



Happy New Year!

We hope you had a restful and happy Christmas with friends and loved ones and are feeling refreshed and invigorated ready for the new spring term.

REMINDER! Annual Return

We wrote to schools at the start of September term asking them to provide information about their school's Christian distinctiveness and to review the effectiveness of the school's governing body.

We are still waiting for some schools to respond. If you haven't already done so, please could you do so **as soon as possible**. Thank you!



Admissions Policy

A reminder that your local governing body must meet to formally determine your policy for 2025/26 admissions by **28 February**. The policy must then be published on your website by **15 March**.

For clarity, from 15 March, your school website must show 3 policies – current year, 2024/25 and 2025/26. See our website for guidance [HERE](#).

Partnership Agreement

Thank you to all those schools who signing up and supporting us.

If you've not already done so, please do sign up. Details are on our website [HERE](#) and you can respond using the online form [HERE](#).



SAVE THE DATE! Headteachers' Conference

Our Headteachers' conference takes place on Thursday 25 April at Chatsworth House. The conference will provide you with

- Time to reflect & take part in CW if you would like to
- Time to connect and meet with colleagues
- Time to hear from speakers about
 - Partnerships between schools and churches – Lucy Moore (Head of Growing Faith Foundation, Church of England)
 - Fiona Moss from RE Today
 - Racial Justice from the Church of England Racial Justice Team TBC



£75 for schools in the Partnership Agreement, £95 for other schools. Book [HERE](#)



Picture News

produce weekly teaching resources to provide opportunities for children to learn about the world & develop respect for other's beliefs, feelings & faiths. They are offering a FREE 4-week trial.

You can sign up [HERE](#).

Let's Go Zero

[Let's Go Zero](#) is uniting schools working together to be zero carbon by 2030. Led by a powerful coalition of sustainability organisations, the campaign supports UK schools to set zero carbon targets, develop roadmaps for delivery, share their learnings with staff, students and families, and work together with local councils and government to make it happen. It provides a powerful route for schools to drive impact-led action and unite behind a call for much-needed funding to help all schools become zero carbon by 2030.



For more information, visit their website <https://letsgozero.org/>



Competitions for Schools

The IKEA x Let's Go Zero competition is giving schools the chance to kickstart a brilliant green project – one that cuts waste, nurtures nature or brings climate learning to life. They will help you create a project that inspires your students and wider community, and shows how climate action is fun, interesting, and something everyone can take part in.

Winners will get one of three sustainability product bundles: materials to create a swap shop, outdoor learning area, or sustainability hub – an indoor space for learning about climate issues.

To find out more visit the website [HERE](#) or look at the [communications pack](#).



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AYLA Free Online Information Sessions

Are you looking to support your pupils to become courageous advocates, taking an active role within their communities?

Do you want to develop their social skills, confidence and resilience? Are you keen to find ways to develop SMSC, Character Education and promote pupils' Personal Development?

The **Archbishops' Young Leaders Award** (AYLA) is a fully resourced leadership and character education programme that supports schools in enabling pupils to flourish. The programme is holding FREE online sessions this term for both primary and secondary schools.

Register for a place at www.abyyt.com/events.

Upcoming Briefings

Headteachers

13:30 –14:30 Tuesday 13 February

Governors (chairs, clerks, foundation governors)

19:00 Thursday 15 February – please note change date

Collective Worship

16:00 Monday 5 February

If you would like details, please contact [Liz](#)



Wellbeing

Kate Jackson from [Wellbeing Solutions](#) has shared a video with us which can be used to help you this year for your own mental wellbeing. It is a grounding technique and guided meditation to find some calm within the stresses of the day.

Link to video [HERE](#)

Upcoming Training

Primary RE Development Training

This programme is useful for RE Subject Leads, teachers, support staff and any member of staff who will be teaching or helping to deliver RE. These are delivered in person by Fiona Moss RE Today.

3 dates / venues are offered for each session



Session 2 – Spring Term - OFSTED new report including assessment, moderation and monitoring, knowledge organisers

Wednesday 20 March 2024, 13:00 - 16:00 Chapel-en-le-Frith Primary School

Thursday 21 March 2024, 09:00 - 12:00 Hartington Village Hall

Thursday 21 March 2024, 13:30 - 16:30 Derby Church House

Session 3 – Summer Term – Spirituality and RE

Monday 01 July 2024, 13:00 - 16:00 Chapel-en-le-Frith Primary School

Tuesday 02 July 2024, 09:00 - 12:00 Hartington Village Hall

Tuesday 02 July 2024, 13:30 - 16:00pm Derby Church House

Fee per session: PA £40 / Non PA £85 Booking form [HERE](#)

Understanding Christianity - Subject Knowledge Training

with Fiona Moss from RE today. This programme is useful for teachers, subject leads, support staff and any member of staff who will be teaching or helping to deliver RE.

Tuesday 23 April 2024, 13:00 - 16:00 Virtual

Fee per session: PA £40 / Non PA £85 each session (per participant)

Booking form [HERE](#)

Understanding Christianity – Refresher Workshop

with Fiona Moss from RE today - an in-person event for any schools already using the Understanding Christianity resource. This is a useful session for any teachers who need a refresher.

Tuesday 21 May 2024, 09:30 - 15:00

Venue TBC

Fee: PA £80 / Non PA £120 Booking Form [HERE](#)

Early Career Teachers

Essential for all new teachers. RE is often a subject that teachers feel less confident teaching and this programme of CPD will improve both RE subject knowledge and confidence. Timings have been carefully considered to try and allow staff to travel home for the virtual sessions.

Subject knowledge – teaching Islam and Christianity

Wednesday 17 April 2024, 16:00 - 18:00 Virtual

Fee for both sessions: PA £60 / Non PA £120 (per school) Booking form [HERE](#)

Do remember to visit our [website](#) for lots of useful information and guidance. Previous newsletters can be viewed [here](#).