

For teachers and schools in the north

The RE Newsletter



AUTUMN TERM 2

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NEWS AND EVENTS

AUTUMN FESTIVALS INTERFAITH EVENT : A GREAT SUCCESS!

On Thursday 21st November, over 2000 children from Kirklees, Leeds and Calderdale attended our Autumn Festivals Interfaith Event. Staff were provided with a number of resources prior to the event, including a number of video links, to support with their learning and discussion around Christian, Sikh, Jewish and Pagan celebrations.

Later in the session students and staff met online with representatives from faith communities in the interactive online Q&A sessions. The event was greatly enjoyed by all involved. Thanks to all who attended and were involved in making the sessions a success. If you would like to have a look at what was discussed in the Q&A sessions these links are available here:

<https://youtu.be/NL8tHtDk73k>

<https://youtu.be/oG8b6iO0nvk>



RE HUBS: FIND OPPORTUNITIES IN YOUR REGION

Have you heard of the RE Hubs? It offers networking, CPD and connections in your region, whatever type of school you teach in. Follow [this link](#).

The RE Hubs newsletter can be found here: [Find the latest RE/RVE/R&W news & blogs \(re-hubs.uk\)](#)

ASSEMBLIES FOR ALL

Visit the [Assemblies for All](#) website for **FREE** access to hundreds of high quality, inclusive assemblies for both primary and secondary schools.

This unique website features hundreds of interactive, meaningful assemblies made by education professionals, from charities like Amnesty, Unicef, and Oxfam, to organisations such as UK Parliament and the BBC. They provide a fantastic way to support the spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development of young people.

STRICTLY RE 2025

Strictly RE is back and this year in person again! Join us in Birmingham on Saturday 25th January for a day of RE not to be missed. Follow this link ([Strictly RE 2025](#)) for more details and to book, member discounts are also available.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE WEBINARS ON WORLD FAITHS: SPACES STILL AVAILABLE!

Develop your subject knowledge of religion and worldviews by meeting and hearing from someone who practises their faith, as well as exploring teaching strategies and resources. Each webinar will welcome a guest from the respective faith/ belief tradition who will share first-hand perspectives and answer questions about the faith or its teaching in school.

All twilight sessions run from 4.00-5.30 pm

- Thursday 16th January 2025 – Sikhi
- Tuesday 11th February 2025 - Judaism
- Monday 28th April 2025 – Christianity
- Wednesday 11th June 2025 – Hindu Dharma



The webinars are aimed mainly at primary RE teachers but will also provide useful subject knowledge development for many secondary colleagues.

Contact enquiries@penninelearning.com for information on pricing and bookings.

COURSES, NETWORKS AND SUPPORT FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADERS

If you have not already discovered the local RE networks, why not join us this academic year? Primary and Secondary RE Networks meet termly. They are a great way to meet other teachers to share ideas and resources.

Primary RE Networks in 2024/25:

- Calderdale (1300 - 1530): 4th March, 3rd June
- Kirklees (1300 - 1530): 10th March, 11th June
- Tameside (1600 – 1730): 25th February, 17th June
- Leeds (1315 – 1500; 1545 -1730): 12th March, 10th June. Book via Leeds for Learning



Please contact enquiries@penninelearning.com for details of primary networks.

Secondary Networks: Kirklees/ Calderdale/Leeds (0900 – 1500): 3rd February, 7th July.

Please contact jake@penninelearning.com for details about secondary networks.

Practical and effective leadership of Religious Education (RE Coordinators Course):

Friday 30th January (0900-1530) Venue TBC.

Early enquiries contact enquiries@penninelearning.com, bookings will be taken separately.

Believing and Belonging resource webinar:

Thursday 23rd January (1600-1730) Online.

An opportunity to gain knowledge and share experience with other schools and experts from Pennine Learning who are using the BB resources module.

FARMINGTON SCHOLARSHIPS

The application process for Farmington Scholarships has opened again for 2025-26. RE teachers who may be interested in applying for a Scholarship should visit the Farmington website <https://farmington.ac.uk/re-teachers/> where there is further information and an application form. The deadline for applications is **January 26th 2025**.

The Farmington Headteachers Institute, which is based in Jesus College, Cambridge, was launched in 2024. The Headteachers Institute will be offering Headteacher Scholarships for 2025-26. Further details and an application form for head teachers can be found here [Headteachers - Farmington Institute](#).

SCHOOL RESOURCES AND WORKSHOPS

BELIEVING AND BELONGING RESOURCES: NOW INCLUDES EY AND FOCUS UNITS

Planning with the syllabus: The RE planning folder is still available to support the new RE syllabus for West Yorkshire. Over 60 units of work provide lesson planning for EYFS, key stages 1-3 and non-examined KS4. A one-off subscription costs £220 per school (no annual payment – this lasts five years). Samples of units are available [here](#). To set up a subscription to the units of work, contact business.solutions@kirklees.gov.uk

Resources to support the units of work: A full set of PowerPoint resources is now available to support all core and focus units from EYFS to Key Stage 3. Current subscribers will have access to EY and focus unit PowerPoints at no further charge.

Price for **new** subscribers:

- £490 (+VAT) for all EYFS, KS1 and KS2 core and focus units
- £390 (+VAT) for all KS3 core and focus units

This is a one-off subscription with no annual renewal. Please note that PowerPoint resources are being published in three tranches over 2024-25. Ask us for the timetable to help you with your long-term plan.

To order or enquire contact enquiries@penninelearning.com

Black Friday deal: For a limited time only Pennine Learning have a Black Friday deal on all Secondary purchases of the Believing and Belonging resources. This brings the price of the resources down to £290+VAT. This offer is only available until Friday 20th December 2024. The flier is included here for your information.

The flier features a sunburst background. On the right, the text 'BLACK FRIDAY' is written vertically in large, bold, orange letters. The main title 'BELIEVING AND BELONGING SYLLABUS RESOURCES' is centered at the top in black. Below the title, a black-bordered box contains the following text: 'Secondary schools are eligible for our Black Friday resources deal. We will be giving a £100 discount on the Syllabus resources. This means all KS3 PowerPoints and some bonus KS4 materials for the total of £390. Additionally, those who take the offer will get access to our World Faith Webinar sessions for free (including recordings from any webinars that have already taken place)'. At the bottom right of the flier is the Pennine Learning logo, which includes a stylized bird icon and the text 'PENNINE LEARNING'. At the bottom, a black-bordered box contains the text: 'Email esther@penninelearning.com and quote 'AI's Black Friday Deal' before Friday 20th December to access this price.'

NORTH WEST SACRE HUB – YEAR 10 EVENT



On Tuesday 17th December 2024 (1330-1500) North West SACRE Hub is hosting a Year 10 event. You will be facilitated in groups by trainee teachers, debate topical questions with year 10's from across the North West and hear from the AREIAC young ambassadors for RE. Maximum two year 10 students per school. To register your interest please contact Jane Yates (North West RE Hubs Lead) on northwest@re-hubs.com.

CELEBRATE FAIRTRADE WITH FAIR AND FUNKY WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCE



Fairtrade conference 2025 places still available!

Schools are invited to bring 8 children and up to 2 members of staff to the Fairtrade conference on March 5th, 2025.

Details of Fairtrade conference here: <https://www.fairandfunky.com/school-events/>

View all workshops here: <https://www.fairandfunky.com/category/school-workshops/>

SOLUTIONS NOT SIDES TAKE PEACE-BUILDERS ON TOUR IN THE NORTH

This academic year, SNS will be running tours in cities and regions across Yorkshire and the North-West. There is still time to book a workshop to help your students to understand and discuss current events in a safe space and to meet peace-builders from Israel and Palestine and talk about their experiences of conflict and peace activism.

- Bradford 10-14 February
- Lancashire 24-28 February
- Leeds/Bradford 5-9 May
- Manchester 12-16 May



Book here: <https://solutionsnotsides.co.uk/our-work/book-a-workshop>

NEW RELIGION AND WORLDVIEWS VIDEOS

Culham St Gabriel's Trust have put together two videos providing a brief guide to the Religion and Worldviews Handbook and the three frameworks. Please take a look at the videos on the links below.

A brief guide to the handbook introducing the different sections and the key messages:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjFcL9Ja3gY>

A short guide to the religion and worldviews approach curriculum frameworks:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UaOX5g1lwys>

SPEAK UP OR STAY SILENT: EXPLORING CHRISTIAN VIEWS ABOUT JUSTICE

Free RE teaching and learning resources exploring Christian views about justice- reflecting on how faith and belief impacts the lives of individuals and communities. There are a variety of resources suitable for each of the four nations and including global images and case studies. Resources can be found here: [Justice resources](#).

USING BOOKLETS IN SECONDARY RE

Two blog posts exploring the use of booklets in RE at KS3 and KS4. Thomas Breakwell offers personal and practical reflections on the creation and use of booklets, including top tips to make this approach work. [Using booklets in Religious Studies](#) The second blog gives practical advice and ideas about how to design and produce booklets that work for students and RE teachers (including non-specialists). [Booklets, not book less: Implementing booklets in GCSE Religious Studies](#).

BBC TREASURE CHAMPS: ASSEMBLIES AND STORIES FOR KEY STAGE 1

The Treasure Champs series of assemblies features all 30 stories from the popular CBeebies series Treasure Champs and is particularly suitable for Key Stage 1. They can be found at BBC Teach [here](#).

The assemblies explore universal values through stories drawn from different world religions and worldviews.

Examples include:

Forgiveness and the Bible story of the Prodigal Son <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m00030m4/treasure-champs-series-2-15-forgiveness?seriesId=m00023c2>.

Sikh story of the Rich man and the needle: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/z7ntn9q>.

JEWISH LIVING ONLINE: FREE DIGITAL RESOURCE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Jewish Living Online (JLO) is a new, free, digital resource for secondary schools in England, created by The Board of Deputies of British Jews. The resource aims to teach about Judaism and antisemitism to KS3 students in an authentic and engaging way. It aims to make the lives of teachers easier as it requires little planning or subject knowledge, as well as being modular and flexible. RE, History and Citizenship teachers can pick and choose sections to support the schemes of work they already have in place. Content includes: Who are the Jewish people? Festivals and holy days; History of the Jews in Britain; Israel; Antisemitism. It includes multimedia content and authentic, lived experience and opinions of Jews living in Britain today. Further information [here](#) To view the material visit <https://jlo.org.uk/>



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