



## Diocese of Salford. Department for Education.

Primary RE Leads Update. Autumn 1 2025.



### Opportunities for Professional Development.

#### Primary RE Leads. Developing Prayer and Liturgy in Primary Schools.

This session will support Primary RE Leads to lead prayer and Celebration of the Word across school. The session will be led by Rachel Thompson and Catherine Moss and will offer practical ways to support staff and pupils in school.

##### Aims:

To support primary RE Leads in ways to develop prayer and liturgy across school considering:

- Why prayer and liturgy is central to the community of a Catholic school.
- What good prayer and liturgy looks like in a primary school with opportunities to focus on silence, classroom prayer, Celebration of the Word, Visio Divina, Lectio Divina, music as part of prayer and developing prayer areas around school.
- The opportunity to share good practice across Diocesan schools.

*Please select the session you wish to attend by clicking on the link and completing the Eventbrite form below. **For both sessions arrival and registration from 9am, beginning at 9.30am. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.***

**Friday 19th September** 9.30am – 3pm. Blackburn Rovers Football Club. Blackburn. BB2 4JF  
[Primary RE Leads – North Tickets, Fri 19 Sep 2025 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

**OR**

**Tuesday 23rd September** 9.30 – 3pm. Hemsley House, Salford Crescent. Salford. M5 4PE  
[Primary RE Leads – South Tickets, Tue 23 Sep 2025 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

#### Primary Leaders of Prayer and Liturgy: Developing Pupil Ministries in Primary school and Supporting Pupil Leadership in Prayer and Liturgy.

These half-day sessions will allow staff to consider how pupil ministries / pupil leadership can be developed in a primary school.

##### Aims:

- How to explore scripture with young people to plan and lead prayer and Celebration of the Word.
- Exploring the ministries that primary aged pupils can plan and lead: welcomer, lector, music, developing prayer spaces, encouraging home / school / parish links.
- Empowering and inspiring young people to create memorable and meaningful prayer experiences.

This session is repeated throughout the year, schools only need to attend one of the sessions.

**The sessions will be held at Cathedral Centre. Morning sessions run from 9.30am until 12.30pm. Afternoon sessions run from 1.30pm until 4.30pm. Please note there is no parking**



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#### **at Cathedral Centre.**

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15th October Morning: [Primary Leaders of Prayer and Liturgy Tickets, Wed 15 Oct 2025 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

15th October Afternoon: [Primary Leaders of Prayer and Liturgy Tickets, Wed 15 Oct 2025 at 13:30 | Eventbrite](#)

12th March Morning: [Primary Leaders of Prayer and Liturgy Tickets, Thu 12 Mar 2026 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

12th March Afternoon: [Primary Leaders of Prayer and Liturgy Tickets, Thu 12 Mar 2026 at 13:30 | Eventbrite](#)

8th May Morning: [Primary Leaders of Prayer and Liturgy Tickets, Fri 8 May 2026 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

### **Considering your CSED and AOPs. Preparing for inspection.**

For all primary and secondary RE and Senior Leaders. Bring your laptop and CSED. We guide you in the writing of an evaluative and impact driven CSED through a series of practical workshops, considering elements of the inspection framework relating to:

- Catholic Life & Mission.
- Religious Education.
- Collective Worship.

**Date:** Wednesday 12th November 2025. 9.30 am – 3.30 pm.

**Venue:** Blackburn Rovers Football Club. Blackburn. BB2 4JF.

[Considering your CSED and AOPs: Preparing for Inspection Tickets, Wed 12 Nov 2025 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

### **Autumn Primary RE Lead Cluster Meetings:**

Please see below the dates for Primary RE Lead Cluster meetings. The meetings will begin at 3.30pm until 4.45pm. There are three Zoom sessions available, if you are unable to attend your area briefing you can attend another session. **Zoom links will be sent out the week before the sessions.**



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#### Autumn Primary RE Lead Cluster Meetings:

Tuesday 4th November 2025– Primary RE Lead Cluster Briefing: North / Romero (Lancashire, Blackburn with Darwen, Calderdale).

Wednesday 5th November 2025– Primary RE Lead Cluster Briefings: Central /STOC (Rochdale, Bolton, Bury, Salford, Wigan).

Thursday 6th November 2025– Primary RE Lead Cluster Briefings: South / Emmaus (Tameside, Stockport, Trafford, Oldham, Manchester).

Details of the agenda for the cluster meetings will be available in the Autumn 2 update.

#### New to Leading RE:

If you are new to leading RE please email me at [catherine.moss@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:catherine.moss@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) so the database can be updated. I will also arrange to visit school to provide any support needed.

#### Primary Early Career Teacher Programme: The Catholic Classroom.

This important programme journeys with Early Career Teachers across three sessions over the academic year, enabling ECTs to apply their learning to a Catholic school context. Delegates are enabled to understand the authentic nature of their employment in one of our Catholic schools and to develop a supportive and professional network. The sessions focus on:

- Prayer and Liturgy and the Liturgical Year.
- Catholic Life and Mission
- Religious Education, with focus on the RED.
- Applying and embedding Catholic Social Teaching throughout teaching, learning and prayer.

*There will be an online session for headteachers of ECTs on the programme to give an overview of the messages that the course offers. More details will be sent out once delegates have registered.*

**All sessions will take place at Cathedral Centre. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Please note there is no parking at Cathedral Centre.**





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#### Primary Early Career Teacher Programme: The Catholic Classroom.

**Dates:** Thursday 18th September 2025. 9.30am—3.15pm.

Thursday 15th January 2026. 9.30am– 3.15pm

Thursday 21st May 2026. 9.30—3.15pm

To book an ECT on the course please click on the Eventbrite link. Please use the name and email of the ECT.

[Primary ECT Programme Tickets, Thu 18 Sep 2025 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

#### **New to working in a Catholic School in the Diocese of Salford.**

We warmly welcome teachers and support staff who join / wish to join our family of Catholic schools. We know schools want to support staff to grow into this family and do their very best and to begin to develop a professional network within the Diocese of Salford. This is the first step of their leadership development journey – amongst these delegates are future school leaders. ***This session is not for ECTs.***

This one day course will focus on delegates understanding their role in relation to:

- Mission of the Church in education.
- Catholic social teaching.
- Canon Law.
- The Bishop's Educational vision for the Diocese 2030.

**Date:** 14th October 2025. Time: 9.30 am – 3.30 pm.

**Venue:** Cathedral Centre.

***Refreshments and lunch will be provided.***

Click here to book. [New to Working in a Catholic School in the Diocese of Salford Tickets, Tue 14 Oct 2025 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

#### **Primary Deputy Headteacher Cluster / Network meetings.**

As a department, we are running sessions to support our Primary Deputy Headteachers. There will be a day session for new Deputy Headteachers and we will begin Deputy Headteacher cluster sessions. Our CPD booklet is available [here](#) to find out about these meetings and other CPDF opportunities.

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#### Curriculum RE 2025 / 2026.

For this coming academic year (2025/2026) we are encouraging our primary schools to begin the implementation of the Religious Education Directory (RED) through diocesan CPD, the OUP Primary RE scheme (Lighting the Path) and diocesan pilot resources. This will support primary schools to be ready for the national implementation of the RED by September 2026.

As a diocese, we are strongly encouraging the use of Lighting the Path, the Oxford University Press scheme, for EYFS and Key Stage 1. The EYFS / KS 1 Resource can be purchased [here](#). The diocesan training materials to support the resource can be found in the [Summer 2025 folder](#).

Diocesan pilot resources have been produced for Year 3 and for Year 5. The pilot resources can be found in the Resource Centre [here](#). For 2025 / 2026 Year 3 and 4 pupils can use the Year 3 pilot resources and Year 5 and 6 pupils can follow the Year 5 pilot resources.

The Year 3 / 4 branches are medium term plans containing detailed teacher notes, activities and resources. They do not have PowerPoints and we will not have time to produce PowerPoints before the launch of the Year 3 and 4 OUP scheme next academic year.

The Year 5 / 6 branch Creation and Covenant is now available in the Resource Centre and the next branches will be added for the start of October.

CSI inspectors are aware that schools will be trialling and developing both the OUP scheme and the pilot resources in this coming academic year and schools in the CSI inspection window are encouraged to begin implementation of the RED and model curriculum.

The table shows the release dates for the OUP scheme and the Education department will provide training for year group teachers in the summer term to support the implementation for Key Stage 2.

Release date	Content	Infant £207	Junior £285	Whole School £466	3-year sub £1250
Jun 25	Years R, 1, 2 Branches 1 & 2	Available		Available (discounted)	
Nov 25	Years R, 1, 2 Branches 3 & 4				
Feb 26	Years R, 1, 2 Branches 5 & 6				
Jun 26	Years 3, 4, 5, 6 Branches 1 & 2		Available		Available
Nov 26	Years 3, 4, 5, 6 Branches 3 & 4				
Feb 27	Years 3, 4, 5, 6 Branches 5 & 6				



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#### **Prayer and Liturgy Newsletter.**

Attached to this email and available on the Prayer and Liturgy section of the Resource Centre is the Autumn 1 edition of our Prayer and Liturgy newsletter. The resources listed cross all age-phases from primary through to secondary, hence they will need checking that they are age-appropriate and may need adapting to suit each of our schools across the diocese. Please can you share this resource with all staff in your school.

Rachel Thompson will continue to produce weekly PowerPoints this academic year, these are designed to support staff and pupils in preparing and leading prayer in schools, these have been produced for both primary and secondary settings so will need adapting to be age-appropriate. Following the four-part structure the Prayer and Liturgy Directory encourages, Gather, Word, Response and Send are identified on each PowerPoint with a range of ideas to support staff and pupils, see <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/resource-centre/education/collective-worship/>

#### **Calendar 2025—2026.**

Available in the Resource Centre, is an overview calendar for the next academic year see [Calendar-2025-2026.docx](#). The calendar has been collated with the Sunday Gospels and some of the key Saint days and events for the year. The calendar is to support schools in developing their APoPs. Events highlighted in yellow show where an event is taking place but the theme has not been released by the organisers at this time. The calendar will be updated throughout the year as more information is available.

#### **Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope.**

The Jubilee Year continues for this half term (Autumn 1) and the anchors will continue to travel around our CAT footprints. It is lovely to see how schools are celebrating the anchor being in school and also the passing on of the anchor between schools.

The Resource centre has a range of resources to help mark this Jubilee Year: an updated signposting sheet showing national and diocesan resources and the prayer trail marking the Jubilee pledge. [2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee - Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford](#)





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#### Jubilee Art Competition.

Thank you to all our schools that took part in the Jubilee Art Competition, we had over 200 entries. Bishop John is completing the final judging and results will be announced in the middle of September. A selection of art work will be displayed around Cathedral Centre. Art work will be brought to the training days over the Autumn term for schools to collect.

#### CAFOD Jubilee Pledge.

CAFOD are inviting all schools to complete the Jubilee Pledge this term. The team at CAFOD have provided resources to support schools in doing this.

Specific Resources:

Summary of info: [Jubilee Pledge Summary](#)

Guide download: [Education Jubilee PledgeGuide.pdf](#)

Poster download: [Education Jubilee PledgePoster.pdf](#)

Poster print copy: [Year of Jubilee – CAFOD Shop](#)

**Online Pledge Map:** Visit [Jubilee Pledge map for schools](#), use the drop down menu to select your school, which will then be plotted on the map. A Jubilee Pledge Certificate will then be sent out automatically – great evidence for the CSI file too!

The diocesan Jubilee prayer trail is based on the pledge so this will help with completing the pledge.

*Insert for school newsletter*

Customise, copy and paste the message below in your newsletters and website pages:

***We are making the Jubilee Pledge! As part of the Jubilee Year, we are called to make the Jubilee Pledge this summer. With an invitation that came from Pope Francis to be 'Pilgrims of Hope', we are joining together with all Catholic schools and committing to be a 'sign of hope'. Together with all Catholic schools, we are promising to put faith into action, be agents of change and work for the good of all.***

***The Jubilee Pledge: We are pilgrims of hope. We walk in solidarity with our sisters and brothers worldwide, sharing challenges and celebrating joys. We promise to be agents of change, working together for justice, love and peace, locally and globally. We want to build a fairer world, where every person, and the earth, can flourish.***

21st November is a National Jubilee Celebration Day, schools are invited to mark this nationally with CAFOD and CYMFED—more to come on this.



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#### Message from The Laudato Si Team:

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are excited for this new year to begin. Last year saw over 2,100 children and young people come to our Laudato Si' Centre and we hope to work with many more of you this year.

**Laudato Si' Award:** At the end of last year, we hosted our annual Laudato Si' Centre awards and we are delighted to share with you, for those who missed it, Our Lady and St Gerard's won our Primary Individual award, St John's won our Primary group award and Christ the King won our Overall School award. We would like to thank everyone who took part in last year's awards, choosing the winners for each category gets harder each year.

The Laudato Si' Centre awards will take place again in July this academic year with nomination forms going out in May. Please look out for the information later in the year and have in mind your children / groups to nominate this year!

**Season of Creation and monthly suggestions:** The theme for this year's Season of Creation is **Peace with Creation**. You can access more information and resources here: [Resources – Season of Creation](#). If you want to share any work you do to celebrate the Season of Creation, please email the Laudato Si' Centre. The first monthly suggestion from the Laudato Si' Centre this year is for Fairtrade Fortnight: [Fairtrade Fortnight – Fairtrade](#). Attached to this email are our monthly suggestions for 25/26 each term. These will be different and additional to the ones you received last year and for 23/24. If you would like any more help, please send me an email via the address below.

**Advent 2025:** For Advent this year we will be sharing images and quotes from scripture each day of Advent to celebrate the Laudato Si' Centre's version of the Jesse Tree. Your school can follow along each day, see the image from our centre that represents the day and listen to the words of scripture.

Please follow us on Instagram: @laudatosicentre

**Forest School Leader, Level 3 Training:** Do you have anyone interested in becoming a qualified level 3 Forest School Leader? Would they like to learn in the beautiful setting of the Laudato Si' Centre walled gardens and woodland? We are making plans to deliver training on site at the Laudato Si' Centre. Prices and dates will be sent out to you asap but please email [laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) if you would like to register your interest for this training.

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#### Message from Caritas:

**Fundraising and campaigns**— St Joseph's Penny appeal. Just before school term starts, a letter will be posted to Head teachers about the St Joseph Penny appeal for 2026. Please email us if you'd like an electronic copy to share: [undraising@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:undraising@caritassalford.org.uk)

**Advent**—For those of you already thinking ahead about the practical items that you might wish to collect and donate to Caritas during Advent this year, please may we politely ask that you email us first so we can confirm to you the items that are needed this year. This is because we sometimes receive too many of the same items or items that we cannot use, and we would hate to waste anything so generously donated. Please email [fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk)

**#BeeThere this Advent.** We also hope to be able to share this year's exciting #BeeThere theme by October half term. It's even more exciting than ever and we are sure you're going to love it!

**Harvest donations**—Please choose from this year's 'shopping list' if you are kindly choosing Caritas Cornerstone, Lalley centre or Red Door for your Harvest collection. [https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/media/Caritas\\_Harvest\\_Leaflet-2025WEB-1.pdf](https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/media/Caritas_Harvest_Leaflet-2025WEB-1.pdf) Thank you in advance to all schools who choose to support us in this way. We really do appreciate it!

**Caritas Ambassadors**— Thank you to all our schools who have a pupil Caritas Ambassador team to lead your social action/justice and charitable initiatives as part of your school's Catholic Life and Mission. Bookings for training your new teams are now being taken for the second half of the autumn term and beyond.

**NEW for this year!** Kath will be holding a termly online drop-in session for staff leaders of Caritas Ambassadors to share ideas and tips and ask questions. The first drop-in will be **4.00–4.30 pm on THURSDAY 25th SEPTEMBER.** Please let your staff Caritas Ambassador leaders know.

Being good stewards of the planet is a key principle of *Catholic Social Teaching*. During the upcoming **Season of Creation (1st Sept – 4th Oct)**, for which this year's theme is **Peace with Creation**, we would love to know what your Caritas Ambassadors are doing to encourage everyone to Care for our Common Home. Please do remember to tag *Caritas Salford* in on your social media posts.

**October 10th is World Homelessness Day**—Coming soon! Please check out our online resources for our October Homelessness Campaign, which include prayer and assembly slides and details of how to hold your own Big Sleep Out. We'd also love to hear from your Caritas Ambassadors about what home means to them and what they love most about their home.

Please email Kath Ansley [k.ansley@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:k.ansley@caritassalford.org.uk)

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#### Message from the Formation Team:

Attached to this email is information regarding the 'Heart Speaks to Heart' resource which helps our Catholic children and young people prepare for the celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation (First Confession) and Holy Communion.

#### Keeping Up to Date:

(Please share with all your staff)

Website <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/education/>

Login area for all staff. Log-in details available from [education@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:education@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

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