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## YORK SACRE NEWSLETTER – Summer Term 2023

### News from NATRE



#### **Children's Commissioner shares her views on RE**

A member of the NATRE executive, Shammi Rahman, recently interviewed The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza. Dame Rachel is a previous RE teacher and headteacher and Shammi, is an ex secondary teacher and now a Race Equality Adviser. Dame Rachel used to be her RE teacher!

Dame Rachel says, 'a former RE teacher myself, I believe RE teachers have a crucial opportunity to teach children about the wider world and principals of fairness and equality. It was great to talk about how different faiths can teach us different things, for example treating others as we would like to be treated ourselves; having compassion for others; and celebrating the beauty of life in our environment.'

Listen to their conversation here

[Conversation with Shammi Rahman: The importance of Religious Education | Children's Commissioner for England \(childrenscommissioner.gov.uk\)](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/conversation-with-shammi-rahman-the-importance-of-religious-education/)

#### **Curriculum Symposium content: videos & resources**

The curriculum symposium was a face to face-to-face event to develop curriculum planning and thinking skills, enabling teachers to be more confident in their understanding and development of high quality curricula and to enhance the understanding of processes involved in constructing high quality curricula. The symposium contributed to the start of a process for teachers considering curriculum design in terms of an education in religion and worldviews.

This section of the NATRE website is open to all to use and provides access to recordings of symposium presentations and PowerPoints as well as a 'How to guide' to allow others to recreate their own curriculum symposium over a series a sessions across a term or a year or over a day spent together.

During the Curriculum Symposium teachers heard from a range of speakers; Christian Counsell, Matthew Lane, Stephen Pett, Kathryn Wright – you can watch recordings of the talks and access the associate resources here.

- [Christine Counsell The Principles of curriculum design](#)
- [Matthew Lane Change Management Hand-out and Notes](#)
- [Matthew Lane Change management](#)
- [Stephen Pett How to go about designing a curriculum](#)
- [Kathryn Wright A multidisciplinary approach to curriculum design](#)

#### **CURRICULUM SYMPOSIUM - KATHRYN WRIGHT**





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### Membership offers

In response to schools' current needs, NATRE have re-vamped their membership offer, allowing budgets to stretch further. Now schools and teachers can choose the membership that suits them best. Benefits include:

- Whole staff teams now have unlimited multi-login to the members area with NATRE if they are a School or School Enhanced membership at no additional cost.

For those who just want a taster of NATRE, a Basic level membership has been introduced for only £15 a year!  
<https://www.natre.org.uk/membership>

### News from Culham St Gabriel's



#### **Culham St Gabriel's Trust new short course – Introduction to Subject Knowledge**

Need subject knowledge? Not sure where to start? CSTG are pleased to announce the launch of a NEW free, short online self-study course.

The course is for teachers of all age ranges and in all contexts. See what enhanced subject knowledge can do for you, sign up for our courses now!

Take the course: <https://courses.cstg.org.uk/enrol/index.php?id=27>

#### **Culham St Gabriel's Trust new Primary Course – Introduction for Primary Beginner Teachers**

Calling all Primary mentors, Beginner Teachers, ITE providers or trainers! We are delighted to announce the launch of our new, free, courses.

THREE courses introduce Beginner Teachers in the Primary phase to Religion and Worldviews, teaching and learning and subject knowledge. Use as self-study, with others or as part of a wider programme. For further details go to <https://courses.cstg.org.uk/>

### Discovering Sacred Texts in the RE Classroom

Bring sacred texts to the classroom with these fascinating resources from the British Library.

The resource covers Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhi, Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Find out more here: <https://www.bl.uk/sacred-texts/activities/key-stage-2-teaching-resources>



#### **Discovering Sacred Texts: Key Stage 2 teaching resources**

Bring sacred texts into your classroom with our set of Religious Education lessons for upper Key Stage 2 (years 5-6).



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## Jewish Museum London: Inclusive Judaism Image Library

The Inclusive Judaism Image Library allows you to download photos from Britain's vibrantly diverse Jewish community directly to your classrooms. By downloading images for FREE, you can feel confident that you are teaching a representative, inclusive and authentic Judaism in your classrooms. All images have curriculum links to Jewish festivals, Life cycle events and Synagogue worship for Primary and Secondary schools, representing the UK's vibrantly diverse Jewish community.

<https://jewishmuseum.org.uk/schools/in-the-classroom/inclusive-judaism/imagelibrary/>



## A visit to a Mosque

This resource by BBC Bitesize is full of interesting facts about a visit to a Mosque including also engaging animated videos for KS1 pupils.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj3d7ty/articles/zfwphcw>



## Festival Calendar

Search for religious festivals by religion and/or month here: <https://www.reonline.org.uk/festival-calendar/>



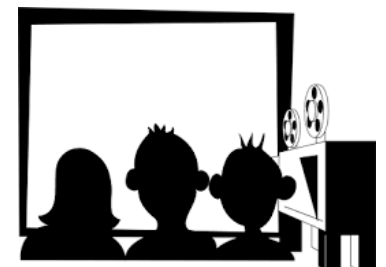
## If you watch one thing this week....

Dr Richard Kueh, the His Majesty's Inspector of Schools and National Subject lead for Religious Education, has produced two videos: Factors the influence the quality of Religious Education in schools. What pupils learn in the Religious Education curriculum.

You can find them here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiaKdZkTaMU>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJmJC\\_RhRNk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJmJC_RhRNk)





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## Collective Worship Resources

### Life Savers Collective Worship Resources

The Just Finance Foundation works directly with schools to improve financial education through the LifeSavers programme. Engaging your students with values-based money lessons is important and develops key life skills.

Through their LifeSavers Programme, you can access flexible lesson plans, beautiful storybooks, assembly resources and much more! JFF's financial education experts will also

provide convenient CPD training and help connect you with other teachers. All of their programmes, training and resources are delivered at no cost to your school. Find out more and get involved: <https://bit.ly/3S3pECH>



An **innovative**, values-based, **FREE** financial literacy programme that gives children the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to manage their money wisely.

Research from the Money Advice Service finds that many **habits around money are formed at primary school**. Early intervention in financial education is, therefore, critical to instil positive behaviours and attitudes in relation to money.

#### What's available?

Lifesavers is a unique programme for primary schools – offering a whole school approach that provides:

- **Classroom Resources** Milo's Money for 5-7 years olds and the 5 Big Questions about Money resource following our core values
- **Whole school resources** in the form of themes, assemblies and savings clubs
- **Training for teachers** to embed financial education into the school curriculum
- **Savings clubs** to give children practical experience of handling money
- **A whole community approach** involving parents, credit unions, and others



Find out more and get signed up: [www.justfinancefoundation.org.uk](http://www.justfinancefoundation.org.uk) e: [lifesavers@jff.org.uk](mailto:lifesavers@jff.org.uk)

### Picture News Collective Worship Resources

## Prices

#### 1 Year – Weekly (online)

- Sent via email weekly
- Full access to Picture News Online

£200

#### 1 Year – Alternate Weeks

- Sent via post and email fortnightly
- Full access to Picture News Online (includes all online packs)
- Display wallet

£320

#### 1 Year – Weekly

- Sent via post and email weekly
- Full access to Picture News Online (includes all online packs)
- Display wallet

£450



## What is Picture News?



Picture News is a weekly news pack, emailed to you, focusing on one big and current story.

Every Friday, at 7am we email across a poster with an open-ended question, session planning, Bible link, Biblical core concept, home learning ideas and our UNICEF Rights of the Child link.



For further information, or if you have any questions, email us at [help@picture-news.co.uk](mailto:help@picture-news.co.uk), any time!

### How you can use Picture News

#### 1 Weekly Collective Worship

Share the weekly poster and 'big question' to stimulate a weekly discussion about an issue that's happening right now.

#### 2 As part of an interactive and engaging display

Either in your classroom, or in a whole school area, the poster with our 'big question' is great to encourage conversations between children and staff alike! - It's easy to change each week too!

#### 3 To support home learning

Why not send our 'Take Home' resource home for children to discuss the week's current issue? Or add to your website or social media channels to let parents, know what their children have been discussing at school!



To order, please email:  
[help@picture-news.co.uk](mailto:help@picture-news.co.uk)