

# RE in the autumn term 2021

## Useful festival dates (excerpts from the SHAP calendar)

21/22 August	<b>Raksha Bandhan</b> Hindu
29/30 August	<b>Janmashtami</b> Hindu
7 - 8 September	<b>Rosh Hashanah</b> Jewish
16 September	<b>Yom Kippur</b> Jewish
21 - 28 September	<b>Sukkot</b> Jewish
29 September	<b>Simchat Torah</b> Jewish
19 October	<b>Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad</b> Sunni Muslim
24 October	<b>Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad</b> Shi'a Muslim
4 November	<b>Divali</b> Hindu and Sikh
7 - 14 November	<b>Interfaith week</b>
19 November	<b>Birthday of Guru Nanak</b> Sikh
29 November - 6 December	<b>Hanukah</b> Jewish
8 December	<b>Bodhi Day</b> Buddhist (for some Buddhist traditions)
25 December	<b>Christmas Day</b> Christian

**On the following pages you will find resource suggestions for teaching about autumn term festivals in your primary RE lessons, and some details of upcoming RE courses and networks.**

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# Teaching about autumn religious festivals and topics

## Planning

Visit the HIAS RE website <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/religious-education> (free access for Hampshire schools via the Services Portal; subscribable for non-Hampshire schools at £85 pa via: <https://tinyurl.com/HIAS-order>) or the RE Moodle site <https://re.hias.hants.gov.uk/> for the following medium term plans:

<i>Angels</i>	KS1 Angels	HIAS RE site and RE pack RE001 <i>Angels</i>
<i>Angels</i>	KS2 Angels	HIAS RE site
<i>Celebrating birthdays</i>	FS/KS1 Christmas – celebrating Jesus’ birthday	HIAS RE site, RE Moodle and RE pack RE021 <i>RE in FS</i>
<i>Celebration</i>	KS1 Harvest	RE pack RE009 <i>Harvest pack</i> and RE Moodle
<i>Faith</i>	KS2 The Annunciation story	HIAS RE site and RE Moodle
<i>Good and evil</i>	KS2 Divali	HIAS RE site and RE pack RE010 <i>Hindu festivals</i>
<i>Holy</i>	KS2 Mary, Mother of God	HIAS RE site and RE Moodle
<i>Imagery</i>	KS2 Angels	HIAS RE site and RE Moodle
<i>Incarnation</i>	KS2 An extraordinary baby	HIAS RE site and RE Moodle
<i>Interpretation</i>	KS2 Christmas: the two birth narratives	HIAS RE site, RE Moodle and RE pack RE004 <i>Christmas KS2</i>
<i>Journey’s end</i>	KS1 Nativity journeys	HIAS RE site and RE Moodle
<i>Remembering</i>	FS Guru Nanak	HIAS RE site
<i>Ritual</i>	KS2 Sukkot	HIAS RE site, RE Moodle, RE pack RE015 <i>Jewish festivals</i> and RE pack RE027 <i>Synagogue</i>
<i>Symbol (light)</i>	KS1 Advent and Hannukah	HIAS RE site and RE Moodle
<i>Symbol (light)</i>	KS1 Candlelight at Advent and Sikh Divali / Hindu Divali	HIAS RE site
<i>Symbol (light)</i>	KS2 Advent	RE pack RE004 <i>Christmas KS2</i>
<i>Thankfulness</i>	KS1 Harvest and Sukkot	RE pack RE009 <i>Harvest pack</i>

Waiting	KS1 Advent	Moodle+
Waiting	KS2 Advent	Moodle+
Warning	KS2 Christmas: the Magi and their gifts. <b>Please note that the concept <i>prophecy</i> should no longer be used.</b>	HIAS RE site and RE pack RE004 <i>Christmas KS2</i>

## Looking for a medium-term plan by concept?

Search no further!

There is a handy list entitled *Where can we find Primary RE planning by concept?* indicating where planning is held. This could be on the HIAS RE site, RE Moodle and Moodle+, or in a teaching pack. This list is available from:

<https://re.hias.hants.gov.uk/course/view.php?id=58>

## Keep in touch with termly e-news!

If you would like to sign up for regular e-news to alert you to upcoming CPD, as well as other items of primary RE news, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/RE-news-signup>

# Teaching about Christmas and Hannukah

## RE teaching packs to purchase

For the full 2021 catalogue, please visit: <https://re.hias.hants.gov.uk/course/view.php?id=7>

To purchase, order online: <https://tinyurl.com/re-centre-form>

- **Angels** (product RE001)  
Price £15 for subscribers to the RE Centre (£50 for non-subscribers).
- **Teaching Christmas at KS1** (product RE046)  
Price £20 for subscribers to the RE Centre (£55 for non-subscribers), includes units on:
  - *Celebrating* in the context of Jesus' birthday
  - *Waiting* in the context of Advent
  - *Celebration* of Christmas around the world.
- **Teaching Christmas at KS2** (product RE004)  
Price £20 for subscribers to the RE Centre (£55 for non-subscribers), includes units on:
  - *Advent* (concept: *symbol of light*)
  - *Magi* (concept: *warning*) and
  - *The two birth narratives* (concept: *interpretation*)
- **Jewish festivals: Sukkot and Hannukah** (product RE015)  
Price £18 for subscribing schools (£53 for non-subscribers), contains two units with the concepts *ritual* and *symbol*.

## Artefact boxes to borrow from the RE Centre

For the full catalogue, please visit: <https://re.hias.hants.gov.uk/course/view.php?id=9>

- *Advent and Christmas*
- *Angels*
- *Christingle*
- *Christmas around the world*
- *Divali*
- *Hannukah*
- *Harvest* (limited availability)
- *Light as a symbol*
- *Magi*
- *Mary, Mother of God*
- *Sukkot* (limited availability).

To check availability, please contact the RE Centre by email [re.centre@hants.gov.uk](mailto:re.centre@hants.gov.uk) and then book online: <https://tinyurl.com/re-centre-form>.

## Looking for RE courses and networks?

A full range of **RE courses and networks** is available to book on the Learning Management System (for Hampshire schools via ESS/Learning Zone). Visit <https://tinyurl.com/LearningZoneGuidance> for information on how to access the site and browse/book from our extensive catalogue of professional learning opportunities. **Further details in the [RE training catalogue](#).**

You may be interested in the following, most of which are **running virtually** this term:

Date	Course/network title	Location
Termly networks	Primary RE networks (see following pages)	Virtual
Termly network: 17 November	RE network for special schools	Virtual
6 October	<i>Collective worship issues in primary schools</i>	Virtual
11 October	<i>Reviewing SMSC provision in the light of the requirement to promote fundamental British values</i>	Virtual
13 October	Using <i>Understanding Christianity</i> as a resource with <i>Living Difference III</i>	Virtual
13 October	<i>Christianity</i> subject knowledge webinar (see following page)	Virtual
18 October	<i>RE in the Foundation Stage with the new EYFS framework</i>	Virtual
19 October	<i>How to manage RE in KS1 and KS2</i>	Venue based
20 October	<i>RE and the new Ofsted framework</i>	Virtual
2 November	<i>Assessment of RE in the primary phase</i>	Venue based
22 November	<i>Islam</i> subject knowledge webinar (see following page)	Virtual
23 November	<i>Hindu traditions</i> subject knowledge webinar (see following pages)	Virtual
24 November	<i>Getting to grips with the primary RE syllabus</i>	Virtual
30 November	<i>Launch of Living Difference IV</i>	Virtual

If you have an enquiry about making a booking or managing your attendance on a HTLC course or webinar, please email: [HTLC.Courses@hants.gov.uk](mailto:HTLC.Courses@hants.gov.uk).

## Subject knowledge professional development opportunities

### **Christianity webinar: 13 October 2021 15.30 – 16.30**

This one hour webinar will help teachers increase their confidence in teaching about Christianity and provide suggestions for progression in children's knowledge and skill from Foundation Stage to Year 6, together with an overview of areas that are important for transition to secondary RE.

By the end of the session, delegates will be able to:

- outline the key beliefs of many Christians
- explain the importance of the Bible to Christians and how they use this in their lives
- understand the main Christian denominations and some of the key differences from each other
- outline some of the key Christian practices
- explain the main Christian festivals
- increase their confidence when teaching about Christianity to children.

Full price: £54

SLA element: £30

Subscriber's price: £45

### **Islam webinar: 22 November 2021 15.30 – 16.30**

This hour long webinar will help teachers increase their confidence in teaching about Islam and provide suggestions for progression in children's knowledge and skill from Year 3 to Year 6, together with an overview of areas that are important for transition to secondary RE.

By the end of the session delegates will be able to:

- outline the key beliefs of many Muslims
- explain the importance of the Qur'an and the hadith for Muslims and how many Muslims use these in their lives
- outline some of the key practices for Muslims, including the five pillars of Islam
- explain the main Muslim festivals, including both Sunni and Shi'a festivals
- consider these learning points when planning progression in RE
- increase their confidence when teaching about Islam to children.

Full price: £54

SLA element: £30

Subscriber's price: £45

**Booking:** these webinars can be booked on the LMS Learning Zone or directly with Teresa Labuschagne at HTLC by emailing [Teresa.Labuschagne@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Teresa.Labuschagne@hants.gov.uk)

## Subject knowledge professional development opportunities

### Hindu traditions: 23 November 2021 15.30 – 16.30

This hour long webinar will help teachers increase their confidence in teaching about Hinduism and provide suggestions for progression in children's knowledge and skill from Foundation Stage to Year 4, together with an overview of areas that are important for enquiry using the Hampshire locally agreed syllabus *Living Difference IV* (to be launched on 30 November 2021).

By the end of the session delegates will be able to:

- appreciate the origins of Hinduism and its rich history
- understand that there are a variety of beliefs and practices
- appreciate the many different ways of living as a Hindu
- explain some of the different ways of belonging as a Hindu
- appreciate some of the key texts and scriptures that are important to many Hindus
- explain the key festivals and celebrations and
- increase their confidence when teaching about Hinduism to children.

Full price: £54

SLA element: £30

Subscriber's price: £45

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## Launch of *Living Difference IV* on 30 November 2021

This virtual cross-phase conference provides an overview of the revised locally agreed syllabus *Living Difference IV*. It introduces the main points of the syllabus, the key changes and offers briefings and workshop-based training sessions to help delegates understand how to implement the syllabus in your school.

Learning outcomes:

- to gain an understanding of the law for RE
- to gain an understanding of the requirements of *Living Difference IV*
- to know the key changes to the syllabus and how it is different from *Living Difference III*
- to attend workshops relevant for your school and sector.

Book via the [Learning Zone](#).

## Primary RE network meetings for 2021/2022

From November 2021, the primary RE network meetings will continue termly based on school groupings - a twilight meeting (in Winchester) plus afternoon networks of schools across the county: Aldershot, Basingstoke, Eastleigh and Fareham.

The first session in the autumn term will be a virtual meeting on the dates indicated below, and the other two sessions in the spring and summer terms will be face-to-face in the afternoon as usual.

<b>Twilight:</b>	<b>3 November 16.00 – 18.00</b>
<b>Aldershot:</b>	<b>8 November 13.00 – 15.30</b>
<b>Basingstoke:</b>	<b>10 November 13.00 – 15.30</b>
<b>Eastleigh:</b>	<b>15 November 13.00 – 15.30</b>
<b>Fareham:</b>	<b>16 November 13.00 – 15.30</b>

These sessions are designed to enable RE managers to explore, share and develop good practice in RE in their schools. The sessions will focus on helping other staff to understand the cycle of enquiry, know the range of concepts in the *Living Difference* syllabus, create and amend planning for RE and help understand assessment issues across the school.

Sessions will cover issues according to the needs of the participants, including:

- supporting other staff in school - what is Hampshire RE about?
- developing schemes of work for RE within a developing, integrated curriculum
- RE through literacy
- RE linked with the creative arts
- developing thinking skills in RE
- assessing RE
- RE's contribution to pupils' SMSC development.

Early booking via LMS onto the new network meetings will be desirable as places will be limited in each network group.

There are also separate termly networks held in Southampton, Portsmouth and on the Isle of Wight and for special schools. For more details, please email:

[Justine.ball@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Justine.ball@hants.gov.uk).