

Making progress in RE: deepening subject knowledge

3rd, 9th or 10th July 2026 TBC

Venue: TBC

A day of inspiring support and ideas for your RE classroom. A suite of practical ideas and guidance for implementing the revised 2025 agreed syllabus, from current theory to classroom practice. Clear advice on what makes for rich, engaging RE for you and your pupils. Time to ask questions and keep up to date on the world of RE.

The day will be led by Stephen Pett, RE Today, with Tracy Westlake, Burley Gate CE Primary.

Welcome and introduction Geoff Sallis, Chair of SACRE

Session 1: Disciplinary knowledge/ways of knowing in RE

Interest is growing in supporting pupils not just to learn *about* religious and non-religious worldviews, but to learn *how* to find out about them. This session looks at how use of ways of knowing can begin and develop across the age range, with examples for EYFS to Y6 connected to the agreed syllabus units.

Session 2: Green religion: case studies on caring for the Earth

Texts, stories, images and voices to stimulate learning about religious and non-religious responses to caring for the environment, supporting new optional unit in KS2. (You may have your own examples you can share?)

Session 3: Bringing diverse, authentic voices into the classroom

Current RE looks to balance the teachings and practices of traditions with the lived experience of adherents. This session looks at how to bring voices from diverse traditions into the classroom, showcasing resources and models available for EYFS upwards.

Session 4: Build vocabulary, empower learning in RE (and everywhere else)

Research shows that the wider pupils' vocabulary and the stronger their grasp of meanings of key words, the better their reading, learning and progress. This session will dig into some of the big words that help to unlock learning in RE, and suggest strategies for applying this model.

Refreshments and lunch provided

Copies of all resources used on the day will be available to take away, and electronic copies available to download afterwards. A range of resources will be available to purchase or order on the day.

Who is it for?

The conference is aimed at teachers of RE from primary schools, including subject leaders and head teachers. It will also be valuable for governors to find out about and explore best practice in RE.

Aims:

- To explore excellent practice for implementing the Herefordshire Agreed Syllabus for RE, in the context of Ofsted's inspection framework, the Ofsted RE research review, and the RE Council's National Statement of Entitlement 2024
- To provide practical support and guidance to schools in thinking about planning creative, challenging, thoughtful RE in line with the Herefordshire syllabus, increasing pupils' knowledge and understanding, as well as their personal development
- To give teachers confidence in planning and delivering great RE, deepening subject knowledge and skills
- To model examples of thoughtful RE, challenging all pupils and promoting deeper thinking

Cost: £100 or £170 for two teachers from the same school

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