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Opportunities for Professional Development.

Autumn Primary RE Lead Cluster Briefings:

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 please feel to join another session. The Zoom links can be found below.

Tuesday 4th November 2025- Primary RE Lead Cluster Briefing: North / Romero

(Lancashire, Blackburn with Darwen, Calderdale).

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85724036445?pwd=cWqi5o14Ay6YPTzxSuf28737dEz3cR.1>

Meeting ID: 857 2403 6445

Passcode: 512226

Wednesday 5th November 2025- Primary RE Lead Cluster Briefings: Central / STOC

(Rochdale, Bolton, Bury, Salford, Wigan).

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83346190644pwd=UXm1uvz0C9eFfNDFxawWKK4RzmdUah.1>

Meeting ID: 833 4619 0644

Passcode: 858154

Thursday 6th November 2025- Primary RE Lead Cluster Briefings: South / Emmaus

(Tameside, Stockport, Trafford, Oldham, Manchester).

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84377327397?pwd=oZ35c6iOciotVQvIZc1Cyly62OtKI5.1>

Meeting ID: 843 7732 7397

Passcode: 174468

Agenda :

National updates: RED, CSI, Prayer and Liturgy Directory.

Resources Updates: Emily Cahill—Laudato Si Update. Kath Ansley—Caritas Update. Lorraine Leonard—Faith in Action

Update on the Jubilee Year , Jubilee Pledge and Visit of Relics of Carlo Acutis.

CPD update for Spring Term 2026.



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Opportunities for Professional Development.

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

Please pass the following information to your Deputy Headteacher

Primary Deputy Headteacher Network.

This is the first network meeting with Primary Deputy Headteachers from across the diocese to support their leadership role in Catholic education.

Aims of the session:

- National updates (Catholic Education Service, CSI and Ofsted) and local updates.
- Opportunities to discuss the support provided by the Department of Education.
- Opportunities to meet with other Deputy Headteachers from across the diocese to share good practice.

Friday 14 November 1.30pm – 3.00pm Oldham Athletic . Oldham OL2 5BL

[Primary Deputy Headteacher Network Tickets, Fri 14 Nov 2025 at 13:30 | Eventbrite](#)

OR

Thursday 20 November 1.30pm – 3.00pm Dunkenhalgh Hotel

[Primary Deputy Headteacher Network Tickets, Thu 20 Nov 2025 at 13:30 | Eventbrite](#)

If you attended the new to Deputy Headship course you do not need to attend the above sessions, but we look forward to meeting with you in the Spring / Summer term.



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New to Leading RE.

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

Updates / Reminders.

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 which all our schools have now purchased.

The diocesan training materials to support the resource can be found in the Summer 2025 folder [here](#).

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 or a WAGOLL and we will not have time to produce these additional resources before the launch of the Year 3 and 4 OUP scheme next academic year.

The Year 5 / 6 branch Prophecy and Promise is now available in the [Resource Centre](#) and the next branch Galilee to Jerusalem will be available in December, we will keep RE Leads updated on timescales over this half term.

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.

Other Faiths—Branch 6 Dialogue and Encounter is where pupils will engage with a discrete study of other faiths, religions and worldviews. Branch 6 will not be available for Key Stage 2 in this academic year, so in this time of transition to the RED schools may wish to continue with the Other Faiths units from Come and See, this will also be discussed at the Cluster briefings in November.



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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... more information to follow at the Zoom cluster briefings in November.

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				

Prayer and Liturgy Newsletter.

Attached to this email and available on the Prayer and Liturgy section of the Resource Centre is the Autumn 2 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/>

Thank you to Fr James Manock who has produced a school ordo for Autumn Term to support schools with Liturgical Prayer (see Ordo attached to the email).



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Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope.

The Jubilee Year continues for this half term (Autumn 2) 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: including the prayer trail marking the Jubilee pledge. [2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee - Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford](#)

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 see [Jubilee Celebration Day](#)



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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. The names and entries of winners and runners up can be seen [here](#). A selection of art work will be displayed around Cathedral Centre. If you wish to have your artwork returned, please contact Millie.Burton@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to arrange collection.



Relic Tour of St Carlo Acutis.

As a diocese, we are looking forward to welcoming the relics of Saint Carlo Acutis in January. There will be an opportunity for schools to bring a small group of pupils to visit Carlo's relics. More information will be available at the Zoom Cluster Briefings. And I will write out to schools, once details are finalised with booking details etc.

St Mary' of the Assumption Burnley—Thursday 29th January 2026.

St Patrick's Collyhurst—Friday 30th January 2026.

On both days we are hoping to run a morning session from 9.30—11.30 and an afternoon session from 12.30—2.30.



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Message from The Laudato Si Team:

Bookings:

There is some availability for the Laudato Si' Centre in the Spring Term, if you are interested in a visit this year, please do get in touch. The Summer Term is now completely booked up but we have lots of availability for anyone who is interested in after school visits in the Summer Term. These visits run from 3.00-4.30pm so please let us know if you are interested in an after school visit.

Bookings can be made by emailing laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Rosary:

During the Season of Creation, we had Ecological Rosary sessions where the various mysteries were tied to nature. If this is something you may be interested in for your prayer groups / eco groups, you can get in touch for dates in May and I can run an outdoor rosary session with a group of your children. If the whole Rosary may be too long, we can look at praying a decade of the Rosary outdoors, surrounded by nature.

November list:

As we did last year, we are creating a November list in our beautiful willow dome. Any visits, particularly school visits, that take place in November will be asked to pray for every person on the list. If you would like anyone added to the willow dome labels, to be prayed for in the month of November, please email the name of the person to laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk and we will create a label for them. A prayer service for everyone named on the list will take place on 7th November but names can be added to the list for the whole of November.

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Message from Caritas:

Caritas' Advent Campaign 2025

Will you shine a spotlight on what's really important this Advent?

We are thrilled to share a special booklet just for schools to signpost some of the ways you can do this with this year's Caritas Advent campaign, including some suggested prayers. Thirty copies have been posted to your Head and/or school chaplain during half term.

Not just for Christmas... Every year, Caritas provides over 75,000 personal toiletry items to people experiencing poverty and homelessness. Will your school help us with this enormous task?

As you light the Advent wreath each week, please can you collect the following items:

Week 1 toothbrushes and toothpastes

Week 2 shower gel

Week 3 antiperspirant

Week 4 shaving foam/gel, disposable razors, period products.

NB: There is no need to wrap items individually or make gift parcels. Simply fill sacks or large bags or boxes, so that we can give the items out to people all year-round. Thank you so much!

We do not require chocolate or treats, as we receive plenty of these from supermarkets at this time of year.

Our Caritas bees are back!

Bee quick and tune in on Monday 10 November to see our new animation! Our Caritas bees are buzzing with excitement to have their moment in the spotlight with their very own version of the X Factor and Britain's Got Talent called 'Stars in their Hives.' Perhaps you can use your gifts and talents to host your own show to raise money?

With your continued support, together we can ensure that no one is left behind.



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Message from Caritas:

Advent Thought For The Day

Please email Kath Ansley now for more details if your Caritas Ambassadors would like to contribute to Caritas' Thought For The Day on social medial throughout Advent.

k.ansley@caritassalford.org.uk

Caritas Advent Assembly slides...coming soon!

World Day of the Poor~Sunday 16th November

"Love for the Lord, then, is one with love for the poor. The same Jesus who tells us, 'The poor you will always have with you' (Mt 26:11), also promises the disciples: **'I am with you always'** (Mt 28:20)." [Pope Leo XIV: Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi te of the Holy Father Leo XIV on Love for the Poor \(4 October 2025\)](#)

The ninth World Day of the Poor will be marked on Sunday 16 November. Caritas Salford has a range of resources, prayers and other information on their website that you can access for free to mark this important date. Visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/resources for more information.

Poverty-Proofing the School Day ~ a free webinar for schools

When: Monday 17 November 2025 from 4pm to 5.15pm, online

About the webinar: Our recent report ['If not us, then who'](#) looked at child poverty and mental health needs in schools across the diocese and was shaped by insights from headteachers and senior leaders in Greater Manchester and Lancashire.

Thank you to everyone who took part.

Following the report and in response, Caritas will be hosting a free termly webinar for headteachers and senior school staff to support you in responding to the challenges faced by our school communities.

In this first webinar, which also marks World Day of the Poor, we'll be joined by Children North East who run 'Poverty proofing the school day', a nationally recognised programme supporting educational settings to understand and mitigate the impacts of poverty.

Register now to deepen your understanding about the causes and effects of poverty and the barriers faced by families, and to explore ways to respond even more effectively in your school setting. [For School Staff: Poverty Proofing In Your School Webinar | Caritas Salford](#)

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Message from Mary's Meals.

Last month we celebrated the amazing milestone that we are now reaching more than 3 million children with Mary's Meals every school day across the globe!

This is only possible thanks to the wonderful generosity of our supporters, who join us in this mission so **THANK YOU** for all you do!

Reflecting on this milestone, our founder Magnus shared a beautiful reminder that while we should always keep our eyes on the next child waiting, it's important to pause and give thanks for what's already been achieved. Click here to see the video message from Magnus: [3 Million Children](#)

You may have received an email earlier this month about our new **Pocket Money For Porridge** campaign, which we have launched in collaboration with the Inner Wheel. This is a brand-new initiative inviting school pupils across the UK to change the world for just 10p!

[Mary's Meals' low-cost approach](#) means we can serve a school meal to a hungry child for this tiny amount.

Could your pupils bring a 10p donation to class and be heroes for hungry children – find out more on our [website](#).

(please note the resources do mention this being a campaign for October but we would be delighted for schools to take part whenever suits you best within your school year)

To get your class involved, download a [fundraising pack!](#) There's free resources and presentations for different key stages. Children's laureate and author Frank Cottrell-Boyce is throwing his weight behind Pocket Money for Porridge and is encouraging schools across the UK to take part!

Frank says: "I'm delighted to support Mary's Meals' Pocket Money for Porridge campaign. Mary's Meals' low-cost approach means that it's just 10p to feed a hungry child. By sharing their pocket money, children in the UK have a simple and joyful way to help hungry children around the world receive the daily school meals they need to learn and thrive."

To celebrate Pocket Money for Porridge, Denise Cottrell-Boyce, a writer and Frank's wife, has written a lovely poem for pupils to use alongside the other Pocket Money for Porridge resources. Here's the link to Denise's poem [Pocket-Money-for-Porridge-poem.pdf](#)

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Keeping Up to Date:

(Please share with all your staff)

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Login area for all staff. Log-in details available from education@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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