



# SACRE NEWSLETTER

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Hello and welcome to Autumn term 2021!

We do hope the new year has started well for you all, without too much Covid related disruption, and that pupils and staff are enjoying some of the 'normal' elements of school life. We hope this newsletter gives you some insight into some events and resources that may be of interest in the coming weeks.

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# Annual SACRE Conference 2022



*'How interesting are you?!'*

*Developing curiosity about the beliefs and identify of others.*

Friday 28th January, 9.30am-3pm, Engineers' House

Keynote speaker — Lat Blaylock, Editor of RE Today

Workshops — varied ideas and resources for EYFS-  
KS4



To find out more or book <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/annual-conference-2022-how-interesting-are-you-tickets-181808854177>

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## Ganesh Chaturthi



A fascinating, multi sensory and deeply meaningful Hindu

Festival ....

Did you know that from September 10th-21st many local Hindu communi-

ties were celebrating Ganesh's birthday in the festival of Ganesh Chaturthi? At the Sanatan Deevya Mandal in Redfield, Bristol, worshippers shared in daily puja and arti, with the sharing of food and sweets (Prasad) and at the end of the week a Visarjan ceremony in which Ganesh is submerged in water; the 'Remover of Obstacles' taking with him the struggles he has absorbed from his devotees, and destroying them.

You might like to watch this video on the temple website: [2014 Ganesh Puja](#)

Some learning questions:

Why do believers give food and flowers to the deity in puja?

How might it feel to give your troubles to Ganesh?

## Syllabus Review

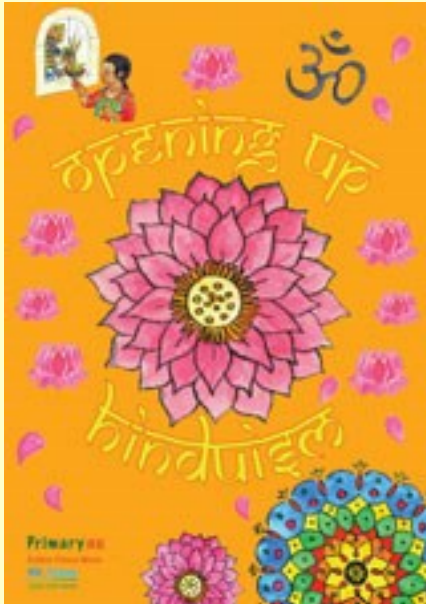
You may be aware that there is a review of the Locally Agreed Syllabus, 'Awareness Mystery and Value' currently taking place.

Although there are not comprehensive changes planned, there will be some minor adjustments and new materials available early in 2022.

Watch this space!

[www.awarenessmysteryvalue.org](http://www.awarenessmysteryvalue.org)





## Opening Up Hinduism—RE Today

'Opening up Hinduism' aims to support children to learn about and from the collection of ancient religious traditions which make up contemporary Hinduism. Within the book practical, visual and active learning activities are included to support deep learning for children around sacred text, deities, festival, beliefs and action and worship. For the subject leader a progression grid for engaging with Diwali is included and information can be shared with teachers who are less confident about teaching Hinduism.

**Find a free extract here:**

<https://shop.natre.org.uk/pdfs/9781905893386.pdf>

**Discovering Sacred Texts** is a new free British Library online learning resource, inviting visitors to explore the world's major faiths through the Library's extensive collection of sacred texts.

Available to all, the new website includes over 250 digitised collection items, teachers' resources, short films and articles written by academics, faith leaders and practitioners, library curators and cultural leaders. Texts range from some of the best-known and most beautiful manuscripts of the scriptures of various world religions, to an extensive collection of printed editions, both early and modern, including selections from over 100 texts that are newly digitised and available online for the first time. Designed for Religious Education students, teachers and lifelong learners, it features the six most-practised faiths in the UK - Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, and Sikhism - as well as a number of other faiths .

<https://www.bl.uk/sacred-texts>



# Namatala Teaching Resource



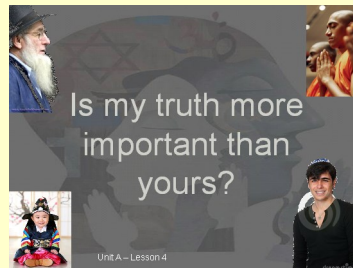
<https://bristolsacre.org.uk/site/religious-education/schemes-of-work-for-re/>

This teaching resource is a product of collaborative working between **School Partnerships, Bristol Local Authority** and the **Child of Hope** Christian charity. It was written to support teachers of KS1 to plan and teach the National Curriculum for Geography: place knowledge.

Namatala is classified as a slum and is located on the outskirts of Mbale in the African country of Uganda. Life in the slum can fruitfully be compared and contrasted with the area where your school is and where children in your school live. Although not strictly RE, these are excellent materials for considering global differences, similarities and understanding.



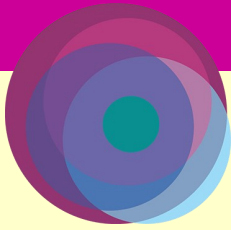
## Non-examined KS4 RE



As a curriculum squeeze has hit many schools, RE Departments are increasingly offering a non-examined course for students in KS4.

Bristol SACRE has developed planning flow charts and some detailed programmes of study that may be helpful.

<https://bristolsacre.org.uk/site/ks4-non-examined-course-for-re/>



# Inter Faith Week

Interfaith week is celebrated each year in November. This year the week runs from 14-21 November 2021– information can be found here [https://](https://www.interfaithweek.org/)

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The aims of interfaith week are to

- Strengthen good inter faith relations at all levels
- Increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, in particular celebrating and building on the contribution which their members make to their neighbourhoods and to wider society
- Increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs

The website gives information, resources and suggested activities.

## Bristol and West Progressive Jewish Synagogue



Bristol and West Progressive Jewish congregation usually welcome school groups of all ages for educational visits to the synagogue. Due to the pandemic, they would currently be very happy to visit schools within one hour travelling distance for workshops, or to hold talks on zoom. To book a session, visit their website and complete the contact form or email [visits@bwpjc.org](mailto:visits@bwpjc.org)

## Park Row Synagogue Bristol

'Park Row welcomes your school to visit. Visit sessions are aimed at children aged 10+. Visits are scheduled for the second Monday every month except for June, with slots at 10.30 and 1.30. Visits last 90 mins approx., including a 30 minute talk in the synagogue itself, on Jewish belief and the function of the synagogue. Then groups will move upstairs, visiting 5 or 6 tables sharing aspects of Jewish life such as the Sabbath, festivals and Jewish customs. We recommend groups should not exceed 35. Samples of un-leaven bread, honey cake and fruit juice will usually be available. We levy a charge of £2.50 per pupil. '



Please contact Alex Schlesinger for more details:  
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The interfaith network have produced a selection of booklets for teachers with many ideas for Inter Faith activities in classrooms. You can download them and find more information here:

<https://www.interfaith.org.uk/resources/learning-about-inter-faith-activity-a-primary-resource>