



Halsall St Cuthbert's CE Primary School Religious Education Curriculum Overview 2025-2026



Curriculum Intent - Our bespoke curriculum contains the following Golden threads:

- Environment & Locality
- Equality & Diversity
- Expression & Confidence

At Halsall St Cuthbert's we follow the '**Questful RE**' syllabus as recommended by Liverpool Diocese. During RE lessons pupils have the opportunity to listen to and read scripture from the Bible, which is then discussed collectively. Where possible we encourage cross curricular links with English in order to strengthen literacy skills and extend learning across both subjects.

Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception)					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
I am Special Harvest	Christmas World Faith Focus – Buddhism English Writing Link: Write an Invitation to our Nativity	Stories Jesus Heard Stories Jesus Told	Easter/ Friendship English Writing Link: Recount the Easter Story	Prayer Special Places World Faith Focus – Buddhism English Writing Link: Writing Instructions How to pray	Special Times

Year 1					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
1.1 Harvest English Writing Link: Harvest Poetry	1.2 Christmas World Faith Focus – Buddhism	1.3 Jesus English Writing Link: Short Narratives writing stories about Jesus	1.4 Easter	1.5 Baptism World Faith Focus – Buddhism English Writing Link: Recount visit to church	1.8 Joseph

Year 2					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
2.1 The Bible	2.2 Christmas	2.3 Jesus	2.4 Easter	2.5 The Church	2.6 Ascension & Pentecost
	World Faith Focus – Buddhism			World Faith Focus – Buddhism	
English Writing Link: Poems from the Bible			English Writing Link: Non-Chronological Report – How to celebrate Easter	English Writing Link: Instructions How to pray as a Buddhist	

Year 3					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
3.6 Harvest	3.2 Christmas	3.3 Jesus	3.4 Easter	3.5 Rules for living	3.1 Called by God
English Writing Link: Recount Harvest Service/ Church visit	World Faith Focus – Buddhism		English Writing Link: Non-Chronological Report – Church fact file	World Faith Focus Buddhism English Writing Link: Buddhism poetry	

Year 4					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
4.1 David	4.2 Christmas	4.3 Jesus	4.4 Easter	4.5 The Church	4.6 Prayer
	World Faith Focus Buddhism			World Faith Focus Buddhism	
English Writing Link: Newspaper article David	English Writing Link: Christmas poetry		English Writing Link: C.S.Lewis Lion Witch and the Wardrobe	English Writing Link: Non-Chronological Report – Visit to church	

Year 5					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
5.1 The Bible and other sacred texts	5.2 Christmas English Writing Link: Christmas Poetry World Faith Focus Buddhism English Writing Link: Stories from other cultures – Buddhist story writing	5.3 Jesus	5.4 Easter	5.5 Old Testament and women in the Bible World Faith Focus Buddhism	World Faith English Writing Link: Fact file World faith focus

Year 6					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
5.8 Daniel English Writing Link: Narratives from the bible	6.2 Advent World Faith Focus – Buddhism	5.6 Loss, Death, and Christian Hope English Writing Link: Poetry on Loss, death and hope	6.4 Jesus 5.6 Easter around the world	5.4 Christian Worship World Faith Focus – Buddhism English Writing Link: Comparison reports Christianity and Buddhism	5.5 Christian Art

Questful RE



Please click the link to learn more about Questful RE syllabus which we use to teach the above units. [Questful RE here](#) **Why choose Questful RE?**

'Questful RE provokes challenging questions about meaning and purpose, truth and values, identity and belonging. Offering pupils authentic encounters with living faith communities Questful RE equips them with religious literacy and diversity dexterity.

The Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education believes that high-quality Religious Education (RE) is the key to enabling every child to flourish. We believe that quality RE has the potential, more than any other subject, to have the most powerful and lasting effect on the child's heart and mind. It is a subject that combines academic rigour with the development of the character and spirit of the child.' (Questful RE 2025)

Halifax St Cuthbert's Celebrating world faiths and diversity

Yearly other religion focus **2025-2026: Buddhism**



Please note our World faith will be celebrated and learnt about at varying times of the year dependent on festival calendars. World religions may not always be during the same half term every year and the focus religion will change yearly. This year we have chosen Buddhism and hope to make links with some of our local Buddhist community members.

Class teachers will use opportunities within class time in addition to RE lessons, to learn from a different faith e.g., during collective worship, prayer time, History/Geography, Christian calendar celebrations e.g., Harvest, Christmas, Easter etc. Below are examples of some aspects of the world faith that class teachers may wish to learn about within their year groups. This academic year our world faith learning will be shared and celebrated during the months. Exposure to other world faiths in addition to Buddhism are woven into the Questful RE syllabus and will form part of our class discussions and learning during Religious Education.

Class teachers will use **ESPRESSO Resources & BBC Class Clips** to supplement world faith learning and where/ if possible, organize for a linked visitor or a trip

Please see website page for information regarding our world faith home school link.

All links to BBC Class Clips included below:

KS1 Focus points: [Website links here](#)

- How do Buddhists show care?
- A visit to a Buddhist temple
- Advanced How do Buddhists show care

When is Wesak?- In 2026 Wesak takes place on **Friday 1st May 2026**

[Learn about Wesak here](#)

[How Buddhists celebrate Wesak](#) [Celebrating Wesak EYFS & KS1](#)

Wesak celebrates the Buddha's birthday and, for some Buddhists, also marks his enlightenment and death. It is also called **Buddha Day**.

Wesak is the most important of the Buddhist festivals and is celebrated on the full moon in May.

Halsall St Cuthbert's **Celebrating world faiths and diversity**



Yearly other religion focus **2024-2025: Islam**



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Class teachers will use opportunities within class time in addition to RE lessons, to learn from a different faith e.g., during collective worship, prayer time, History/Geography, Christian calendar celebrations e.g. Harvest, Christmas, Easter etc. Below are examples of some aspects of the world faith that class teachers may wish to learn about within their year groups. This academic year our world faith learning will be shared and celebrated during the months September 2024 and March 2024.

Class teachers will use **ESPRESSO Resources & BBC Class Clips** to supplement world faith learning and where/ if possible, organize for a linked visitor or a trip [Learn about Islam here](#)

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All links to BBC Class Clips included below. Festivals to learn about include:

Eid-e-Milad Evening of Sun, 15 Sept 2024 – Mon, 16 Sept 2024

It is also known as Muhammad's Birthday, Nabi Day or Mawlid. Muslims all over the world celebrate this festival with great joy. The date for Eid-e-Milad (Mawlid al-Nabi) in 2024 will fall on 16th September 2024.

September 17th Muslim Learner Services visiting school- whole school Islam Curriculum Day.

Ramadan 28th February 2025-Sunday 30th March 2025- Some KS2 pupils hope to visit Liverpool or Southport Mosque dates tbc Eid al Fitr- end of Ramadan 31st March 2025



Halstall St Cuthbert's Celebrating world faiths and diversity

Yearly other religion focus **2023- 2024:** **Hinduism**



Please note our World faith will be celebrated and learnt about at varying times of the year dependent on festivals calendars. World religions may not always be during the same half term every year and the focus religion will change yearly. This year we have chosen Hinduism in time for the festival of Diwali and also in order to share with current families within our school who can visit school and give our Hindu families the opportunity to enjoy and share their religion with our school community.

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Class teachers will use **ESPRESSO Resources & BBC Class Clips** to supplement other faith learning and where/ if possible organize for a linked visitor or a trip [Espresso Hinduism Learning](#) .

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12th November 2023 Diwali – Celebration of light goodness overcoming Evil – Rama and Sita story. Class teachers to teach about this festival **week beginning November 6th** create artwork in class and share story of Rama and Sita -books in foyer near world faith display.

Please take photographs of any work you do e.g., playground Rangoli patterns, diva lamps, storyboards etc. for our display. **25TH March 2024 Holi -** Holi is a Hindu festival that celebrates spring, love, and new life. Some families hold religious ceremonies, but for many Holi is more a time for fun. It's a colourful festival, with dancing, singing and throwing of powder paint and colored water. Holi is also known as the **"festival of colours"**

