

Learn Teach Lead RE newsletter



September 2026

RE syllabus – updates from Oak

Welcome back to school! I'm sure it must seem like a shock after a sunny summer holiday. We've been working to develop support for the local RE syllabus, in particular to show how the excellent Oak Academy materials can be used to bring a new edge to the way we teach. We have put together a spreadsheet to map Oak resources onto the Devon /Torbay /Plymouth /Cornwall syllabus, accessible [here](#). KS1 and 2 are complete. KS3 will be put up by 18th Sept.

KS2 example:

If you teach 'How do festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim?' (Lower KS2.9) the unit asks pupils to examine Muslim belief in God and Ibadah or worship. The Oak unit **How does prayer and fasting help Muslims find harmony?** can help teachers fulfil nearly all the learning outcomes for this unit.

It offers case studies of prayer and fasting in different Muslim families and ways different Muslims mark Ramadan and celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr. Teachers could use these to help sequence and enrich their curriculum.

Come to the LTLRE conference to find out more.

For RE support, contact Ed Pawson at efpawson@gmail.com. Church schools contact: Jo Hunter jo.hunter@exeter.anglican.org



Learn Teach Lead RE



LTLRE hub meetings (4-5.15pm) are **free and open to all teachers of RE**, primary, secondary and special schools, wherever you are based. See LTLRE [website](#) for full details. **LTLRE hub meetings this term:**

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See P4 for a full list of meetings for 2026/7

LTLRE conference 2026

Last chance to book for the [LTLRE conference](#) - RE: Academically Rich, Socially Connective
St Mellion, nr Saltash on Fri 2nd October, cost £90
Keynotes: Katie Freeman and Joyce Miller
For more information and to register – click [HERE](#) (See P3 for flyer)

RE and the National Curriculum

Over the summer, the Secretary of State for Education announced that there will be a [public consultation](#) on the future content of the national curriculum – including Religious Education. This will be launched in September, so please watch out for the news and contribute your ideas where you can.

Find the RE visitors list [here](#)

New on TrueTube

There are new films available on [TrueTube](#) including: a Portrait of Prophet Muhammad, Gen Z Buddhist, The Story of the Turban, Sukkot.

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](#)

Pilgrimage

Over recent years the BBC's [Pilgrimage](#) programmes have been very well received. If you have watched any of them you will know how rich they are in dialogue and conversation between people with diverse religious and non-religious worldviews. NATRE has worked with the programme's production team to create a great set of [classroom resources](#).

Any Questions

Join the open online forum to [ask questions](#) about teaching **Judaism** Next date: Wed 16th Sept 3.45-4.45pm (P6)

Join the [Any Questions](#) **Islam forum** 3.45-4.45pm on Mon 21st Sept.

Strictly RE conference 2027

Bookings are now open for [Strictly RE 2027](#). Sign up for an unforgettable experience at the UK's biggest RE conference: gain valuable insights, practical strategies, and inspiration to enhance your teaching practice. Strictly RE 2027 will offer something for everyone.

Diwali 2026

Diwali will be celebrated this year in the UK on Sun 8th Nov. There are some excellent resources on [TrueTube](#) which schools may find useful.

Interfaith Week 2026

[Interfaith Week](#) 2026 runs from 8th – 15th November. The theme this year is "Lighting the Way to a Shared Future" with resources [here](#). Here are some ideas for schools:
Invite visitors to talk in [RE lessons](#) or [assemblies](#)
Set up a poetry competition (see examples [here](#) and [here](#))

1st Place Winner KS1 - 2025

Many Paths, One Sun

*Different prayers, different ways,
Different words that people say,
But every heart can shine its light
Guided by what it feels is right
Hand in hand we stand as one,
Many paths but one same sun!*

Jai — Hallsville Primary School, London

Prayer and Reflection

This [BBC page](#) hosts an invitation to sacred spaces across all four nations, from six of the UK's major faiths, during personal moments of spiritual and religious connection.

Halloween and witches

[Halloween](#) coincides with the festival of Samhain, when Pagans celebrate the lives of those in their families who have died. The picture of witches with broomsticks stands at odds with contemporary Pagan witchcraft, where the earth is venerated and ancestors celebrated. Similarly, the idea that Pagans worship the devil is a complete misunderstanding.

Anti-Muslim hate crimes

The [Guardian](#) has reported that one mosque is attacked in Britain every five days, according to new data monitoring anti-Muslim hatred. Educate Against Islamophobia has produced some useful resources on [Islamophobia](#).

Invitation: Hindu RE Teachers

Are you a primary or secondary RE teacher who identifies as Hindu?

A PhD study at the University of Cumbria is exploring the experiences and perspectives of Hindu educators in RE. Participants are invited to take part in two focus groups and an individual interview.

Please contact [Jane Yates](#) for more information

Katie Taylor's faith

Katie Taylor is a [devout Christian](#). She also happens to be the three-times, undisputed world boxing champion. She ended her illustrious career recently at Croke Park, where they gave one of Ireland's greatest sporting figures the grandest of farewells on a night of celebration, spectacle and music. Katie walked out at Croke Park to the anthem: '[All Hail the Power of Jesus](#)'.

Teachers of RE in all phases of education are invited to attend the 2026
South West Peninsula LTLRE 14th Annual Conference

'You can only be safe and secure in a society that practices tolerance, cherishes harmony and can celebrate difference'. Rabbi Hugo Gryn

LTLRE Area 1 RE Conference 2026

Knowledge-Rich and Socially Connected RE

Friday 2nd October 2026
9.30-3.30pm

St Mellion Conference Centre, Nr Saltash

Cost: £90

Keynote speakers:

Katie Freeman: *Curriculum Architecture - what is the place of RE in an ever-changing world?*

Joyce Miller: *Identity, Inclusion, Cohesion and RE*

Panel session: to include Muslim, Zoroastrian, Humanist, Christian, Buddhist and Baha'i voices.

Question: are people's beliefs and worldviews set for life, or do they change and develop?

Workshops will include:

- Practical ways to use AI in RE
- Using Oak resources to support your RE curriculum
- Adaptive teaching for inclusive RE
- Diverse perspectives and 'lived experience' from faith and belief speakers
- RE and SIAMS for Church schools
- Planning and assessment in primary RE
- Teaching outstanding RE at secondary
- Adapting your curriculum for a RWs approach

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Research in RE: examples of small-scale research projects from Culham St Gabriel's leadership programme

Speaker: Kelly Keatley

Thurs 11th Feb 2027

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84568009222>

Adaptive teaching and RE

Speaker: Rachael Jackson-Royal

LTLRE: Katie Freeman

Date?

SWIFT professional RE community

Wed 3rd March 2027

<https://www.sw-ift.org.uk/professional-communities.html>

Assessment in RE

Speakers: Kate Vernon and Amber Griffiths (primary); Rachel Willcocks and Rosie Lee (secondary)
19th April 2027

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85435770635>

SWIFT professional RE community

Thurs 10th June 2027

<https://www.sw-ift.org.uk/professional-communities.html>

Celebration of RE

LTLRE: Laura Twamley, Rachel Willcocks and Rosie Lee

Thurs 10 June 2027

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89850367467>

Are you an RE teacher with questions about Judaism?

A chance to ask anything you like...

Open to primary and secondary teachers who teach Judaism

Why don't all...
What's the difference between...
I don't understand which...



Wed 16th Sept 2026, 3.45-4.45pm

Any question answered



by Anna Silver,
Education Officer

Monthly informal drop in session

(for monthly dates and zoom links email
anna.silver@bod.org.uk)

For Zoom link see attached text

Judaism – Q and A

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Zoom link:

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Meeting ID: 882 0860 9168

Passcode: 531430