



Diocesan Board of Education

A photograph of a group of young children in a classroom, with the text 'GOVERNOR BRIEFING' overlaid in large white letters. The children are of various ethnicities and are looking towards the right side of the frame. The image has a purple tint and is framed by a thick purple border. The text 'GOVERNOR' is on the top line and 'BRIEFING' is on the bottom line, both in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font.

GOVERNOR BRIEFING

AGENDA 12 FEBRUARY

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Free Grove Books PDF

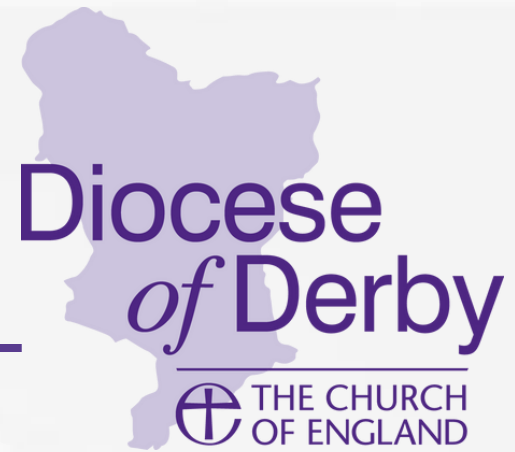


We have signed up to receive Grove Education Booklets which we can then send out to schools and governors so we have two for this month.

1. Governance in a Christian Manner by Mike Simmonds Governance Officer
2. Treasuring the Earth – Inspiring Heads, Hearts and Hands in School Communities for People and Planet by Dr Ryan Parker RE and Christian Ethos Adviser St Albans

(links to the Heart for the Earth Resources from St Alban's Diocese [HERE](#))

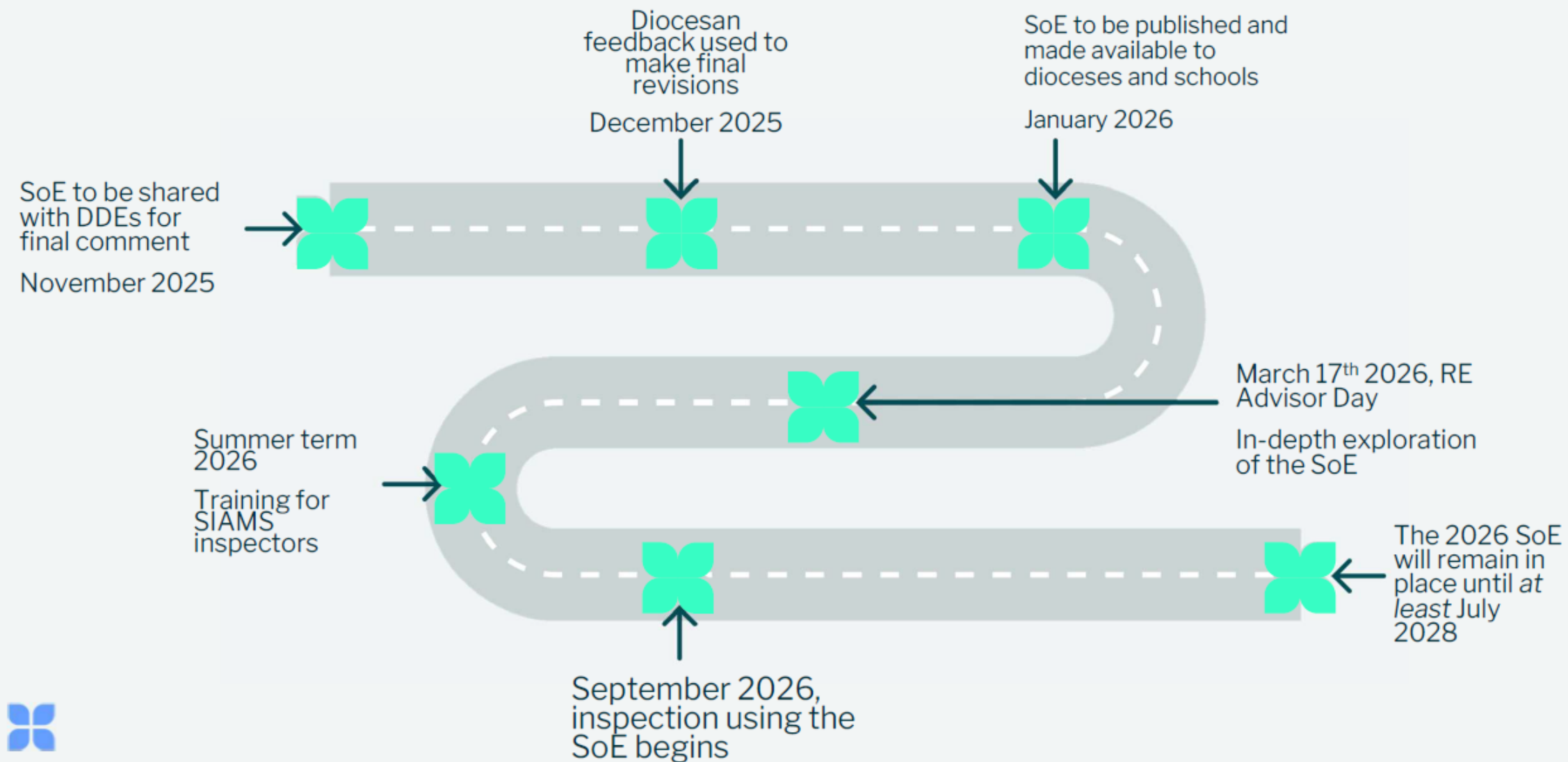
Bishop Malcolm Retiring



- If you would like to send a message that we can then collate please do to myself, Lindsey or the office email.
- Lindsey has sent out a link to an online Farewell Card – please find it below
- <https://recocards.com/board/farewell-malcolm-137440464163>
- If you would like to send a card, piece of children's art etc then please do to
- Liz Seymour. Church House, Full Street, Derby. DE1 3DR
- We will keep you informed of the service that the Diocese plan to mark his retirement.

Statement of Entitlement 2026

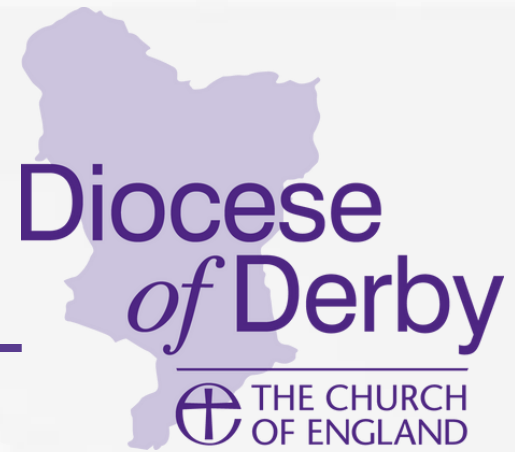
NSE SoE Publication Plan



This has now been sent out and further training will be available from May 2026.

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Education Estates Strategy



[Education Estates Strategy](#)

Please alert your **VA schools** in particular to the new requirements for an annual return, the new digital platform for managing the education estate, and the forthcoming pilots of responsible bodies collecting and reporting their own data.

We will keep in contact and support you with this.

Difference and CAGWF

Difference Training

- Monday 02 March Derby Church House, Full Street, DE1 3DR
- From 13:30 approx. 2 hours
- [Difference for Primary Schools – Difference](#)
- There is Difference for secondary schools so I will contact DCS.
- If you would like to take part in the Christianity As A Global World Faith training then we will be taking schools who have undertaken this course.
- If you would like to attend but cannot do the Derby in person session then please let me know and I will look at putting on an online session. Email liz.seymour@derby.anglican.org
- Please book on here [HERE](#)

BISHOP'S BADGE 2026



PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE Monday 15 June 10:30-12:30

Derby Cathedral

Who is this for?

Children who have demonstrated the Diocesan Values of Generous Faith; Courageous Hope or Life Giving Love

Please hold the date.

There will be a letter from Bishop Libby inviting you to nominate a child coming soon.

CPAS Training and Resources



CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society) offers:

Training: Developed to be relevant to both school and church leaders for their CPD and to foster closer collaboration, our online training can be attended by school or church leaders for free or subsidised costs. It is most impactful where both come together.

Resources and Grants: A £10k grant fund and accompanying teaching resources are available to help schools, in partnership with their church(es), embed aspects of spiritual development into their residential programmes.

Sign up [here](#) to access the teaching programme and grant application.

Complete this form to receive future information about Schools resources, updates, training and grants.

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You will then receive an email about the Pathway resources coming soon

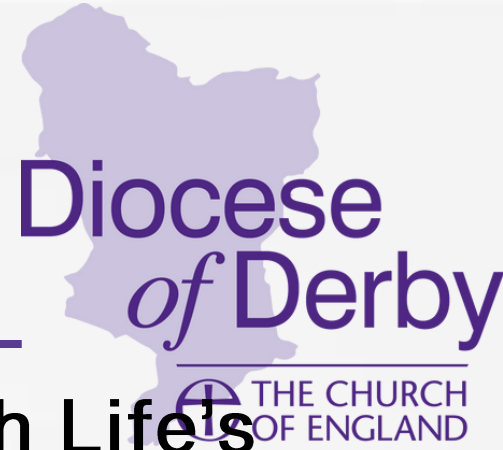
They are listed below:

The Case of the Empty Tomb Teaching Materials.

The Case of the Empty Tomb Pupil Handbook.

Dangerous Kindness – The Good Samaritan.

CPAS Online Webinars and Training



Walking Alongside: School-Church Partnerships that Support Families Through Life's Transitions

Date: Wednesday, 4 March 2026 (Bookings close on Monday 02 March)

Time: 1.15-2pm

Cost: Free Sign Up [HERE](#)

A parent dies. A new baby arrives. A pupil has a life-changing accident. Are you ready? This 45 minute session gives churches and schools practical tools to prepare together, ensuring a compassionate, coordinated response when support matters most.

School-Church Partnerships: Building a Shared Spiritual Growth Pathway

Date: Wednesday, 17 March 2026

Time: 1-3pm

Cost: £20 per person Book [HERE](#)

How can schools and churches partner to offer progressively deeper opportunities for children and families to explore faith? This session explores what intentional, layered spiritual development could look like when church and school work together.

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CPAS Online Webinars and Training



Let the Children Lead: Meaningful Pupil Leadership in School Worship

Date: Wednesday, 29 April 2026 Bookings close on Monday 27 April

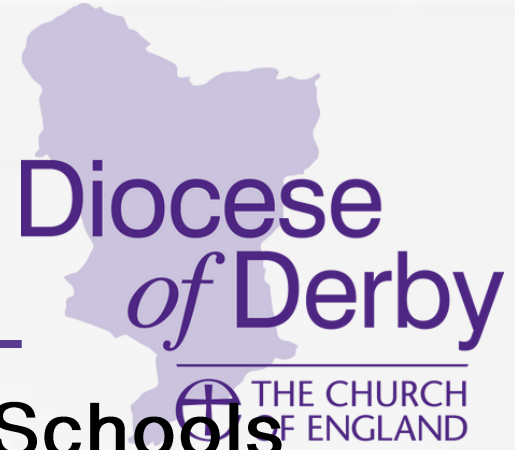
Time: 1:15-2pm

Cost: Free

Sign up [HERE](#)

Is it possible to equip pupils to lead worship when they come from diverse faith backgrounds - or none? This session tackles key challenges like leading without personal belief, avoiding tokenism, and ensuring every child feels respected. We'll highlight the benefits of pupil-led worship and share practical ways churches and schools can create meaningful, authentic experiences together.

CPAS Online Webinars and Training



Spiritual Development vs. Christian Discipleship: Building Shared Theology for Schools and Churches

Date: Wednesday, 10 June 2026

Time: 1-3pm

Cost: £20 per person

Book [HERE](#)

What is spiritual development, and how does it differ from Christian discipleship? This session offers space for schools and churches to explore and clarify their theology around these concepts, helping both partners understand their unique roles and shared opportunities.

CPAS Online Webinars and Training



Pathways Programme

Starting in July, join the year-long Pathways Programme featuring three termly gatherings and gap-tasks that facilitate deeper collaboration between school and church. Topics will include (but are not limited to):

Overcoming barriers to effective collaboration.

Understanding spiritual development.

Distinguishing genuine from superficial pupil agency.

Engaging families.

Navigating differences well.

Specific dates, times and costs to be confirmed. Both in-person and online.

CPD Programme 2025-26



Understanding Christianity – Refresher Workshop

This is an in-person event for any schools already using the Understanding Christianity resource. It is a useful session for any teacher needing a refresher or an introduction.

Tuesday 24 March 2025 09:30-12:00

Venue: Church House, Full Street, Derby

Tuesday 30 June 2025 09:30 – 12:00 or 13:00-15:30

Venue: Glossop

Fee: PA £40 / Non PA £85

Booking Form [HERE](#)

If you require a new folder of resources – 9 units and the resource booklets for each key stage (frieze, frieze booklet, teacher's guide, UC information and website guide) please indicate this on the booking form. There will be an additional £75 charge.

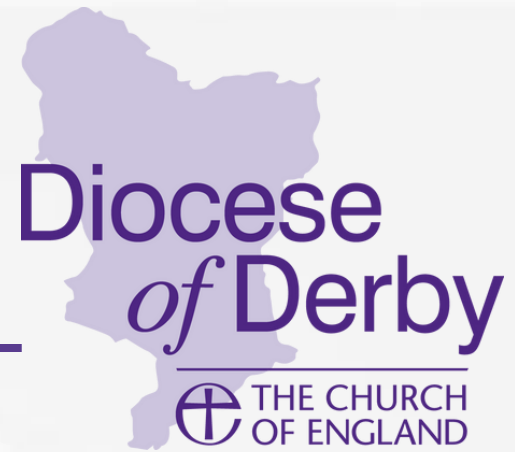
Understanding Christianity Refresher INSET

We are now able to offer this as an INSET for your school. There is flexibility over how this could be delivered.

Please email Liz to discuss liz.seymour@derby.anglican.org

Fee: PA £100 / Non PA £200

CPD Programme 2025-26



Updated SIAMS Framework Training

This training is useful to any member of staff or governor in your school. It is a 2-hour session and explains the whole of the new framework and what to expect in terms of the practicalities of a SIAMS inspection. It will look at the SEF and monitoring and evaluation, as well as giving you an opportunity to think about what your action points may be for each of the inspection questions.

This training is useful for anyone who wants to be able to get to know the new framework better or for anyone who is new to the SIAMS process.

Please note that all the sessions below are the same, different times have been offered to make it as accessible to as many people as possible. This will be recorded on Wed 22 October.

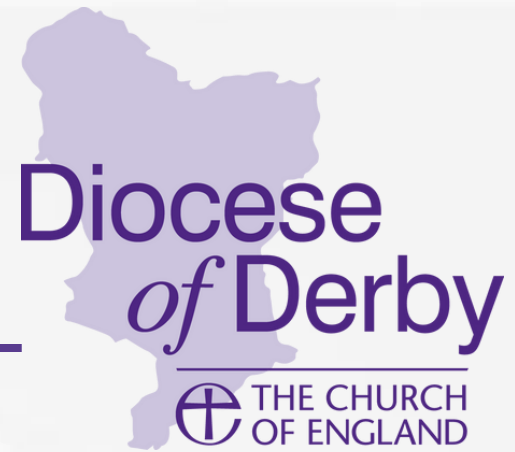
Tuesday 24 February 2026, 13:00 - 15:00 Online

Wednesday 06 May 2026, 18:00 -20:00 Online

Fee: PA £25 / Non PA £40

Booking form [HERE](#)

CPD Programme 2025-26



DBE Governor Two Part Training Programme

Sessions are held online 18:00 - 20:00

Part 1

Tuesday 14 April 2026

Part 2

Tuesday 16 June 2026 with Debbie Yeomans from RE Today

This programme is essential for any new governors and for those who have not accessed DBE training for a while and would benefit from refreshing their knowledge of what it means to be a governor of a church school. This course will give you the firm foundations you need to carry out your role effectively as well as networking and discussion time with other governors in the diocese.

This is for ANY governor of a church school not just foundation governors.

These sessions will be led by Liz Seymour, the Deputy Director for Education and Debbie Yeomans from RE Today

Through the programme you will explore:

What a church school is (and is not)

The importance of ethos and vision

RE in a church school

SIAMS

Collective Worship

Fee for both sessions: PA £125 / Non PA £250 (per school)

PA £25 / Non PA £40 (individual governor)

Booking Form [HERE](#)

CPD Programme 2025-26



Monitoring and Evaluating life as a Church School

You will explore diverse ways to monitor and evaluate and the roles of school leaders, pupils and governors. Both webinars will run from 18:00 - 20:00. This will be recorded.

The session is offered on 2 dates.
Monday 18 May 2026

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

SIAMS List 2025-26



Bakewell CE Infant School
Bradley CE Primary School
Bradwell CE Primary School
Derby Cathedral School
Edale CE Primary School
Great Hucklow CE Primary School

Pilsley CE Primary School
St George's CE Primary School (Church
Greasley)
St Giles CE Primary School (Matlock)
Walton On Trent CE Primary and Nursery
School

SIAMS Inspected in 2019, 20, 21, 22



2018/2019 – 8 year cycle

St Oswald's CE PS

Barlow CE PS

Sale & Davys CE PS

Baslow St Anne's CE PS

Belper St John's CE PS

Derby St Chad's CE PS

Eyam CE PS

Rosliston CE PS

Woodthorpe CE PS

2021-22 5 year cycle

Bishop Lonsdale CE Primary and Nursery

Brailsford CE PS

Hartshorne CE Primary School

2019/20 – 8 year cycle

Castleton CE PS

Cromford CE PS

St Peter's CE Juniors, Fairfield

Fritchley CE PS

Kirk Langley CE PS

Netherseal St Peter's CE PS

St Weburgh's CE PS

Stoney Middleton CE PS

Taddington & Priestcliffe

Bishop's Pursglove CE PS Tideswell

Winster CE PS

2020-21 8 year cycle

Church Broughton CE PS

Crich CE Infs

Darley Churchtown CE PS

Dinting CE PS

Killamarsh St Giles CE PS

SIAMS inspected in 2019 & 2020

- Put your SEF together with a focus on impact
- Audit the school curriculum in light of the existing vision
- Explore spirituality with the staff – is there a shared understanding
- Explore justice and responsibility understanding with pupils
- Ensure all relevant staff and governors are attending DBE training associated with SIAMs.
- Ensure all staff and governors are familiar with current SIAMS framework
- Communicate with DBE regularly and share what you are doing
- Check the Statement of Entitlement for RE is being met and local and national RE developments are taken into consideration

SIAMS PREP

- Please do contact me if you would like a visit.
- I am happy to review SEFs, websites etc
- During visits I am happy to speak with pupils or staff.
- liz.Seymour@derby.anglican.org

SIAMS NETWORK TRAINING SPRING



SIAMS Networking Training

This networking allows staff to dive into aspects of the SIAMS Framework. There will be presentations from senior leaders, RE advisers and SIAMS inspectors, as well as the use of breakout rooms to enable you to network with other schools about how best to move forward in a particular area and discuss what it means to be a church school. These will be recorded.

Fee: PA £25 / Non PA £40 per session

BUNDLE FEE (all networking sessions): PA £100 / £200 Booking form [HERE](#)

Inspection question 3 networking – Collective Worship and Spirituality

Tuesday 03 March 2026, 16:00 – 17:00, online

Inspection question 4 networking – Theologically rooted Christian vision and treating people well.

Tuesday 24 March 2026, 16:00-17:00, online

Inspection question 5 networking – Justice and responsibility

Thursday 30 April 2026, 16:00 – 17:00 online

Inspection question 6/7 networking – Religious Education with Debbie Yeomans from RE Today

Thursday 07 May 2026, 16:00-17:30, online

SIAMS NETWORK TRAINING SUMMER



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Fee: PA £25 / Non PA £40 per session

BUNDLE FEE (all networking sessions): PA £100 / £200 Booking form [HERE](#)

Inspection question 6/7 networking – Religious Education with Debbie Yeomans from RE Today

Thursday 07 May 2026, 16:00-17:30, online

Inspection question 1 networking – Theologically rooted Christian Vision

Thursday 14 May 2026, 16:00-17:00, online

Inspection question 2 networking – How is the curriculum a reflection of the Christian Vision?

Tuesday 02 June 2026, 16:00 -17:00, online

Inspection question 3 networking – Collective Worship and Spirituality

Wednesday 10 June 2026, 16:00 – 17:00, online

Inspection question 4 networking – Theologically rooted Christian vision and treating people well.

Wednesday 17 June 2026 16:00-17:00 online

Inspection question 5 networking – Justice and responsibility

Thursday 25 June 2026, 16:00 – 17:00 online

Lent 2026



Shrove Tuesday 17 February 2026

Ash Wednesday 18 February 2026 – Maundy Thursday 02 April 2026

Church of England Resources

Draw Near website link [here](#) £2.99 per single copy (not available yet but you can put your email in to be notified)

Draw Near is the official Church of England booklet for Lent 2026. This booklet encourages children, families, schools and church groups to build a habit of generosity with the help of 40acts (brought to you by Stewardship). Many people choose to “give something up” for Lent. Draw Near with 40acts invites you to turn that on its head: give things away, give time, give encouragement, and discover the joy of walking in generosity. As well as an act of generosity, each day also offers a simple Bible verse, reflection and prayer ideal for families, children, school and church groups to do together.

Lent 2026



40 Acts of Stewardship

Every day there will be a new challenge.

From writing a note of encouragement to someone, to buying a gift for a friend.

All you've got to do is sign up and respond to the daily prompts.

Give it a go and see if it doesn't grow your heart in generosity towards your neighbour.

Email or App

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/40acts>

Passover 2026

<https://jewishmuseum.org.uk/events/passover-virtual-broadcast-for-primary-schools-2/>

When

March 17, 2026

9.30 am - 10.00 am

This free live-streamed event is for Primary schools. Perfect for assemblies!

Join the Jewish Museum Learning and Engagement Team for an exciting free live-streamed event in celebration of the Jewish festival of Passover!

The broadcast will be hosted on Zoom, with the link being sent out just prior to the event.

Tune in for storytelling, object exploration, and activities.

ECO SCHOOLS – Great Spring Clean



Website link Great British Spring Clean [here](#) School Clean [here](#)

13 March – 29 March 2026

Great Big School Clean – can register your pledge to be involved from February

Join the Great Big School Clean

We believe that teaching children and young people about litter is a crucial part of their environmental education journey and that every child has the right to live, play and learn in a clean and safe neighbourhood.

Last year, more than 265,000 pupils took part in the 2025 Great Big School Clean through their schools, and many other young people took part through events in their local communities.

Pledging for the Great Big School Clean 2026 will open on 13 February.

Eco Schools – Count your carbon



Count Your Carbon from Eco Schools

Every year in England, schools emit more than 10 million tonnes of carbon.
What if we could do something to change that?

Link to information [HERE](#)

Updated for 2025-26 [HERE](#)

Eco Schools – Count your carbon

FULL REPORT and EXECUTIVE SUMMARY [HERE](#)

Key findings:

The **school run** is the #1 contributor: In a major shift in our understanding, the data shows that pupil commuting is now the single largest source of emissions (21%), outweighing electricity use (11%).

Transport dominates: When including staff travel and school trips, transport accounts for roughly 41% of a school's total footprint—more than the heating and powering of buildings combined.

The power of the plate: Hot school dinners account for approximately 16% of emissions. Small, manageable adjustments to menus and sourcing offer a practical route to measurable progress.

The rural/urban divide: Due to travel distances, rural schools have a carbon intensity 22% higher than urban schools, highlighting the need for localised action plans.

Local School Nature Grants



Local School Nature Grants are back for 2026!

Applications are open to schools and early years settings in England, Scotland, and Wales until 13 March. Apply now for your chance to get two hours of quality outdoor learning training for your staff, £500 worth of outdoor equipment for your school, a climate curriculum pack worth £150, a climate audit of your site, and more!

If you've received a Local School Nature Grant in previous years, you're instead eligible for our LSNG XL programme, which offers up to 30 hours of CPD training, alongside equipment and resources. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to embed outdoor learning and play into the school day!

Sign Up [HERE](#)

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

- Website page with all the information about governance [HERE](#)
- This is for LA Maintained schools. Academies have a different process with their MAT.

Nominations for terms of office ending	Closing date for receipt of paperwork	Papers published to the Board for approval	DBE Meeting date
Up to the end of June 2026	04 March 2026	18 March 2026	25 March 2026
Up to the end of October 2026	16 June 2026	30 June 2026	07 July 2026

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

- Foundation Appointment Process [HERE](#)
- Foundation Governor Application Form [HERE](#).
- Incumbent Reference Form [HERE](#)

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Link to their News update page and sign up for emails [HERE](#)

FUTURE BRIEFING DATES



- Collective Worship Briefings 16:00-17:00
- Tuesday 17 March 2026 – Spirituality and CW
- Monday 18 May 2026 – CW and SEND
- Tuesday 16 June 2025 – Creation tide and Harvest

FUTURE BRIEFING DATES - GOV

These are from 19:00-20:00. I will be recording these as I deliver them.

2025-26 – The dates have been updated.

- Monday 16 March 2026
- Tuesday 19 May 2026
- Monday 22 June 2026
- Tuesday 21 July 2026

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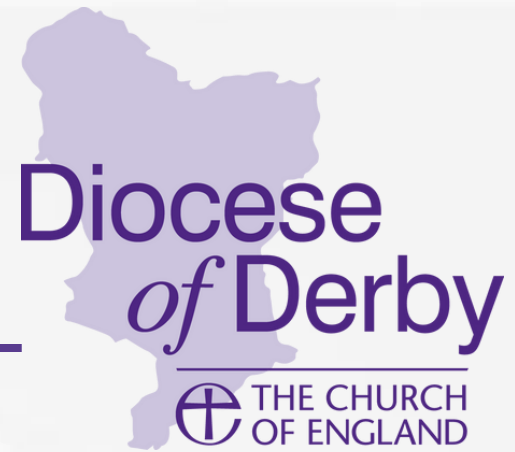


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Diocesan Prayer



Vision Prayer

Gracious God,
in your mercy and for your glory,
renew us, reshape us, revive us –
with generous faith, courageous hope and life-giving love –
that, in transformed lives through growing church and building
community,
we may see your Kingdom come and be good news for all.
Amen.



Transformed Lives | Growing Church | Building Community
THE KINGDOM OF GOD - GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

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