



RE and CW

We have some exciting plans ahead with the Emmanuel Project – more info on the next page!

Looking forward to seeing lots of you at the Network Meetings: details below! Do let me if you need any help with anything RE or CW-related in the meantime.

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Spiritual Development Project Update

It has been a busy Spring Term so far - we have now completed staff meetings at every school and begun developing analogies for helping our school communities to talk about 'spiritual development' in their setting. Barrow CEVAP are using the analogy of a river, Elveden that of shoes (linked to a quote by Carl Jung) and Barnham and St. Peter and St. Paul schools are exploring the language around a tree (roots, shoots and fruits). This has helped staff and senior leaders really identify what is unique and important to them and deepened their understanding of how, where and when spirituality is developing every day in their school. Next steps are creating roll-out plans for how to start using and sharing this language in school in a way that makes an impact.

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Network Meetings

You are invited to join us at one of our Network Meetings. Both are free to attend. Pick whichever meeting you'd prefer to join: no need to come to both! Please sign up using the following short form:

<https://forms.gle/kQCmmV1earptuNjCA>

- **Monday 24th Feb, 4pm for a 4:15pm start, Wetheringsett Primary School, IP14 5PJ**
We will do some informal monitoring of RE work from the previous 1.5 terms (for those that wish to) hear some RE news. Please bring along any scrapbooks and/or pupil books.
- **Thursday 6th March, 4pm**
Online via Zoom
An RE bulletin followed by networking in break out rooms.

RE Subject Leader Update

Our annual update will take place on

Wednesday 25th June. More information here:

<https://d3hgriq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f214e41ab1e4/content/pages/documents/ann-re-sl-update-wednesday-25-june-2025.pdf>

Emmanuel Project online!

We are currently planning a new Emmanuel Project **website**, where all the plans, resources and supplementary materials will be available. We're aware that, sadly, some of the links to websites no longer work, and some resources mentioned within the plans are no longer available. This shift to moving it all online will mean that it can all be checked and updated regularly by the Diocesan Education Team. In total, there are 51 units available to schools: with units focused on Buddhism, Christianity, Hindu Dharma, Humanism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhi. Over a 3-year cycle, each individual unit will receive a full update so that they are in line with the latest research, starting this year with the six early years units. More information will be sent to schools shortly - we are aiming to launch the website in **July 2025** so that it is in place for the new academic year.



National News from The Church of England



National Society for Education

Church of England & Church in Wales

To note: The CofE Education Office is now known as the National Society for Education. New website here: <https://www.nse.org.uk/>

The Statement of Entitlement for RE: As mentioned in our Autumn 2 Newsletter, the Statement of Entitlement is due to be updated in Summer 2025. Please do continue to refer to this current version (link below, written in 2019) and ensure your RE is in line with it.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-02/re-statement-of-entitlement-for-church-schools.pdf>



Resources: The Padlet of all Padlets!

<https://cofesuffolk.padlet.org/jacquistudd1/padletofallpadlets>

All our padlets are continually being updated. Whenever we find anything we think might be useful or whenever we make something new, we pop it on there!

If, however, you can't find something you need, do let us know - we're always happy to make or source new resources!

RE Visits and Visitors

We highly recommended **RE Hubs:** <https://www.re-hubs.uk/> as all the speakers and places of worship listed are accredited. If you have a successful visit to a place of worship or faith speaker visit your school, do let us know so we can recommend to others. We have recently been made aware of the following two companies who are happy to arrange a speaker to visit your school.

- Humanist UK (free of charge) <https://humanists.uk/education/schoolspeakers/>
- Jewish Small Communities Network (standard fee) <https://jscn.org.uk/school-synagogue-visits/>

Spirited Arts Competition

Get creative with this competition!

Every year the National Association of Teachers of Religious Education (NATRE) run the Spirited Arts competition. It's a national competition, suitable for all ages.

<https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/>

There are 6 themes to choose from – well worth considering as a possible RE/Arts themed day.



Collective Worship: Lent and Easter

Lots available here!

<https://cofesuffolk.padlet.org/jacquistudd1/LentandEaster>

We particularly recommend this free CW resource for Lent 2025, aimed at KS2. There is 6 weeks of content, but it is flexible and can be adapted.

<https://www.archbishopofyorkyouthtrust.co.uk/projects/lent-2025>

