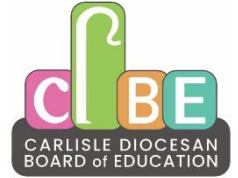


# Weekly Communication: 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026



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If someone has forwarded this communication to you and you would like to be added to the distribution list to receive one every week, please email: [charlotte.tudway@carlisle-diocese.org.uk](mailto:charlotte.tudway@carlisle-diocese.org.uk)

## Reflection:

This week, I have had many conversations about the Schools White Paper, in particular, about inclusion and how we ensure that pupils with SEND are flourishing, ahead of a meeting with national colleagues and the Minister for School Standards, Georgia Gould earlier today.

Then I happened upon these words from Proverbs which seem like a wonderful summary of the amazing work you all do for our most vulnerable pupils and their families. You don't just teach them, you advocate for them and support them in so many ways.

You showed up with love. That's the work that matters.

Thank you,

*Charlotte*

### **Proverbs 31:**

*Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,  
for the rights of all who are destitute.*

*Speak up and judge fairly;  
defend the rights of the poor and needy.*



# NEW THIS WEEK!

**Booking now open**

## #HOPE

### Annual Conference for School Leaders 2026

with special guests including:

**Marc Rowland**

Champion in improving outcomes  
for disadvantaged learners

**Bob Bowie**

Prof of Religion and Worldviews  
Education and Director of NICER

**Our Friends From**

Growing Faith Foundation,  
Anti Racist Cumbria,  
KICK: transforming lives



10 June  
2026

9am-  
4:30pm

North Lakes Hotel  
& Spa, Penrith

**BOOK HERE**



# RE Statement of Entitlement

The NSE (National Society Education) have recently updated the RE Statement of Entitlement. The 2026 RE Statement of Entitlement, alongside the existing statement, can be found here: [Curriculum: religious education – National Society for Education](#)

The 2026 Statement of Entitlement comes into effect from September 2026 for SIAMS Inspections.

The team will be unpacking the changes over the next few months during training and school visits. However, the key message from us though is – there are no major changes so RE practice in your school should not look too different.

If anyone has any questions, please contact Laura on [laura.watson@carlisle-diocese.org.uk](mailto:laura.watson@carlisle-diocese.org.uk)



## Judaism Questions

### Are you an RE teacher with questions about Judaism?

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...



**Mon 9th March 2026, 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](mailto:anna.silver@bod.org.uk))

For Zoom link see attached text

Monthly Q&A drop in session online - Any teacher who teaches about Judaism is welcome and no question is a silly one!

Please pass this onto any relevant colleagues.

Next date: Monday March 9th 2026, 3.45-4.45pm

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89949939548?pwd=he3lvqOgCcndJVMxqihacSu3oqDFYo.1>

Meeting ID: 899 4993 9548

Passcode: 084640

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## SEND REFORM

Putting children and young people first



The DfE has published its schools white paper, *Every Child Achieving and Thriving*. This sets out plans and proposals, and nothing has changed yet. It is not statutory guidance, and there have been no changes to current legislation.

The DfE also launched a consultation on SEND reform. You can find the consultation [here](#). The deadline to respond is Monday 18 May 2026.

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## **Leavers Service bookings are now open**

This year we will be holding services in Carlisle Cathedral and in Kendal Parish Church but also offering a full day option that will include activities as well as the leavers' service.

Please use the links below to book your preferred service.

Carlisle services – <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GBXK>

Kendal services – <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GBXL>



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## **Picture News Special Resource**

With the recent news about the Middle East, Picture News has created a special resource for you to use. You will find the resource attached to the email that delivers the Weekly Communication.

*This story should be shared in a calm, factual and reassuring way. Avoid graphic details, images of conflict or political debate. Emphasise that the events are complex, happening far away, and that many adults and organisations are working towards safety and peaceful solutions. Provide reassurance to pupils and allow space for questions, as some children may have personal connections to the region.*

**What's happening  
in the news?**



**Let's have a look at the poster**

**Middle East**



## **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? 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 please email Anna – [anna.lea@carlisle-diocese.org.uk](mailto:anna.lea@carlisle-diocese.org.uk)



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# Governor Zone



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## Lent Resources



### Generosity starts small...

With their natural energy and big heartedness, 40acts comes alive when children are part of the journey.

This Lent, we are delighted to release a range of creative, faith-filled resources that help children engage daily with generosity and gladness.

**Access the children's resources**

**Our 2026 children's resource partners:**



## The Royal Mint Museum: short story competition 2026



The competition is open to children aged 7 to 11.

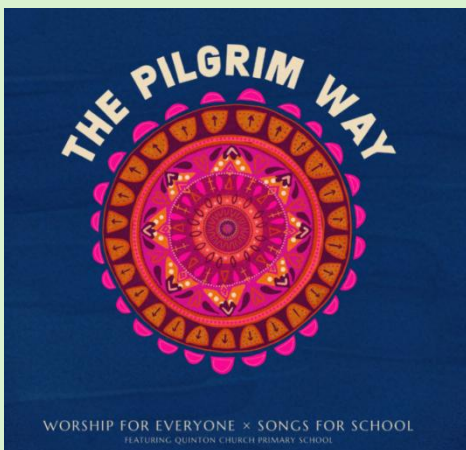
Students are invited to submit a story of no more than 500 words based on Gold. From buried treasure to secret vaults filled with gold bars and coin hoards, we are asking students to engage their imagination and write about glistening gold.



THE ROYAL MINT<sup>®</sup>  
MUSEUM

More inspiration and information is contained on [this website](#).

## New Music Resource for Schools Explores the Journey of Pilgrimage



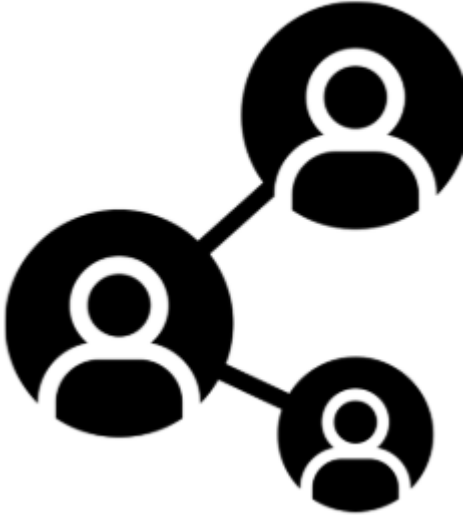
Nick and Becky Drake, the creative duo behind Songs for School, are set to release a new music resource for schools and churches exploring the theme of pilgrimage. The Pilgrim Way is a joyful, accessible song designed especially for young voices, encouraging reflection on life as a shared journey of faith. The song will be available to listen to on all major streaming platforms from 27 February.

More information is [here](#).



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## **Senior Leadership Peer Support Network timings 26-27**



Ruth is wondering whether the current timings of the network suit you.

The networks are currently run during the school day. Please could you use the link below to indicate whether an after school option would be better for you or whether you would prefer the network to continue to be held during the school day.

[Senior Leadership PSN timings 26-27 – Fill in form](#) – Only one question!

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## **Get Free Christian Books for Your Community!**

Speaking Volumes offers grants for free Christian books to schools, libraries, churches, hospices, prisons, and other community organisations. If you want to share faith-based literature and

make a lasting impact, apply for a grant today! Thanks to our streamlined process and exclusive partnership with Eden Books, recipients receive books quickly and hassle-free. Plus, if a local Christian bookshop has helped with your application, you can refer them when you apply, ensuring they receive a £75 referral fee as a thank-you for their support. Don't miss this opportunity—the grant application period closes on May 1st.



It is essential that you read our [guidelines](#) and our [privacy policy](#). When you are certain you understand and can agree to the conditions, proceed to complete your online application form. To do this you will need to create an account and log in and continue to follow instructions.

[APPLY NOW](#) and help bring life-changing Christian books to those who need them most!

### **Grants open 2nd March until 30th March 2026**

- Successful applicants will be notified by Speaking Volumes in mid-April, after Easter.
- Granted book vouchers will need to be spent before the end of May.

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## **Picture News – Pupil-led Worship Training for pupils in KS2**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 1.15–2pm

This 45-minute session for pupils will cover how to host Picture News worship sessions. We'll include how to plan, step up to the role of a leader, and share top tips for presenting.

All attendees will receive a comprehensive pack for all future 'Picture News Pioneers'.

Suitable for: KS2 pupils who would like to lead Picture News worship in school, their teachers, TAs and SLT.

[Register here](#)

Access code: PLWN43



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## **Hindu Civilisation Exhibition**

There are some wonderful opportunities for RE and Hindu Dharma at Tullie at the end of March. This is a collaboration between the Cumbria Hindu Association, Cumbrian SACRE and Tullie in conjunction with Insight. See attached flyers below.

[Darshana: Nationwide tour of the Hindu Civilisation Exhibition - INSIGHT UK](#)

Sunday 22nd March, drop in 11-4pm - Public event no need to book. 11am there will be an inauguration by members of the Hindu community. Families welcome, with Hindu themed make and create. (free)  
Do share with your families nearer the time

Weds 25th/Thurs 26th - school visits - 45 minute school sessions (free)

- School booking - <https://tulliehouse.digitickets.co.uk/event-tickets/74591?catID=34556>

Thurs 26th March - drop-in teacher CPD (free), between 3.30pm - 5.30pm - perfect for RE staff development!

- Teacher CPD - <https://tulliehouse.digitickets.co.uk/event-tickets/74588?catID=34556>
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 : **TULLIE, CASTLE STREET, CARLISLE, CA3 8TP**

 : **WED 25<sup>th</sup> & THU 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

 : **9:00 AM to 3:30 PM**

45 minute hosted sessions for schools (max 40 pupils)

**Booking essential – Free of charge**



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