Church Builder – Tips for Teachers

Getting Started

Before Using the Software	Visit the church beforehand and make your own notes
Explain the key features of Christian Churches using the glossary and powerpoint Ensure the Pupils know what it is you are looking for; Nave; Transept; Tower; Side-aisle; Windows and Arches. There is no need to go into too much detail – the important thing is that they recognise the Key Features. Details such as Gothic style etc. can be addressed as the pupils encounter them.	

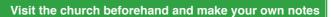| The "Site Visit" to the Church	Make sure all the features are captured
Take the pupils to your local church armed with digital Cameras and sketch pads. The number of cameras available may affect the way you organise the visit with some pupils sketching features while other pupils take photographs. Both methods of recording are valid, the important thing is to get pupils looking at the features. Use the sketch pad document to ensure the pupils look for all relevant features	

Share your information
When you get back to school, take time to share your photos and sketches with the whole group. If you can download all your photographs to a common folder on the school server. Photocopy ing the best sketches and putting them on display also helps to remind the pupils what they saw.