

# RE newsletter

## Welcome back!

Welcome back from the Christmas break to what is already looking like another challenging term!

## Home learning

Resources /links that might be useful for home learning:

Access great support in Facebook groups: [Primary RE](#) and [Save RE](#) (for secondary) and on twitter NATRE [blended](#) learning and [home](#) learning resources [Video library](#) for home learning [Oak National Academy](#) resources for RE

[Bristol SACRE](#) resources

Easter [KS1](#) and [KS2](#)

[Secondary](#) RE resources

[Free secondary resources](#) to your inbox every fortnight

Do [contact us](#) to let us know what your RE needs are

## Survey findings

A recent [survey on Christianity and religious beliefs/practices](#) in Britain shows.

- Half of those surveyed (52%) consider the story of the birth of Jesus Christ to be historically inaccurate, whilst 31% think it's accurate
- Over half (56%) of Britons say the UK is a Christian country
- Half (53%) think schools should teach children equally about Christian holidays and holidays of other religions

## Learn Teach Lead RE (LTLRE)



LTLRE Hubs are currently being hosted online. Meetings are free and open to all teachers of RE, primary and secondary, details on [website](#). Contact hub leaders for details:

[East Devon hub](#) Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2021

[Exeter hub](#)

[North Devon hub](#)

[Plymouth hub](#) Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Jan, Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Mar 2021

[South Devon hub](#)

[Torbay hub](#)

[Mid Devon hub](#)

[West Cornwall Hub](#)

[Mid Cornwall Hub](#)

[East Cornwall Hub](#)

[Special Schools](#) **NEW GROUP** Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Jan

## January 2021

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## RE CPD

**Courses from Exeter Diocese**, suitable for all schools. (online via Zoom) Details and booking [here](#)

**Understanding Christianity: full training includes 3 half day sessions (KS1-3)**

Fri 5th Feb 21 9:30 – 1:00

Thurs 25th Mar 21 1.00 - 4.30

Thurs 22nd Apr 21 1.00 - 4.30

Community schools £20 (inc subsidy); CofE schools £50

**Equality and unconscious bias (KS1-3)**

4.00-5.00pm Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 (£30)

**Lat Blaylock (RE Today): Creative, spiritual and thoughtful RE looking ahead**

1.00-3.00pm Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021

£50 per school

**Introduction to the new RSHE units (KS1-3)**

4.00-5.30pm Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 (£30)

**RE subject leaders (KS1-2)**

1.00-3.30pm Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Mar 2021 (£30)

**Courses from Babcock/LDP** (online via Click) All courses £38 plus VAT

**Introducing the RE syllabus for Devon, Torbay and Plymouth schools** [Booking here](#)

1.00-4.00pm Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021

**Outstanding teaching and learning in Secondary RE** [Booking here](#)

1.00-4.00pm Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Mar 2021

**Leading RE in the primary school**

[Booking here](#)

1.00-4.00pm Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2021

## Strictly RE



Don't miss NATRE's annual [Strictly RE conference](#), which this year has moved online. Great value CPD, discount for NATRE members Sat 30<sup>th</sup>/Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2021

## Holocaust Memorial Day 2021



The 27th January every year reminds us of the unparalleled horrors of the WW2 holocaust, as well as subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. This year's theme, [be the light in the darkness](#), asks us to think about different kinds of 'darkness' and different ways of 'being the light'. [School resources and links available here](#).

### HMD video talks (see accompanying Word doc)

The following video talks will be pre-recorded and made accessible to schools [here](#) by 21<sup>st</sup> January.

- **Lizzie Small: Porrajmos film, the untold story of the Romani genocide at the hands of the Nazis (Y8+)**
- **Stuart Raine: the story of Otto Deutsch, Kindertransport child (Y5+)**
- **Anastasia Somerville-Wong: Genocide in Cambodia, when the darkest side of our nature prevails (Y8+)**
- **Helen Fry: the story of the Jewish refugees living in North Devon during WW2 (Y5+) (available 10<sup>th</sup> Feb)**

## Special School RE hub group

We are starting a new RE hub group for special schools. [Get in touch](#) if you want to know more.

## Farmington Scholarships

Applications for the 2021/22 [Farmington Scholarships](#) are now open. Scholarships are available to teachers of RE in secondary, primary and special needs schools. Also to Head teachers. Scholarships cover the cost of tuition and salary of a replacement teacher for 30 days. Closing date is 31st January 2021.

## A Question of Faith (secondary)

A Question of Faith is a [powerful set of videos for secondary](#) RE on marriage, death, sexuality, suffering and believing in God

## Webinars for A level

In summer 2020 Chester Uni Theology and Religious Studies Dept set up [a great series of talks for A level RS](#) students, covering a whole array of topics from the problem of evil to women in Buddhism.

## Amazing Muslims who changed the world



From global icons Muhammad Ali and Malala Yousafzai, to lesser known pioneers Sultan Razia and Noor Inayat Khan, [Amazing Muslims Who Changed the World](#) highlights the incalculable achievements of Muslims throughout history.

## Islam Resources KS3

'Discovering Muslims in Britain' is a highly recommended KS3 [set of resources](#) from Cardiff University. Teacher comment: "it was invaluable to have the videos to show the children as it allowed them to relate to people, rather than simply reading information on a page."

## Picturing Islam



This [new picture pack](#) is an exceptional resource for exploring British and global Islam. Suitable for primary and secondary.

## SMSC support

News, ideas and resources for SMSC can be found [here](#). Sign up for the [termly newsletter](#)

## Awareness Days



A calendar giving information about national and international [awareness days](#)

**Darwin Day** is on Fri 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Darwin: the man who [struggled with his own ideas](#).

**Islamic Calendar** [dates](#) for 2021 (see P3)

## Bible project

The Bible Project produces [animated videos](#) to help make the biblical story accessible to all.

## Art in heaven 2021

The themes have been released for [Art in Heaven 2021](#). This is a great way to bring RE alive!

## Early Years Collective Worship

New Jack in the Box (Big Bible story) resource for Early Years from [Imaginor](#) (see P 4)

useful

# ISLAMIC CALENDAR

## DATES FOR 2021



For planning work holidays

### Please note:

- Please allow for the fact that for planning purposes, dates used are based on astronomical calculations. **These dates are only a guide to help plan time off work and may not match exact dates.** Exact dates will be determined nearer the time depending on sighting of new moon where you are.
- This guide has been produced in light of the fact that in the work place one may have to book holidays and time off work many months in advance. Many workers do not have the luxury of waiting for exact dates based on moon sightings to book time off work at the last minute.
- **This is not a religious dates calendar.** Hence not all religious days are covered. It includes only those **key dates** for which people usually need to plan time off work for.

Compiled by Bristol Muslim Cultural Society.

### RAMADAN 2021

Expected to start Tuesday 13th April 2021 and will continue (if fasting 30 days), until Wednesday 12th May 2021.

### Eid al-Fitr 2021

Thursday 13th May 2021.


### Eid al-Adha 2021


Tuesday 20th July 2021.

### Hajj 2021

Saturday 17th July 2021 to Thursday 22nd July 2021.

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# JACK IN THE BOX

## BIG BIBLE STORY

### VOLUMES ONE AND TWO

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Children travel through the whole Bible, along with Jack, to meet all the Big Bible heroes and learn about the life of Jesus and his love for our world.

Volumes One and Two are each stand-alone resources but together, provide over 80 classroom 'Worship Times' especially written by Early Years practitioners.

All material will be available to download once purchased.

HELLO TIME  
SING-A-LONG  
SONGS WITH  
ACTIONS

STORY TIME  
BIBLE STORIES  
TO INVOLVE  
EVERYONE

THINKING TIME  
'I WONDER'  
REFLECTIONS

HOME  
LINKS  
JACK'S TAKE  
AWAY

PRAYING  
TIME  
SIMPLE PRAYERS  
& CRAFT IDEAS



IMAGINOR

**Jack in the Box Big Bible Story** provides over two years worth of worship material and is specifically designed to introduce the youngest children to God's Big Story through all the key Bible characters of the Old and New Testament. Whilst much of the material is new, the familiar elements of *Hello Time*, *Story Time*, *Thinking Time* and *Praying Time* will be familiar to children along with, of course, Jack the much loved Labrador puppy! (*little picture of Jack here?.*)

For schools using Christian Values themes in their worship, links to the 18 values included in **Roots and Fruits One and Two** are clearly signposted on each page throughout both volumes.

<https://www.imaginer.co.uk/>