

Newsletter – MARCH 2024

2025-26 Admissions Policy Deadline

By now your Admissions Authority should have formally determined your admissions arrangements for 2025/26 (deadline was 28 February) and your policy **MUST** be published on your website by **15 March**.

For clarity, from 15 March, your school website must show 3 policies – current year, 2024/25 and 2025/26. See our website for guidance [HERE](#).



Free Water Audit for Schools

As part of their [Green Recovery project](#), Severn Trent Water are currently offering a **FREE** water efficiency audit to schools in Leicestershire, Staffordshire, Derbyshire, and Nottinghamshire to help them save water, energy and money.

The **FREE** audit will review water usage across the site. They take flow readings, look for leaks and understand usage habits. The data is used to compile a report detailing the estimated water usage of the site, and the potential savings if certain water saving devices are installed. This report is given to both the school and Severn Trent Water. Once approved, there will then be an installation/repair visit where water-saving devices will be installed, old fixtures will be replaced, and leaking toilets and taps will be fixed.



Visit their website [HERE](#) to register your interest.

Springs Dance Company



Springs offer RE workshops for primary schools with curriculum-based interactive performance workshops. They are now taking bookings for “The Good Samaritan” and “You are Special”. If you would like more information, visit their [website](#).

Headteachers' Conference

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to join us on Thursday 25 April at Chatsworth House. The online booking form has now closed.

We look forward to seeing you soon!



Upcoming Briefings

New dates to be scheduled after Easter holidays.
These will be announced in next month's newsletter.

Collective Worship

16:00 Monday 29 April

If you would like details, please contact [Liz](#)



The Clewer Initiative



The [Clewer Initiative](#) is the Church of England's response to modern slavery. They are holding a County Lines for Schools Resources training session at **16:00 on 17 April** to present their resources for schools and explain how these can be used by teachers. They would especially encourage anyone with a responsibility or interest in PSHE, pastoral care or safeguarding to attend. Sign up for a place [HERE](#).

Please see further information on resources for schools, visit their [website](#)



Contact Details for Governing Body

It is important that we hold the correct contact email addresses for your chair, clerk and foundation governors. If you have people stepping down, do please remember to tell us and email [DBE Office](#) with details.

Upcoming Training

[Primary RE Development Training](#)

Ideal for RE Subject Leads, teachers, support staff & any member of staff who will be teaching or helping to deliver RE. Delivered in person by Fiona Moss RE Today.

3 dates / venues are offered for each session

Session 2 – Spring Term - OFSTED new report including assessment, moderation & monitoring, knowledge organisers

Wednesday 20 March 2024, 13:00 - 16:00 Chapel-en-le-Frith CE Primary School

Thursday 21 March 2024, 09:00 - 12:00 Hartington Village Hall

Thursday 21 March 2024, 13:30 - 16:30 Derby Church House

Session 3 – Summer Term – Spirituality and RE

Monday 01 July 2024, 13:00 - 16:00 Chapel-en-le-Frith CE Primary School

Tuesday 02 July 2024, 09:00 - 12:00 Hartington Village Hall

Tuesday 02 July 2024, 13:30 - 16:00pm Derby Church House

Fee per session: PA £40 / Non PA £85 Booking form [HERE](#)



Understanding Christianity - Subject Knowledge Training

with Fiona Moss from RE today. This programme is useful for teachers, subject leads, support staff and any member of staff who will be teaching or helping to deliver RE.

Tuesday 23 April 2024, 13:00 - 16:00 Virtual

Fee per session: PA £40 / Non PA £85 each session (per participant) Booking form [HERE](#)

Understanding Christianity – Refresher Workshop

with Fiona Moss from RE today - an in-person event for any schools already using the Understanding Christianity resource. This is a useful session for any teachers who need a refresher.

Tuesday 21 May 2024, 09:30 - 15:00

Venue TBC

Fee: PA £80 / Non PA £120 Booking Form [HERE](#)

Early Career Teachers

Essential for all new teachers. RE is often a subject that teachers feel less confident teaching and this programme of CPD will improve both RE subject knowledge and confidence. Timings have been carefully considered to try and allow staff to travel home for the virtual sessions.

Subject knowledge – teaching Islam and Christianity

Wednesday 17 April 2024, 16:00 - 18:00 Virtual

Fee for both sessions: PA £60 / Non PA £120 (per school) Booking form [HERE](#)

Pupil Day

The Pupil Day is designed to get students actively engaged with the RE curriculum. This is an in-person 1-day event for year 2 and year 3 pupils.

Schools are invited to bring 6 pupils and staff to accompany them. Videos and supporting resources are created by Fiona Moss & Alison Hill from RE Today:

Same and Different: Community, Values and Respect

Tuesday 25 June 2024, 09:30 - 14:30

Venue TBC

Fees: PA £70 / Non PA £100 (per school) Booking form [HERE](#)

Supporting our Schools to TRANSFORM – GROW – BUILD

Showing **generous faith, courageous hope & life-giving love**, Derby DBE's actions will be to:

- affirm and strengthen our relationship with school leaders and governors,
- offer a high-quality training & development programme for school leaders, governors, clergy, RE & CW practitioners.

Do remember to visit our [website](#) for lots of useful information and guidance.
Previous newsletters can be viewed [here](#).