Inspired Classrooms is an innovative and highly creative online Toolkit for schools and churches. It is designed to open up parish churches as spaces of accessible and enjoyable cross-curricular learning.

'I suddenly realised that you can do any lesson in a church. I hadn't thought about it before; we usually only come into the church at Christmas and Easter.'
Year 6 Pupil

'It was the best literacy lesson - much better than writing in the classroom.'
Year 4 Pupil

'When our teacher said we were going to the church I thought it would be boring but it hasn't been. It has been great!'
Year 5 Pupil

'I have found the concept of the Toolkit thoroughly inspiring because it allows teachers and children to fully realise the potential of all those beautiful buildings which are so important in our society.'
Primary School Headteacher

Inspired Classrooms is FREE to use and can be accessed by any church and by any school at any time

From The Bishop of Norwich

All schools have a rich resource for inspirational and cross-curricular learning nearby – parish churches. There are over 15,000 of them in England. They are under used in this connection, not through any fault of the schools and their teachers or the churches and their clergy.

It is simply that no-one has provided suitable resources to enable parish churches to be used not simply for religious education but for history, mathematics, art, music and science. This Toolkit for teachers is revolutionary. It will offer activities for a full cross-curricular day within a church, and suggestions for learning before and after the event.

Our young people deserve the very best experiential learning. Cathedrals and churches have a "wow" factor for young children. That's good, but we also want to make them places of learning and discovery too. They are inspired classrooms in themselves. I hope and pray this project will help us all rediscover that our parish churches are inspired classrooms.

The Rt Revd Graham James, Bishop of Norwich

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Exploring churches as places of creative learning across the curriculum

Lesson Plans and Challenges

Innovative cross-curricular lesson plans, challenges and supporting resources for Key Stages 1, 2 and 3. All designed to develop a range of key skills such as research, teamwork, focus and creativity.

Visit Practicalities

Providing the practical tools to help plan and deliver the perfect day of learning from both the school and church perspective. Includes a model risk assessment, itinerary, equipment list, press release and more.

QR Code Resource Bank and offline Web App

Our QR codes relate directly to and support the lesson plans and challenges, giving access to a bank of further information. With our offline Web App, this can even be done in churches with no wifi connection!

Inspired Gallery

Showcasing pupil and student responses created during and after their church visits, including artwork, photographs, poems and creative writing. Videos can also be uploaded to the Inspired Videos section of the Toolkit.

Inspired Classrooms provides bespoke 'tools' for both schools and churches, challenging the perception that parish churches are places in which only RE can be delivered.

Through its extensive range of cross-curricular lesson plans and challenges, Inspired Classrooms enables schools to deliver English, science, mathematics, humanities, the Arts and PSHE in their local parish churches.

Inspired Classrooms also provides advice, guidance and resources for churches to better understand and support the needs of their local schools.

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No other heritage learning resource has the richness or cross-curricular potential of parish churches and Inspired Classrooms will enable you to explore and enjoy them!