



THE CHURCH  
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Diocese of St Edmundsbury  
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# **Training and Development courses for church schools spring summer 2026**

**arranged by subject**

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| Governance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b><u>Being a Governor in a Church School</u></b><br>4.00 – 5.30pm via Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 26 January 2026</li> <li>Tuesday 5 May 2026</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | For all governors in a church school<br><br>Free                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b><u>Monitoring for Governors: General</u></b><br>4.00 – 5.30pm via Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday 20 January 2026</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 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.<br><br>Free    |
| <b>Chairs of Governors Forum</b><br>4.00 – 5.00pm via Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday 19 March 2026</li> <li>Tuesday 23 June 2026</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | An opportunity for Chairs to meet to discuss issues and challenges in schools.<br><br>Free                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Monitoring for Governors sessions</b><br>4.00 - 5.00pm via Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Religious Education</a> - Monday 2 March 2026 (with Rachel Cutts, Diocesan Schools' Adviser)</li> <li><a href="#">SIAMS</a> - Tuesday 17 March 2026</li> <li><a href="#">SEND</a> - Tuesday 28 April 2026</li> <li><a href="#">Curriculum</a> - Thursday 14 May 2026</li> <li><a href="#">Pupil premium</a> – Tuesday 16 June 2026</li> <li><a href="#">Equality, Diversity &amp; Inclusion</a> - Thursday 25 June 2026</li> </ul> | These bitesize sessions will look at specific areas of monitoring.<br><br>Free                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Bespoke Governor Training</b><br>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 <a href="#">Jacqui Studd</a> . |
| Leadership                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Headteachers' Forum</b><br>1.30 – 2.30pm via Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday 20 January 2026</li> <li>Thursday 30 April 2026</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | An opportunity for Heads to meet to discuss issues and challenges in schools.<br><br>Free                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Small Schools Forum</b><br>4.00 – 5.30pm via Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday 24 February 2026</li> <li>Thursday 21 May 2026</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | For Heads, Chairs and Governors to meet to discuss the issues and challenges facing small schools.<br><br>Free                                                                                                               |
| <b><u>Leading a Church School for Heads and aspiring Heads</u></b><br>4.00 – 5.30pm via Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday 3 March 2026</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | For new and aspiring Headteachers, an opportunity to explore what leadership looks like day to day, in a church school context.<br><br>£30 subscribing schools/£60 other schools                                             |

## Religious Education/Collective Worship

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| <p><b><u>Bible Course (8 part course)</u></b><br/> 3.45 - 5.15pm via Zoom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Session 1 - Thursday 15 January</li> <li>• Session 2 -Thursday 22 January</li> <li>• Session 3 -Thursday 29 January</li> <li>• Session 4 - Thursday 5 February</li> <li>• Session 5 - Thursday 12 February</li> <li>• Session 6 - Thursday 26 February</li> <li>• Session 7 - Thursday 5 March</li> <li>• Session 8 – Thursday 12 March</li> </ul> | <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><b>Deadline for bookings: 15 December 2025</b></p> <p>Free.</p> |
| <p><b><u>New to Teaching RE</u></b><br/> 9.30am – 12.00pm via Zoom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 21 January 2026</li> <li>• Thursday 16 April 2026</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>Suitable for ECTs, RQTs, HLTAs, experienced teachers and anyone needing a refresher on teaching RE</p> <p>£60 subscribing schools/£120 other schools</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p><b><u>RE statement of entitlement update</u></b><br/> 4.00 – 4.30pm via Zoom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday 3 February 2026</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>Short online information session on the new RE statement of entitlement</p> <p>Free</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b><u>Collective Worship in church schools</u></b><br/> 4.00 – 5.30pm via Zoom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 4 March 2026</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <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><b><u>Spiritual Development in Primary Schools</u></b><br/> 9.30am – 12.00pm via Zoom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 11 March 2026</li> <li>• Wednesday 24 June 2026</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>Suitable for heads, SLT, teachers, governors, clergy, curriculum leads</p> <p>£60 subscribing schools/£120 other schools</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p><b><u>REfresher</u></b><br/> 4.00 5.00pm via Zoom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 20 April 2026</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p>For RE teachers: a recap of the worldviews approach to RE and the Emmanuel Project</p> <p>£30 subscribing schools/£60 other schools</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b><u>RE in our church schools</u></b><br/> 4.00 - 5.30pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 11 May 2026</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>For Governors: what is RE, how should it look in a church school and monitoring RE</p> <p>Free</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p><b><u>RE Moderation: sharing good practice</u></b><br/> 4.00 - 5.30pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday 4 June 2026</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>For RE Subject Leads and/or teachers:</p> <p>In person</p> <p>£30 subscribing schools/£60 other schools</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p><b><u>Annual RE Subject Leader Update</u></b><br/> 9.30am – 12.00pm<br/> Tuesday 9 June 2026</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>A key update for RE subject leaders in school to ensure that they are up to date and compliant with the most recent guidance and advice</p> <p>£60 subscribing schools/£120 other schools</p>                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p><b><u>RE Network</u></b><br/> 4.00 - 5.30pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday 30 June 2026</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>RE leaders and teachers are invited to join this free network to discuss RE.</p> <p>Free</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

| SIAMS / Ofsted                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b><u>SIAMS: are you ready?</u></b><br>9.30am – 3.15pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday 18 June 2026</li> </ul> | Headteachers, RE Subject Leaders, Collective Worship Co-ordinators, Foundation Governors and Clergy are welcome to this introduction to the new SIAMS Framework<br><br>£120 subscribing schools/£240 other schools<br><br>Governors free |

| Introduction to Church Schools                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b><u>New to church schools</u></b><br>3.30 – 4.30pm via Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday 27 January 2026</li> <li>Thursday 11 June 2026</li> </ul> | 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.<br><br>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](mailto:jacqui.studd@cofesuffolk.org)

or call 01473 298570.

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