

INTER FAITH WEEK FOR SCHOOLS

8-15 November 2026



Lighting The Way For A Shared Future



Schools:

Why it is important to take part

In a world where understanding, kindness and cooperation across different faiths, beliefs and cultures are more important than ever, Inter Faith Week gives pupils space to listen, ask questions and learn from one another.

By celebrating our shared humanity while valuing our differences, schools can help young people grow in confidence, compassion, curiosity and hope.

Benefits for schools

- Helps every pupil feel seen, respected and valued
- Builds curiosity, empathy and meaningful dialogue
- Supports confidence, belonging and social and emotional development
- Strengthens school values, ethos and community relationships
- Enriches Religious Education and wider personal development

The 2026 theme

LIGHTING THE WAY FOR A SHARED FUTURE

Drawing on the symbolism of light across faiths and traditions, and inspired by Diwali on the opening day of Inter Faith Week, the theme celebrates the belief that, even in challenging times, communities can come together to build understanding, trust and friendship.

How can schools take part?

1 Use the 2026 resources

Explore our curated selection of classroom resources linked to the theme, ready to support Inter Faith Week learning and dialogue.

[Find out more](#)

2 Join the free webinars

Take part in webinars for education professionals and others interested in the role of education in social cohesion.

[Find out more](#)

3 Enter the poetry competition

Invite pupils to reflect deeply on "Lighting the way for a shared future" through our Inter Faith Week Poetry Competition.

[Find out more](#)

4 Use last year's anthology

Use the Poetry Anthology: KS1-KS4 Resource for inspiration, discussion and examples of pupils exploring faith, belief and worldview through poetry.

[Find out more](#)

5 Share your story

Send us stories and images of what your school does during the week so we can celebrate and share your work with others.

6 Create dialogue in school

Use assemblies, collective worship, classroom activities, poetry, discussion and local partnerships to explore identity, difference, shared values, kindness and mutual understanding.

Resources, webinars and ideas

www.ifw4schools.co.uk

Share stories and images of your Inter Faith Week activities with us:

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