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Primary RE Leads Update. **Summer 1 2026.**

Opportunities for Professional Development.

Implementing the PLD through the OUP scheme -Lighting the Path in Key Stage 2.

Dr Nancy Walbank will lead year group teachers and RE Leads in an overview of the RED and OUP scheme. In each session Nancy will focus on the branches for that year group looking at subject knowledge, progression and assessment across the year. The sessions are online and will run from 2pm until 4 pm.

RE Leads are welcome to attend each of the sessions with year group teachers.

To book a place, please click on the links below. Links to the online session will be sent out on the Monday before the session

Wednesday 22nd April 2026 – Year 3: [Implementation of the RED for KS2 Teachers using Lighting the Path - Y3 Tickets, Wed, 22 Apr 2026 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Wednesday 29th April 2026 – [Year 4: Implementation of the RED for KS2 Teachers using Lighting the Path - Y4 Tickets, Wed, 29 Apr 2026 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Wednesday 20th May 2026 – [Year 5: Implementation of the RED for KS2 Teachers using Lighting the Path - Y5 Tickets, Wed, 20 May 2026 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Wednesday 10th June 2026 – Year 6: [Implementation of the RED for KS2 Teachers using Lighting the Path - Y6 Tickets, Wed, 10 Jun 2026 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

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

This half-day session will allow staff to consider how pupil ministries / pupil leadership can be developed in a primary school. **(This is our last session for this training).**

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.

The session will be held on Friday 8th May at Cathedral Centre from 9.30am until 12.30pm.

4.30pm. Please use the link to book a place [Primary Leaders of Prayer and Liturgy Tickets, Friday, May 8 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm | Eventbrite](#)

Please note there is no parking at Cathedral Centre.



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Primary Deputy Headteacher Network Session.

Tuesday 28th April 2026 from 1 – 3.30pm.

Venue: Red Hall Hotel, Manchester Rd, Walmersley, Bury. BL9 5NA.

It was a pleasure to meet with so many Primary Deputy Headteachers in the Autumn term either through our new to Deputy Headteacher course or through our Deputy Headteacher network. We would like to invite our Deputy Headteachers to our summer term network session.

Agenda:

Rachel Thompson will lead us in a Celebration of the Word with an opportunity to then discuss prayer and Celebration of the Word in our own schools and support we can offer as a diocese.

Mary Garvey will give a Regional Improvement for Standards and Excellence (RISE) update.

Catherine Moss will provide a diocesan update including CPD opportunities for next academic year.

There will be an opportunity to share RE books to support the ongoing implementation of the RED through Lighting the Path and diocesan resources. Please bring a book of a met child with good attendance for Yr 1, 2, 3 and 5.

Use the link to book a place [Primary Deputy Headteacher Network Tickets, Tuesday, Apr 28 from 1 pm to 4 pm | Eventbrite](#) Booking closes on Friday 24th April.

Schools CSI Update Conference

Tuesday 16th June. 9.30am – 3.30pm Ewood Park. Blackburn Rovers.

Continuing with our successful update sessions which have focused on Catholic School Inspections in Salford, there will be an opportunity for Headteachers and RE Leads to attend a session focusing on a review of CSI from this academic year.

Aims:

- To provide updates on the Catholic School Inspection process and framework, including the RED and PLD.
- To look at the criteria and evidence inspectors use to make judgements in the three areas and share good practice from inspections undertaken this academic year.
- To meet with other schools to share good practice.

There will be an opportunity for delegates to listen to RE Leads, Headteachers and a Lead inspector who have been through the inspection process this year. This is not just for schools who will be inspected next year, but an opportunity for all schools to share good practice. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. We are offering two places per school.

To book places on the training, please follow the link.

[Catholic School Inspections: CSI Update Conference Tickets, Tuesday, Jun 16 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm | Eventbrite](#)



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Summer Primary RE Lead Cluster Meetings:

There will only be two Primary RE Lead Cluster briefings in the summer term due to other training commitments. The online sessions will be on Tuesday 30th June and Wednesday 1st July from 3.30pm until 4.45pm; you can join a session that fits your schedule.

Links and details of the agenda for the cluster briefings will be available in the Summer 2 update.

Updates / Reminders.

New to Leading RE.

If you are new to leading RE or you know a new person will be leading RE next academic year, 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.

Curriculum RE 2025 / 2026.

The Year 5 / 6 branch To the Ends of The Earth is now available in the Resource Centre and the next branch .

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 is available for pupils in EYFS and Key Stage 1 through Lightening the Path. 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 they can also use the resource produced by Arundel and Brighton Branch 6 Resources - [Google Drive](#).



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Mixed Aged Planning:

We are hoping to be involved in future work with the Diocese of Leeds looking at further adapting the OUP resource for mixed aged classes. This is a piece of work that we plan to begin next academic year as OUP release the Key Stage 2 branches. Please complete the following Google Form to show the combinations of classes that you will have in your school for next year. [Class Information](#)

OUP Lighting the Path Scheme:

Order details can be found at: [Lighting the Path | Primary Catholic Religious Education | OUP](#)

Prayer and Liturgy Newsletter.

Attached to this email and available on the Prayer and Liturgy section of the Resource Centre is the Summer 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.

Attached to this email is the Celebration of the Word planning sheet with evaluation attached. The planning sheet has not been changed, just the evaluation questions added that we shared at our PLD day earlier this year.

Rachel Thompson has produced weekly PowerPoints to mark the Easter season. 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 see <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/resource-centre/education/collective-worship/>



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Message from The Laudato Si Team:

Laudato Si' Award: Thank you to those schools who have already applied for the Laudato Si' Award, there is still plenty of time for those of you yet to get your nomination form in. Is there anyone in your school who goes above and beyond for caring for creation? Is there a group that connects nature and prayer or who stand up in assemblies to think about how we look after our common home? We want to hear from you! The closing date for submitting your entry form is **Friday 22nd May**. The shortlisted students will be invited to an afternoon on 2nd July, 2026 at Wardley Hall where we will announce the winner from the shortlisted group. The children will also be shown around the Laudato Si' Centre as part of their morning. The winner's school will receive a free morning visit 10.00-12.00pm on the 30th June 2027. We look forward to receiving your nomination form.

Walk to School Week: We know that our schools promote healthy living as much as possible and we would like to point out that it is Walk or Wheel to School Week on the 18th May. You can find out more about it here: [Walk to School Week](#) There is also an information sheet going out to schools on this week as well. Not only is walking great for your own health, it is a wonderful way to connect to nature, connect to each other and reduce emissions. Have fun!

Environment / Sustainability Leads: This half term the Environment team are asking our Environment / Sustainability Leads to complete a very short survey about their role. You can find the questions here: <https://forms.gle/3kmfPNPR5QWR8Xwv9> All answers are anonymous. We would be enormously grateful if you can encourage them to complete this survey. This will also be emailed out to all Environment and Sustainability leads. Thank you.

Bookings: Our calendar is open for 26/27 bookings so if you have a specific date in mind, please get in touch to avoid disappointment. You can see more detail about our offer via this link to our brochure [Laudato Si' Centre brochure](#)

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Message from Caritas:

Happy Easter! Thank you for fasting and for your prayers and almsgiving during Lent. For those of you who participated in activities to raise money for local people in crisis – including our St Joseph's Penny appeal – we will be posting out a certificate for you to celebrate your efforts. This has been addressed to your Head, so please ask for it. It will come with 12 copies of the second edition of our termly newsletter for schools, "Love in action." The newsletter includes stories of real people who have been directly helped by school fundraising and practical donations. For more copies of the newsletter, please visit our website to read it digitally or download more copies: www.caritassalford.org.uk/SchoolsNewsletterApr26

We hope to inspire children and young people across the diocese to put their own love into action, so we hope that you will feel able to contribute to future editions with the small acts of kindness, solidarity and social justice taking place in your setting. Please contact Kath Ansley with your news k.ansley@caritasalford.org.uk

Also enclosed in your Head's pack, is a postcard with our bank details. Please use these to promptly and safely pay in any fundraising, so that we can begin to meet urgent local need. If you are experiencing difficulties with counting or paying in at branch of your local bank, please contact Kirstie for support: fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk

Finally, may we ask for your help once again? You may recall that, last year, Caritas published a report into poverty and mental health based on the information provided by school leaders. You can read a copy of this report on our website: www.caritassalford.org.uk/ChildPovertyReport

We would like to understand how the situation has developed over the last year, and therefore your insights are invaluable as we continue to drive forward changes which help people in your local community to transform their lives with dignity. Please complete the short survey, before the end of April. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GDCS2Q6>

Thank you once again for all that you do in forming young people in faith, compassion, and service. We look forward to continuing this work together, in hope.

The Caritas team

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Keeping Up to Date:

(Please share with all your staff)

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