

Learn Teach Lead RE newsletter



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Fasting for peace

This year, unusually, Ramadan and Lent run almost together in time. Muslims will be fasting from 17th Feb until 19th Mar. Lent began on 18th Feb and runs through to 2nd Apr.

Although these two religious practices have different requirements, they are remarkably similar in the expectations of behaviour that they expect.

For both Christians and Muslims, fasting is about more than just abstaining from food (and drink), it's about cultivating an empathetic and respectful attitude towards those around us.

Ramadan fasting is more than just abstaining from food and drink. It is a holistic discipline of the heart. You might physically starve yourself all day. Yet, without guarding your behaviour, you may gain nothing but hunger. [Link](#)
Find daily Ramadan reflections [here](#)

Pope Leo XIV's message for Lent

'I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbour. Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. [Link](#)

RE in the NC

Update: national conversations are ongoing for the creation of a framework for a RE as an NC subject. We await a decisions being made by the DfE in the coming months. [See NATRE news.](#)

Teaching about Hindu Dharma

The Hindu Education Board has produced a set of [videos](#) to help teach about Hindu life. [Somerset SACRE](#) has created a great Y3 unit on how Hindus live, with lovely interviews with Hindu children. [Amazing pictures:](#) Hindu devotees taking part in January's enormous Magh Mela festival in India.

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LTLRE hub (twilight) meetings are **free and open to all teachers of RE, primary and secondary, wherever you are based.** See LTLRE [website](#) for full details.

Torbay/South Devon: Thurs 5th Mar

Plymouth hub: Wed 11th Mar

SWIFT professional community: Wed 18th Mar

Cornwall hub: Thurs 26th Mar

LTLRE conference 2026

Save the date for the LTLRE Area 1 2026 conference at St Mellion on Fri 2nd October.

RE videos

Pennine Learning has created a great set of [videos](#) for teaching about different religions

Introducing Humanism

Learn about how [humanists](#) approach life's big questions. **Introducing Humanism** is a six-week course with 2-3 hours of content each week.

Any Questions

Join the open online forum to [ask questions](#) about teaching **Judaism** Mon 9th Mar 3.45-4.45pm

New site for contacting **Muslim** visitors. Join the [Any Questions](#) Islam forum 3.45-4.45pm on Mon 9th Mar

RE Hubs

Visit the [RE Hubs](#) website for all your RE needs: accredited [School Speakers](#), [Places of Worship](#), [Advertise RE Jobs](#), [Resources](#), [Calendar of CPD Events](#), [Local Groups](#), [School Speakers](#)

Retreat Bursaries available for Teachers



Feedback from previous recipients:

'Wonderful to experience quality time away from the busyness of daily life, to be with like-minded people sharing a new experience'

'Thank you so very much for making a much-needed time of solace and recovery a reality!'

'This opportunity to find space and stillness away from the 'world' has given me much needed refreshment and solace at a difficult time.'

Do you find life in the classroom as tiring as it is stimulating?

Would you like time to rest, read, reflect and recharge?

In a new initiative, the **Association for Promoting Retreats (APR)** is offering **bursaries** for staff (*teachers, headteachers, teaching assistants, and pastoral/welfare staff*) in Church of England schools to go on retreat at any APR member retreat house in the UK

For more information, and an application form, please apply through the retreat house of your choice as listed on promotingretreats.org/where, or contact the APR Administrator (promoting.retreats@gmail.com)

Tel: (01395) 272243

Email: promoting.retreats@gmail.com

*More details and full Terms & Conditions
are available on*

promotingretreats.org/bursary





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

AN INVITATION TO
LTLRE Torbay and South Devon Hub
Primary and Secondary Hub Meeting

Twilight RE Network Group
4:00-5.00pm on Thursday 5th March 2026 – Hybrid meeting

Venue: Kingskerswell CoE Primary School, Coffinswell Lane, TQ12 5HN

Online: Topic: S Devon and Torbay LTLRE Zoom Meeting

Time: Mar 5, 2026 04:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87276926906>

Meeting ID: 872 7692 6906

Making RE Deep and Meaningful: Planning for Personal Knowledge

One of the key findings of Ofsted's 2024 Deep and Meaningful report on Religious Education was that "the RE curriculum rarely enabled pupils to systematically build disciplinary knowledge or personal knowledge."

This hub session will explore ways of planning explicitly for personal knowledge in RE, with a particular focus on identifying and integrating disciplinary and personal knowledge within curriculum planning and classroom practice.

We welcome the opportunity to share ideas and learn from one another. Please bring along any examples of planning and pupils' work from your setting to support discussion.

Use the link to sign up to the session: <https://forms.gle/jZsc4wW2rmai5jXM9>

Free and open to all teachers and HLTA teaching RE/RS. Everyone is very welcome!

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For further details of our programme and its partners, please visit our website www.ltlre.org

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All teachers anywhere welcome to join

Zoom link:

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