

# USEFUL WEBSITES FOR PRIMARY RE

As a teacher these may be your first port of call for support. Many schools and individuals are members of these organisations. Check if your school is a member so you can access all they have to offer. This list is by no means exhaustive but it provides a starting point. We will add to it over time.

The list can be downloaded as a whole, but many of you will want to download a particular section.

However, if you would just like to start small these are five websites we suggest you might look at first.

\*When we use the term RE we intend to include Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE), Wales, Religious and Moral Education (RME), Scotland and religion and worldviews education in all sectors.

## BBC Bitesize

A series of short programmes on festivals, people and stories from religious and non-religious worldviews.

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zmdsg2p](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zmdsg2p) (3-5 year olds).

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zxnygk7](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zxnygk7) (5-7 year olds).

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z7hs34j](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z7hs34j) (7-11 year olds).

## BBC Teach

Range of films including Religions of the World stories, Treasure Champs stories and My Life My Religion series.

[www.bbc.co.uk/teach/topics/cmmp3ye818mt](http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/topics/cmmp3ye818mt)

## RE:Online

A website from Culham St Gabriel's that seeks to provide subject knowledge, connect different parts of the RE community and provide thought provoking material for teachers in the form of online webinars, blogs, research for the classroom, resources and professional development.

[www.reonline.org.uk](http://www.reonline.org.uk)

## Culham St Gabriel's E-learning

Culham St Gabriel's Free short e-learning courses. Start with Beginners teachers 1-3 and then move onto others starting with the introductory courses and then the digging deeper courses.

[courses.cstg.org.uk/](http://courses.cstg.org.uk/)

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<https://www.natre.org.uk/>

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#### The Scottish Teachers Association of RME (STARME)



The Scottish Teachers Association of RME (STARME) aims to facilitate exchange between teachers and for the last two years has held a Festival of learning in May.

[starme.co.uk/](http://starme.co.uk/)

#### The Association of Teachers of Catholic Religious Education (ACTRE)



The Association of Teachers of Catholic Religious Education (ACTRE) serves those teaching RE in Catholic schools by providing high quality professional development and numerous opportunities for networking and collaboration.

[www.atcre.co.uk/](http://www.atcre.co.uk/)

## OTHER USEFUL RE/RVE/RME ORGANISATIONS

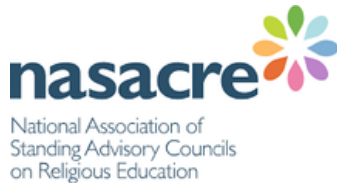
### Wales Association of Standing Advisory Councils for Religious Education (WASACRE)



The purpose of WASACRE is to provide a forum for the exchange of good practice and to represent the aims, work, and views of its member SACs/ SACREs.

[wasacre.org.uk/](http://wasacre.org.uk/)

### National Association of Standing Advisory Councils on Religious Education (NASACRE)



NASACRE works to celebrate, support, strengthen and promote the work of local SACREs and represents their interests at a national level in England.

[nasacre.org.uk](http://nasacre.org.uk)

### The Association of RE Inspectors, Advisers and Consultants (AREIAC)



AREIAC is the professional association for RE inspectors, advisers and consultants. It provides support for its members through an annual conference, regular newsletters and regional group meetings.

[www.areiac.org.uk/](http://www.areiac.org.uk/)

### The Association of University Lecturers in Religion and Education (AULRE)



The Association of University Lecturers in Religion and Education (AULRE) supports all those involved in research and teaching at the interface of religion and education.

[aulre.org/](http://aulre.org/)

## OTHER USEFUL RE/RVE/RME ORGANISATIONS

### Theology and Religious Studies UK (TRS-UK)



Theology and religious studies UK (TRS-UK) is the professional association for Departments in Higher Education and represents, supports, and promotes teaching and research in religion and theology in higher education throughout the UK.

[trs.ac.uk/](https://trs.ac.uk/)

### Religious Education Council of England and Wales (REC)



The Religious Education Council of England and Wales (REC) brings together over 60 national organisations. These comprise academic and professional associations specialising in religious education, as well as individual religion and belief organisations representative of the range of communities found nationally.

[religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/](https://religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/)

## RESOURCES FOR YOU AND YOUR PUPILS

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#### Open University: E-learning



A place for you as a teacher to improve your subject knowledge on religion, spirituality and non-religion. You may find 'An education in Religion and Worldviews' Or 'Why not 'World Religions'?' useful.  
[www.open.edu/openlearn/religionandworldviews](https://www.open.edu/openlearn/religionandworldviews)

#### FutureLearn: E-learning



A much longer and more in depth course on 'Why Religion Matters: Religious Literacy, Culture and Diversity' Discover why religion is important for understanding and engaging with global challenges.  
[www.futurelearn.com/courses/why-religion-matters](https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/why-religion-matters)

#### Harvard University: E-learning



A series of free (if you choose not to have a certificate) courses from HarvardX on understanding different religions and their scriptures.  
[pll.harvard.edu/catalog?keywords=scriptures&url=](https://pll.harvard.edu/catalog?keywords=scriptures&url=)

## SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE FOR YOU CONT.

### RE:Online: Subject knowledge essays



The RE:Online knowledge section has very detailed essays on a series of religious and non- religious worldviews.  
[www.reonline.org.uk/](http://www.reonline.org.uk/)

### Bible Society: Teachers guides



Teacher's guides about a variety of Christian concepts and bible passages created by the Bible Society.  
[www.biblesociety.org.uk/education/guides](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/education/guides)

### MMI Web: Glossary of terms



A non-definitive but useful glossary of terms.  
[/www.mmiweb.org.uk/publications/glossary/glossary.html](http://www.mmiweb.org.uk/publications/glossary/glossary.html)

### Shap audio book: Pronunciation guide to key terms



The Shap audio book for religious terms offers definitions and most importantly pronunciation of key terms.  
[bit.ly/42N7f4V](http://bit.ly/42N7f4V)

## SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE FOR YOU CONT.

### Religion and Media Centre: Factsheets



Factsheets are written by academics, journalists and commentators to explain the context and background of current religion stories, including information on festivals.

[religionmediacentre.org.uk/factsheets/](http://religionmediacentre.org.uk/factsheets/)

### Festival Calendar



A festivals calendar on RE:Online provided by the Shap working party.

[www.reonline.org.uk/festival-calendar/](http://www.reonline.org.uk/festival-calendar/)

### NATRE primary subject leader toolkit



A toolkit of links and resources designed principally for primary subject leaders but useful for others too. Some free resources and some available to NATRE members.

[www.natre.org.uk/primary/primary-subject-leader/](http://www.natre.org.uk/primary/primary-subject-leader/)

### NATRE free monthly subject knowledge webinar



Free monthly webinars on subject knowledge for ECTs or new Primary subject leaders and others from NATRE.

[www.natre.org.uk/membership/early-careers-teachers/ect-free-monthly-webinar/](http://www.natre.org.uk/membership/early-careers-teachers/ect-free-monthly-webinar/)



## SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE FOR YOU CONT.

### Ofsted: Research review



The 2021 research review on RE from OFSTED for England.  
[bit.ly/4imd6TA](https://bit.ly/4imd6TA)

### Ofsted: RE subject report



The 2024 OFSTED on RE review based on visits to schools in England  
[bit.ly/4j6oALY](https://bit.ly/4j6oALY)

### REToday: REToday magazine



Produce the excellent REToday magazine, many resources and provide paid for training and consultancy.  
[www.retoday.org.uk/](http://www.retoday.org.uk/)

### NATRE/RE Hubs: Local groups for RE



Find a local group supporting RE in your area.  
[www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/re-in-your-region/](http://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/re-in-your-region/)  
[www.re-hubs.uk/get-involved/local-groups/](http://www.re-hubs.uk/get-involved/local-groups/)

## VISITS AND VISITORS

### RE Hubs: Visitors



Available for England and Wales. Select your area and find a school speaker.  
[www.re-hubs.uk/get-involved/school-speakers/](http://www.re-hubs.uk/get-involved/school-speakers/)

### RE Hubs: Visits



Available for England and Wales. Select your area and find a place of worship or interest to take your pupils.  
[www.re-hubs.uk/get-involved/places-of-interest/](http://www.re-hubs.uk/get-involved/places-of-interest/)

### Arts Society: Virtual visits in Birmingham



#### THE ARTS SOCIETY BIRMINGHAM

The Arts Society Birmingham has collaborated with six different places of worship, to produce resources designed to enhance a school visit, or to support a virtual visit, to a place of worship for children 8 to 13 years.  
[birmingham-faith-visits.theartsociety.org/](http://birmingham-faith-visits.theartsociety.org/)

### North East Religious Learning Resource Centre: Virtual tours



Virtual tours of approximately 20 minutes around places of worship in the North East of England.  
[www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHZQ6y4Bo2vsa0xTxL2-LSrj0DhubpdO2](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHZQ6y4Bo2vsa0xTxL2-LSrj0DhubpdO2)

## VISITS AND VISITORS

### RE-Hubs: Virtual visits



A series of virtual tours curated for you. Find more in the film section of this information sheet.

[www.re-hubs.uk/upskill/virtual-tours/](http://www.re-hubs.uk/upskill/virtual-tours/)

### RE:Online: Voices from places of worship



Answers to pupil questions from people from a series of different religious and non-religious worldview communities about places of worship.

[www.reonline.org.uk/teaching-resources/places-of-worship-voices-from-religion-and-worldviews/](http://www.reonline.org.uk/teaching-resources/places-of-worship-voices-from-religion-and-worldviews/)

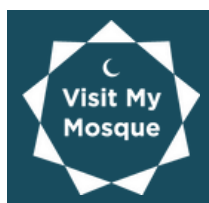
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### Visit My Mosque: Mosque visits



Virtual visits, 360 degree films and guidance on Mosque visits.

[visitmymosque.org/schools-resources/](http://visitmymosque.org/schools-resources/)

## RESOURCES FOR YOUR CLASSROOM

### NATRE: Teaching resources



Search here for resources to teach RE. Many are member only but a schools or individual membership is an excellent purchase. Many resources also for non-members.

[www.natre.org.uk/resources/](http://www.natre.org.uk/resources/)

### RE Teaching Resources: Free stories



50 free religious stories for you to use in your classroom.

[reteachingresources.co.uk/sign-up-for-free-religious-stories/](http://reteachingresources.co.uk/sign-up-for-free-religious-stories/)

### Whose Worldviews: Data gathering



Whose worldviews. Exploring different worldviews, using interactive data-gathering older pupils can fill in their responses to questions about their idea of God, and the impact their worldviews have in their lives, and have their responses turned instantly into a graphic representation – a snowflake or a spidergram.

[whoseworldviews.com/](http://whoseworldviews.com/)

### NATRE: Bullying and Belief toolkit



The Bullying and Belief toolkit is a resource to support schools to deal with the topic of religious bullying.

[www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/anti-bullying/](http://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/anti-bullying/)

## RESOURCES FOR YOUR CLASSROOM

### NATRE: Anti-Racist RE



National Association of Teachers  
of Religious Education

These materials are designed to help teachers of Religious Education plan and provide excellent learning in the classroom that encourages pupils to learn about religion and beliefs, racism and prejudice in challenging ways that promote the well-being of all in our richly plural communities.

<https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/anti-racist-re/>

### NATRE: Contentious issues

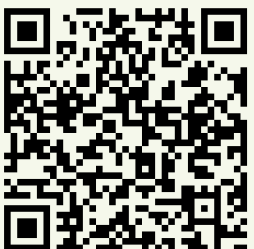


National Association of Teachers  
of Religious Education

This list includes for primary and secondary schools dealing with contentious issues.

[bit.ly/3RmJF8U](http://bit.ly/3RmJF8U)

### NATRE Green RE



National Association of Teachers  
of Religious Education

Free resources on nature, environment, faith, worldviews, and climate issues. These resources are designed for teachers to incorporate into their teaching materials and lessons.

[www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/green-re-climate-justice-via-re/](http://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/green-re-climate-justice-via-re/)

### RE Connect: The environment and RE



Resources on religious and non-religious worldviews and the environment developed through REConnect project at Birmingham University. Resources created by teachers involved in the project. (part funded by Culham St Gabriel's)

[reconnect.education/projects\\_gallery.html](http://reconnect.education/projects_gallery.html)

## RESOURCES FOR YOUR CLASSROOM

### Oak Academy: New units for RE



Oak academy resources include new units for Religious Education including lesson plans, worksheets, quizzes and films of lesson.

[www.thenational.academy/teachers/curriculum/religious-education-primary/units](http://www.thenational.academy/teachers/curriculum/religious-education-primary/units)

### The VAT of Belonging and Believing



Early years resource based on Gill Vaisey's belonging and believing series- currently you can learn about Wilf a humanist child. (part funded by Culham St Gabriel's).

[thevatofbandb.co.uk/](http://thevatofbandb.co.uk/)

### Faith and Belief Forum



A variety of school programmes such as object connect, school linking and skills for dialogue as well as resources. They are also currently leading Interfaith week in England.

[faithbeliefforum.org](http://faithbeliefforum.org)

### Empowering Voices: Podcasts, audio plays and soundscapes



Empowering voices, empowering worldviews (part funded by Culham St Gabriel's) Podcasts, audio plays, soundscapes and resources from an Islamic, Christian, Sikh, Hindu, Humanist and Jewish community. There is also an education pack for teachers to accompany each set of resources.

[www.reconnectlincs.co.uk/empowering-voices](http://www.reconnectlincs.co.uk/empowering-voices)

## RESOURCES FOR YOUR CLASSROOM

### NATRE: Spirited Arts



National Association of Teachers  
of Religious Education

A free national art and RE competition that has been happening for over 20 years, run by NATRE. All forms of art accepted. Thousands of entries every year, 6 different themes to choose from. Entries need to be in by July.

[www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/](http://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/)

### RE:Online: Research Spotlight



A regular free resource. Many (but not all) suitable for Primary.  
[www.reonline.org.uk/leadership/resource-of-the-month/resource-of-the-month-archive/](http://www.reonline.org.uk/leadership/resource-of-the-month/resource-of-the-month-archive/)

### NATRE: Free resources for 7-11 year olds



National Association of Teachers  
of Religious Education

A series of free resources originally produced in the pandemic but still useful for homework, home learning and ordinary RE lessons.

[www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/free-resources-for-you-and-your-pupils/key-stage-2/](http://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/free-resources-for-you-and-your-pupils/key-stage-2/)

### NATRE: Free resources for 5-7 year olds



National Association of Teachers  
of Religious Education

A series of free resources originally produced in the pandemic but still useful for homework, home learning and ordinary RE lessons.

[www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/free-resources-for-you-and-your-pupils/key-stage-1/](http://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/free-resources-for-you-and-your-pupils/key-stage-1/)

## RESOURCES FOR YOUR CLASSROOM

### RE in Picture Books



A series of picture books related to RE  
From Karl Duke Headteacher.  
[bit.ly/42hm9Af](https://bit.ly/42hm9Af)  
[bit.ly/4jf1blv](https://bit.ly/4jf1blv)



## RESOURCES FROM RELIGION AND WORLDVIEWS COMMUNITIES

These do not cover all religious and non-religious worldviews that might be taught in the primary platform and we will continue to review and add to this collection.

### British Youth for Christ: RE:Quest



A library of resources including subject knowledge, films, interactive resources and resource sheets to support teaching about Christian worldviews. RE:QUEST is owned by British Youth for Christ.

[request.org.uk/](http://request.org.uk/)

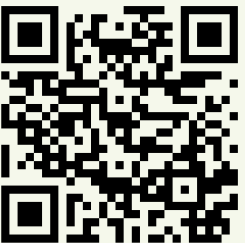
### Jewish Museum: Virtual collection of artefacts



From exploring the free virtual collection of artefacts to exploring the (part funded by Culham St Gabriel's) Inclusive Judaism images there are lots of useful resources to use with pupils on the Jewish Museum website.

[jewishmuseum.org.uk/](http://jewishmuseum.org.uk/)

### Bayat al Fann: Art and culture inspired by the Islamic tradition



A site to explore art & culture inspired by Islamic tradition, worth following on social media as they post images frequently.

[www.baytalfann.com/](http://www.baytalfann.com/)

### Humanists UK: Understanding Humanism

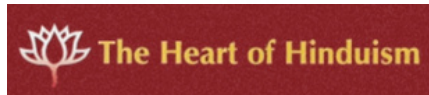


An extensive set of resources, films, lesson plans and subject knowledge on teaching about Humanism from Humanists UK. They also provide free CPD and visitors into schools.

[understandinghumanism.org.uk/](http://understandinghumanism.org.uk/)

## RESOURCES FROM RELIGION AND WORLDVIEWS COMMUNITIES CONT.

### International Society for Krishna Consciousness: Heart of Hinduism



Heart of Hinduism is an online set of resources from the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON).  
[iskconeducationalservices.org/HoH/](http://iskconeducationalservices.org/HoH/)

### Jewish Small Communities Network: Heritage Detectives



A series of films, booklets and other resources from the Jewish small communities network, particularly exploring heritage.  
[jscn.org.uk/heritagedetectives/](http://jscn.org.uk/heritagedetectives/)

### Free Churches Group: Reforming Christianity



A series of resources from a group of free churches including resources for 7-11 year olds about Martin Luther, the reformation and bible translation.  
[www.freechurches.org.uk/reforming-christianity](http://www.freechurches.org.uk/reforming-christianity)

### Bahá'í RE: Bahá'í resources



A variety of resources created by the Bahai community to provide subject knowledge and some resources to use in the classroom.  
[re.bahai.org.uk/classroom-resources/](http://re.bahai.org.uk/classroom-resources/)

## RESOURCES FROM RELIGION AND WORLDVIEWS COMMUNITIES CONT.

### VinE Ethical Veganism



Resources from Veganism in Education to enable teachers and pupils to explore, through critical, objective and pluralistic RE lessons, questions around the moral status of animals and ethical veganism as both a religious and non-religious worldview.

[teachvine.org/classroom-resources/re](https://teachvine.org/classroom-resources/re)

### VinE Ethical Veganism



### THE BUDDHIST CENTRE

Stories from the life of the Buddha and Jataka tales to help children (age 5+) explore Buddhist values such as kindness, trust and positive change through engaging, illustrated narratives that support spiritual and moral development.

<https://thebuddhistcentre.com/stories/schools/teachers/the-monkey-king/>

## ARTEFACTS FOR RE

It is always cheapest to source artefacts from places where the communities themselves purchase them so shops where there are larger communities of a particular worldview community are great places to purchase. If you are in a diverse area parents are often happy to donate artefacts. EBay can also be a good place to look. The place below is also good if you need to purchase online.

### Starbeck: Religious artefacts



Provide a good variety of artefacts and can deliver quickly.  
[starbeck.education/religion](http://starbeck.education/religion)

### TTS: Religious artefacts



Another reliable provider of religious artefacts.  
[www.tts-group.co.uk/primary/re/religious-artefact-collections/?srsltid=AfmBOorgC-r07v2cvTEXyic9ZD-V3RPUFiaRNmyAA32cfW8OpeBt6mGJ](http://www.tts-group.co.uk/primary/re/religious-artefact-collections/?srsltid=AfmBOorgC-r07v2cvTEXyic9ZD-V3RPUFiaRNmyAA32cfW8OpeBt6mGJ)

## RELIGION AND WORLDVIEWS APPROACH

### Culham St Gabriel's: RE:ONLINE infographic and films



A growing collection of resources to help teachers understand a religion and worldviews approach including an infographic and two short films.  
[www.reonline.org.uk/leadership/religion-and-worldviews-approach/](http://www.reonline.org.uk/leadership/religion-and-worldviews-approach/)

### Religious Education Council: Video animations



Nobody stands no-where is a powerful introduction to the idea of a personal worldview. Welcome to a religion and worldviews approach tries to capture what the approach might mean in classrooms, 1st two mins primary.  
[religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/resource/video-animations/](http://religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/resource/video-animations/)

### Teachwire: Article



Article explaining the religion and worldviews in practice in a primary school.  
[www.teachwire.net/news/religious-education-in-primary-schools-whats-the-point/](http://www.teachwire.net/news/religious-education-in-primary-schools-whats-the-point/)

### University of Nottingham: Films



A series of films introducing a religion and worldviews approach to teaching RE. Suitable for teachers.  
[mediaspace.nottingham.ac.uk/playlist/dedicated/1\\_naaf156b/1\\_qdl2vxca](http://mediaspace.nottingham.ac.uk/playlist/dedicated/1_naaf156b/1_qdl2vxca)

## RELIGION AND WORLDVIEWS APPROACH CONT.

### University of Nottingham: Training



The resources introduce trainers and their colleagues to the 'Religion and Worldviews' approach, focusing on what that might look like in the religious education classroom at primary (and secondary levels).

[www.nottingham.ac.uk/icemic/research/introducing-religion-and-worldviews.aspx](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/icemic/research/introducing-religion-and-worldviews.aspx)

### Big Ideas for Religious Education: Sample units and ideas



Big Ideas for RE. A series of programmes of study and exemplar units of learning.

[bigideasforre.org/](http://bigideasforre.org/)

### Religious Education Council: The thinking behind a religion and worldviews approach



Resources that explain the evolution and thinking behind a religion and worldviews approach.

[religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/rwapproach/religionandworldviews/](http://religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/rwapproach/religionandworldviews/)

### Religious Education Council: Curriculum writer resources



Resources to support those writing curricula.

[religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/rwapproach/](http://religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/rwapproach/)