

Newsletter – FEBRUARY 2024

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](#).



Lent Collective Worship Resources

The Church of England campaign this year is Watch and Pray: Wisdom and hope for Lent and life. The FREE resource is available [HERE](#). It draws on the wisdom of Black Spirituality and has been inspired and informed by the 2024 Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book, [Tarry Awhile: Wisdom from Black Spirituality for people of faith by Selina Stone](#) (SPCK).

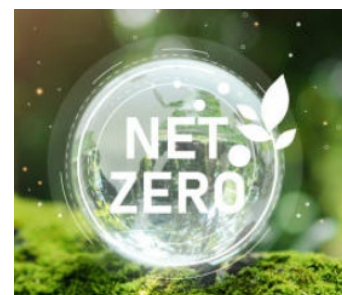
Resources each week include:

Liturgical suggestions, Bible passage activity, video exploration, practical and prayerful actions, prayer and additional ideas for connecting home, church and school.

Net Zero Carbon Free Resources for Schools

Register [HERE](#) for a Church of England webinar on **Wednesday 28 February** 15:00 - 17:00 aimed at school leaders, governors and those working in dioceses who support local schools with decarbonisation projects.

The resources have been developed by Eco Schools, Keep Britain Tidy, the Church of England Education Office and Retrofit Action for Tomorrow (RAFT).



British Sign Language Week 18-24 March



In partnership with the British Deaf Association (BDA), Signature will be hosting the UK's largest British Sign Language (BSL) lesson online with primary schools across the UK. This is a FREE lesson that will be available from 10:00 on 20 March. Sign your school up [HERE](#)

The lesson will give you and your school the opportunity to learn BSL from a Deaf teacher, as well as the wider benefits for children is such as strengthened improved communication skills and confidence, new ways for them to express emotions, and an appreciation of the diverse cultures of the UK.

Ethical Stance

The Church of England has a distinctly Christian approach to investment, as described in their [Statement of Ethical Investment Policy](#). For example, they do not invest in tobacco, weaponry, gambling, and adult media. The DBE is committed to this stance.



Modern Slavery



The DBE recently approved a new policy on modern slavery. This can be downloaded from our website [HERE](#).

We encourage our schools to consider Modern Slavery through your supply chains and procurement processes. Collective Worship and Religious Education may provide opportunities for reflection or further exploration of issues of exploitation.

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](#).



Upcoming Briefings

Headteachers

10:00 Thursday 14 March

Governors (chairs, clerks, foundation governors)

19:00 Thursday 14 March

Collective Worship

16:00 Tuesday 5 March



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

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](#)



Spotlight on Matlock All Saints CE Infants and Junior Schools

Bishop Malcolm and Liz visited both schools to hear all about the Worship Ambassadors' plans to visit the [Jigsaw Food Bank](#) to volunteer and learn more about the work going on there, having collected food during Advent to donate to the worthy cause.



Do let us know if you would like a spotlight on your school, or a visit from Bishop Malcolm!

Upcoming Training

Primary RE Development Training

Ideal for RE Subject Leads, teachers, support staff & any member of staff who will be teaching or helping to deliver RE. 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 & monitoring, knowledge organisers

Wednesday 20 March 2024, 13:00 - 16:00 Chapel-en-le-Frith CE 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 CE 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](#)

Pupil Day

The Pupil Day is designed to get students actively engaged with the RE curriculum. This is an in-person 1-day event for year 2 and year 3 pupils.

Schools are invited to bring 6 pupils and staff to accompany them. Videos and supporting resources are created by Fiona Moss & Alison Hill from RE Today:

Same and Different: Community, Values and Respect

Tuesday 25 June 2024, 09:30 - 14:30

Venue TBC

Fees: PA £70 / Non PA £100 (per school) Booking form [HERE](#)

Click on the link [HERE](#) to see our complete CPD programme for this academic year



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