



Diocese of Salford. Department for Education.

Primary RE Leads Update. **Summer 2 2026.**

Opportunities for Professional Development.

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

Dr Nancy Walbank will lead the final session for Year 6 teachers and RE Leads in an overview of the RED and OUP scheme. Nancy will focus on the branches for Year 6 looking at subject knowledge, progression and assessment across the year. The session is online and will run from 2pm until 4 pm.

RE Leads are welcome to attend each of the sessions with Year 6 teachers.

To book a place for the final session please click on the link below. A link to the online session will be sent out on Monday 8th June.

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](#)

Recordings from previous sessions can be found [RE Leaders - Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford](#) in the Summer 2026 folder.

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.

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Catholic Social Teaching: Primary CPD.

Bethany Friery, CAFOD Primary CPD Coordinator, will deliver a day's training focused on exploring Catholic Social Teaching (CST) and its wider relationship to school life, with a particular lens on the curriculum. Bethany will explore how CST might be recognised and made visible across learning experiences from EYFS to Year 6.

Aims of the day:

- Develop a clear understanding of what Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is, including each of its core principles.
- Explore CAFOD's CST resources and how to use them effectively in school.
- Explore how Catholic Social Teaching may be expressed across different curriculum areas.
- Begin mapping CST principles within your own curriculum planning.
- Gain practical ideas for delivering this training back in school to support all staff.

Date: Friday 26th June from 9.30am until 3 pm.

Venue: Cathedral Centre. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

We have 40 places for this initial training, maximum of two delegates per school. To book places on the training, please click on the [link](#)

Please note there is no parking at Cathedral Centre.

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.

You do not need to book on a session, links will be sent out the week before the session.

Agenda:

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

Resources Updates: Emily Cahill—Laudato Si Update. Kath Ansley—Caritas Update.

CPD update for Autumn Term 2026.

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.



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Other Faiths—Branch 6 Dialogue and Encounter is where pupils engage with a discrete study of other faiths, religions and worldviews. Branch 6 is available for pupils in EYFS and Key Stage 1 through Lightning 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 can use the Branch 6 resource produced by the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton see: [Google Drive](#). Year 3 and 4 can use the Year 3 unit and Year 5 and 6 can use the Year 5 unit.

Curriculum RE 2026 /2027.

To Know You More Clearly, the Religious Education Directory, is statutory for Primary Schools from September 2026. We are advising all our primary schools to use the OUP scheme, Lightning the Path, which follows the sequence and structure of the RED model curriculum and includes CPD materials to support teacher subject knowledge as well as assessment tasks and support for mixed-aged planning. Order details can be found at: [Lightning the Path | Primary Catholic Religious Education | OUP](#)

Religious Education Policy.

A primary Religious Education Policy has now been written for schools within the Diocese of Salford. The policy aligns with the Religious Education Directory - 'To know you more clearly' and the OUP scheme Lightning the Path. The policy is currently being checked and will be sent out to RE Leads in the next few weeks for schools to adapt to their own school setting.

Message from OUP: The Lighting the Path team at OUP regret that it has been necessary to delay the publication of the first two Branches of Lightning the Path for Key Stage 2. Please be assured that the whole team are working hard to deliver high-quality teaching materials as quickly as possible. We understand and apologise for the inconvenience caused to teachers and schools, and appreciate your patience as we work to finalise the resources to the highest standard.

To assist teachers with planning for September, in late June we will provide all schools subscribed to Lightning the Path with a 'Branch Preview Pack'. This will contain Branch 1's first four Teaching Presentations and Lesson Plans, plus the Branch Overview document. The pack will be made available in Oxford Owl – there will be an email to all subscribing schools when it is available.



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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 by **Friday 12th June** to show the combinations of classes that you will have in your school for next year. [Class Information](#)

RSE Model CES Policy (updated)

Please find attached the new CES model framework policy for Relationships and Sex Education. The policy has been produced by the CES to reflect statutory changes from September 2026 and may be used to replace the Diocesan primary RSE policies.

The PSHE Association have produced an update on the new statutory RSHE guidance see [here](#). We are advising all our primary schools to use *Ten:Ten Life to the Full* to be compliant for September 2026. [Life to the Full Primary – Ten Ten Resources](#). Attached to this email is an update about the scheme from Ten:Ten.

Prayer and Liturgy Newsletter.

Attached to this email and available on the Prayer and Liturgy section of the Resource Centre is the Summer 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 has produced weekly PowerPoints for the last half term of 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 see <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/resource-centre/education/collective-worship/>

Year of St Francis.

This year marks the 800th anniversary of St Francis of Assisi's death in 1226. Pope Leo XIV has declared that this year will be a special Year of St Francis in which we are all called to become saints in our world, following St Francis' example. We are called to model a holiness of life and witness to peace. To mark this special year the Education department have worked with the Laudato Si department, the Formation department, Caritas and School Singing Partnership to produce a prayer trail around the focus of St Francis' later life:



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Simplicity, authenticity, finding joy in small things and a faith lived in relationships, not only in events. The prayer trail can be found at [Prayer and Liturgy Resources: Saints - Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford](#) in the file St Francis of Assisi. Further resources will be added to the Resource Centre throughout this term and in the autumn term including a blessing for pets, a focus on the San Damiano and a focus on the nativity scene inspired by St Francis.

Message from The Laudato Si Team:

Laudato Si' Award: Our third annual Laudato Si' Awards will be announced later this year. Thank you to all of those schools who submitted a nomination. The award panel will be meeting soon to create the shortlist and then we will be in touch with the lucky schools.

Summer Family mornings: We would be very grateful if you could let your families know about our summer fun days. Taking place at the Laudato Si' Centre on 28th July, 4th August and the 18th August all 10.00-12.30pm. There will be time to do some self led activities such as mud kitchen and bug hunts as well as exploration of the site and staff led crafts throughout the morning. We will end the session with toasting marshmallows around the campfire. Adult tickets: £1 Child tickets: £2.

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, we are already filling up quickly! You can see more detail about our offer via this link to our brochure [Laudato Si' Centre brochure](#)

Thank you: Last but not least, thank you for all you do with your schools in caring for creation. It is a real honour to work with your schools and to see all of the wonderful activities you do with your children to inspire them to get outside and look after creation.

All the very best for the last half term and enjoy your summer holidays, when it comes.

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Message from Caritas:

St Joseph's Penny appeal. One hundred and eleven of our schools took boxes this Lent and so far, 40 have paid in their coins.

The amount they have raised so far, could pay for... 298 hot showers at our homeless day centres, or over 900 packs for homeless new parents; or 95 weekly family shops, or ten supported rooms sponsored for a year.

Contact Kirstie if you need help paying in your funds, so that it can meet the urgent needs of local people experiencing poverty and homelessness. Tel. 0161 817 2281 or email fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk

In preparation for **World Homeless Day on 10 October 2026**, we are asking school children to organise and host their own sponsored Big Sleep Out during the summer or autumn term to help us end homelessness across our diocese. Perhaps, as a diocese, we can raise £1,500 and sponsor a room for a whole year to ensure that people are safe and supported, and not homeless. Click to set up a fundraising page and to [download your pack](#).

Schools and parishes swarming together to **#BeeThere** for others

Does your local parish have a knit n natter group? Are there talented teachers and craft-loving students who can sew, crochet or make?

Hive we got an idea for you! We all love to see the Catholic school-parish partnerships, so why not join forces and hold a Caritas **#BeeThere Maker Market**? Sell what you create and use the profits to help tackle poverty and homelessness in our local communities.

Perhaps you can include items with a bee theme, like the popular Caritas Advent animation characters that encourage us to **#BeeThere** for others?

There are lots of fun bee patterns in local wool shops, and on websites like Ravelry. And Pinterest is a great site for inspiration.

What do you think customers would like to buy?

Tea cosies?

Egg cup warmers?

Pom-pom keyrings and bag decorations?

Wool hats for your sponsored Big Sleep Outs (or should we call them bee-nies?!)

Please let us know which school/parish you're planning to connect with, share your ideas, and let us know the date of your **#BeeThere market**. We cannot wait to see what you create and how much you raise.

Contact Iona, Kirstie and Rachel fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk and tag us with your photographs on social media.

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Message from Caritas:

Free webinar – homelessness and temporary accommodation:

Caritas Salford are running a free webinar for school staff in partnership with Shared Health Foundation on **Monday 15th June at 4pm.**

The webinar will be on the topic of temporary accommodation and homelessness among families, and will provide lots of practical advice to help equip you as you continue to support children and families.

Sign up [here](#) for the webinar.

Advisory note to schools:

Thank you for your ongoing support of local charities such as our diocesan charity Caritas Salford.

Many schools in our diocese raise funds for Caritas, who have advised that there may be individuals visiting local schools in our area, purporting to be collecting monies on behalf of their charity, or other charitable organisations.

The Caritas team has kindly asked that school teams not release collections or donations to anyone unless collection arrangements have been pre-arranged by Caritas and that school staff remain vigilant. Please always ask representatives for ID before handing over any monies raised, and contact Rachel Taylor, head of fundraising at Caritas Salford should you have any concerns, on 0161 817 2285 or by emailing r.taylor@caritassalford.org.uk



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Keeping Up to Date:

(Please share with all your staff)

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