

ICONS NEWSLETTER

**HELLO AND
WELCOME TO THE
MARCH ICONS
NEWSLETTER!**

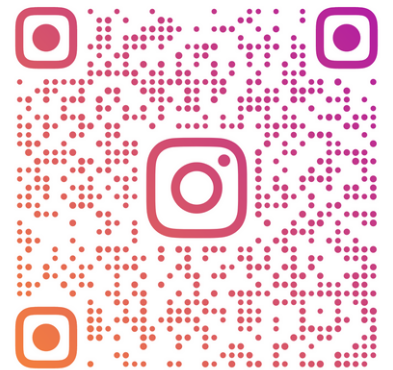


**International Cross
of Nails Schools**

**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR
SOCIAL MEDIA AND GET
INVOLVED**

Make sure to send us any images or news of your activities, we would love to showcase what you are up to! And get in touch if you'd like us to share your school pages and updates, etc.

Just double click or scan the links!



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Featured:

- What's been happening - Recent presentation services
- Upcoming training opportunities
- Key dates and upcoming meetings
- Ambassadors and Champions.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

St John Vianney Presentation Service!

St John Vianney Catholic Primary School celebrated their Cross of Nails presentation service on the 24th of January at their local parish church with the whole school community attending. Presided over by their School priest they held a mass which was also attended by parents and supporters.

This special service celebrated their achievements as a school and their focuses for a shared future. We can't wait to see what they get up to!



St John's Academy Presentation Service

On March 6th St John's CofE Academy celebrated their Cross of Nails presentation service in the Nave with their school community and supporters in attendance, as well as governors and previous staff members who came back to celebrate the marking of this occasion. St John's achieved their ICONS status during the pandemic but had not been able to celebrate this fantastic achievement until this year. We revisited the school to help the pupils who had never heard of ICONS to know what their school community was a part of.



This re-rooting in ICONS was cemented during the service as each year group presented different pieces of work they had created to show their understanding and commitment to peace and reconciliation. Creating a fantastic family atmosphere, we congratulate St John's and look forward to their future involvement in ICONS!

Rugby Ambassadors Training

At the end of January we had the great pleasure of taking our Ambassadors pupil training on the road for the first time! Both St Matthew's Bloxam and St Oswalds primary schools gathered groups of their pupils to take part in our reconciliation and peace training, where they learned how to have courageous conversations, be bridge builders, active listening techniques and much more. We are always looking for ways to make our training more accessible and available and this was certainly an exciting start!



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES - For more information get in touch

Secondary School Ambassadors Training

We are now offering Secondary School Ambassadors training this September so you can start your year off with a bang and embed ICONS principles within your school community as soon as the school year begins. Led by Emma Griffiths - a former secondary school R.E. teacher with an MA in Peacebuilding, this equips your students with a unique skill set that they can take back to the classroom and their peers and begin having important conversations. Exploring concepts and theory in more details and allowing your pupils to go out and spread attitudes of peace and reconciliation. (See page 5 for details).

Reconciliation Half Day Event for Year 7/6th Form.

These two separate half day events are available for both ICONS and non ICONS Schools and will take place across multiple September dates.

Our Year 7 half day event is the perfect way for you to introduce ICONS and reconciliatory practices to your new pupils and begin your term on a positive note. This also gives your pupils an opportunity to try to forge new bonds with their new classmates in an environment which promotes positive and healthy relationships and teaches them how to disagree well. All of these skills can help to cushion the transition from primary to secondary and allow your students to adjust to their new environment.

Our sixth form half days are a tried and tested format for us as we reintroduce this event for the first time since the pandemic. This event fulfils your statutory Religious Education requirements and will help to introduce your pupils (old and new) to the key concepts of Coventry's message as a city of Peace and Reconciliation and how to carry these tenets into their future studies and careers as they prepare to leave for University.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR SCHOOLS DIARY:

The updated Peace calendar for 2022-23 can be found through the link below and through the website also and is packed with ideas and prompts on how to weave ICONS work and practice into the heart of your schools learning and teaching!

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COVENTRY CATHEDRAL **Peace Calendar for Schools 2022-23** **INTERNATIONAL CROSS OF NAELS SCHOOLS**

Below are key dates, focus weeks and months, which you may want to use as vehicles for developing the 3 themes of ICONS in your school:

1. Healing the wounds of history
2. Living with difference and celebrating diversity
3. Building a culture of peace

Date	Event	ICONS Theme
September 21 st	International Day of Peace	1 & 3
20 th -26 th September	UK Recycle Week	1
26 th September	European Day of Languages	1, 2 & 3
30 th September	National Sporting Heritage Day	2
October	UK Black History Month	1 & 2
1 st October	International Older People's Day	3
2 nd October	Silver Sunday	3
3 rd October	World Habitat Day	1 & 3
8 th -15 th October	National Hate Crime Awareness Week	2 & 3
10 th October	World Mental Health Day	3
11 th -17 th October	National Braille Week	2
11 th October	International Day of the Girl Child	2
11 th October	National Coming Out Day	2
16 th October	World Food Day	2
17 th October	Child Poverty Day	1
18 th October	Anti-Slavery Day	1
20 th October	Conflict Resolution Day	3
2 nd November	National Stress Awareness Day	3
8 th November	World Town Planning Day	3
9 th November	World Freedom Day	1 & 3
11 th November	Armistice Day	1 & 3
13 th November	World Kindness Day	3

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13 th -22 nd November	Inter Faith Week	2 & 3
14 th November	Remembrance Sunday	1
14 th -15 th November	ICONS Birthday	1, 2 & 3
14 th -18 th November	Anti-Bullying Week	2 & 3
16 th November	International Day for Tolerance	2
20 th November	International Children's Day	2
21 st November	World Hello Day	2 & 3
25 th November	White Ribbon Day	3
1 st December	Prisoners for Peace Day	1
2 nd December	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	1
5 th December	International Volunteers Day	2 & 3
10 th December	Human Rights Day	1, 2 & 3
18 th December	Arabic Language Day	2
18 th December	International Migrants Day	2 & 3
20 th December	International Human Solidarity Day	2
4 th January 2023	World Braille Day	2
16 th January	World Religion Day	2
27 th January	Holocaust Memorial Day	1, 2 & 3
February	UK LGBT History Month	1 & 2
February (dates to be confirmed)	Care Day	1
February (dates to be confirmed)	Sign2Sing Week	2
30 th Jan-6 th February	National Storytelling Week	2
2 nd February	Time to Talk Day	3
4 th -11 th February	UK Children's Mental Health Week	3
7 th February	Send a Card to a Friend Day	1, 2 & 3
7 th -13 th February	Student Volunteering Week	3
11 th February	International Day of Women in Science	2
14 th February	Safer Internet Day	3

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<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/shop/digital-resources/icons-2022-23-peace-calendar>

UPCOMING ICONS STAFF MEETINGS!

Our next set of Staff meetings are on Thursday June 22nd -

- 8:30am Breakfast Meeting In-person at the Cathedral (breakfast provided from 8:00am) with guest speaker Rev Mary Gregory - Canon for Arts and Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral.
- 4:00pm Online Meeting via Zoom with guest speaker Rev Mary Gregory (see above).

Get in touch for more details!

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ONLINE

ICONS STAFF MEETING

WITH GUEST SPEAKER MARY GREGORY!

Thursday June 22nd
4pm on Zoom - get in touch for the link.

GET CHANCE TO PREVIEW NEW RESOURCES AND HEAR WHAT'S GOING ON IN SCHOOLS AROUND THE NETWORK.

Thursday June 22nd
Breakfast from 8:00
For a 8:30am start

IN PERSON

BREAKFAST

ICONS STAFF MEETING

WITH GUEST SPEAKER MARY GREGORY!

Come and grab breakfast and NEW resources and catch up with ICONS before your busy day!

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ICONS AMBASSADORS

**DO YOU THINK YOUR PUPILS COULD BECOME ICONS AMBASSADORS?
IF SO WE OFFER A PROGRAMME OF TRAINING WORKSHOPS TO EQUIP YOUR STUDENTS
WITH PEACEMAKING SKILLS.**

ICONS Ambassadors is a leadership programme for children and young people which will develop their understanding of the following:

- Theory behind ideas of prejudice, conflict transformation, forgiveness and reconciliation and how to apply their understanding to schools contexts
- Skills and values of peace-makers and reconcilers and how to plan for change within the school context
- Coventry Cathedral's story and the lasting, global legacy of peace and reconciliation that has grown out of it
- The 3 themes of ICONS: 1) Healing the wounds of history, 2) Living with difference and celebrating diversity, 3) Building a culture of peace

The ICONS Ambassadors Programme is most suitable for pupils in Y4-Y6 and involves attendance of sessions run at Coventry Cathedral or by arrangement for schools further afield.

Each ICON School can send up to 15 pupils - Below are the dates for our upcoming Ambassadors training and further dates are available in the graphic further on in the newsletter.

9th May 2023	Session One 10:00am - 2:30pm (UK Time)
15th May 2023	Session Two 10:00am - 2:30pm (UK Time)
22nd May 2023	Session Three 10:00am - 2:30pm (UK Time)

NEW COURSE

Our new Secondary School version of this training will be trialed this September (see ad on page 3) -

13th September 2023	Session One 10:00am - 2:30pm (UK Time)
20th September 2023	Session Two 10:00am - 2:30pm (UK Time)
22nd September 2023	Session Three 10:00am - 2:30pm (UK Time)

If you would like to send your pupils on this course or are interested in trialing our new course please email Jessica.weale@coventry.anglican.org or emma.griffiths@coventry.anglican.org and we will send you an application form - please be aware that this course costs £20 per student (£30 for secondary students), which can be discussed with the Cathedral if this is a difficulty.

ICONS CHAMPIONS

WE ALSO OFFER ICONS CHAMPIONS TRAINING TO STAFF TO EQUIP YOU WITH THE CLASSROOM SKILLS THAT FURTHER RECONCILIATION CENTRED LEARNING AND PEACEFUL PRACTICE IN THE CLASSROOM.

What is an ICONS Champion?

An ICONS Champion is a member of staff who is passionate about the concept of ICON Schools and understands the story of Coventry Cathedral and the Cross of Nails as a symbol of peace and reconciliation. This person will drive forward peace-building and reconciliation initiatives and encourage children and staff to engage with the school's work in this area.

This training is for staff in ICON Schools who are intending to take a lead on embedding their ICONS status so that there is ownership across the school community.

Smaller ICON schools may wish to send only one member of staff but larger primaries and secondary ICONS are encouraged to send more than one member of staff, especially if they want to spread impact across several key stages or different departments.

Over time, many members of staff from the same school may attend the training each time it is run to foster the greatest level of ownership.

Below are the dates for the next Champions training and further dates are available in the graphic further on in the newsletter.

23rd May 2023

Session One 1:00pm – 3:30pm

6th June 2023

Session Two 1:00pm – 3:30pm

13th June 2023

Session Three 1:00pm – 3:30pm

If you would like to attend this course please email

Jessica.Weale@Coventry.Anglican.org.uk or

emma.griffiths@coventry.anglican.org and we will send you an application form

- please be aware that this course costs £90 for all three sessions, which can be discussed with the cathedral if this is a fiscal difficulty.

**PLEASE KEEP CHECKING OUR WEB-PAGE FOR RESOURCES AS
WE'LL BE POSTING NEW ICONS TEACHING RESOURCES EVERY
FEW WEEKS.**

**IF YOU ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY ACCESSING THESE PLEASE
LET
US KNOW.**

**[HTTPS://WWW.COVENTRYCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK/SHOP/DIGITA
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**OUR NEW RESORUCE HUB WILL BE AVAILABLE TO YOU SOON
SO WATCH OUT FOR DETAILS ON THAT COMING UP!**

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR READING AND INTERACTING WITH
THIS NEWSLETTER.**

**DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIAS AND GET IN
TOUCH WITH US ABOUT ALL OUR EXCITING ACTIVITIES.**

**WARMEST REGARDS,
THE ICONS TEAM.**