



## Happy summer season!

Welcome to the final RE news of the school year!

Even as I write that, I am aware of time racing by. Many of us are in the exam season and preparing to say goodbye to a cohort of leavers. I know much thought and preparation is already going in to the new year ahead—and in the RE world there is much change afoot!

Included in this season's newsletter:

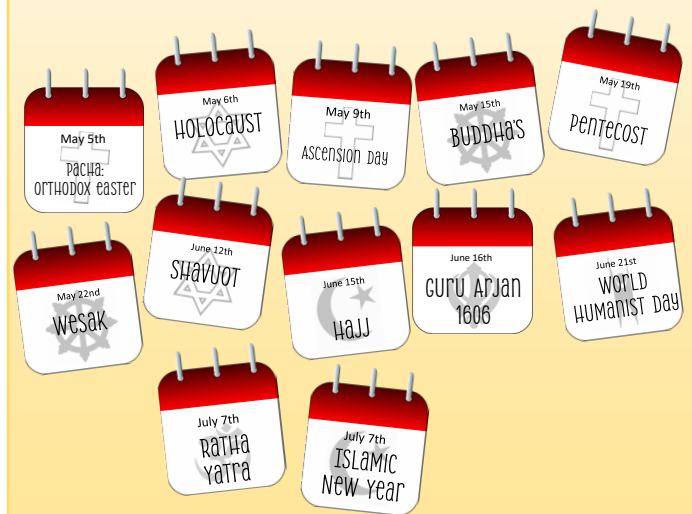
- ⇒ RE News
- ⇒ Spirited Arts competition
- ⇒ WIRE Award
- ⇒ Training and courses
- ⇒ Resources to support the teaching of RVW

Keep in touch!

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## Summer term religious festivals



**REC Religion & Worldviews Approach to RE Toolkit** has been released. This toolkit is the outcome of a three-year project on behalf of the RE Council. Primarily aimed at curriculum writers, it consists of a handbook, three exemplar frameworks, and their accompanying resources. Included is the National Content Standard for RE in England, and additional reading.

[Welcome to the Religion and Worldviews Approach to RE Toolkit – REC \(religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk\)](https://religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk)

[National Content Standard for RE for England – 1st Edition – 2023 – REC](#)



**FREE RE resources** at RE:Online including the *Telling my Worldview Story* and the brilliant 'Nobody Stands Nowhere' video.

[Telling My Worldview Story - RE:ONLINE \(reonline.org.uk\)](https://reonline.org.uk)

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



## Do you need help resourcing the teaching of Christianity?

A great opportunity to receive up to £600 for quality RE resources. What could you buy? Some persona dolls to bring KS1 RE to life? Some varied and 'real' artefacts to inspire curiosity in KS3? Copies of beautiful sacred texts to teach KS3 about sources of authority in different worldviews?

<https://www.regrants.org.uk>

*The Jerusalem Trust*

## Religion, Belief and Worldviews Hub

There are some great resources on this site, including free taster courses on religion, faith, spirituality and worldviews and some great animated videos that might be useful for staff meetings and updates.

[Religion, belief and worldviews hub | OpenLearn - Open University](#)



## BBC Pilgrimage episodes

For those of you who haven't seen it—Celebrities take a journey of a lifetime. They all have different faiths and beliefs - will stepping in ancient footsteps on a spiritual journey broaden minds? How could you use this resource in the classroom?



[BBC Two - Pilgrimage](#)

## Pennine Learning

Pennine Learning have added to their brilliant suite of video clips and there is now a Sikhi series covering topics such as *The Sikh faith and its Origins* and *The Outward signs of a Sikh*. Suitable for KS3 and above.

[Pennine Learning](#)



## 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 \(natre.org.uk\)](#)

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



## 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 Award – Bristol SACRE](#)

*Dead line for any WIRE application is July 31st 2024*



**Edge Hill University** are delighted to be able to offer a **free summer school** for a limited number of teachers of RE teachers (primary and secondary) to improve their subject knowledge. Thanks to the generous support of Culham St Gabriel's Trust and Edge Hill University Faculty of Education, we are able to make this a residential summer school at the stunning Edge Hill Campus in Ormskirk, running from Monday 22 July to Friday 26 July 2024.

The theme of the summer school is 'Spooky Religion'. We are keen to explore the relationship between religion and the supernatural.

We are delighted to be able to welcome Dr Jenny Butler from Cork University to be our keynote speaker on Monday 22 July 2024.

Through the week there will then be seminars from our expert team of religion specialist tutors, two meetings with your allocated personal supervisor and a field visit to experience lived religion and worldviews, as well as plenty of time and space to work on your own question/area of development.

Applications will open soon via the Edge Hill Website. To Join our RE Subject Hub mailing list and be alerted to when applications open just drop an email to [RelHub@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:RelHub@edgehill.ac.uk)



Learn Teach Lead **RE**  
Improving quality, building community

Are you able to join us for the last Bristol RE Hub meeting of the year 4-5pm, on 26th June providing an exciting opportunity to visit **Bristol Amitabha Buddhist Centre?** [BOOK HERE](#) for this free opportunity!

**Teachers of RE in all phases are offered a FREE place at the 2024  
LTLRE 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference led by the University of Bristol and Shared Space  
project**

**'Knowledge-rich RE': Encounters,  
conversations and interactions**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

**Venue: University of Bristol  
School of Education**

**Cost – FREE**



**Workshops to include:**

- **Bringing diverse lived religion into the classroom, from Islam to Paganism**
- **Exploring 'rich' knowledge in secondary RE**
- **Promoting active learning and oracy in primary RE**
- **Planning for community encounters in primary & secondary RE**
- **Considering what counts as a 'Worldview'**

**Keynote speakers:**

**Tim Hutchins &  
Joyce Miller**

**University of Nottingham and  
University of Warwick**

Universities are founts of knowledge, and ours is no exception. However, that 'rich' knowledge must also relate to the needs of children and young people in engaging ways. Join us for an exciting day of workshops led by subject experts and experienced specialist teachers that will help you to:

1. Encounter knowledge of the recent and relevant research and scholarship taught by 'teacher-friendly' academics.
2. Discuss and plan revised RE lesson plans using this new information.

**For more information and to register – click [HERE](#)  
please note this event is free but a £60 cancellation fee will apply**

**Leading RE in a Church of England school**

New to the role of RE Subject Leader?

Want to refresh your subject knowledge?

This online training is for all RE subject leaders in CE Schools.

Outcomes:

- an understanding of the aims, legal requirements, purposes and current context of Religion and Worldviews (and non-religious worldviews)
- awareness and knowledge of Ofsted criteria linked with RE
- be able to develop realistic models for assessment and monitoring progress in RE.

Book [here](#): Tuesday 2nd July 1-4pm

**Leading RE in a community or academy school**

New to the role of RE Subject Leader?

Want to refresh your subject knowledge?

This online training is for all primary RE subject leaders.

Outcomes:

- an understanding of the aims, legal requirements, purposes and current context of Religion and Worldviews (and non-religious worldviews)
- awareness and knowledge of Ofsted criteria linked with RE
- be able to develop realistic models for assessment and monitoring progress in RE.

Book [here](#): Friday 5th July 1-4pm