Weekly Communication: 4th September 2025



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Reflection:

As we journey together towards 10th October (see below) as a team we'll be picking out a section of the Lord's Prayer to focus on in our weekly communication reflection each week.

"Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven"

As we return to school, after what I hope has been a restful and refreshing summer break for you all, I've chosen this line (which can sometimes be very hard to accept, even for the most fervent and committed Christians).

September is generally a wonderful time in the school year – full of hope and aspiration. I've always found it far more momentous than 1st January. An opportunity for a fresh start and resolutions (usually to have a better work life balance and to take as much exercise as I have during the summer holidays in my case!) Schools are clean and tidy and may smell of fresh paint. Learning walls and books are waiting to be filled. And, crucially, the glue sticks and felt pens all work and the pencils are all sharp!



However, we are aware that many of you have returned to difficult news and that there are pupils and families, staff members or members of the wider community in our family of schools who are suffering or grieving at this time.

As a team, we are holding in our prayers those who are seriously ill, dying, grieving or for whom the summer has been a difficult time for any reason.

If there's anyone in your school community who would welcome our prayers, please let us know.

If you are supporting others through a difficult time and want someone with whom to share your burden or just to talk to confidentially, just get in touch. Remember, you can't pour from an empty cup.

With our love from Charlotte and the whole Education Office Team



Invitation: The Lord's Prayer Journey



Some of you may already have received the invitation to the Collective Moment through Diocese bulletins but as part of the Lord's Prayer Journey, Faith in the North are inviting schools across the North of England to come together in saying the Lord's Prayer on Friday, 10th October 2025.

Faith in the North supports and resources Church and community primary and secondary schools across the North of England through encouraging children and young people to explore the Christian Faith through the stories of the past, particularly the Northern Saints.



We know many of our schools already include the Lord's Prayer in their collective worship, and there is no expectation that you need to do anything different. All you need to do is to find a moment in the school day, either all together or in classrooms and pray the Lord's Prayer together and our hope is that the opportunity to join together will inspire and encourage schools and their students. There's a short video introducing the Lord's Prayer, which schools are welcome to show beforehand as well as wider free resources you could chose to use (see below). Faith in the North would love it if schools could share a photo or short video of their school praying helping us celebrate the day together.

Schools can register their interest

at https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1448951566139/?aff=oddtdtcreator









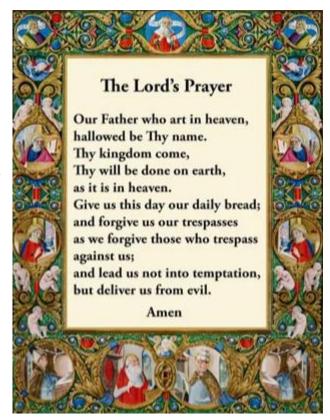
It will also be great to see, for example, if schools could find creative ways to use the Lord's Prayer, to put its words into practice or to see how many languages we can say the Lord's Prayer in across the North?



Resources

The Lord's Prayer Journey includes

- Seven ready-touse Collective Worship sessions tailored for Primary Schools
- Lord's Prayer Symbols: To aid the teaching and memorisation of the Lord's Prayer, <u>Martha Ratcliff</u> <u>Illustration</u> has designed six symbols that correspond to the lines of the Lord's Prayer.
- Lord's Prayer Songs: Two newly released songs for different settings to help teach the prayer.
- Lord's Prayer day: an invitation to join with schools across the North on the 10th October.
- Lord's Prayer Labyrinth: Designed by Prayer Spaces in Schools.
- Further creative engagement ideas: a series of ideas for the classroom or collective worship
- Teacher's Guide: all the information about how to use the resources.



Resources are available here.

Following the <u>Nationwide Consultation on Inter Faith Week</u> and <u>Bursting the Bubble:</u>
<u>Recommendations for enhancing Inter Faith Week in England</u> report, Inter Faith Week 2025 is taking place this year from **Sunday 9th to Sunday 16th November**.

Since the closure of the Inter Faith Network for the UK in April 2024, Inter Faith Week has been organised by a consortium of national inter faith organisations. The group forms the Inter Faith Week steering group for 2025, and have lots of exciting plans to share with you!

The theme for Inter Faith Week 2025 is:









Community: Together we serve.

Serving others, sharing values, building belonging.

Join people and organisations to **celebrate** how faith and belief inspires social action; to experience how **working together** towards a common aim can unite across lines of difference; and to **explore what "community" really means in practice**. The theme is optional, and you can use it in whatever way best makes sense in your own context.

If you are already thinking of hosting an activity, you can find a range of activity ideas on the Inter Faith-Week website. You might also want to look at the Inter Faith-Week Toolkit. From September, the Interfaith-Week for Schools website will also be updated with new resources, trainings, webinars and project ideas to help your school and local community mark IFW this year.

<u>Picture News welcome-back assembly resource</u>

Picture news are sharing a free welcome back assembly resource. To access the free sample please register here - https://picture-news.co.uk/free-sample











Are you an RE teacher with questions about Judaism?

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A chance to ask anything you like...

Open to primary and secondary

teachers who teach Judaism

Why don't all...
What's the difference between...
I don't understand which...

Tues 9th September, 3.45-4.45pm

Any question answered



by Anna Silver, Education Officer

Monthly informal drop in session

(for monthly dates and zoom links email anna.silver@bod.org.uk)

For Zoom link see attached text

Zoom link (not on flyer):

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81931712721?pwd=fjurpbHS5c7leMd8wsQKiBIXL7M8sg.1

Meeting ID: 819 3171 2721

Passcode: 288739









Muslim Learner Services





Dear colleague,

I hope you had a blessed and peaceful summer break!

During 2024/25, we supported a large number of schools, Local Authorities, and Diocesan RE advisers with Islam assemblies, pupil workshops, parent Islam awareness sessions, and staff training. The feedback has been excellent. Schools have already booked visits for Autumn, Spring, and Summer terms in 2025/26.

We would also love to visit your school (either in-person or virtually). Please use the link below to enquire about a visit and to read our wonderful testimonials.

Enquire about a visit https://zfrmz.com/aJbKiqynJlHAK9stSRYO

Read our testimonials
https://muslimlearnerservices.org/testimonials/

Explore our selection of assemblies, workshops, and training sessions.

https://muslimlearnerservices.org/primary-school-visits/

Thanks, Imran Kotwal Muslim Learner Services









New Ofsted Framework



Renewed inspection framework: all state-funded primary schools

Thu, Oct 2, 2025 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM BST

Ofsted will publish its renewed inspection framework in September. This will set out how inspections will be carried

out from November 2025.

Register for this webinar to:

Hear about the changes first hand from Ofsted

Get a clear understanding of the upcoming changes and how they affect you

Have your questions answered.

Places on the session are limited, though the session will be recorded and be available afterwards – good for sharing with colleagues, governors, etc.

Ofsted recommend that those work in a state-funded primary school setting attend this webinar.

They are holding separate webinars for those working in special schools, registered Early Years settings, Secondary and maintained nursery schools. Details <u>here</u>.

Training Schedule

Please note there has been a change to the date of the Admissions in a VA school training session.

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? Get in touch and we can arrange for it to be recorded for you.

You can find a copy of the training schedule <u>here</u>. Booking is quick and easy just click the link and follow the on screen steps.

Any queries then please email Anna - anna.lea@carlislediocese.org.uk









Governor Zone











School admissions

Please make sure that Governors (especially in VA schools) have had chance to discuss and plan for the next round of school admissions arrangements, details of which can be found here.

Determination

All admission authorities must determine their admission arrangements, including their PAN, every year, even if they have not changed from previous years and a consultation has not been required by



28 February in the determination year.

Once admission authorities have determined their admission arrangements, they must notify the appropriate bodies and must publish a copy of the determined arrangements on the school's website or their own website (in the case of a local authority) by 15 March in the determination year and continue displaying them for the whole offer year (the school year in which offers for places are made). Admission authorities must also send a copy of their full, determined arrangements to the local authority as soon as possible before 15 March in the determination year.

Admission authorities for schools designated with a religious character must also send a copy of their

arrangements to the body or person representing their religion or religious denomination.

Consultation

When changes are proposed to admission arrangements, all admission authorities must consult on their admission arrangements (including any supplementary information form) that will apply for admission applications the following school year.

Where the admission arrangements have not changed from the previous year there is no requirement to consult, subject to the requirement that admission authorities must consult on their admission arrangements at least once every 7 years, even if there have been no changes during that period.

Consultation must last for a minimum of 6 weeks and must take place between 1 October and 31 January in the determination year. Admission authorities must consult with:

- a) parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen;
- b) other persons in the relevant area who in the opinion of the admission authority have an interest in the proposed admissions;
- c) all other admission authorities within the relevant area (except that primary schools need not consult secondary schools);
- d) whichever of the governing body and the local authority is not the admission authority;
- e) any adjoining neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority; and
- f) in the case of schools designated with a religious character, the body or person representing the religion or religious denomination.









For the duration of the consultation period, the admission authority must publish a copy of their full proposed admission arrangements (including the proposed PAN) on the school's website or its own website (in the case of a local authority) together with details of where comments may be sent and the areas on which comments are not sought.



Admission authorities must also send, upon request, a copy of the proposed admission arrangements to any of the persons or bodies listed above inviting comment. Failure to consult effectively may be grounds for subsequent complaints and appeals









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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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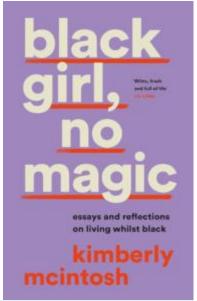
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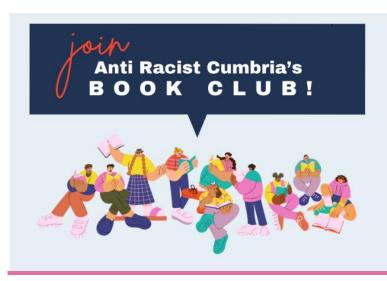
Enjoying our book recommendations

If you are looking for your next read over the summer. Anti Racist Cumbria publish a list of their previously read book club books and their book club short lists which you can find here.

Their most recent book club book was Black Girl, No Magic by Kimberly McIntosh who will be part of a live book club experience at their 2025 summit.

Save the date for the next online book club meet





All are welcome!

2025 dates:

Monday 3rd March

Monday 7th July

Monday 3rd November

Online, 7 - 8.30pm





An invitation to pray the Lord's Prayer together

Dear all

As part of *Faith in the North,* we're inviting schools across the North of England to come together in saying the Lord's Prayer on Friday, 10th October 2025.









Faith in the North supports and resources Church and community primary and secondary schools across the North of England through encouraging children and young people to explore the Christian Faith through the stories of the past, particularly the Northern Saints.

Earlier this year we released our first boxset of free resources, "*The Lord's Prayer Journey*" and as part of this are inviting schools to join together in a collective praying of the Lord's Prayer in their schools at some point during the school day on the 10th October.

Many of you already include the Lord's Prayer in your collective worship, and there is no expectation that you need to do anything different. All you need to do is to find a moment in your school day, either all together or in your classrooms and pray the Lord's Prayer together and our hope is that the opportunity to join together will inspire and encourage you and your students.

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It will also be great to see, for example, if we could find creative ways to use the Lord's Prayer, to put its words into practice or to see how many languages we can say the Lord's Prayer in across the North?

Registering will enable us to share the video and wider resources with you, remind you in the lead up and provide the details for you to share your video/photo with us afterwards

To register your interest in joining in on the day please sign up here

With thanks
Theo Sheridan-Watts
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Dent C of E Voluntary Aided Primary School Laning, Dent, Sedbergh, Cumbria. LA10 5QJ. Tel: 015396 25259 Headteacher: Mr David Prescott

Teaching Head Vacancy

Job Details

Salary: Pts L6-L12 £56,316 - £65,286.









Contract type: Teaching Head 0.6 FTE

NOR: 28

Responsible to: Governing Board

Responsible for: All Staff

Interviews will be held on: 22nd & 23rd September 2025

Dent Church of England Primary School is looking for a leader and colleague who will deliver high standards of academic and personal growth.

While we have many strengths, as seen in our Ofsted and SIAMS inspection reports, we know that we need to build on these solid foundations in order to continue to provide the best all-round education for our pupils.

The school focuses on the holistic development of each child, and we expect to treat everyone with fairness, respect and equality. Each pupil is encouraged to achieve their potential through a supportive family-orientated atmosphere which combines strong learning outcomes with excellent pastoral support.

In particular, we are looking for a headteacher who will:

- 1. Be an inspirational leader who has the management skills to deliver the school's ethos and vision.
- 2. Inspire, motivate and nurture our children.
- 3. Provide an enriched and high-quality, creative curriculum, which expects high standards and enables excellent outcomes for all pupils.
- 4. Promote and enhance the well-being of the staff team, providing opportunities for all to learn and grow to their full potential.
- 5. Further develop relationships with our families and the wider community to encourage their contribution to school life.
- 6. Lead by example, actively modelling and embedding into all areas of school life the seven core Christian values of the school, which are: Wisdom, Trust, Service, Justice, Compassion, Endurance and Forgiveness.
- 7. Be outward looking and work with other schools in the network to share best practice.

You may be looking at this opportunity as either your next headship or your first. Regardless of where you are in your leadership career, we will ensure you have access to support from the Governing Board, the Diocese and Westmorland & Furness Council to help you succeed as our new headteacher.









We can offer:

- 1. A "Good" school as rated by Ofsted.
- 2. Happy and enthusiastic children who thrive in a creative, caring and exciting learning environment.
- 3. An ambitious, exciting curriculum that aims to give every pupil a lifelong love of learning and offers them enriching opportunities to discover their unique talents.
- 4. Well-equipped school premises, multifunctional outdoor area and large playing field.
- 5. Significant levels of support from both experienced staff and a committed Governing Board.
- 6. A warm friendly school which has a tradition of treating everyone with kindness and respect.
- 7. Strong financial support from community groups and widespread voluntary help from members of the community.
- 8. The opportunity to work in the The Yorkshire Dales National Park, close to the Lake District.

If you have the experience, passion and drive to make a difference for our children and their families we would be delighted to hear from you.

The school is committed to the safeguarding of its pupils and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be appointed on completion of an enhanced DBS check and receipt of professional references.

Application packs with further details can be obtained from the school office via clerk@dent.cumbria.sch.uk

Covering letter (to be no more than two sides of A4) and Application should be sent to clerk@dent.cumbria.sch.uk. Closing date for applications is Friday 5th September 2025 at 12noon.

Interviews will be held in school on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd September 2025.

If you would like to arrange a visit, please telephone our school office on 015396 25259 mornings only or leave a message and we will call you back.















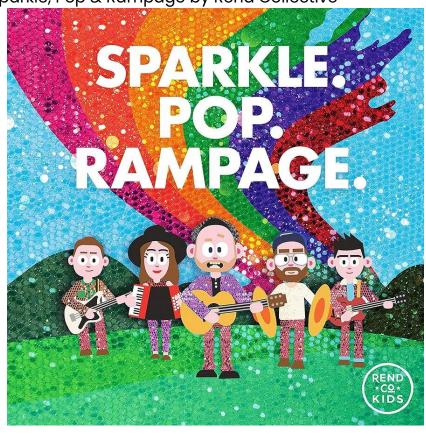




<u>Diocesan Conference follow up from the Worship Band!</u>

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 - <u>The Lord's Prayer Journey - Faith in the North</u> King of Me from Sparkle, Pop & Rampage by Rend Collective



Way Maker <u>Leeland - Way Maker (Official Live Video)</u>
Christ be with me <u>Christ be with me - Prayer of St. Patrick (with Lyrics)</u>
The Blessing <u>Elevation Worship - The Blessing (Lyrics)</u> 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 scho 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







66 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. 77

Initial contact from local organiser to school



Schools book to

The Life exhibition

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

Bring your RE

for your school

lessons alive with an exciting free resource



An introduction to the Life exhibition for schools

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



nes Road, Westbury, Wiltshire BA13 3HD lifeexpo.co.uk

on the Life exhibition call Kevin Baldwin, Life exhibition co-ordinator,





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

The Life exhibition

themes about what Christians believe about Jesus.

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.
- pport 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

Introduction

- what does it look like?

The Life exhibition is split into 4 areas, each covering different

66 Brilliant workshop, children were

absorbed in the activities. Really enjo and very informative. Feedback form were fantastic. Thanks to all for a

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



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 mirades.



Life giver

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





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.













