

Newsletter – JUNE 2025

**New CPD programme and Partnership Agreement for 2025/2026**



Headteachers, governors, CW and RE leads have been sent the new CPD programme and partnership agreement for next academic year. Please read this carefully and consider the support you need.

Tracey will contact all schools who have signed up to the partnership agreement to discuss how to utilise their day of support and learn how to make best use of the online training platform. This platform will be accessible from the middle of August 2025.

Please email [Tracey](#) with any questions.

The link to the partnership agreement 2025/2026 is [HERE](#)

**AYLA Inclusive Leadership Course**

There is a new KS2 offer from Archbishops' Young Leaders Award (AYLA) launching in September. It will enhance pupils' leadership journey and support schools further to create a **culture of justice and responsibility**.

Unit topics and much-loved central character Archie remain, but a brand-new design threads through the resource, with a wide range of new activities organised under the headings **Spark, Discover, Act** to help explore our local, national and global communities.

For more information, see the link [HERE](#)



**Flourishing for All: Anti Bullying Guidance**

The National Society for Education updated its Anti Bullying Guidance earlier this year. Leicester DBE has written a preface to these documents with the hope that it will bring further clarity and support for school staff. It can be downloaded from the DBE website [HERE](#).

Please can you ensure all your staff are provided with these links.

**The Bible Society – Free resources**

The Bible Society have a wide range of free-to-download education resources available on their website [HERE](#). These include those for [KS1](#), [KS2](#), [KS3](#) and [GCSE](#), as well as [Teachers' Guides](#).





### Climate Ambassadors

Climate Ambassadors are volunteers providing free support to educational settings to develop and deliver impactful Climate Action Plans. The plans cover 4 themes: Decarbonisation Adaptation & Resilience, Nature & Biodiversity, Climate Education, and Green Skills.

You don't need to be an expert - you can focus your time working on things that align with your passion and experience - as you will be provided with training and development.

You can give as little or as much of your time as you wish, but you should be willing to build a meaningful connection with the community at the education setting or settings you are linked to.

The project is funded by the DfE as part of its Sustainability & Climate Change Strategy which states all education settings in England are expected to have a designated sustainability lead and a climate action plan by 2025.

#### Why become a Climate Ambassador?

- Tackle real-world sustainability and climate challenges.
- Inspire meaningful change in your community.
- Develop your own skills and knowledge.
- Share your passion to inspire the next generation.

If you want to know more, register [HERE](#) for an online session on 03 July, 16:30 – 17:30.

### Centenary of the Diocese of Leicester

In 2026, we are celebrating 100 years since the formation of the Diocese of Leicester. This will be marked by a range of services and events. The intention is to reflect and think about what a diocese means and for schools, what community and being part of a church school family means.



Tracey will be sending collective worship resources to all schools in the autumn term and will be working with Matt Long (Diocesan Intergenerational Enabler) to provide a listening exercise around the theme of community. Feedback will be compiled by the DBE and Martyn Snow, Bishop of Leicester, will respond by means of a video that will be shared with participating schools.

The listening exercise will include an activity to create a project based on the theme of community. Schools' creations will be displayed either physically or digitally in Leicester Cathedral in the spring term of 2026.



National Association of Teachers  
of Religious Education

### Spirited Arts Project

Leicester Diocese has partnered with the Spirited Arts Project by NATRE.

This competition runs until the end of the 2024-2025 academic year and has a community question within the options this year, so it links well with

Diocesan Centenary theme of community. If pupils choose the community theme for the spirited arts project, please do send copies of their projects to us so that they can be included in the DBE Centenary Competition.

### SIAMS inspection list for 2025/2026 academic year

Schools due a SIAMS inspection next academic year can be viewed [HERE](#)



Schools on the list have already been contacted by Tracey Manns and offered support. We also provide SIAMS training sessions – details are on our website [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please email Tracey at [tracey.manns@leicesterdbbe.org](mailto:tracey.manns@leicesterdbbe.org)

### Vacancy for Diocesan Leading RE Teacher

The DBE is looking for someone to lead the Northeast Leicestershire RE network. This involves running a termly network session with other RE teachers locally, either online or in person. It is an important role that ensures RE teachers are well supported and high quality RE is being taught across the diocese.

The role is voluntary but gives the leading RE teacher all the below:

- Check ins with a national RE adviser for RE updates
- Network with a small group of other leading RE teachers
- Free RE development training sessions
- Opportunity to mentor new RE leads
- Opportunities for other professional development



For more information, please contact Tracey at [tracey.manns@leicesterdbbe.org](mailto:tracey.manns@leicesterdbbe.org)

Interested candidates should email Tracey with a short paper outlining their suitability for the role. Deadline is **27 June 2025**.

**Do remember to visit our [website](#) for lots of useful information and guidance.**