

RE Whole School Overview 2026-27

Year Group	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Nursery	<u>Harvest Festival</u> Thinking about others and collecting food for needy. Being thankful. <u>Belonging to a Family</u> Different Cultures. How we are all different and how different cultures have different celebrations (link to Diwali celebrations). <u>St Andrew's Day</u> <u>The Christmas Story</u> Christmas traditions in their home and Christmas around the world.	<u>New Year</u> What we are going to do to get even better at something. <u>Chinese New Year</u> Celebrating and sharing. <u>St David's Day</u> <u>St Patrick's Day</u> <u>Spring time</u> New life. Spring walk in woods. Planting bulbs etc for growing beds in courtyard area. <u>Holi Festival</u> How Hindus celebrate the Spring Festival of Holi. <u>Easter</u> The Easter story.	<u>St George's Day</u> <u>Communities</u> People who help us - communities and relationships, emergency services, keeping safe. <u>Respect for Others and Living Things</u> The story of Noah's Ark. Investigating Mini-Beasts. Summer walk in the woods. Also Puddles the cat stories
	<u>Celebrating the diversity within the Nursery setting; celebrations of faith.</u>		
Reception	<u>Harvest Festival</u> Thinking about others and collecting food for needy. Being thankful. Also Sukkot and differences to Harvest. <u>Hanukkah</u> Discuss and share the story of this festival and reasons why it is celebrated <u>Diwali</u> Discuss and share the story of this festival and reasons why it is celebrated <u>St Andrew's Day</u> <u>Christmas and Advent</u> Explain why advent is important to Christians – leading to Christmas and share Christmas story and why it is such a special time. <u>Christmas Around the World</u> Share traditions such as St. Nicholas Day with children and discuss how other cultures celebrate Christmas in different ways. <u>Celebrate Christmas</u> Children share how they celebrate Christmas. Explain not everyone will celebrate and why. Look at Christmas celebrations.	<u>New Year</u> What we are going to do to get even better at something. <u>Chinese New Year</u> Celebrating and sharing. <u>St David's Day</u> <u>St Patrick's Day</u> <u>Easter</u> Look at symbolism of Easter The Easter story.	<u>St George's Day</u> <u>Islam</u> <u>Ramadan</u> <u>Talking About and Sharing Stories From Other Religions:</u> <u>Islam</u> – <i>The prophet and the ants, The crying camel</i> Talk about Islamic faith. <u>Buddhism</u> – <i>The Sound the Hare Heard.</i> Talk about Buddhist faith. <u>Judaism:</u> <i>The Baby in the Basket.</i> Talk about Jewish faith. <u>Hinduism:</u> <i>Ganesh and the Moon.</i> Talk about Hindu faith. <u>Sikhism:</u> <i>The Milk and the Jasmine Flower.</i> Talk about Sikh faith. Also Bible stories – Creation, The Good Samaritan, The Loaves and the Fishes.

Year 1	<u>Thanking God for Nature and Understanding the Wonder of Nature</u> Christian creation story. <u>Harvest Festival</u> Sukkoth in the Jewish religion. (<i>Festival of Tabernacles</i>) <u>Light (as a Religious Symbol)</u> To understand light as a religious symbol and recognise its meaning (light in the festivals of Hanukah and Christmas). <u>Christmas</u> The Christmas story.	<u>Special Places</u> Christian churches. <i>**Visit to St Catherine's and St Paul's Church in Hoddesdon**</i> <u>Special Books</u> Special religious books. <u>Easter</u> The Easter story.	<u>Religious and Non-Religious Worldview Signs and Symbols</u> Consider symbols that express religious and non-religious worldview meanings. Symbols in the story of Noah's Ark. Introduce the children to the symbols of the 6 principle faiths and humanism.
Year 2	<u>People Who Care</u> Christian parables to illustrate how God cares for us. Caring people - Mother Theresa. The Buddhist story of the Monkey King. <u>Harvest Festival</u> <u>Christmas</u> The Christmas story.	<u>Beliefs and Practices</u> Religion and community (Christianity, Buddhism and Judaism). The lives of Buddhist monks. The importance of Jewish symbols. <u>Easter</u> The Easter story.	<u>Easy Questions – Difficult Answers</u> Questions about the nature of God and Creation. Creation stories. Introduction to humanism and humanist ideas of how the world began. Exploring the story of Pandora's box.
Year 3	<u>Christianity and Sikhism</u> Belonging, religious leaders, 'The Five Ks' and celebrations. <u>Harvest Festival</u> <u>Christmas</u> The Christmas story.	<u>Christianity and Sikhism</u> Sharing food as part of religious worship; in Sikhism the Langar and Gurdwara. Christianity; bread and wine. <u>Easter</u> The Easter story. Easter food symbolism. <i>**Visit to The Cathedral & Abbey Church of Saint Alban**</i>	<u>Christianity and Sikhism</u> Sacred writings and stories.
Year 4	<u>Christianity and Islam:</u> Islamic stories of authority describing the ways of God. The life of Muhammad. The 99 beautiful names for Allah (God) and Ramadan. <u>Harvest Festival</u> <u>Christmas</u> The Christmas story.	<u>Christianity and Islam:</u> Stories of authority. The parables of Jesus. <u>Easter</u> The Easter story. Lent and Easter. Festivals and family traditions.	<u>Christianity, Islam and Humanism:</u> The influence of rules on people's actions. Special places; a Church and a Mosque.
Year 5	<u>Christianity, Judaism and Humanism:</u> Rules for living. <u>Harvest Festival</u> <u>Christmas</u> Light as a symbol. Advent and the Christmas story.	<u>Christianity and Judaism:</u> Celebrations related to key figures. The story of Esther. The story of Moses. Plagues and Passover. <u>Easter</u> Easter and the Resurrection. <i>**Visit to The Jewish Museum**</i>	<u>Christianity, Judaism and Humanism:</u> Leaders in religious communities. Creation stories and the ultimate questions they raise. Jewish Shabbat.
Year 6	<u>Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism and Humanism:</u> Founders of faiths and non-religious worldview of Humanism and the importance for people today. <u>Harvest Festival</u> <u>Christmas</u> The Christmas story.	<u>Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism and Humanism:</u> Ideas about God in different faiths. Human responsibility for the environment. <u>Easter</u> The Easter story.	<u>Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism and Humanism:</u> Faith and Art, Drama and Song: Pentecost. Faith expressed in art, drama and song. Environmental responsibility.