupils consider their experience of the Cathedral through their senses. Looking for opportunities to use their touch, sight, smell and hearing.

### Shapes and Patterns

Putting their classroom maths into practice as they consider the wealth of shapes and patterns to be found around the Cathedral.

## Key stage 2

### Guided Tours and Workshops

Immerse yourself in the Cathedral for half a day on a curriculum-based tour with our Schools Team Guides. We can also provide workshop activities to continue and enhance your experience at the Cathedral and deepen students' learning with activities and discussions.

### Art and Architecture Tour (CWAS L2.2)

Coventry Cathedral is full of the most stunning and thought-provoking pieces of art and architecture. In this tour we will look closely at key pieces of art in the cathedral. This will connect to the key curriculum themes of incarnation, salvation and reconciliation. We will support your pupils in interpreting the Christian worldview and key concept expressed through each piece.

### Workshops.

Staying the whole day? Extend your experience by staying and taking part in our interactive art activities that complement the tour.

### Grotesques and gargoyles

During the tour we will have spent time looking at the magnificent medieval old cathedral and spotted the numerous gargoyles and grotesques that adorn the outside. This workshop will give students a greater understanding of these strange and intriguing faces and allow them to create one for themselves.

## Windows

Throughout history Coventry has been home to incredible stained glass windows. In this workshop students will be able to explore medieval glass artefacts as well as be inspired by the modern windows in the new cathedral. They will also be able to create their own windows using a range of materials.

## Conflict, Peace and Reconciliation Tour (CWAS L2.3)

Uncover Coventry's story of responding to conflict with a tour exploring the key themes of forgiveness, reconciliation, peace and reconciliation. We visit both the old and new cathedrals taking time to visit a wide range of artwork and sculpture as well as helping students to interpret the different spaces.

## Workshops

Staying the whole day? Choose from the CPR workshops below or the Place of Worship workshops.

### Doves of Peace

Taking the dove as a globally recognisable symbol of peace, we work with students to help them explore what peace means to them as well as discussing why peace can be challenging to find. Students create their own doves helping them reflect on how they can create a more peaceful world.

### Recipe for Peace

What makes peace? Students think about what is needed for peace to occur and why this isn't always easy. Working in groups, then more independently they create their own recipes.

## Place of Worship Tour/ General

Explore how the Cathedral is used as a place of worship. Students will explore how different spaces in the Cathedral are used and how they link to key beliefs from Christianity. This will include different types of prayer, use of scripture, eucharist and key festivals. Schools are welcome to observe the daily litany of reconciliation.

## Workshops

Staying the whole day? Choose from the Place of Worship workshops or the CPR workshops listed above.

## Mapping Activity

Students explore and identify the different features of the cathedral and create their own map.

## Litany of Reconciliation

Written by a Canon in 1958 the Litany of Reconciliation is prayed at noon each weekday. In this workshop pupils explore the language of prayer and rewrite it in a way that is meaningful to them today.

## Signs and Symbols Tour

Uncover the signs, symbolism and hidden meanings with the Cathedral. This tour allows students to use their observational and thinking skills as they explore both the old and new cathedrals. We look at a range of areas from understanding how early Christians shared their identity with each other to the use of modern art to explore peace and reconciliation.

## Workshops

If you would like to stay the whole day we can create a bespoke package with workshops including those listed below or CPR or the Place of Worship workshops.

'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

## Chapel of Unity Mosaics

Explore the mosaics of the Chapel of Unity and their meaning in the Christian faith. Pupils will create their own works of art connected to what they have seen.

## Symbol hunting

Pupils will navigate the cathedral hunting for the wide range of symbols found throughout the site.

## Humanities Tour

Pupils will explore the history and significance of the old and new cathedral as well as develop and understanding of how the city of Coventry grew and changed around them. They will investigate the impact of significant moments in the city's history and how the city centre adapted over time.



## Workshops

If you would like to stay the whole day we can create a bespoke package with workshops including CPR, Place of Worship or Signs and Symbols.

### KS2 World War 2 –Blitz in Coventry Tour

Take your class back in time to the 1940s including a private tour of the Blitz Museum where we can explore what the day in the life of a war time child would have been like. We enter through the school room, looking at how education has changed over time. We then spend time in a typical kitchen, exploring home entertainment, the challenges of daily life and rations. From there we move onto



exploring the different roles people had during the war including the Home Front. We go onto investigate what it would have been like to experience the Blitz in Coventry and connect this to the ruins of the old cathedral and the city around us.

Tours include time being spent in the old and new cathedrals, visiting the statues and art works that help us reflect on the impact of war as well as the importance of Coventry's role in peace and reconciliation that followed.

## Workshops

Staying the whole day? You can select the following World War II history workshops or those offered for CPR or Place of Worship.

### War artists

Students will be introduced to the concept and work of war artists. They will learn about the experiences of people finding shelter from the Blitz in the London Underground tunnels. They will then have the opportunity to recreate or be inspired by Henry Moore's famous pictures using chalks or other media.

### Evacuees

Many thousands of children were evacuated from cities across the country including Coventry. In this workshop we will explore what this would have been like during the war as well as connect it to experiences today. We think about what they would have taken with them using a range of artefacts.

## Multifaith visits

Schools maybe interested in also visiting another World View place of worship whilst in Coventry. Please let us know and we can put you in touch with other faith communities that offer tours and visits.

## Primary School Events

### Blitz week 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> November (Years 5&6)

Question characters from the Coventry Blitz, explore WW II artefacts and become an evacuee for the day! This November – Fully booked for 2025 but we welcome bookings for 2026

### New for 2025! Searchlight on the Blitz 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> November (Years 5&6)

Explore the story of Coventry Cathedral through a range of hands on activities, including going back in time in the Blitz Museum, creating your own songs for the shelter, being a war journalist as well as exploring the experience of evacuees.



### Christingles 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 (Primary)

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

### Experience Christmas 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> December and Easter (Dates to be confirmed)

These separate events are part of a series that aims to reframe these famous stories through a unique journey around the Cathedral, helping your students to understand these stories in new ways.

### Storytelling days (Dates to be confirmed)

Explore different Religions and Faiths through shared stories and understanding, featuring Faith leaders from across a multi-faith spectrum under one roof.

### STEM day (to be confirmed)

# In School Visits

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. To support you our Schools team can offer both assemblies and workshops/lessons in person bringing artefacts and resources to your school.

## Topics offered:

**Two crosses: Ruined and Rebuilt**  
**Conflict, Peace and Reconciliation**  
**Coventry Blitz**

## 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.



## Music

The cathedral has a strong tradition of choral music and our choristers take part in regular services and performances both in Coventry as well as locations across the UK and even internationally. They have even performed for the Royal Family on a number of occasions. Our music team would love to come and talk to your pupils about the role of the chorister and can offer assemblies and workshops in schools.

# Key Stage 3

We offer schools a wide range of tours and workshops all led by our experienced Schools Team guides.

## Tours:

### Conflict, Peace and Reconciliation Tour (CWAS L3.4)

This tour will use the cathedral buildings to explore the modern theory and practise in peace building for local conflict resolution.

### Place of Worship/General

Find out about how the Cathedral is used as a Christian place of worship. The tour will look at key features of the church as well as weaving in the story of Peace and Reconciliation through the works of art and important symbols found in the new and old cathedral.

### Signs and Symbols

All around the new and old cathedral students will find signs and symbols connected to the Christian faith. This links to the church being a place of worship as well as the mission of Coventry Cathedral.

### Art

Students will be able to explore both the art of the Medieval old cathedral including getting hands on with the salvaged stained glass. The tour also explores the stories and work of the post war artists that furnished the new cathedral.

### History (Medieval to 1960's)

Coventry Cathedral has a fascinating history and this tour will take students forward in time from its importance in the Medieval period to the story of the Blitz and the building of the new Cathedral in the 1960s.

### Humanities

Pupils will explore the history and significance of the old and new cathedral as well as develop and understanding of how the city of Coventry grew and changed around them. They will investigate the impact of significant moments in the city's history and how the city centre adapted over time.

#### Typical day

10am Arrival and tour

12pm Lunch

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## **Workshops**

Staying the whole day? Choose two of the following workshops.

### **Peace Cranes**

Taking the story of Sadako students create their own peace crane. They reflect on what their own message of hope would be.

### **Litany of reconciliation**

Written by a Coventry Cathedral Canon in 1958 the Litany of Reconciliation is prayed at noon each weekday. In this workshop students explore the language of the prayer and rewrite it in a way that is meaningful to them today.

### **Art Bases**

Our art activities allow students to connect with some of our most thought provoking pieces of art through a range of creative and hands-on activities. This can be adapted to meet the needs or interests of the group.

### **Blitz Museum**

Our Blitz Museum allows us to go back in time to 1940 allowing us to understand what people's way of life was like leading up to the Blitz, including school and home life. The museum allows us to explore the impact of the Blitz on the Cathedral and the city and helps build an understanding with the work of peace building and reconciliation.

### **Mapping**

Having explored the cathedral during the tour students are challenged to complete a mapping and question activity that allows them to consolidate their knowledge and learning.

### **Bridge Building**

Explore the barriers to peace and how the work of the Cathedral and peacebuilders around the world have overcome these through a practical bridge building activity.

## Multifaith visits

Schools maybe interested in also visiting another World View place of worship whilst in Coventry. Please let us know and we can put you in touch with other faith communities that offer tours and visit.

## Key Stage 4 and 5

Our tours and workshops can be adapted to meet the needs of your group. We work with schools to align with your GCSE or A Level syllabus requirements, producing materials that help students prepare for their exams or NEAs.



### Tours:

#### Conflict, Peace and Reconciliation Tour

This tour highlights the importance of the Cathedral in its role in both the local and global context of reconciliation and peacebuilding following conflict. Students will learn about the destruction of the old cathedral during the Blitz and the story of reconciliation that stemmed from this. We explore how the new cathedral embodies this message in its art and architecture. We also discuss how the Community of the Cross of Nails continues to work globally to promote reconciliation.

#### Place of Worship/General

This tour focuses on the cathedral as a place of worship, making connections to religious beliefs, teaching and practices through the features of the church.

### Art

Students will be able to explore both the art of the Medieval old cathedral including getting hands on with the salvaged stained glass. The tour also explores the stories and work of the post war artists that furnished the new cathedral.

We welcome groups to also come and use the cathedral as inspiration for their own art projects and can support this will resources if needed.



## Geography

We focus on the cathedral which lies at the centre of a diverse and changing city. The tour will take us around the cathedral as well as the surrounding area looking at how the space has changed over time in the context of the city. This tour could be linked to the NEA components and have workshops that cover fieldwork practice.

## Bespoke

We are more than happy to work with schools and colleges to create tours and workshops to meet the needs of your students. Please be in touch with us to discuss further and arrange a pre-visit.

## Workshops

**Staying the whole day? Choose two of the following workshops.**

### Allport Scale

This workshop is based on Gordon Allport's scale of prejudice. The group activity allows students to discuss the different points on the scale and contextualise them with their own knowledge and link to both historical and contemporary issues.

### Litany of reconciliation

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### Art Bases

Our art activities allow students to connect with some of our most thought provoking pieces of art through a range of creative and hands-on activities. This can be adapted to meet the needs or interests of the group.

### Stalingrad Madonna

This workshop is based around the artwork created by Kurt Reuber during the Battle of Stalingrad in 1942. Students reflect on challenges of war and the importance of recognising humanity and hope in the most challenging circumstances.

## Mapping

Having explored the cathedral during the tour students are challenged to complete a mapping and question activity that allows them to consolidate their knowledge and learning.

## Grill a Canon

Students have the opportunity to question one of the Cathedral canons on questions regarding the Christian World View. This workshop will be subject to their availability.

## Blitz Museum

Our Blitz Museum allows us to go back in time to 1940 allowing us to understand what people's way of life was like leading up to the Blitz, including school and home life. The museum allows us to explore the impact of the Blitz on the Cathedral and the city and helps build an understanding with the work of peace building and reconciliation.

# Secondary School Key Events

## University of Warwick Learning Languages as Peacemaker Conference 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Explore with us how language learning can promote intercultural awareness, empathy and understanding between nations and be inspired by the Cathedral surroundings to create a piece of artwork. Please sign up through the University of Warwick link.

[Year 9 Schools Event - Language Learners as Peacemakers](#)

## Candle Conferences 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026

The Candle Conferences are hosted by Peter and Charlotte Vardy with dates for both GCSE and A Level students.

Please visit their website for more information

[www.candleconferences.com](http://www.candleconferences.com)

## Generation 2 Generation Sixth Form Speaker Event (Date TBC)

Students will have the opportunity to hear the powerful testimony of a Holocaust Survivor. This session allows students to think deeply about the impact of the holocaust at a personal level.

## Becoming and ICONS School



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:

**Telephone the Schools' Team  
on 02476 521 257**

# Souvenirs and Pop-Up Shop

We would love to be able to offer you and your students a souvenir of your visit to the Cathedral. With this in mind, we have a variety of affordable gifts, priced from just 50p, which we can make available to you in one of several ways:

## The 'Pop-Up Shop'

We can make the Pop-Up Shop available during your lunch break, staffed by our Schools Team. Payment can be made in cash or by contactless credit/debit card. Should your visit not involve a lunch break, we will facilitate this some other way.

## Prepared Gift Bags

Alternatively, we can prepare a gift bag containing one or more souvenirs for you and hand these over to you at the end of your visit. The cost of these souvenirs can be added to your Final Invoice so that no money needs to change hands on the day.

# Organising Your Visit

All groups must be prebooked and a booking form completed. Enquiries can be made via the Cathedral website or directly through the Schools Team Booking Manager.

## Contact details

**Email:** [School.Booking@Coventry.Anglican.org](mailto:School.Booking@Coventry.Anglican.org)

**Telephone:** 024 76 521 257

**Website:** [www.coventrycathedral.org.uk](http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk)

## 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
<b>Tour</b>				
Guided Tour/Trail	AM or PM	Up to 20	£60	
Whole Day Experience	All Day	Per pupil	£10	
Unguided visit	30mins - 2 hours	Groups of 20	£40 per group	All visits must be pre-booked.
Lunch	Mid-tour	1-60	£20	£20 per room (max 60 pupils per room)
		60-120	£40	
		120-180	£60	

Extras				
Photo Permit	All Day	N/A	£10	This includes permission for all members to take photos
In school visit				
Assembly Talk	25mins	n/a	£40	Costs include travel within Coventry and preparation time, but resource costs may be added. Please contact the Schools team for a full quote.
Per Lesson	n/a	Single class	£60	
Whole Day	n/a	Single lessons x5	£250	



# Arrival

## Finding us

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

## Car/coach parking

Visitors arriving by car can use Salt Lane car park.

## 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– 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 CV1 5FB.

## Disabled access

For our full Access Statement, please visit [www.coventrycathedral.org.uk](http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk)

If you have any access issues or ideas you would like to raise with the Cathedral please call **024 7652 1200**

