

## Newsletter – APRIL 2026

### Bishop's Badge Service

**Monday 15 June 10:30 at Derby Cathedral**

Each school can nominate 1 child (or small group of children) who embody any of our diocesan values of **generous faith**, **courageous hope** and **life-giving love** in an age-appropriate way. Please complete the online form [HERE](#).

We are looking forward to celebrating the children and their achievements together with you and Bishop Libby.

**The deadline for nominations is 05 May.**



### Headteachers' Conference

**Thursday 18 June at The Hayes, Swanwick**

Come and join 40+ of your colleagues for an informative, reflective and enjoyable day.

- Time to reflect & take part in CW if you would like to
- Time to connect and meet with colleagues

**The closing date to sign up for a place is Monday 20 April.**

#### Speakers

- [Dr Sarah Dunlop](#) Lecturer Practical Theology, University of Cambridge
- [Amjad Ali](#) Leadership and CPD Specialist
- [Debbie Yeomans](#) RE Today

£75 for schools in the Partnership Agreement, £95 for other schools. Book [HERE](#)

### Earth Day – 22 April

Earth Day is marked on 22 April each year to highlight the importance of protecting the environment. It became a global event in 1990 and now involves over one billion people of all ages in nearly 200 countries, according to organisers.



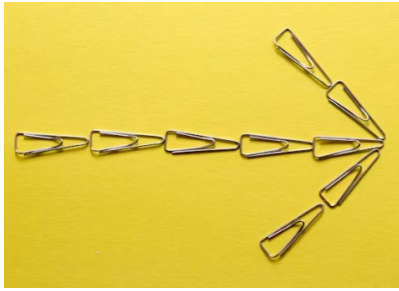
The BBC have a live lesson following the water cycle journey. For more information see [HERE](#).



### CW Resources

The National Society for Education (NSE) provides resources for collective worship on their website [Curriculum CW Resources](#). In response to feedback, resources now include those for early primary.

There are resources and PowerPoint slides for St George's Day aimed at early primary, primary and secondary pupils.



### DBE Guidance for Schools

If you haven't looked at our website for a while, please do take the time to do so. We have lots of information and guidance on [THIS PAGE](#).

In particular, we recommend that all staff read our guidance on working in church Schools & academies [HERE](#).

The document is entitled for Headteachers and Governors, but **ALL STAFF** will find this guidance informative and hopefully helpful.

### The Big School Workout: Live with Joe Wicks for Mental Health Week

Thursday 14 May, 14:15 – 14:45

Join Joe Wicks live from a Picture News school as he leads a high-energy workout for children to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Week. Schools across the country will be taking part together, discovering how to move their bodies to boost mood, build resilience, and support mental wellbeing.



**Suitable for all children in KS1 and KS2** [Register here](#)

## GROWING A YOUNGER CHURCH CONFERENCE

### Growing a Younger Church Conference

Saturday 06 June, 10:00 – 16:00 at St John's, Walton S42 7LT. Free parking

Tea, coffee and cakes provided! Bring a packed lunch.

Line-up includes ["Youthscape"](#) ["The Peak Centre"](#) ["Growing Hope"](#) and ["Hazelnut Community"](#).  
Book your place [HERE](#)



### The Big Green Week – 06 to 14 June

The Great Big Green Week HQ provide free resource packs for schools (primary and secondary) full of activities and curriculum-linked ideas for pupils.

The Great Big Green Week takes place from 06 to 14 June 2026. Download your free pack [HERE](#)

From whole-school celebrations, an assembly, lesson or eco-club session, your pupils will be part of two million people taking part during Great Big Green Week this year.



## Pop UK

Did you know that Pop UK has a free song bank?!  
Take a look at their [website](#) for more details.

## Upcoming Briefings

NB there are no briefings in April

### Headteachers

10:00 Tuesday 19 May

13:30 Tuesday 16 June

### Governors (chairs, clerks, foundation governors)

19:00 Tuesday 19 May

19:00 Tuesday 16 June

### Collective Worship

16:00 Monday 18 May

16:00 Tuesday 16 June

Briefings are envisaged as a tool for sharing best practice and creating links with other schools. There is no need to book in advance.



## Primary School RE & PSHE Workshops – Springs Dance Company

Springs Dance Company offers active and inclusive dance workshops that help pupils explore RE and PSHE topics in a creative and engaging way. Sessions link directly to curriculum themes and are designed to fit easily within a normal school day.

### Workshop themes available:



- **You Are Special** – Inspired by Max Lucado's book, exploring self-esteem, self-worth and how we treat others.
- **Creation** – A creative exploration of the Genesis creation story and questions about the world, God as creator, and our relationship with creation as stewards.
- **The Good Samaritan** – Exploring Jesus' parable through movement, focusing on kindness, compassion, and living well in a diverse and multi-faith society.

## Training

See our [website](#) for full details of all the courses we offer.

### RE Leads Briefing

Tuesday 21 April 16:00 Online FREE

### ECT Subject Knowledge

Wednesday 22 April 13:00 Online

[NB change of date](#)

### IQ5 – Justice & Responsibility

Thursday 30 April 16:00 Online

Fee: PA £25 / Non PA £40 Booking form [HERE](#)

### SIAMS Framework

Wednesday 06 May 18:00 Online

Fee: PA £25 / Non PA £40 Booking form [HERE](#)

### IQ6/7 – Religious Education

Thursday 07 May 16:00 Online

Fee: PA £25 / Non PA £40 Booking form [HERE](#)

If you have questions about the training we offer, contact [Liz](#)



## 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](#).

## Key Dates for 2025/2026 Academic Year

### Summer Term

<p>HEADTEACHER CONFERENCE Book a place <a href="#">HERE</a></p>	20 April
<p>BISHOP'S BADGE Nominations should be made via online form <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p>	05 May
<p>CPD PROGRAMME Ensure staff &amp; governors are booked onto relevant training. Details &amp; booking links <a href="#">CPD programme</a></p>	ASAP
<p>MONTHLY BRIEFINGS Ensure dates in diary for headteacher, chair, clerk &amp; foundation governors. See newsletter and <a href="#">CPD programme</a> for dates</p>	ASAP
<p>FOUNDATION GOVERNORS – CHECK TERM OF OFFICE (TOO) Start renewal process for TOO ending before 31 October – see website <a href="#">HERE</a> (process can take up to 6 months)</p>	ASAP
<p>FOUNDATION GOVERNORS Deadline to submit application form &amp; reference for those with TOO ending before end October 2026</p>	16 July
<p>EXEC / HEADTEACHER / HEAD OF SCHOOL RECRUITMENT DBE must be involved. See guidance <a href="#">HERE</a></p>	

For schools wishing to use our Admissions Appeals Service, see last page for hearing dates and deadlines for submission of paperwork.

**Any school considering capital works must obtain DBE and site trustees' consent.**

In the first instance, contact [Jason.Aldridge@derby.anglican.org](mailto:Jason.Aldridge@derby.anglican.org)

# Headteachers' Conference

Thursday 18 June 2026

09:00 - 15:00, The Hayes Swanwick

## SPEAKERS

Amjad Ali, Behaviour Leadership & Culture

Dr Sarah Dunlop, Theology with Photographs

Debbie Yeomans, RE Today

£ 75 for schools in PA, £ 95 otherwise

online booking form [HERE](#)



CPD



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Admission Appeal Hearings for Academic Year 2025-2026

APPEALS LODGED BETWEEN		SCHOOL CASE SENT TO DBE <b>No later than</b>	DBE SEND OUT PAPERS	HEARING
FRI 20-Jun	TUES 22-Jul	FRI 22-Aug	THURS 04-Sept	THURS 11-Sept
THURS 04-Sep	FRI 19-Sep	FRI 03-Oct	TUES 07-Oct	TUES 14-Oct
MON 22-Sep	FRI 17-Oct	FRI 24-Oct	TUES 28-Oct	TUES 04-Nov
MON 20-Oct	FRI 14-Nov	FRI 21-Nov	TUES 25-Nov	TUES 02-Dec
MON 17-Nov	FRI 05-Dec	FRI 12-Dec	THU 18-Dec	THU 08-Jan
MON 08-Dec	FRI 09-Jan	FRI 17-Jan	THU 23-Jan	THU 29-Jan
MON 12-Jan	FRI 06-Feb	FRI 13-Feb	THU 19-Feb	THU 26-Feb
MON 09-Feb	FRI 06-Mar	FRI 13-Mar	THU 19-Mar	THU 26-Mar
MON 09-Mar	FRI 20-Mar	FRI 17-Apr	THU 23-Apr	THU 30-Apr
MON 23-Mar	FRI 24-Apr	FRI 01-May	THU 07-May	THU 14-May
MON 27-Apr	FRI 15-May	FRI 22-May	THU 04-Jun	THU 11-Jun
MON 18-May	FRI 12-Jun	FRI 19-Jun	THU 25-Jun	THU 02-Jul
MON 15-Jun	FRI 03-Jul	FRI 10-Jul	TUES 14-Jul	TUES 21-Jul
MON 06-Jul	THU 23-Jul	FRI 21-Aug	TUES *-Sep	TUES *-Sept

**School holiday dates:**

Half Term 27-31 October / Christmas Holidays 22 December-02 January / Half Term 16-20 February / Easter Holidays 30 Mar-10 April / Half Term 25-29 May

# GROWING A YOUNGER CHURCH CONFERENCE

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026 | 10-4

**St John's Walton**

Walton Back Lane, Walton, Chesterfield, S42 7LT

An event for  
everybody who  
wants to develop  
their ministry with  
children, young  
people and families.

**BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE NOW!**



To find out more and sign up  
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or scan the QR code

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ANYONE INTERESTED  
IN GROWING A  
YOUNGER CHURCH**



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and spend time worshipping together.



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LUNCH WITH YOU, AND WE  
WILL PROVIDE THE TEA,  
COFFEE AND CAKES!**

**SPEAKERS INCLUDE**



*Youthscape*

Come and discover practical,  
creative approaches to  
discipling Gen Alpha, making  
church life welcoming and  
accessible for every child - plus  
much more.

For all things 'Growing Younger' [www.derby.anglican.org/youngpeople](http://www.derby.anglican.org/youngpeople)



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EXCELLENCE

## COULD YOU HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION?

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are a recently established multi-academy trust, looking to strengthen our Board to support our ongoing development

We seek individuals with expertise in:

- Accountancy
- Business
- Law and Compliance
- Estates Management
- Other relevant professional backgrounds

### LOCAL GOVERNING COMMITTEE (LGC)

Each school has its own LGC, drawn from the local community to provide governance and support

We are looking for governors with a passion for education and a desire to shape children's futures

**No prior governance experience is required –  
full training and ongoing support provided**



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MORE INFORMATION  
& TO APPLY**

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our-trust/#vacancies](https://acederbyshire.org.uk/our-trust/#vacancies)

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Your time, insight and passion could help the future  
of hundreds of young people



# LOCAL RE GROUP MEETING

*No charge, all welcome!*

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026 4-5pm**

We would love to invite you to our next RE local group meeting.

This is a FREE CPD opportunity for all RE/Collective Worship Coordinators and members of SLT, as well as anyone with an interest in Religious Education.

The focus of the meeting will be:

Getting to know one another and their school.

What is working well within RE in your school.

What areas do you feel you would like more support with in RE.

The meeting will be held at:

**St. Andrew's C of E primary school**

To book your place please email

**[debbie.g@st-Andrews-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:debbie.g@st-Andrews-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk)**





# For Primary Teachers



**3 x 1 hour sessions**  
*free* for MTA members



**£25**  
or £10 per session

Session 1 **Music everywhere, everyday**  
*Building lessons from musical games and activities*

Session 2 **Prepare - present - practice**  
*Developing a sequence of learning in music*

Session 3 **Being a musician in your classroom**  
*Classroom musicianship in action*

### All sessions include:

- Demonstrations of **practical ideas**
- **Activity resources** available to all attendees
- Opportunities to ask questions

- 21<sup>st</sup> April
  - 5<sup>th</sup> May
  - 19<sup>th</sup> May
- all at 4.30pm

Find out more  
and book here:

[www.musicteachers.org/events](http://www.musicteachers.org/events)



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