



## SACRE News – Summer 2023

### Welcome to Summer!

Hello and welcome to your Summer SACRE newsletter! My name is **Adam Robertson** and I am currently the adviser for Bristol SACRE.

The RE newsletter this term includes:

- How to use the **2021 Census data** in your class
- Fantastic **RE conference** in June.
- **RE Hub** with brilliant Jewish speaker
- **School websites and RE**
- **FREE CPD** for Subject Leaders, ECTs and more!

**How can I help?** The role of SACRE is to create and monitor the agreed syllabus for RE in our local area, and to advise the local authority on matters relating to the provision and quality of RE.

**If you would like some advice about RE in your school, please contact me.** Thanks to **generous funding from Bristol Council**, I can **offer some time in your school with your subject leader – or twilight training with staff!** I am happy to offer advice about anything to do with teaching, learning and curriculum issues.

My email is [adam@retoday.org.uk](mailto:adam@retoday.org.uk)

### Using the 2021 Census Data

16 What is your religion?  
This question is **voluntary**

No religion

Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)

Buddhist

Hindu

Jewish

Muslim

Sikh

Any other religion, write in

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The 2021 Census data has now been released and we can use it to look at the results with pupils, and compare with the local area. Here are some tips on how to make the most of it!

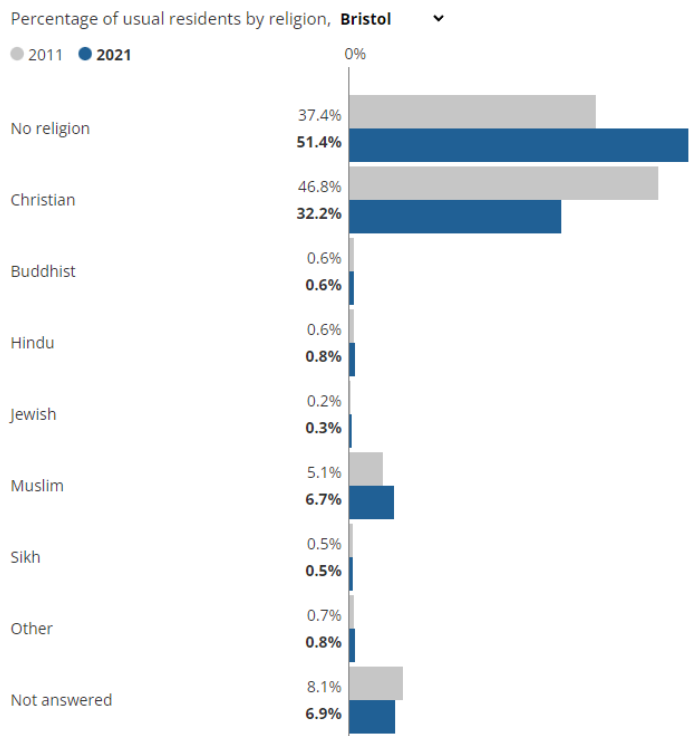
1. Explain to pupils or students that the religion was question was voluntary. People over 18 had to choose which box to tick.
2. Show pupils the **results for the UK as a whole**: what do they notice? Note the **large fall in the number of people who identify as Christian, and the large rise in the number of people who tick ‘no religion’**. Ask pupils why that might be.
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4. Look at the **results for Bristol**. Can students notice some similarities and differences? **Our local area has one of the highest number of people identifying as ‘no religion’ in the entire UK!**

The Muslim, Hindu and Jewish population are growing showing that Bristol is a truly multi-faith city.

5. Either show to the class, or allow students to investigate for themselves, the Census data on the internet. Use this link: below. **You can find clickable maps that allow you to zoom in on your really local area and search by religion.** Can students see how their area compares to the wider Bristol area? How is it similar, how is it different?

In 2021, 51.4% of usual residents in Bristol reported having "No religion"




Source: Office for National Statistics – 2011 Census and Census 2021

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/culturalidentity/religion/bulletins/religionenglandandwales/census2021>

6. A helpful presentation by Sarah Bateau from Elmlea Junior in Bristol is included in the newsletter – together with the local data from our area. **Could you use this in an RE unit of work?**

**Brilliant CPD: Learn, Teach Lead RE conference – DON'T MISS!**

**Religion and worldviews: challenge, insight and inspiration for RE**



**Friday 30 June 2023 9:30 - 3:00**

**Not to be missed!** The annual LTLRE conference is coming to our area! The keynote speaker will be the incredible **Lat Blaylock** – a star in the RE galaxy! He will be giving many ideas to enliven your RE curriculum from Ks1-KS3.

**Also a fantastic range of workshops:** Hindu Dharma, Understanding Humanism, Learning in GSCSE RS and many more – including many by your local RE Hub Leaders.

All this at a really local venue – [Mendip Springs Gold Club, just off the M4 at Congresbury](#). Cost: **£70 per person**. Your School will be invoiced after the event.

Book Here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ltlre-annual-conference-2023-religion-and-worldviews-tickets-601451476557>

## Bristol RE Hub: Living Judaism!



The RE Hub is a Teach meet for all teachers – primary and secondary – to get together to share good practice and discover new ideas and resources. Coming to the Hub will also get you one part of the evidence for the **Wire Award!**

The next meeting is online on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June** from **3.45pm – 5pm.**

We are delighted to be hosting **Anna Silver** who is the Education Officer for the Board of Deputies of British Jews. Anna will be talking about her lived experience of Judaism and diversity within Judaism. She is a great speaker and there will be opportunities for you to ask her questions. Amazing for your

subject knowledge and to have insights for your curriculum!

### The link is here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89428825967?pwd=OVh1MDB3eWxEc2k1MGJkVXpicmxkUT09>

Meeting ID: 894 2882 5967 Passcode: 440268

Email leaders Sarah Bateau and Merryn Evans for more info:

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## Have you applied for the Wire Award yet?



SACRE is delighted to announce that we have more Wire Award winners: **Henleaze Infant School and Ashton Gate Primary ! Congratulations!**

The Wire Award is open to **all Primary, Secondary and Special** schools. It aims to encourage pupils to learn about **diversity** in our local area. To achieve it, you are asked to evidence **just three things:**

1. A teacher in your school **attends some RE CPD** this academic year – for example, the **LTLRE conference on 30<sup>th</sup> June** or the **RE Hub on 12<sup>th</sup> June.**
2. **Either** – arrange a visit to a place of worship. **Or invite in a visitor to speak** to a class/school from a worldview that is **NOT** Christian. The visitor can be a **‘virtual visitor’** – e.g. speaking online!
3. **Enter an RE competition** (for example – Spirited Arts – see later!) or **invite parents** to an exhibition of your learning about RE in the school!!

## So, how did Henleaze Infants achieve the Wire Award?

**Mary Brand** is the Subject Lead for RE at **Henleaze Infant School in Bristol**. Her school has just received the Wire Award and she wrote about the journey below:

1. **Attending CPD:** I regularly attend the **Bristol RE hub meeting** – finding it really useful to meet other teachers and pick up subject knowledge and ideas for the classroom.



2. **Organising a visit:** We have made contact with a **Humanist speaker** who comes in to talk to Key Stage 1 about a Humanist perspective on caring for our planet. Year 1 visit our local Church of England Church, and **Year 2 are planning to visit a mosque**, having done virtual mosque visits in previous years.

3. **Spirited Arts competition:** We chose to respond to the 'God's wonderful world?' theme. The result was some incredible painting, drawing

and collage work, and teachers then selected a piece from their class to enter.

## Having read that – could you try for the Wire Award this year?

Please contact Adam at [adam@retoday.org.uk](mailto:adam@retoday.org.uk) for more information.

The Evidence Form is on the **Bristol SACRE Website**: <https://bristolsacre.org.uk/site/religious-education/wire-award/>

## More help in teaching Christianity



encounter christianity

Encounter Christianity is an amazing local organisation run by teachers and ex-teachers who will come in and deliver memorable and high quality lessons to pupils and students from EYFS to Key Stage 5!

Some new lessons offered are 'Art and Christianity' for Key Stage 3 – with a focus on suffering and salvation with an artistic focus, and support for Year 7 and 8 on Mission and Evangelism. All their support is FREE. Bookings being taken now for next year!

Find out more at: [bookings@encounterchristianity.co.uk](mailto:bookings@encounterchristianity.co.uk)

## NATRE Spirited Arts 2023 – Brilliant and simple competition!

Will your school join hundreds of schools from around the world taking part in this year's Spirited Arts competition? Entries are welcomed in (almost!) any art form pupils can think of. Winning entries will provide a good response to one of the 5 themes, and judges will be asking is it original? Is it well-crafted? And (most importantly!) is it excellent RE?

**The deadline for this is Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

1. “We have more in common than that which divides us.”
2. Green faith, green future? [‘God’s good earth?’]
3. Where is God today?
4. Faith in action, values in action.
5. Sacred space and holy buildings
6. All God’s creatures?

More details here [www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/spirited-arts-2023/](http://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/spirited-arts-2023/)

## The RE Podcast: Brilliant FREE CPD for Teachers



The RE Podcast is an amazing resource for Teachers and Students. Hosted by the fabulous Louisa Jane Smith – who is a current Secondary teacher for RE. Each week she produces a podcast on a range of brilliant RE topics with fantastic guests. All the previous episodes are on the website.

My personal favourites are those on Hindu Dharma with Ashish Kundi and Molly Acharya – I have learnt so much about deities, Diwali and more!

<https://www.therepodcast.co.uk/> - or listen through your Mobile Podcast App!

## Training and CPD opportunities and other support

### Free webinars for primary and secondary ECTs – a taster for NATRE ECT membership

Early Career Teachers have access to a range of free support through a series of online sessions. ‘Café’ sessions give you a chance to talk with experienced teachers and experts from different worldview backgrounds. The taught sessions offer expert input with a focus on practical classroom strategies.

Date – All Mondays 4.00-5.30pm	Topic
15 May	Taught session: Focus on Multidisciplinary RE
12 June	Taught session: Focus on Sikhi
10 July	Café NATRE: Subject knowledge Christianity

ECT webinars booking link [www.natre.org.uk/membership/early-careers-teacher/ect-free-monthly-webinar/](http://www.natre.org.uk/membership/early-careers-teacher/ect-free-monthly-webinar/)

### NATRE: new membership packages!

NATRE is the largest membership organisation that promotes, defends and supports RE teachers and RE teaching. It does this through producing high-quality resources and CPD, lobbying government, being involved in conversations with the DfE and Ofsted, Local Authorities and SACREs, telling teachers’ stories and experiences and being a voice for all teachers.



Membership packages for students, ECTs, teachers, schools, RE professionals and RE enthusiasts!

Details: [www.natre.org.uk/membership](http://www.natre.org.uk/membership)