



Happy Spring season!

Hopefully you have some signs nearby (despite the rain) - maybe tiny snowdrops or crocuses, or even the odd daffodil making an appearance. For many of us, the lighter mornings will bring joy, despite a sense that the school year is racing by! Apologies that this newsletter is rather later than usual—time gets away from us all at some point.

Included in this season's newsletter:

- ⇒ RE News
- ⇒ Spirited Arts competition
- ⇒ WIRE Award
- ⇒ Training and courses
- ⇒ Resources to support the teaching of RVW

Keep in touch!

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SPRING 2024

NEWS

Spring term religious festivals



REC Worldviews Project is in its final phase. The first phase resulted in the publication of the draft resource for curriculum developers (see link below) and we are now awaiting sample frameworks and illustrative units of in one revised handbook in May 2024. Watch this space!

[REC Draft Handbook Religion and Worldviews in the Classroom: developing a worldviews approach \(religionseducationcouncil.org.uk\)](https://religionseducationcouncil.org.uk)

[National Content Standard for RE for England – 1st Edition – 2023 – REC \(religionseducationcouncil.org.uk\)](https://religionseducationcouncil.org.uk)



FREE RE resources at RE:Online including the KS3 Resource of the Month—*What is Religion?* A planned unit of work including video clips and student booklets

[Home - RE:ONLINE \(reonline.org.uk\)](https://reonline.org.uk)

Also recommended are the free online short courses on RWV— topics range from subject knowledge to planning the curriculum to research.



Do you need help resourcing the teaching of Christianity?

The Jerusalem Trust, part of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trust, runs a small grants to schools scheme, by application. See the website for more details:

[The Jerusalem Trust – The Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts \(sfct.org.uk\)](http://sfct.org.uk)

The Jerusalem Trust

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 the **social skills, confidence** and **resilience** of your students? 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 could support your school in enabling pupils to flourish. Come and find out more about the **AYLA** programme through our free online sessions this term for both Primary and Secondary schools.

[AYLA Events](#)

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Free Twilight Webinars

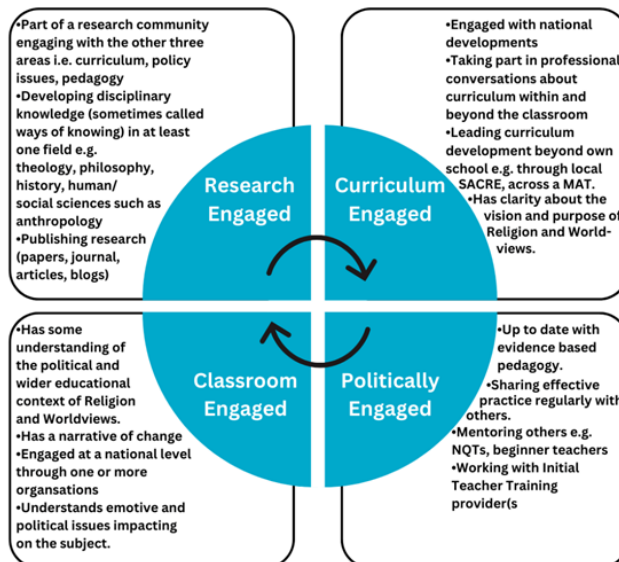
Introduction to the Young Leaders Award

Culham St Gabriel RE Leadership programme

<https://www.cstg.org.uk/scholarship-programmes/leadership/>

Programme Outline

The funded programme aims to develop leaders in the following four areas.



Interested in the Philosophy for Children (P4C) Approach? Free 'Consider P4C' session

[P4C taster events - SAPERE](#)

Do you have the WIRE award?

Could you go for WIRE Gold?

The idea behind the Wire 'Gold' award is to encourage schools to go beyond individual activity and reach across the school, out to parents or to other schools in their area. Schools can choose from a 'menu' of activities depending on their context. To gain the award, schools must choose one activity from **Engaging with Pupils; Engaging with parents; Engaging with other schools or the wider community, plus one other** activity from a category of their choice.

For more information, see [WIRE Gold requirements \(southglos.gov.uk\)](https://southglos.gov.uk)



Have you entered the Spirited Arts competition?

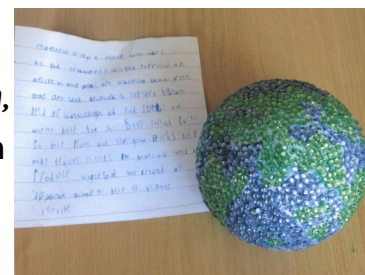
This year,, there are several exciting themes including 'No to racism, yes to respect' and 'Why do animals matter?' (sponsored by Veganism in Education)

More details here:

[2024-Spirited-Arts-themes-final.pdf \(natre.org.uk\)](https://natre.org.uk)

Don't forget to send photos of your pupils' entries—SACRE would love to see them!

This winning entry is by Matthew (Y2) at Lawn Primary in Swindon—well done Matthew!



TRAINING OFFER FROM RE TODAY

£150 subsidy for community schools - pay just £60 for this course!*

New Staff Members: Bring new team members up to speed with Understanding Christianity quickly and efficiently.

Curriculum Alignment: If Understanding Christianity is part of your Agreed Syllabus, this course is tailored for you.

[RE Today Learning Zone. UNDERSTANDING CHRISTIANITY – PRIMARY](#)



TRAINING OFFER FROM Bristol Diocese



Refresh Your Knowledge: If you're already familiar with Understanding Christianity, this course offers an opportunity to deepen your understanding and refresh your teaching strategies.

[Monday 29 April F2F 1- 3-30pm Hillside House](#)

Cost - £75 per delegate (£35 for second delegate from the same school)

[Tuesday 7 May, 4-6pm Online](#)

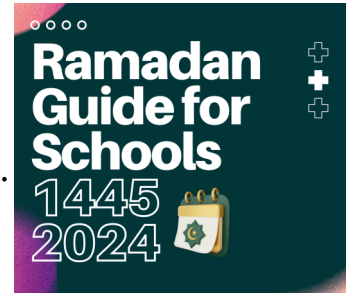
£50 per delegate (£20 for second delegate from the same school)

Guidance for schools Ramadan 2024

[Calendar of Religious Events – Bristol SACRE](#)

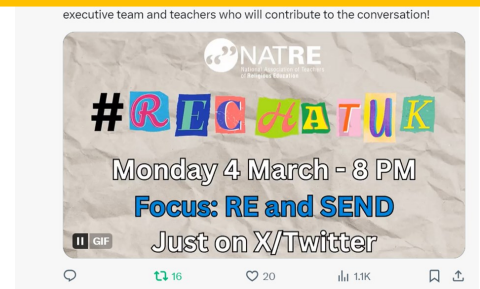
Thank you to Lewisham Islamic Centre and Lewisham SACRE for this excellent informative and practical guidance on Ramadan 2024.

This year, Ramadan is scheduled to run between March 10th to April 9th. There is a term break during Ramadan to aid students with the days of fasting. Ramadan will continue to move towards the winter periods which will ease the potential strains of fasting during the summer.



Do you X?!

Did you know there is a whole community of RE enthusiasts sharing ideas, discussing issues and giving advice monthly on X



Did you know we have a free network for RE subject leaders and teachers of all phases in Bristol? It is run by 'Learn Teach Lead RE' local leaders (all volunteer teachers) and supported by SACRE professional RE advisers.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 14th March**, at Redland Green School, 3.45-5pm and ALL are welcome! Tea and biscuits provided! Email laura.harris@bristoldiocese.org for more details



Did you know?

SACRE—the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education—is made up of ordinary people who want to see great RE taught in all schools. Could you join us? <https://bristolsacre.org.uk/site/>

The Bristol SACRE meets three times per year.

All members are encouraged to contribute to meetings. They can do this by bringing information about the community they represent and feeding back information from SACRE to their colleagues and communities.

We then work on monitoring, supporting and improving the provision of RE in Bristol schools including work on inter-faith issues and community cohesion.

New members are always welcome to join.

Membership

Our SACRE is made up of different committees including:

- Christian and other religious and non-religious denominations
- Church of England
- teaching and school representatives
- local education authority
- co-opted members (non-voting)

