

North Yorkshire SACRE Newsletter

School Improvement and Early Years' Service October 2026

PLEASE PASS ON TO YOUR RE SUBJECT LEAD AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP LEAD

Welcome to the Autumn term SACRE newsletter for North Yorkshire schools. This termly newsletter will keep you up to date on what SACRE is doing and the support it offers to North Yorkshire schools alongside national and regional updates and news on RE resources, collective worship resources and training.

What is SACRE?

The acronym SACRE stands for: Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Why is there a SACRE?

Every local authority (LA) has to have a SACRE by law. The Children's Services division of the LA that takes responsibility for making sure SACRE works well and SACRE's work is related to schools and their curriculum.

What does a SACRE do?

The law says that RE must be taught in all schools and a SACRE's role is to advise its local authority on what needs to be done to improve religious education (RE) and collective worship for schools in its area. This is because RE is not part of the National Curriculum; it is a local responsibility. Through the SACRE, local communities and teachers have the opportunity to influence and support what pupils learn in RE.

The SACRE's main function is to advise the local authority on matters related to the religious education, which follows the locally agreed syllabus, and on collective worship in schools.

Where do I go for advice relating to RE or Collective Worship in my school?

Stuart Anslow is the Professional RE Adviser for maintained schools in North Yorkshire over the coming academic year. (Please note for church schools Stuart can provide advice relating to the Agreed Syllabus but we encourage church schools to seek wider RE advice from their home diocese)



Stuart also provides advice to community schools on matters relating to collective worship (church schools should again seek advice from their home diocese)

Enquires into the Local Authority can be directed to schoolimprovementservice@northyorks.gov.uk and the service will provide a conduit to the specialist advice.

You can find out more about RE in North Yorkshire schools here:

<https://cyyps.northyorks.gov.uk/religious-education-re> You can find out more about collective worship in

North Yorkshire schools here: <https://cyyps.northyorks.gov.uk/collective-worship>

RE Subject Networks and training for RE Lead Subject Leaders

Next year NYCC is again offering termly online professional practice networks for all schools. These networks will include support for subject knowledge, curriculum-planning using the North Yorkshire Agreed Syllabus, national and local updates, resources to support RE and an opportunity to ask questions and share good practice. There will also be a subject leadership course for new and developing RE leads in Primary Schools. Details of all the upcoming networks and courses are below



Termly Primary RE Networks	Date	Online Code	Start	End
Autumn Term 2026 RE Network (Primary)	10/11/2026	SI-1126-T011	13:30	15:00
Spring Term 2027 RE Network (Primary)	02/03/2027	SI-0327-T021	13:30	15:00
Summer Term 2027 RE Network (Primary)	08/06/2027	SI-0627-T015	13:30	15:00

Bookings can be made through [NYES Info](#).

If any assistance with bookings is required you can contact nyes@northyorks.gov.uk or telephone 01609 533 222. If you have any further questions or queries relating to the courses you can contact Schoolimprovementservice@northyorks.gov.uk or telephone 01609 79 88 64

Are you new to RE Curriculum Leadership?

Primary RE Leadership Course 2026-2027 from RE Today & NATRE – please use the link below

[Help! I'm the RE Subject Leader – Primary](#)

Help! I'm the RE Subject Leader – Primary

Online course details:

- **Date:** Tuesday 20th October 2026 – **Alternative date available for** [Tuesday 19th January 2027](#)
- **Time:** 9.30 am – 3.30 pm
- **Area of focus:** Curriculum Leadership Course
- **Trainers:** National RE Adviser – Julia Diamond-Conway
- **School Phase:** Primary (4-11)
- **Price:** RRP £175. NATRE members pay just £131.25

NATRE members get 25% off selected courses.

News from NATRE

Subject Leader Toolkits



NATRE have launched a new subject leader toolkit for secondary RE leads: a comprehensive collection of resources designed to support secondary school subject leaders in developing and enhancing the teaching and leadership of Religious Education.

Explore the secondary subject leader toolkits

Essential Resources

Access resources

CPD & Training

Access Resource

Assessment

Access Resource

Key Stage 3

Access toolkit

Key Stage 4

Access Key Stage 4 resources

Key Stage 5

Access Key Stage 5 resources

Monitoring

Worldviews Approach

This toolkit provides a wealth of guidance, practical strategies, and key resources to support Secondary RE Leads in leading Religious Education / Religion and Worldviews with confidence. Whether it is refining the curriculum, supporting staff development, or advocating for the subject's value, you'll find useful documents, research, and best-practice examples to strengthen subject leadership. All materials in this toolkit have been compiled by experienced secondary members of the NATRE Executive and advisers from RE Today, ensuring high-quality, relevant, and practical support for subject leaders. You can access the toolkit here: <https://natre.org.uk/secondary-subject-leader/>

Primary RE Lead? don't forget there is also already a primary RE subject leader page here: <https://natre.org.uk/primary-re-curriculum/primary-subject-leader/>

To help us improve the way we keep you updated for future RE and communication, we would like to send out regular updates and other communication, in addition to the termly SACRE Newsletter.

Please could you email the School Improvement Service schoolimprovementservice@northyorks.gov.uk

To include:

- School/Federation Name
- The name of the RE Curriculum Leader
- The email address of your RE Curriculum Leader

Many thanks

Stuart Anslow
RE Advisor to North Yorkshire SACRE



By providing your email address, you consent to receiving communications from the Professional RE Adviser. You may opt out of these communications at any time. Your contact details will be stored securely and used solely for the purpose of RE-related communications. The contact database will be reviewed annually to ensure that all individuals remain happy for their details to be retained and continue to consent to receiving communications.

Inter Faith Week 2026

Inter Faith Week for Schools

8-15 November 2026



"Inter Faith Week is an opportunity for your school to celebrate the faith and belief diversity of your students, staff and local community. By developing social and emotional learning, and building belonging, schools play a vital role in community cohesion. The Inter Faith week for schools initiative exists to strengthen and support this work"

Florence Eshalomi MP
Minister for Homelessness, Democracy, Communities and Faith



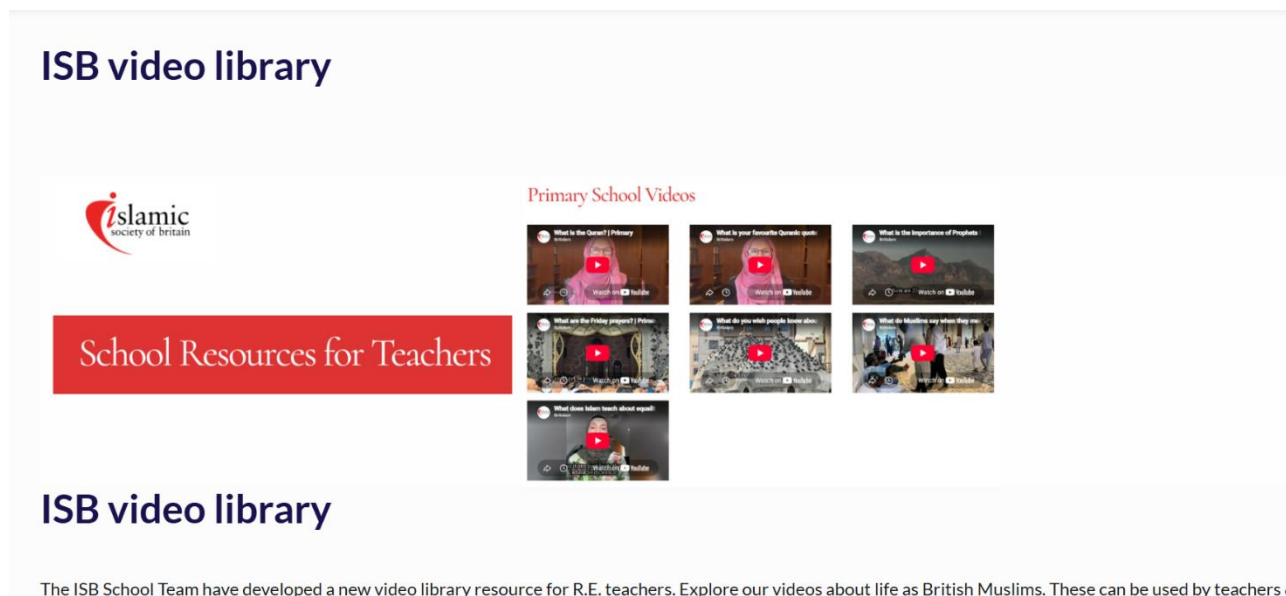
"Inter Faith Week for Schools returns from 8–15 November 2026, inviting schools across the country to come together around this year's theme, Lighting the Way for a Shared Future. In a world where understanding, kindness and cooperation across different faiths, beliefs and cultures are more important than ever, this theme encourages us all to reflect on how we can walk together with respect, curiosity and hope. By celebrating our shared humanity while valuing our differences, schools can help young people develop the confidence and compassion needed to shape a more positive future."

Please use the link below to access all the resources, assemblies and events in our area.

Resources | Inter Faith Week 4 Schools

The Islamic Society of Britain have developed a new video library resource for teachers (Sept 2026)

R.E. Resources for Teachers - Islamic Society of Britain | UK Community Based Charity



Hindu Education Board UK Resources

Hindu Education Board UK | Hinduism Teaching Resources

This resource is designed for educators at both Primary and Secondary levels, supporting the teaching of Religious Education from the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) to Key Stage 3.



RE ChatUK

NATRE's monthly Twitter forum, #REChatUK takes place on the first Monday of the month, from 8-9pm. These fast-paced, fun and informative discussions are a great way to discover new ideas, resources and conversations. The forum is also an effective place to network and meet new people on Twitter. Follow [@NATREupdate](#) on Twitter, and the hashtag #REChatUK. An overview of the dates and themes for the rest of 2026 are below.

October 5th 2026	Assessment in RE
November 2nd 2026	Teaching to the Top
December 7th 2026	Adaptive Teaching

Festival Calendar

Search for religious festivals by religion and/or month here:

<https://www.reonline.org.uk/festival-calendar/>



Ever wondered if you are pronouncing a word correctly? [Check out this audio resource from the Shap Calendar Goup](#), who collate a calendar of religious festivals.

There is also NEW Shap offer the eBook Glossary of key religious terms that you can embed into your website or use on the interactive display. A sample of this can be found at:

<https://read.bookcreator.com/h16fUMXsAIMWcXSB3wJ2v5ZxUrk1/H4dAHa5aQfuUkThnyWH-rQ> And the full version is available for only £2.00