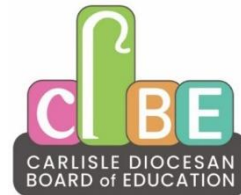


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Reflection:

As in any family, as a family of schools we enjoy lots of joy and hope but equally, from time to time, some sadness and pain.

Following a wonderful celebratory time last week sharing fellowship and happiness at our Annual Conference and Year 6 Leavers Services, this week is one of sorrow.

Please hold our sisters and brothers and the whole community at Holm Cultram Abbey School in your thoughts and prayers as they grieve the sudden death of a much loved member of staff.



Heavenly Father, in this time of sorrow, we turn to you for comfort and strength. Wrap your loving arms around us and grant us your peace. Help us find solace in memories and guide us through this difficult journey.

Amen

NEW THIS WEEK!

**Don't forget to
book your
place!**

Booking will close
on Tuesday 1st July.

Termly

Heads and Clergy Breakfast

Come and join us for breakfast, mutual support and encouragement from others in your role in our diocese.

Wednesday July 9th

8am-10am

only £15 per person

at Junction 36 Meeting Rooms (Damson room)

Speaker: Charlotte Tudway, Director of Education

Booking Link: [Link for Breakfast booking](#)

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Senior Leaders Peer Support Network

Thought for the day from Ruth –

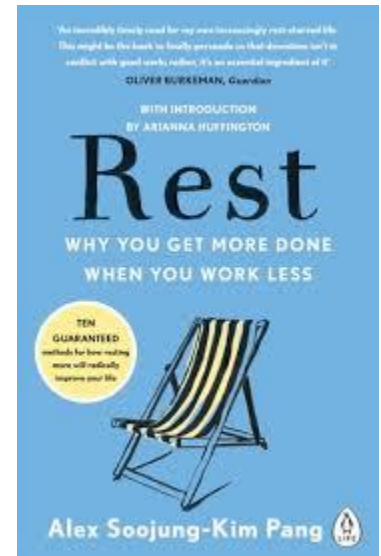
“The better you are at resting, the better you will be at working.” Alex Soojung-Kim Pang

This is just a little reminder to book for our peer support network on Monday 30th June 1.30 – 3pm

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

I hope you can join us, even if it is only just to pop in for part of it, you will be very welcome. Please also encourage other senior leaders to join us.

Ruth



Noor Inayat Khan

Please have a look at the attached article about Noor Inayat Khan by Bennie Kara, and register for Bennie's blog at

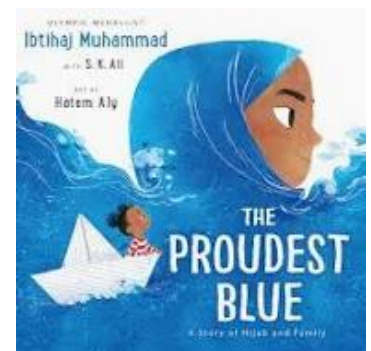
[Subscribe to The Unlearning](#)

Browsing Bookstall

We also had a browsing bookstall at the conference, so that you can see what members of the education team are currently reading. Here is this week's recommendation from Charlotte.

The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family

“A powerful example of the painful ‘othering’ many of our Muslim sisters live with. A brilliant insight into the pride with which our hijabi sisters wear their headscarf. And, wonderful for Muslim pupils to see someone who looks like them represented in printed text. A great addition to any school library.”



Diocesan Conference follow up from the Worship Band!

If you enjoyed the worship songs we shared at the conference you might like to use some of them in your schools.

The Lord's Prayer – [The Lord's Prayer Journey – Faith in the North](#)

King of Me from Sparkle, Pop & Rampage by Rend Collective



Way Maker [Leeland – Way Maker \(Official Live Video\)](#)

Christ be with me [Christ be with me – Prayer of St. Patrick \(with Lyrics\)](#)

The Blessing [Elevation Worship – The Blessing \(Lyrics\) ft. Kari Jobe & Cody Carnes](#)

Free, multi-media Life Exhibition at Kendal Parish Church

You are invited to bring your Year 5 and 6 pupils to the free, multi-media Life Exhibition to be hosted at Kendal Parish Church October 20th–24th 2025.

The Life exhibition is an exciting, multi-media experience designed for primary school children which complements the current non-statutory guidelines for Religious Education in the UK.

Using interactive tablets, graphic panels, quizzes, films, songs and a discussion café, Life helps children learn – in just over an hour – about the story of Jesus and his relevance today.

The exhibition, which is free thanks to the sponsorship of your local churches and Christian charity Counties, is aimed at Upper Key Stage 2 and incorporates aspects of the Locally Agreed Syllabus.

Since its launch in 2006, more than 150,000 children and adults have visited the exhibition with great feed-back from visitors including headteachers, teachers and pupils.

We'd love to welcome you pupils, you can book at an hour slot at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EZCS>

You might want to combine your visit with other activities in Kendal and if you book the 1–2pm slot we can offer you a free history tour of the church, brass rubbing session or introduction to church music and our 3 organs after your visit to the Life Exhibition. Please get in touch when you've booked and we can chat about what extra session you would like.

I have attached a leaflet that gives you more details about the exhibition and this link shows you a short video about the exhibition when it was in Barrow.

<https://youtu.be/CBJJJKvMCE0>

Who's behind the Life exhibition?

The Life exhibition is a project run by Christian charity Counties. Established in 1899, Counties aims to provide churches and schools with resources to make Christianity understandable and accessible in the 21st century. Resources include the popular GSUS Live mobile unit for secondary school children, puppet shows, holiday clubs and camps plus local speakers for assemblies.

For more information visit countiesuk.org



“Teachers of RE all over Britain need dynamic, authentic and exciting ways of enabling pupils to think hard about Christianity. The Life exhibition continues to deliver this for tens of thousands of pupils, connecting Christian communities with school communities.”

Lat Blaylock, RE Adviser, RE Today Services Editor, RE Today magazine

What next?

If you would like your school to visit the Life exhibition when it comes to your area please contact your local organiser who provided this pack.



Counties, 30 Haynes Road, Westbury, Wiltshire BA13 3HD
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lifeexpo.co.uk

Initial contact from
local organiser
to school
(6 months prior)



Schools book to
visit Life
(3-6 months prior)



The Life exhibition



On-going contact
with optional
follow-up sessions
at school

Bring your **RE**
lessons alive with an
exciting **free resource**
for your school

An introduction to the Life exhibition –
for schools



The Life exhibition
The story of Jesus – kids style
lifeexpo.co.uk

Or for more information
on the Life exhibition call
Kevin Baldwin, Life
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on 07968 705623
or email
lifeexpo@countiesuk.org

Be part of the popular
Life exhibition – coming
to your area soon!



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- Save time on planning RE lessons for Years 5 and 6 – the Life exhibition complements a key area of the syllabus.
- No setting up involved – the exhibition will be placed in a local venue off-site by church volunteers.
- Enhance the IT skills of pupils – children will get to use tablets and computer voting during their visit.
- Complement existing teaching within your school – the structured programme enables pupils to use listening, reading and speaking skills.
- Full support – a comprehensive Life Schools Pack will be given to you with lesson plans for before and after the visit, plus a local organiser can offer ongoing support and follow-up.
- Reliable – the exhibition has been developed by Christian charity Counties along with education specialists to encourage children to question, challenge and form their own opinions on the story of Jesus.

“Life is a fantastic experience for the children, thoroughly worthwhile.”
Ann Griffin, headteacher of Whitchurch Primary School, Cardiff

The Life exhibition
– what does it look like?

The Life exhibition is split into 4 areas, each covering different themes about what Christians believe about Jesus.

“Brilliant workshop, children were absorbed in the activities. Really enjoyable and very informative. Feedback forms were fantastic. Thanks to all for a wonderful, well organised activity.”
Yr 5 Teacher, St John's Primary School, Southampton

Introduction

This area welcomes pupils and introduces the themes of the exhibition through a two minute DVD.



Pods

Pupils are given tablets and headphones and encouraged to explore various coloured pods with graphic panels, quizzes and interaction with group leaders. Each pod reflects different aspects of the life of Jesus – his historic and prophetic roots, his teachings and his miracles.



Life giver

Children watch a dramatic film covering the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.



Cafe

An area to relax with a drink and for pupils to take part in an interactive quiz, whilst reflecting on their experience of visiting the Life exhibition.



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



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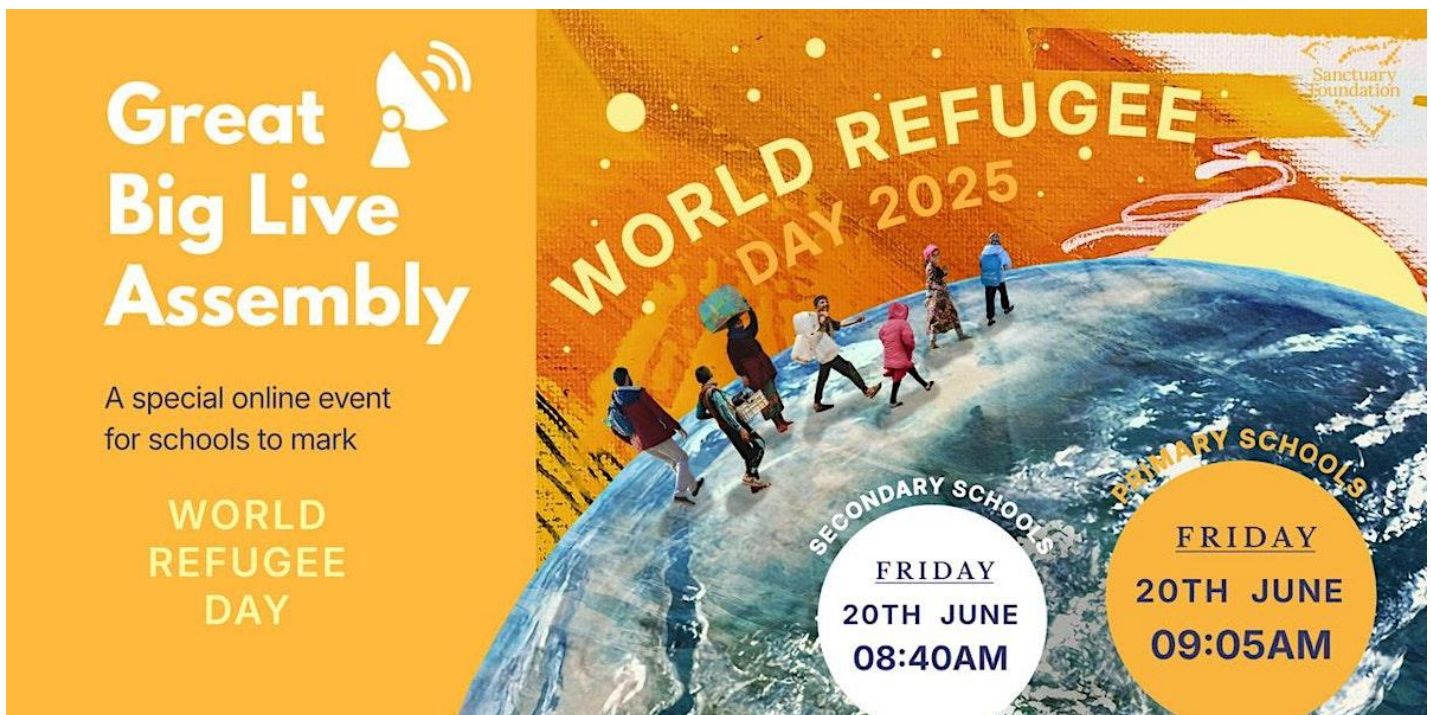
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Partners in World Mission Committee

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](#)

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



Muslim Learner Services

•Assemblies •Workshops •Training

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.



Follow Daily



Care Deeply



Speak Boldly



Tread Gently

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.

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



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

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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+ Follow

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"