



St. Wilfrid's CE Primary Academy Curriculum Overview 2026-2027



Religious Education

Year	Autumn Term	Spring Term		Summer Term																																
All Year Groups	Religious Education follows the Blackburn Diocese Questful RE syllabus, an enquiry-based and balanced curriculum exploring Christianity, world faiths and worldviews. Christianity is taught as a living faith, with a strong focus on Christian concepts and God’s unfolding salvation story, while children also explore major world religions and worldviews. Through thoughtful questioning, discussion and investigation, children develop their knowledge and understanding of faith and belief, considering how these influence people’s lives, relationships, communities and the wider world. Children are encouraged to reflect on their own beliefs, values and experiences, developing respect, curiosity and understanding of themselves, others and the world around them.																																			
Nursery	EYFS 1: Why Are We All Different and Special? Links to World Faiths and World Views: Islam Pupils will be introduced to the knowledge that Muslims and Jews also share the belief that God is our creator. It could also be appropriate to mention that some people do not believe that God is creator. <table><tr><td>Th</td><td>Why do Christians believe God is their heavenly father?</td></tr><tr><td>Ph</td><td>Why are names important?</td></tr><tr><td>Ss</td><td>Does everyone agree that God made us?</td></tr></table>	Th	Why do Christians believe God is their heavenly father?	Ph	Why are names important?	Ss	Does everyone agree that God made us?	EYFS 4 Christmas: How do Christians celebrate Jesus’ birthday? Links to World Faiths and World Views: Hanukah, Diwali Why do Hindus light candles at Diwali? <table><tr><td>Th</td><td>Why was Jesus a special baby?</td></tr><tr><td>Ph</td><td>Which part of the story is the most important?</td></tr><tr><td>Ss</td><td>Does everyone celebrate Jesus’ birthday in the same way?</td></tr></table>	Th	Why was Jesus a special baby?	Ph	Which part of the story is the most important?	Ss	Does everyone celebrate Jesus’ birthday in the same way?	EYFS 6: Why Did Jesus Tell Stories? <table><tr><td>Th</td><td>Where will you find the stories Jesus told?</td></tr><tr><td>Ph</td><td>What can we learn from Jesus’ stories?</td></tr><tr><td>Ss</td><td>Which stories teach about God’s love?</td></tr></table>	Th	Where will you find the stories Jesus told?	Ph	What can we learn from Jesus’ stories?	Ss	Which stories teach about God’s love?	EYFS 7: Why Do Christians Believe That Easter is All About Love? <table><tr><td>Th</td><td>Why do Christians believe that Jesus’ death on the cross is so important?</td></tr><tr><td>Ph</td><td>Who do you love?</td></tr><tr><td>Ss</td><td>How do Christians celebrate Easter?</td></tr></table>	Th	Why do Christians believe that Jesus’ death on the cross is so important?	Ph	Who do you love?	Ss	How do Christians celebrate Easter?	EYFS 10: Prayer What is prayer? Links to World Faiths and World Views: Prayer Look at the items in your Chatterbox that will generate discussion about prayer in world faiths – Islam, Judaism, Buddhism.	EYFS 5: Which Stories Did Jesus Hear When He Was a Child? <table><tr><td>Th</td><td>Which of the stories do you like best?</td></tr><tr><td>Ph</td><td>Do you like listening to stories?</td></tr><tr><td>Ss</td><td>Did Jesus go to church? Why not?</td></tr></table>	Th	Which of the stories do you like best?	Ph	Do you like listening to stories?	Ss	Did Jesus go to church? Why not?
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Nursery Enrichment		Visitor: Talk about Diwali																																		

Reception

EYFS 2 Harvest:
Why do people of faith say thank you to God at harvest time?

Th	Why do Christians believe God is the creator of everything?
Ph	Why is it important to say thank you?
Ss	How do Christians say thank you to God at harvest time?

EYFS 3 Special People:
Why do Christians believe Jesus is special?

Links to World Faiths and World Views:
Founders and Leaders of faith (Imam, Guru Nanak, Buddha)

EYFS 4 Christmas:
How do Christians celebrate Jesus' birthday?

Links to World Faiths and World Views:
Hanukah, Diwali

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EYFS 6 Stories Jesus Told:
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EYFS 7 Easter:
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Ph	Who do you love?
Ss	How do Christians celebrate Easter?

EYFS 9 Special Places:
What makes a place holy?

Links to World Faiths and World Views:
The Gurudwara & Mandir/shrine to cover special places, comparing and contrasting to the church.
Visitor: Prags Birk

Th	Does everyone go to the same place to worship God? Why not?
Ph	Where is your special place?
Ss	Why do some people take off their shoes before entering their place of worship?

EYFS 11 Special Times:
How do you celebrate special times?

Links to World Faiths and World Views:
Why do people of different faiths have festivals and celebrations?
Festivals
Sikhism – Vaisakhi
Hinduism – Holi
Baisakhi & Holi celebrations, their importance to Sikhs and Hindus.
Visitor: Prags Birk

Th	What makes particular days special?
Ph	How are special times celebrated?
Ss	Which special times do people of faith celebrate?

Reception
Enrichment

Visitor- Prags Birk festivals of
Hinduism and Sikhism talk

Year 1

1.1 Harvest:

How can we help those who do not have a good harvest?

Links to World Faiths and World Views:

Judaism: How do people of Jewish faith celebrate the harvest?

Th	Why is saying thank you to God for the harvest important to people of faith?
Ph	Is it important to say thank you?
Ss	Why do some people help those who have not had a good harvest?

1.2 Creation: What are your favourite things that God created?

Links to World Faiths and World Views

What do people of Muslim faith believe about how God made the world?

Th	Why do people of faith believe God is the Creator?
Ph	What do you feel about the wonders of creation?
Ss	How do people of faith take care of creation?

1.3 Christmas:

Why do we give and receive gifts?

Th	Why do Christians believe Jesus was a gift from God?
Ph	What do you enjoy most about Christmas celebrations? Why?
Ss	How do Christians celebrate Christmas?

1.4 Jesus:

What made Jesus special?

Th	Why did the wind and waves obey Jesus?
Ph	What does special mean?
Ss	How do Christians show that they believe Jesus was/is special?

1.5 Easter:

What do you think is the most important part of the Easter story?

Th	Why do Christians believe Easter is all about new life?
Ph	What do you think is the most important part of the Easter story?
Ss	Why do some Christians create an Easter Garden as part of their celebrations?

1.7 Baptism:

Why is Baptism Special?

Links to World Faiths and World Views:

How do people of world faiths welcome new babies?

Th	How & why do people of faith say thank you to God for their new babies?
Ph	What does it mean to belong?
Ss	How are names chosen?

1.8 Joseph:

Why is Joseph a Bible hero?

Year 1
Enrichment

Muslim Visitor about creation

Year 2

2.1 The Bible:

Why is it such a special book?

Links to World Faiths and World Views:

Do people of all world faiths have holy books?

Th	Why is a Holy Book/Sacred Text different to all other books?
Ph	What makes something holy?
Ss	How do people of faith treat and read their Holy Books?

2.2 Christmas:

Why was the birth of Jesus such good news?

Th	Why is the good news of the birth of Jesus so important to Christians?
Ph	What makes news good or bad?
Ss	How do Christmas celebrations reflect the Christian belief that Jesus is good news?

2.3 Jesus:

Why did Jesus welcome everyone?

Th	What do these stories reveal about Jesus?
Ph	What is a miracle?
Ss	What did Jesus want his followers to learn from his behaviour?

2.4 Easter:

How do symbols help us to understand the Easter story?

Th	Why is the cross the main symbol of Christianity?
Ph	What is a symbol?
Ss	How do Easter celebrations and symbols show what Christians believe?

2.6 Ascension and Pentecost:

What happened at the Ascension and Pentecost?

Th	What happened at Pentecost?
Ph	How does it feel when we say
Ss	How do Christians express their beliefs about the Holy Spirit in artwork?

2.5 The Church:

Why is the Church a special place for Christians?

Links to World Faiths and World Views:

Why are holy buildings important to people of faith?

Th	Does God live in a building?
Ph	How do you feel when you stand in your special place?
Ss	Why do people of faith gather in holy places/buildings?

Year 2
Enrichment

Visitor -Sikhism (Holy book)
Prags

Year 3

3.6 Harvest:

How do people of faith say thank you to God for the harvest?

Links to World Faiths and World Views:

How do people the Jewish faiths say thank you to God for the Harvest?

3.2 Christmas:

How does the presence of Jesus impact on people's lives?

Th	What do Christians believe is the reason God sent Jesus to be present on earth?
Ph	How is it possible for God to be present on earth?
Ss	In what ways do Christians believe they can be the presence of Jesus in the world today?

3.3 Jesus:

How did/does Jesus change lives?

Th	Why did/does Jesus change lives?
Ph	What does 'change' mean?
Ss	What happens when Jesus changes a person's life?

3.4 Easter:

Is the cross a symbol of sadness or joy?

Th	Is Good Friday the end or the beginning?
Ph	Is it possible to describe an event such as Easter as simply sadness and joy?
Ss	How do the church services held during Holy Week and Easter reflect the sadness and the joy?

3.1 Called by God:

What does it mean to be called by God?

Th	In what ways does God call people?
Ph	Who has/or could be called by God?
Ss	What are the similarities and differences between the role and daily lives of faith leaders?

3.5 Rules for living:

Which rules should we follow?

Links to World Faiths and World Views:

Does everybody follow the same rules? Why? Why not?

Th	Do people of faith share the same rules?
Ph	What would happen if there were no rules/laws?
Ss	Which rules do people live by?

Year 3
Enrichment

Visit from a Monk

Year 4

4.5 The Church:

Are all Churches the same?

Links to World Faiths and World Views:

Are all places of worship the same? Do people worship God in the same way?

Why are holy buildings and places important to people of faith?

Th	Why are there similarities and differences between places of worship?
Ph	Are all places of worship the same? Why not?
Ss	Why are certain buildings and places important to some people and not others?

4.2 Christmas:

Why is Jesus described as the light of the world?

Links to World Faiths and World Views:

Jewish Festival of Hanukkah

Why is light an important symbol in World Faiths?

Th	Why do people of faith light candles?
Ph	Why is light such a powerful symbol?
Ss	In what ways do the actions of Christians show the light of Jesus in the world today?

4.6 What is Prayer?

Links to World Faiths and World Views:

How do people of world faiths pray?

Th	Why do people of faith pray?
Ph	What is prayer?
Ss	How do people of faith pray?

4.4 Easter:

A story of trust and betrayal

Links to World Faiths and World Views:

What do faiths say about forgiveness?

Th	How do the events in the Easter story reveal Christian beliefs about trust and forgiveness?
Ph	Who thinks the value of forgiveness is important? Why?
Ss	In what ways can trust and forgiveness challenge the lives of believers?

4.3 Jesus:

Why do Christians believe Jesus is the Son of God?

Links to World Faiths and World Views:

Why do Jewish people believe that the Sabbath/Shabbat is so important?

Th	Where did Jesus' power and authority come from?
Ph	How do these stories reveal Jesus to be the Son of God?
Ss	In what ways does the keeping of Shabbat affect the lives of Jews and Christians?

4.1 David and the Psalms:

What values do you consider to be important?

Th	Is there a difference between human values and faith values?
Ph	What values do you consider to be important?
Ss	Who decides that values we live by?

Year 4 Enrichment

Visit to St Wilfrid's Church
Mosque Workshop

Year 5

5.1 The Bible:

How and why do Christians read the Bible?

Links to World Faiths and World Views:

Why are sacred texts so important to people of faith?

Th	What is the connection between the ways in which the Holy Book is treated and how the believer regards the content of the book?
Ph	Do you need a Bible to be a Christian?
Ss	In what ways do the contents of the Sacred Text impact on the life of the believer?

5.2 Christmas:

How do our celebrations reflect the true meaning of Christmas?

Th	Why are the stories in Matthew and Luke similar/different?
Ph	Why do the two Gospels contain different elements of the story?
Ss	How do the celebrations reflect the true meaning of Christmas?

5.3 Jesus:

Why do Christians believe Jesus was a great teacher?

Th	How do Christians use Jesus' stories to Christianity answer the big questions in life?
Ph	Could the teachings of Jesus inspire people of any World Faith or World View?
Ss	How do the teachings of Jesus impact on the lives of believers?

5.4 Easter:

Why do Christians believe that Easter is a celebration of victory?

Th	In what ways is Jesus' death and resurrection a victory?
Ph	What is Jesus victorious over and why?
Ss	How do the events and services that take place in churches during Holy Week and Easter reflect the Christian belief that Jesus was victorious?

5.9 St Paul:

How did the news of Jesus resurrection spread around the world?

Unit 5.5: Old Testament Women

Did she make the right choice?

Links to World Faiths and World Views: Jewish Festival of Purim

Th	In which values and beliefs are the actions of the women rooted?
Ph	What could I learn from this story?
Ss	Does the context of the story make the choice more or less significant?

Year 5 Enrichment

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Ph	Philosophy involves studying a) how and whether things make sense; b) morality & ethics and c) questions of reality, knowledge & existence.
Ss	Social science involves studying a) exploring diverse ways people practise their beliefs and b) how beliefs impact individuals, communities & societies.