

RE NEWS



AUTUMN 2024



Bristol SACRE
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Wishing you a happy Autumn term!

Welcome to the first RE news of the 24-25 school year.

As Term 1 races by we do hope all is well with school teams and RE leaders. Darker mornings and evenings herald the incoming festival season for many religions and worldviews, with much to learn about and celebrate in RE!

Included in this season's newsletter:

- ⇒ RE News
- ⇒ Celebration WIRE Awards
- ⇒ Training and courses
- ⇒ Resources to support the teaching of RE/RWV

Keep in touch!

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Autumn term festivals



NATRE Primary Subject Leader guidance & support

[Primary Subject Leader Toolkit: Start Here | NATRE](#)

This invaluable page offers a wealth of support for Primary subject leaders. With exemplar policies, links to CPD, ideas for gathering pupil voice and essential resources, this is an excellent starting place for subject leaders to consider how to support and improve RE in their schools.

Worth a look!



RE Online Festivals Calendar—keep your RE up to date!

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

Month by month information on religious festivals and events—for sixteen different religions and worldviews, including Christian, Jewish, Pagan, Sikh, Humanist. A brilliant way to ensure your RE reflects living faith and is relevant to the real world.



FREE self-led training on OFSTED's RE report

RE Today
Services

[RE Today Learning Zone. Deep and meaningful - Ofsted's 2024 religious education subject report](#)

Boost your knowledge and enhance your RE vision Discover what Ofsted's 2024 Religious Education report means for you with our expert-designed, self-led FREE short course. In just 1.5 hours, gain insights into key findings, contributors to quality RE, and how the report can shape your practice - pause and return to the course anytime. Perfect for teachers, governors, parents, and SACRE members alike, this course offers flexible learning that fits your schedule.

Explaining the 'religion and worldviews' approach

A series of excellent, accessible videos about what religion and worldviews actually means and what this approach looks like in terms of RE in schools. Great for sharing with teaching colleagues or anyone beginning to develop a worldviews curriculum.



[Introducing the Religion and Worldview approach to religious education - MediaSpace - University of Nottingham](#)

Solutions not Sides—The Olive Branch Award

Recognising UK schools' efforts to become safe & empowered spaces for learning about tough issues

Applications are now open! We're looking for 10 new schools to join The Olive Branch Award for the upcoming academic year!



[Olive Branch Award | SNS \(solutionsnotsides.co.uk\)](#)

Pennine Learning—Synagogue Series

Following our sharing of the Sikhi materials from Pennine Learning last term, we now commend to you the 'synagogue series' with excellent video content to support your teaching and learning about Jewish faith and belief. Suitable for KS3 and above.



[Videos - Pennine Learning](#)

GAIA – amazing opportunity at Bristol Cathedral this season

The cathedral visits team offer a wide range of workshops and visits all year round, for all ages.

This term, do consider visiting the incredible GAIA exhibition and activities.

[Education Visits - Bristol Cathedral \(bristol-cathedral.co.uk\)](#)

We're inviting your school to get up close and personal with planet Earth

This autumn Bristol Cathedral will be hosting Bristol-based artist Luke Jerram's touring artwork, Gaia.

GAIA
OUR HOME PLANET

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL

Gaia helps to make the scale of Earth and its beauty, a reality for all.

Created using NASA imagery, the 7 metre installation is 1.8 million times smaller than the Earth, with each centimetre of the internally lit sculpture representing 18km of the Earth's surface.

Do you have the **WIRE** award yet?

Widening Inclusivity in RE

The WIRE award is a fantastic chance to broaden the diversity and inclusivity of RE in your school. Simple to achieve, there are three requirements :

1. Take a group/class of pupils to a place of worship (other than that representing the majority local community)
2. Demonstrate the impact of some RE CPD
3. Engage in another enrichment activity of any kind, for RE (beyond the usual lessons)

For more information, see [WIRE Award – Bristol SACRE](#)



CONGRATULATIONS!

To Brentry Primary School, on the achievement of their WIRE award 2024

In working towards this award, pupils visited a Mosque, the New Rooms ,AND Hindu Temple. They created amazing RE related artwork for the 'Spirited Arts' competition. In addition the RE leader attended the 'Excellent RE' training and has developed teaching and learning as a result. Brilliant!

Do email your RE adviser for further information.



CONGRATULATIONS!

To Whitehall Primary School, on the achievement of their WIRE award 2024!



Pupils were inspired by trips to the Gurdwara, Synagogue AND Mosque as part of the work towards this award., as well as producing amazing RE related art-work for the 'Spirited Arts' competition. Do reach out to your adviser for support or attend your RE hub meeting to find out how others have approached this award.=, a great chance to celebrate diverse and enriching RE in your school.



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

YOUR local RE hub: connect with others and receive FREE termly RE CPD!

Would you like a chance to visit Easton Mosque (above) and meet other RE teacher leaders across our area? **South Glos RE hub group are holding their meeting at the Easton mosque (BS5 6JH) on Tuesday Oct 22nd 3.45-5pm.** Email [Julia.watts@bristoldiocese.org](mailto:julia.watts@bristoldiocese.org) for any further information.

Bristol RE Hub—Term 2 date TBC— to ensure you are on the contact list, please email hub leaders:

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**BRISTOL, SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE, WILTSHIRE & SWINDON SACRE
PRESENT**



**ANNUAL RE CONFERENCE 2025
FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 9.30-3.00PM
ENGINEERS HOUSE, BRISTOL BS8 3NB**

**Cost: FREE for teachers in South Gloucestershire schools
£120 per delegate, £75 for second delegate* [BOOK HERE](#)**

KEYNOTE: GILLIAN GEORGIU

Inspiring Curiosity...

Humans are naturally curious beings – we continually seek to understand ourselves, others, the world around us and intangible concepts like God, truth and justice. Worldviews – religious and non-religious – are just such ways of seeing, understanding and being in the world. Schools and academies across the country are beginning to investigate what it might look like to take a religion and worldviews approach to RE. In this keynote session, Gillian Georgiou will explore the ways in which our subject is developing and share practical examples of what this might look like in practice.

Gillian Georgiou has worked as a researcher and secondary teacher of RE and Philosophy. She is currently the Diocesan RE Adviser for the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Education. She has written for various RE-related publications, and has a particular interest in curriculum design, types of knowledge in RE and assessment. She is a member of the RE Council of England and Wales, a trustee of Culham St Gabriel's and is involved in a number of projects nationwide that engage with the public perception of religious and non-religious worldviews.



**PLUS A RANGE OF
WORKSHOPS LED
BY PRACTITIONERS
FROM THE RE
WORLD**

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