

INTER FAITH WEEK FOR SCHOOLS

8-15 November 2026



Lighting the way for a Shared Future



SACREs: Support schools to take part!

Why it matters

Interfaith and interbelief dialogue helps young people listen with curiosity, encounter different perspectives and build respectful relationships across difference.

SACREs can champion this work locally, encouraging and supporting schools in their area to take part.

Benefits for SACREs

- Strengthens high-quality RE through lived faith and belief perspectives
- Builds links between schools, communities and local faith and belief groups
- Supports respectful dialogue, belonging and community cohesion
- Creates useful insight about RE and interfaith activity locally

The 2026 theme

LIGHTING THE WAY FOR A SHARED FUTURE

Light can represent hope, guidance, welcome and understanding across many faiths, beliefs and traditions. The theme asks: What helps us understand one another? How can we each bring light to a shared future?

What can SACREs do?

1 Put dialogue on the agenda

Include an interbelief dialogue activity and model an activity from the schools' PowerPoint. For example, members could share an example of light they have noticed or used recently, or add keywords to a worksheet during the meeting.

4 Attend the free webinars

Find free webinar dates, resources and ideas for schools at www.ifw4schools.co.uk.

2 Explore your curriculum or syllabus

Check where 'Lighting the way for a shared future' and interbelief dialogue are particularly relevant in your local curriculum or agreed syllabus materials.

5 Promote the poetry competition

Encourage schools to take part and ask them to send you copies of their poems, which could be featured in future SACRE newsletters.

3 Run an online event, assembly or collective worship activity

Bring schools together during Inter Faith Week for an online assembly, collective worship or dialogue activity, or local event.

6 Find out what schools are doing

Include or compose a short online survey to identify whether schools are taking part and, if not, what the barriers are. Share useful data with the Faith & Belief Forum; it can also support annual reporting on RE provision.

Resources, webinars and ideas

www.ifw4schools.co.uk

If you do anything for Inter Faith Week in your SACRE meetings, please take photos and send them to sarah.march@faithbeliefforum.org