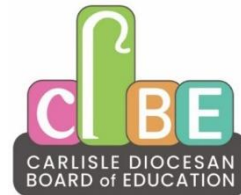


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Reflection:

This week 2nd – 8th June is national volunteers' week.

In our school communities we are blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers including

- governors
- family members
- members of the PTA
- 'Open The Book' and other church teams
- chaplains
- members of local communities who hear readers or support off-site visits, wellbeing groups, community projects and a hundred and one other things
- the list is endless...



We are so grateful and want to take this opportunity to say thank you and recognise what an encouragement all our volunteers are to us all!

If you are a volunteer reading this, please remember that you are living out this verse from 1 John 3.

If you are not a volunteer, please do find one to say a massive thank you to on behalf of us all!

Thank you,

Ruth

NEW THIS WEEK!

SOLD OUT!



#FLOURISH
Annual Conference for School Leaders
with special guests including:
[Mary Myatt](#) ♦ [Nigel Genders CBE](#) ♦ [Elizabeth Olulari](#)

10th June 2025, North Lakes Hotel & Spa, Penrith

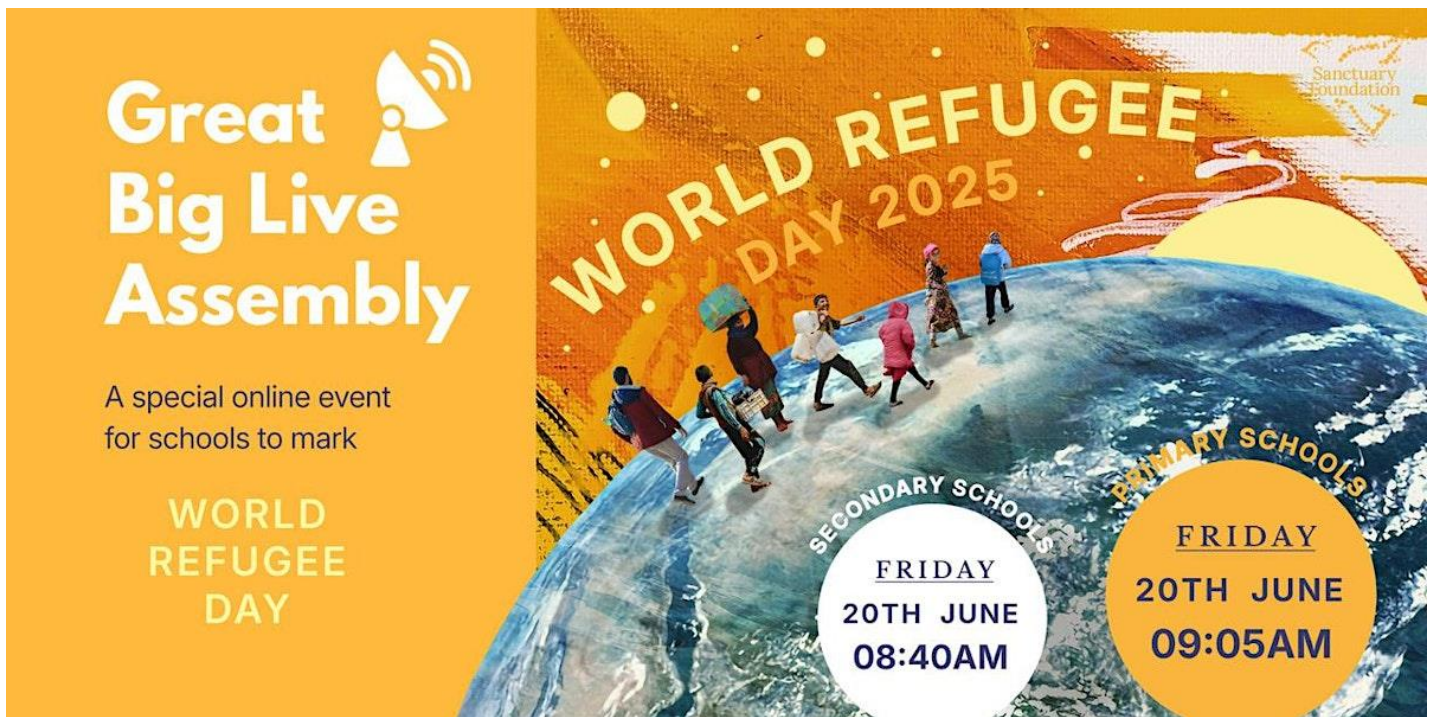
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Partners in World Mission Committee

The Partners in World Mission Committee used the **Bishop's Harvest Appeal** to provide some resources for schools this school year. They are trying to track how well schools have engaged with the resource around the **Bishop Harvest Appeal** and find out how else they can support schools to engage with the Bishop Harvest Appeal.

Please could you email laura.watson@carlisle-diocese.org.uk if you have used the resources this school year and/or if you have any suggestions for future resources.

Join us on Friday June 20th World Refugee Day!



Primary School Great Big Live Assembly: World Refugee Day 2025

[Register](#)

Secondary School Great Big Live Assembly: World Refugee Day 2025

[Register](#)

Governors Peer Support Network

This is an invitation to all governors to join us for this terms Peer Support Network on Monday 9th June 5.30 – 7pm. If you haven't booked yet here is the link

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DMRM>

School leaders and clerks to governors please could you share this invitation with your governors? Governors you are the largest group of volunteers in the country, doing amazing work and sometimes you need to stop, reflect and refocus. Come and join us!



School Diversity Week is back for 2025! 🌈

School Diversity Week, celebrated by thousands of primary and secondary schools, is taking place this year from 23-27 June.

"The sense of joy created will nourish your school community throughout the year – and your students will remember it for the rest of their lives...A student said 'there's a lovely atmosphere here today' and that summed up what it's about for us – creating an atmosphere where everyone can feel safe and proud to be themselves"

Staff member at a secondary school

Educators can sign up for free and join over 7 thousands schools doing the same:

bit.ly/SchoolDiversityWeek Activities include assemblies, bake sales, sponsored sports games, film-viewings and Rainbow Friday where students (and staff) wear the colours of the rainbow.

🔗🔗🔗🔗 **New e-learning modules** This year two free e-learning courses on 'Preventing anti-LGBT+ bullying' are also available. Staff in schools can [enrol here](#), both courses are CPD accredited and take less than an hour.

"Since School Diversity Week we've seen a growing sense of children advocating for each other and being upstanders against injustice, unkindness and discrimination"

Staff member at a primary school



Training Schedule

We have a variety of training sessions running each month. Most of the sessions are online and are cost-free if you are part of the partnership agreement.

Want to attend a session but can't? Please get in touch and we can arrange for it to be recorded for you.

You can find a copy of the training schedule [here](#). Booking is quick and easy just click the link and follow the on screen steps.

Any queries then email Anna – anna.lea@carlisle-diocese.org.uk



Governor Zone



Sharing is Caring

An NGA article about school structures and how schools can collaborate

In this Governing Matters article, NGA's senior policy and research officer Megan Tate delves into the world of school collaboration beyond the MAT model.

The article covers:

- How schools are collaborating
- Types and benefits of collaborative working
- Challenges faced by schools working together
- Recommendations for the DfE to support collaboration

Click [here](#) to read



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As always, if you have any questions about any of the information contained in this week's communication, need any help or support or want to arrange a visit, don't hesitate to get in touch



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Birds in Greenspaces

The British Trust for Ornithology is starting a new project to find out just how important greenspaces are for UK birds, and provide guidance on effective greenspace management for birds and people – and they want the help of schools as part of their 2025 pilot.

“Birds in Greenspaces is a new, UK-wide survey of birds that use our greenspaces. Greenspaces are public-access areas of land found in and around built-up areas, such as parks, playing fields and cemeteries, and spaces which provide a number of benefits to both people and nature. Unfortunately, importance of greenspaces for birds is understudied, and so management does not always reflect the needs of everyone and everything that makes use of them.



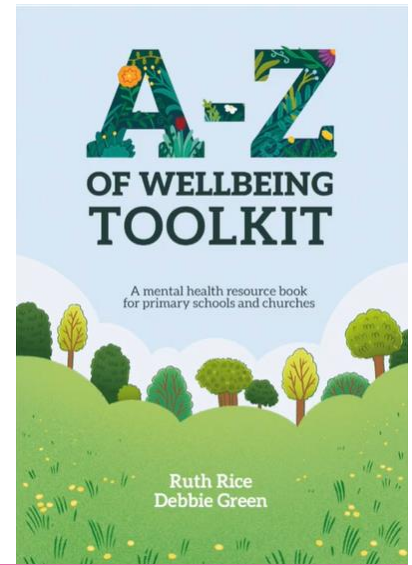
We want local groups and individuals to take part in this huge, new citizen science survey, so we can understand how people and birds interact with greenspaces, and make them better for all those that use them. With the right evidence, we can work out how best to integrate management to benefit both birds and people in our urban areas.”

Schools who participate in the pilot will be helping to shape the development of the project, particularly relating to the way other schools can become involved from 2026.

A-Z of Wellbeing for Children and A-Z of wellbeing toolkit

A mental health resource book for primary schools and churches. The book is filled with ideas that can form lessons, assemblies and group sessions about wellbeing but with a Christian perspective.

To learn more about the resource please click [here](#). The books are on offer for £20 until the end of May and can be ordered by following this link [Books – Renew Wellbeing](#)



Children's wellbeing and schools Bill; a long read made short(er)

This Bill is making its way through parliament. If passed in its current form, school and academy leaders will need to make some changes. Our May edition of 'Long read made short(er)' covers Part 2 of this Bill which relates to schools. The document, along with a link to the Bill, is attached to your Weekly Comms email.

Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

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Make provision about the safeguarding and welfare of children; about support for children in care or leaving care; about regulation of care workers; about regulation of establishments and agencies under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000; about employment of children; about breakfast club provision and school uniform; about attendance of children at school; about regulation of independent educational institutions; about inspections of schools and colleges; about teacher misconduct; about Academies and teachers at Academies; repealing section 128 of the Education Act 2002; about school places and admissions; about establishing new schools; and for connected purposes.

Brought from the Commons on 19th March 2025

Helping schools take first steps to decarbonisation

A new animation to help schools take the first steps to lowering their carbon emissions has been launched by the Church of England's Net Zero Programme.

The short 'claymatian' style animation offers tips for schools to help reduce carbon emissions from



their buildings, as well as signposting to regional and national support. [Click the picture to watch.](#)

An updated digital guide has also been created, offering schools simple tips to get started on their net zero carbon journey.

Please share with your local schools! [Read more...](#)



Muslim Learner Services

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Dear colleague

We expect British Muslims to **celebrate Eid-ul-Adha** on Friday, June 6th. This is the festival of sacrifice linked to Abraham (Ibrahim). The festival falls in the middle of the five-day Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca; in fact, many rituals performed by the 2.5 million pilgrims can be traced back to Abraham (Ibrahim).

We are running several essential training sessions this term aimed at Primary RE teaching staff to develop subject knowledge and confidence in teaching about Islam. The sessions are delivered as live webinars and recorded for staff who can't attend the live events.

Friday 23rd May 9.00-10.30: *Islamic stories for Primary schools.*

Monday 2nd June 4-5 pm: *Hajj / Pilgrimage to Mecca & Eid-ul-Adha*

Monday 16 June 4-5 pm: *Diversity within Islam – Sunni & Shi'a*

Register your place on the live webinar or request a video recording and training materials [HERE](#)

All courses are FREE for schools with a CPD subscription—we run 12 different courses each year in return for a small annual fee. Alternatively, you can pay the non-member course fee for the courses you would like to attend / view a recording.

Imran Kotwal – Muslim Learner Services



Muslim Learner Services

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Dear RE advisers/friends

I hope you had a peaceful summer break. I would greatly appreciate it if you could share the valuable training courses I am running this academic year (listed below) with your primary schools. These courses enhance subject knowledge and teacher confidence in teaching Islam.

2024/25 Islam Training Courses for Primary Schools

We will run 12 courses as live webinars (recordings are also available) during the academic year, providing a convenient and accessible way to enhance subject knowledge and teacher confidence in teaching Islam. A link is provided below to book a course / see prices, and for more information.

23rd May 4 pm – The Holy Qur'an

2nd June 4 pm – Hajj / Pilgrimage to Mecca

19th June 4 pm – Diversity in Islam – Sunni & Shi'a

To book a place / see the price list, please click [HERE](#) or copy this link:

<https://zfrmz.com/PqQDypl5mnNEF2qBHCYo>



Thanks

Imran Kotwal

Governors



NGA eLearning

Westmorland and Furness Council are pleased to announce that they will continue to fund free access to the NGA LL eLearning platform for the 2025 – 2026 financial year.



Summer School Census

It's that time again when data needs to be collected/collated which has a direct impact on funding for next year. Click [HERE](#)

for more information and the window opens next week (15th May) and closes on 11th June 2025.



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
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Sustainability Governor Network launched

A new network helping school governors drive environmental action at a strategic level has been launched. Governors for Schools has launched the Sustainability Governor Network, providing essential guidance, resources, and collaboration opportunities.



The network is open and free to all those involved in school governance in England and Wales, whether you're an established sustainability link governor, or it's something you'd like to know more about. Join the network [here](#).



Support for clerks/ Governance Professionals

Westmorland and Furness Council run a Governance Professional/Clerking Cluster, an online group for peer support, information, training and advice.

The final session for this academic year is coming up just after half term.

There is no cost for any clerk/governance professional who would like to attend. The meeting will be held on Thursday, 5 June 2025, 6pm to 7.30pm

Focus areas for this session will be on the chair's role and board succession planning.

You can join the meeting on Teams using Meeting ID: 351 357 532 43
Passcode: 9hoQ3f.



This is one of a number of services offered by W&FC. Cumberland Council offers a similar range of services and support – please see the link [here](#).

Both authorities have agreed to continue to fund the Learning Links section of the National Governance Association for schools for a further year. Please contact your local authority Governance Advisor if you are not sure of your login details – it would be a shame to miss out on the excellent training and support available from the NGA.

New online governor network

Sustainability Governor Network



A new online network for governors with interest in or responsibility for sustainability issues has been launched. The network and its discussions and interactions is being hosted on [LinkedIn](#) so users will need a LinkedIn account/profile.

"This group is proudly managed by Governors for Schools, an education charity, with sponsorship from Deloitte."



Emma Harris ✓ • 2nd

Head of Partnerships and Programmes, STEM Governor Programme Le...

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Welcome to the Sustainability Governor Network!

This group is a hub for anyone passionate about driving climate action in schools through effective governance.

Whether you're an experienced sustainability governor or just beginning to explore leading on sustainability within your school board, this network is here to:

- 📌 Share best practices.
- 🏠 Direct you to valuable training and resources.
- 🌍 Equip you to guide your school towards net zero from a strategic perspective.

"In addition to this online space, we'll host regular virtual networking sessions where you can discover the support available to help you succeed as a governor. Stay tuned for event details, which will be shared here"

Diversity for Governors training
session – All welcome!

Diversity for Governors - Thursday
15th May 2025 - 6:30pm-8pm -
Cartmel Priory School

