



September 2025 (Term 1)

Dear Colleagues,

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## Welcome

Happy new (academic) year to all our schools! We hope and pray that term has started well for you all. Please know you are all in our prayers and we are here to support you as you lead the children, staff and parents in your communities.

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## Good News - Sustainable Schools

The [sustainability and climate change strategy for education](#) states: “By 2025, all education settings will have nominated a sustainability lead and put in place a climate action plan”. This includes early years settings, schools, multi-academy trusts, colleges, and universities.

We are delighted to announce that our partnership with **Let's Go Zero** and **Climate Ambassadors** will launch a suite of resources to enable and encourage our church schools to honour creation in our **Sustainable Schools Programme**.

FREE online workshops for your Senior Sustainability lead and for your pupils Eco council plus an exciting competition next year. For more information and booking, click below.



Free Online Workshops

## Upcoming Training & Events

## Church School Headteachers Network, 18th September 2025

A reminder of our first (online) of the year *this week*, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 10am. Please follow [this link](#) or drop us an email to book on and receive the meeting code.

## A Full Day of Flourishing – All you Need to Know about SIAMS, 23rd September 2025

Last chance to book for Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 9.30-3.30, Hillside House. [BOOK HERE](#)

## New to RE, 2nd October 2025

Do you have a new (or fairly new) RE leader in your school? Don't miss all you need to know in our face-to-face training session at Hillside House on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 1.30-4pm.

All our training for the year can be found on our website [HERE](#). Do contact us if you have any other training needs, we may be able to help you.

## Diocese of Bristol Annual Conference, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November, Holiday Inn, Filton

Two FREE places per school/church community this year. Have you booked yours?



**FlourishED Bristol**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025**

**Venue:** Holiday Inn, Filton Road, Bristol, BS16 1QX

**Times:** 9:00am - Arrival Refreshments 9:00am  
Workshop 9:30am - Close

**Cost:** 2 free places per Church of England School in the Diocese of Bristol, £75 for other delegates

**JOIN US! REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE!**

**FlourishED Bristol** is an exciting day conference for school leaders, teachers, governors and parish partners across the Diocese of Bristol, brought together in partnership between the Diocese of Bristol and the National Society for Education

*Our day together features inspirational keynote speakers and practical workshops all focused on the flourishing of adults and children.*

 Revd Anjali Kanagaratnam	 Sufian Sadiq	 Cat Scott	 Andy Spens
 Andy Wolfe	 Hannah Woodhouse	<p>For where there are few flourishing adults, there will be few flourishing children.</p> <p> </p>	

Book Your FlourishED Free Place

## Interfaith Week (IQ4 & 5)

We are excited once again to support national [Interfaith Week](#) (9th-16th November) with our online Interfaith Day for schools.

Join us for interactive, virtual schools' day 2025. With live online interaction with visiting guests from varied religions and worldviews represented in the local area. Lesson plans and activities for all Primary age pupils from South Glos, Bristol and any other surrounding areas.

Activities this year will be based around the wonderful book 'Have you filled your bucket today' by Carol McCloud.

Pupils will have a chance to hear about different perspectives on the messages of the story, ask questions and ponder their own beliefs and ideas.



[Book Your Schools Place Here](#)

## Resources For Collective Worship (IQ3)

In case you are still stuck for **Harvest resources**, we can recommend Christian Aid's 'Drink From the Well' harvest assembly resources [here](#).

The National Team have re-vamped their web resources and added some **collective worship ideas** to help schools discuss and reflect on 'loving our neighbour' in these difficult times. You can access the resources [here](#).

Thinking ahead to **Advent & Christmas**? The CofE have produced resources around the theme of JOY. More info [here](#).

Also: watch out for our very own FREE Rhythm of Life collective worship resources for schools starting in Advent – to be launched at our Conference in November.



## Resources For RE (IQ6 & 7)

Check out these free virtual broadcasts for Jewish festivals this school year, from the Jewish museum London. Help your pupils to learn about Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah and Passover.

[Rosh Hashanah Virtual Broadcast for Primary Schools - The Jewish Museum London](#)

[Chanukah Virtual Broadcast for Primary Schools - The Jewish Museum London](#)

[Passover Virtual Broadcast for Primary Schools - The Jewish Museum London](#)



Are you an RE lead who would love a little more wiggle room in your curriculum budget? Have you always wanted to take pupils to a place of worship but can't afford the costs?

Jerusalem Trust offer grants of up to £600 for schools to purchase resources to support the teaching of Christianity. [Apply here](#)

*The Jerusalem Trust*

**RE Grants**  
for schools

Did you know that there is a Learn Teach Lead RE (LTLRE) Teacher hub in every area of the Diocese of Bristol and it is entirely **FREE**?

Every term (3x per year) expert local leaders and teachers of RE facilitate these network meetings to share excellent practice, new resources and ideas for the RE classroom.

Primary and Secondary colleagues are welcome and as many representatives from each Trust and schools as you would like. Some are in person, and some online.

Find details of your local hub for this term on the 'RE Hubs' website calendar [HERE](#)

Swindon Hub – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November, contact [Emma Batcup](#) for details



## **A Prayer for this term**

Heavenly Father

Please pour out Your blessings upon our whole school community so that everyone grows in the knowledge of Your truth, love, wisdom and peace.

We pray for all children - help them to explore what they can achieve and give them confidence to play their part in shaping our world.

We pray for all those who work in schools. Care for them as they care for our children.

We pray for all governors of schools. Grant them wisdom and sound judgement, and help them to keep children's well-being at the heart of everything they do.



We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen

Get in touch with the Education team here

I have come that they may have life - life in all its fullness

*John 10:10*



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