



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Diocese of St Edmundsbury
and Ipswich



Training and Development courses for church schools 2025-26

arranged by subject

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Governance	
<u>Being a Governor in a Church School</u> 4.00 – 5.30pm via Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 1 October 2025 Monday 26 January 2026 Tuesday 5 May 2026 	For all governors in a church school Free
<u>Monitoring for Governors: General</u> 4.00 – 5.30pm via Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 8 October 2025 Tuesday 20 January 2026 	An overview of a variety of monitoring ideas, to enable governors to gather and interpret information from a range of sources, giving them a clear picture of their school and supporting school improvement. Free
Chairs of Governors Forum 4.00 – 5.00pm via Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 20 November 2025 Thursday 19 March 2026 Tuesday 23 June 2026 	An opportunity for Chairs to meet to discuss issues and challenges in schools. Free
Monitoring for Governors sessions 4.00 - 5.00pm via Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupil premium - Thursday 4 December 2025 SEND - Tuesday 3 February 2026 Religious Education - Monday 2 March 2026 (with Rachel Cutts, Diocesan Schools' Adviser) SIAMS - Tuesday 17 March 2026 Curriculum - Thursday 14 May 2026 Equality, Diversity & Inclusion - Thursday 25 June 2026 	These bitesize sessions will look at specific areas of monitoring. Free
Bespoke Governor Training On a date of your choice in school	£200.00 – if schools subscribe to the Schools' Choice Governor training package, governors are entitled to receive one whole governing body training session each school year. Please contact Jacqui Studd .
Leadership	
Headteachers' Forum 1.30 – 2.30pm via Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 24 September 2025 Tuesday 20 January 2026 Thursday 30 April 2026 	An opportunity for Heads to meet to discuss issues and challenges in schools. Free
<u>Practical ways school leaders can be enabled to establish, articulate, and sustain a church school ethos with Dr Claire Gibson</u> 1.30 - 3.00pm via Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 2 October 2025 	Offers an incisive and practical approach to church school leadership practice, equipping leaders to ensure that their school vision is lived out. £30 per session subscribing schools/£60 per session other schools

Small Schools Forum 4.00 – 5.30pm via Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 20 October 2025 Tuesday 24 February 2026 Thursday 21 May 2026 	For Heads, Chairs and Governors to meet to discuss the issues and challenges facing small schools. Free
<u>Annual Church School Leaders' Conference</u> 9.30am – 4.00pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 13 November 2025 	For Heads, Deputies, Chairs and Governors Venue: Ip-City, Ipswich £60.00 per delegate, Governors free
<u>Leading a Church School for Heads and aspiring Heads</u> 4.00 – 5.30pm via Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part One: Thursday 23 October 2025 Part Two: Tuesday 3 March 2026 	For new and aspiring Headteachers, an opportunity to explore what leadership looks like day to day, in a church school context. £30 per session subscribing schools/£60 per session other schools
Religious Education/Collective Worship	
<u>RE in our church schools</u> 4.00 - 5.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 8 September 2025 Wednesday 7 January 2026 	For Governors: what is RE, how should it look in a church school and monitoring RE Free
SIAMS and RE 4.00 - 5.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 10 September 2025 	For RE Subject Leads and SLT: updates to the SIAMS framework. £30 subscribing schools/£60 other schools
<u>New to RE Leadership</u> 4.00 - 5.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 18 September 2025 	New RE Subject Leads. A brief introduction to the role with a follow up support visit later in the term. £30 subscribing schools/£60 other schools
<u>New to Teaching RE</u> 9.30am – 12.00pm via Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 7 October 2025 Wednesday 21 January 2026 Thursday 16 April 2026 	Suitable for ECTs, RQTs, HLTAs, experienced teachers and anyone needing a refresher on teaching RE £60 subscribing schools/£120 other schools
<u>RE refresher</u> 4.00 5.00pm via Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 22 October 2025 	For RE teachers: a recap of the worldviews approach to RE and the Emmanuel Project £30 subscribing schools/£60 other schools
<u>Collective Worship in our church schools</u> 4.00 - 5.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 11 November 2025 	For Governors: how to support and monitor collective worship in school Free
<u>Core Knowledge webinars</u> 4.00 - 5.00pm via Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 18 November 2025: Islam Monday 12 January 2026: Judaism Tuesday 3 February 2026: Hindu Dharma Tuesday 10 March 2026: Humanism Thursday 7 May: Sikhi Thursday 18 June: Buddhism 	Anyone who wants to boost their knowledge exploring concepts linked to the Emmanuel Project £30 per session for subscribing schools/ £60 per session other schools

<p><u>Spiritual Development in Primary Schools</u> 9.30am – 12.00pm via Zoom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 19 November 2025 Wednesday 11 March 2026 Wednesday 24 June 2026 	<p>Suitable for heads, SLT, teachers, governors, clergy, curriculum leads</p> <p>£60 subscribing schools/£120 other schools</p>
<p>Bible Course (8 part course) 3.45 - 5.15pm via Zoom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session 1 - Thursday 15 January Session 2 - Thursday 22 January Session 3 - Thursday 29 January Session 4 - Thursday 5 February Session 5 - Thursday 12 February Session 6 - Thursday 19 February Session 7 - Thursday 26 February Session 8 - Thursday 5 March 	<p>For Heads and governors. Whether you are new to the Bible or have read it for years, this eight part course is designed to help you make sense of it all - from Genesis to Revelation.</p> <p>Delivered by Revd Laura Mumford, Diocesan Growing Younger Enabler and Jane Sheat, Diocesan Director of Education.</p> <p>Free.</p>
<p><u>Collective Worship in church schools</u> 4.00 – 5.30pm via Zoom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 4 March 2026 	<p>For Heads, CW Leads, Staff: suitable for those new to leading CW in church schools or those who wish to have a refresher course</p> <p>£30 subscribing schools/£60 other schools</p>
<p><u>Monitoring RE</u> 4.00 - 5.00pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 2 March 2026 	<p>For Governors to help understand your role as Governor in supporting your school with RE</p> <p>Free</p>
<p>RE Enrichment Days 4.00 - 5.00pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 5 March 2026 Tuesday 5 May 2026 	<p>For RE Subject Leads and/or teachers</p> <p>Planning for a RE enrichment day.</p> <p>£30 subscribing schools/£60 other schools</p>
<p><u>RE Moderation: sharing good practice</u> 4.00 - 5.30pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 4 June 2026 	<p>For RE Subject Leads and/or teachers</p> <p>In person</p> <p>£30 subscribing schools/£60 other schools</p>
<p>RE Network 4.00 - 5.30pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 30 June 2026 	<p>RE leaders and teachers are invited to join this free network to discuss RE.</p> <p>Free</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SIAMS / Ofsted</p>	
<p><u>SIAMS: are you ready?</u> 9.30am – 3.15pm via Zoom unless stated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 21 October 2025 (Debenham High School) Tuesday 10 February 2026 Tuesday 9 June 2026 	<p>Headteachers, RE Subject Leaders, Collective Worship Co-ordinators, Foundation Governors and Clergy are welcome to this introduction to the new SIAMS Framework</p> <p>£120 subscribing schools/£240 other schools</p> <p>Governors free</p>
<p><u>Ofsted training</u> 1.30 – 3.00pm via Zoom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 27 November 2025 	<p>This session for Headteachers and governors will cover how best to prepare for an Ofsted inspection and how to make the most of the inspection. Led by Heather Hann, Head of Professional Development, Diocesan MAT, Jane Sheat, DDE and Holly Marchand, Head, Worlingham CEVCP</p> <p>£30 subscribing schools/£60 other schools</p>

Wellbeing

Headteachers and senior staff Wellbeing Day

12.30 – 4.00pm

- Friday 10 October 2025

Thomas Clarkson Centre, Bury St Edmunds

Free

Introduction to Church Schools

New to church schools

4.00 – 5.00pm via Zoom

- Wednesday 15 October 2025
- Tuesday 27 January 2026
- Thursday 11 June 2026

This session is for admin staff, TAs, caretakers, teachers, MDSAs and anyone else new to working or volunteering in a Church School, whatever their role.

Free

Booking

All courses are booked via Jacqui Studd, Education Administrator:

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All prices quoted are per person.

Course costs

- **Full day courses - £120 for subscribing church schools; £240 for other schools**
- **Half day courses - £60 for subscribing church schools; £120 for other schools**
- **Twilight courses - £30 for subscribing church schools; £60 for other schools**
- **Governors training free**

Where schools book more than one delegate on the same half day or full day training, each additional delegate will receive a 50% discount.

Payment

An invoice will be emailed following the training.

Cancellation and non-attendance

If you are unable to attend a course please contact: jacqui.studd@cofesuffolk.org

or call 01473 298570.

For face to face training, we require 48 hours' notice for cancellations.