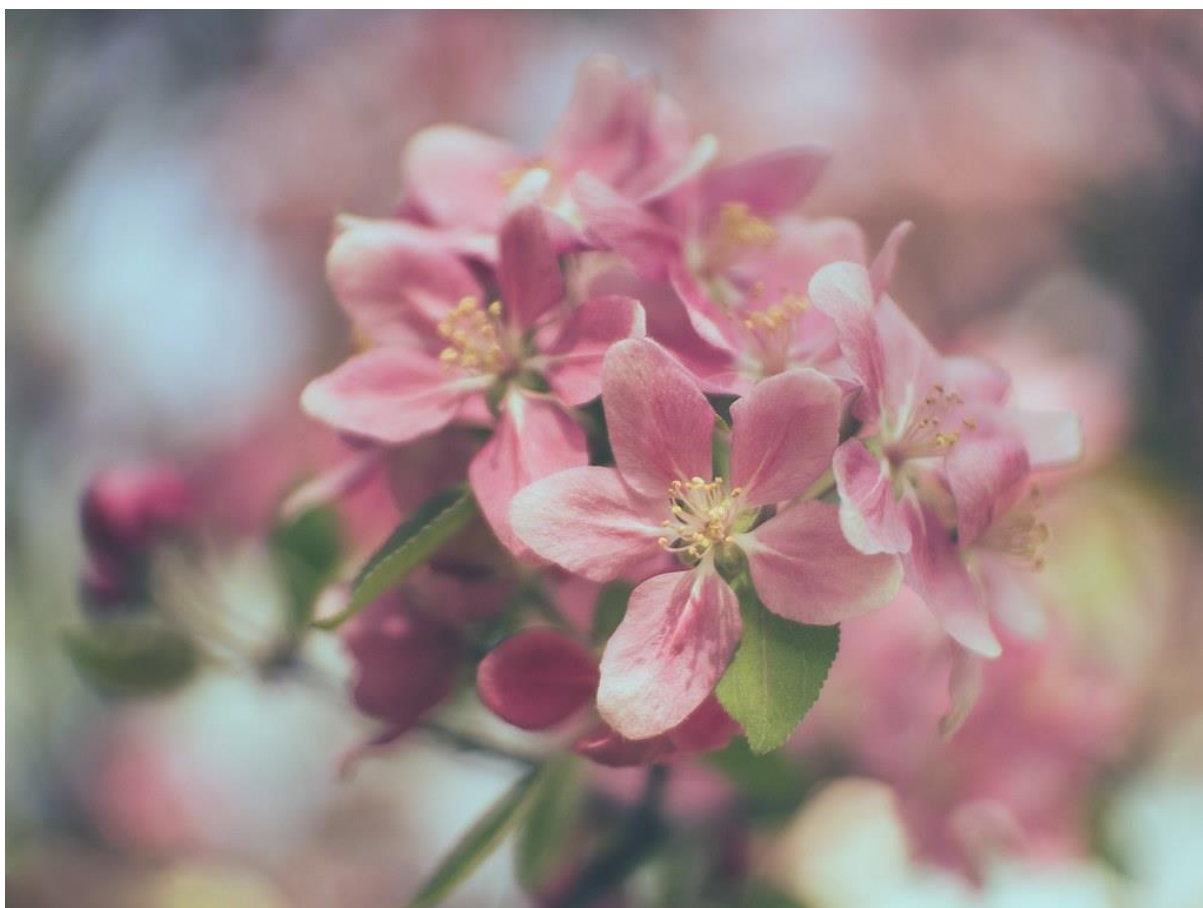




RE Leaders Newsletter April 2026



“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

2 Corinthians 5:17

As we move into the middle of spring and begin Term 5, there is a real sense of time passing quickly and we have challenging conversations all around us—both in our schools and in the world outside. After the Easter break, this feels like a particularly meaningful time to pause,

reflect and begin again with fresh energy and hope. In 2 Corinthians 5:17 we are reminded: *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”* As RE leaders, your work continues to nurture and inspire pupils in their thinking, reflection and understanding. Thank you for the care, wisdom and commitment you bring—your influence is deeply valued and makes a lasting difference.

RE cluster groups



We are delighted to be offering a new round of RE Leaders' Cluster Meetings this summer, giving a valuable opportunity to come together, share practice and develop our work in RE across the diocese. Sessions will take place on **23rd June (Rochester – Wouldham All Saints Primary School)**, **30th June (Bromley – Aquinas Training and Development Centre)** and **7th July (T Wells/Sevenoaks - Bishop Chevasse, Tonbridge)**. This session will focus on exploring pupils' work together, developing deeper thinking and personal reflection, considering ways to capture pupil voice, and sharing ideas for recording learning such as floor books. Please bring a selection of books with you. You should have received an email confirming your allocated cluster group—please do check this and book your place using the link [here](#).

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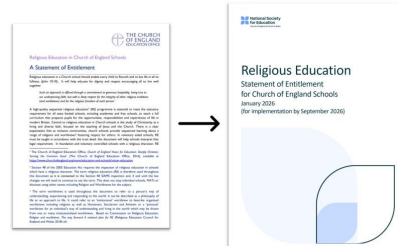
Statement of Entitlement for Church of England Schools

January 2026

(for implementation by September 2026)

A reminder that the new Statement of Entitlement for Religious Education will come into effect from September 2026. This sets out important expectations for RE in Church schools and will shape curriculum planning and provision moving forward. You can access a full copy of the document [here](#). As a helpful refresher, I have also attached the slides from our RE conference in March, which summarise the main changes and key points. This is a good opportunity to begin reflecting on how your current provision aligns and to consider any developments needed ahead of implementation.

Statement of Entitlement for RE Update



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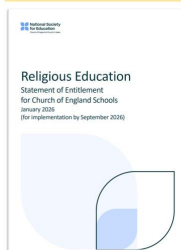
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Statement of Entitlement for RE Update



Stronger alignment with national standards and inspection frameworks - making the statement central to how RE quality is evaluated in Church schools..



Greater emphasis on disciplinary knowledge and critical engagement with religious and non-religious worldviews.



A more flexible, context-aware approach that incorporates national standards and supports varied syllabuses.



Stakeholder responsibilities are reframed to align with disciplinary knowledge and broader societal understanding of religion/worldviews.



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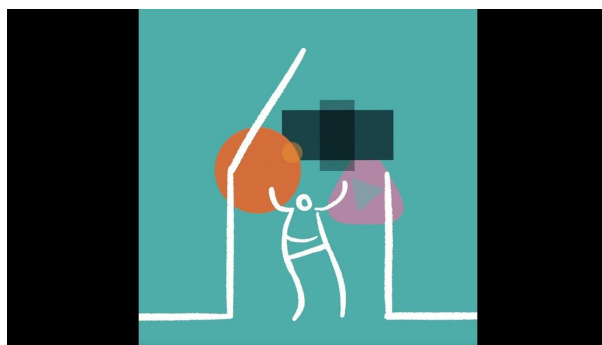
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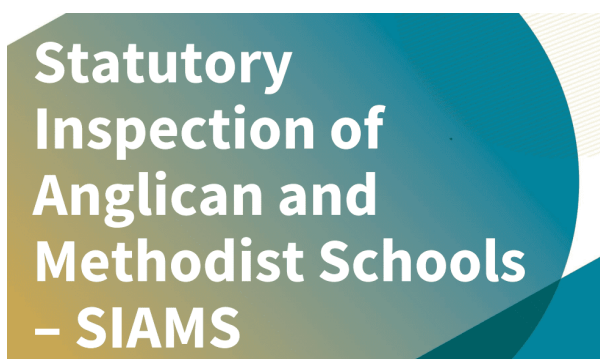
Religion and Worldviews approach Pilot group



Work across our schools continues to grow in depth and clarity as we embed the *Religion and Worldviews* approach. Following recent training with a pilot group of RE leaders, many have begun to consider reframing their units by starting with the pupil as a person, before encountering lived expressions of faith and belief. Our aim is to lead to thoughtful curriculum development, including the creation of person-centred enquiry questions that deepen both understanding and reflection. More training will follow in future cluster groups.

In addition, a number of schools have been piloting newly developed **Salvation units**, which are being refined through classroom practice and collaboration, with a view to full Diocesan rollout by **Spring 2027**. The working group will meet again in June to review the planning and begin shaping the forthcoming Creation units, ensuring continued coherence and high-quality provision across our schools. If you are part of this group, please can you sign up for the next planning day [here](#).

SIAMS inspections 2026-2027



Although we still have a number of schools awaiting their SIAMS inspections in Term 5 and 6, the NEW 2026-2027 list is now live and can be accessed [here](#). There are also numerous helpful documents on the website to support your preparation.

Our Preparing for SIAMS Inspections training day is on 6th May and can be booked [here](#).

Upcoming Training



6th May 2026 *Preparing for your SIAMS inspection* book [here](#)

19th May 2026 *Collective Worship Leaders Network Meeting (led by Ruth)* book [here](#)

5th June 2026 *Church School Heads meeting* book [here](#)

8th June 2026 *Religion and Worldviews Pilot group planning day* book [here](#)

9th June 2026 *RE Leaders Network (In collaboration with Canterbury Diocese)* book [here](#)

11th June 2026 *Governor forum* book [here](#)

23rd June 2026 *Face to face cluster group 1* book [here](#)

30th June 2026 *Face to face cluster group 2* book [here](#)

7th July 2026 *Face to face cluster group 3* book [here](#)

References

All the slides from our March 2026 RE Conference can be found on our website [here](#).

Please do let your Collective Worship leads know that Ruth is now leading a new network for our Diocese and this will commence on 19th May. For more details and to book look [here](#)