MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 JUNE 2026

Members (19)

Group A*:*

Dr Bernard Arambepola, *Hasan Boluceh,* Nick Chanda*,* Rabbi Emanuel Levy*, Cantor Rachel Weston,* Marina Robb*, Kaj Seth,* Mohammad Tariq Sediq, Muneerah Ali, Panos Fellas, Andrew Frost (**Vacancies x 8)**

Members (6)

Group B

Father Vince Sheehan, (Vice Chair), Reverend Alison Phillips, Reverend Kathryn Twining, Reverend Chris Bolster

(Vacancies 2)

Members (8)

Group C

Caroline McGivern*,* Josh Newham, *Rachel Knightley, Suzanne Rowson*, Ozlem Onay (***Vacancies x 3)***

Members (6)

Group D*:*

Cllr Emma Supple (Chair), *Cllr Pat Gregory, Cllr Nawshad Ali*, Cllr Suna Hurman, *Peter Nathan*, Lucy Nutt

(0 vacancies)

Italics denotes absence

Also Attending/invited

Julia Diamond-Conway – RE Advisor (RE Today)
Felicia Ferraro – Enfield SACRE Advisory Clerk

The meeting was held at St Demetrios Church, Edmonton and Father Nikodemos was thanked for hosting the meeting. Marina Robb was also thanked for helping the Clerk to co-ordinate the venue and providing the wonderful refreshments which was welcomed and enjoyed by all members.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

NOTED apologies of absence had been received from:

- Suzanne Rowson
- Kaj Seth

- Cllr Nawshad Ali
- Rachel Knightley (the Clerk received an apology by email during the meeting)

RESOLVED to agree to the above absences.

NOTED that no apology of absence was received from:

- Hasan Boluceh
- Cantor Rachel Weston
- Cllr Pat Gregory

The Enfield SACRE recognised the importance of members' attendance at meetings to ensure that the essential work of the SACRE is completed effectively. If individual members find it difficult to attend meetings, they may wish to consider whether an alternative member of their community would be able to take on the role. Please remember to provide apology of absence to Felicia Ferraro, the Clerk if you cannot attend a meeting.

2. MEMBERSHIP AND WELCOME

The Chair welcomed members, observers and new Councillors to the meeting.

Gulay Dalkilic was not in attendance but was going to be representing Alevism as per Hasan Bolucek's email request to the Clerk as an observer.

On behalf of SACRE Cllr Emma Supple was congratulated and applauded in her recent successful and well-deserved appointment as Mayor of Enfield. For those members who arrived early, a tour of the Church took place which was welcomed.

For the benefit of new members of SACRE, the Chair asked for introductions.

(a) Appointments

(i) Church of England – Group B

NOTED that the following new members from Group B Church of England were welcomed to the meeting.

- Reverend Alison Phillips
- Reverend Kathryn Twining
  Clerk's note: (Reverend Kathryn Twining joined the meeting later and provided apologies of lateness)
- Reverend Chris Bolster

RESOLVED to appoint the above members with immediate effect to Group B Church of England and a SACRE induction pack be forwarded to new members and access to Governorhub be granted.

ACTION: CLERK

(ii) <u>New Councillors – Group D (LA)</u>

REPORTED that the Chair welcomed and confirmed details of new Councillors to the above membership group as follows:

- Cllr Pat Gregory (non-attendance)
- Cllr Nawshad Ali (provided apologies via email)
- Cllr Suna Hurman (in attendance, and provided apologies for lateness)

NOTED that Cllr Reece Fox, Cllr Doris Jiagge and Cllr Mahym Bedekova were no longer Councillors of SACRE.

(b) <u>Resignations</u>

NOTED the following resignations:

- Jennifer Barton, Group C, Teacher representative as of 11 March 2026
- Judith Tomioka, Group B, Church of England representative as of 4 June 2026.
- Parag Kapoor, Group C, Teacher Representative as of 5 June 2026.

The membership details had been amended by the Clerk to reflect the resignations received.

Members above had all shared warmest good wishes to SACRE and thanked everyone for their essential work. Members wished Judith Tomioka, Jennifer Barton and Parag Kapoor all the very best in the future and provided a special vote of thanks for their time, commitment and support to SACRE.

(c) <u>Non-Attendance</u>

NOTED

(a) that if a member was absent for three or more consecutive meetings for any reason not acceptable to the Council, there would be deemed to be a vacated place to be filled by the appointing body for that member. The Chair reminded members that the constitution stated that a letter of attendance needed to be sent out by the Clerk on behalf of the Chair of SACRE when more than 3 consecutive meetings had been missed with no apology of absence being provided by the Clerk/Chair. Members were made aware that this letter was going to be sent out to the relevant members by the Clerk.

In addition, if members were not able to commit to SACRE, and had not attended 3 or more meetings, they were deemed to step down. They would be asked or confirm their appointment or recommend another representative from the group.

RESOLVED that the Clerk continue to check non-attendance and raise any concerns with the Chair and at SACRE meetings. Relevant email to be sent to member regarding attendance when appropriate.

ACTION: CLERK

(d) Vacancies

(i) Members

NOTED the number of vacancies on SACRE, at present as below. See membership details which were attached with the agenda and supporting meeting documentation emailed by the Clerk for the 9 June 2026 meeting and available on Governorhub. See below summary extract:

- Group A – 8 vacancies (Membership 19)
- Group B – originally 5 vacancies (Membership 6) reduced to 2 vacancies following the appointment of the 3 new members as agreed at the meeting.
- Group C – 3 vacancies (Membership 8)
- Group D – no vacancies (Membership 6)

RESOLVED that the appointment of new members where vacancies are applicable continue to be pursued. It had been discussed and agreed at the previous meetings that a more personal approach was required to fill the aforementioned vacancies and all members were asked to consider what they could do collaboratively to progress the difficulty in appointments.

ONGOING ACTION: ALL MEMBERS/CLERK

(e) Other Updates

NOTED that Cantor Rachel Weston had replaced Rabi Danny Newman – Group A, as of 15 March 2026. Rabbi Danny Rich had emailed the Clerk to advise of the change.

RESOLVED that Cantor Rachel Weston be contacted by the Clerk as registration on Governorhub had yet to be completed and check documentation received. **The Clerk emailed the following day.**

ACTION: CLERK

3. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2026

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 February 2026, were **agreed** as a correct record subject to ***the spelling of Josh Newham being corrected under item 1 apologies received and the spelling of Ozlem Onay to be amended from the action page.***

RESOLVED that the agreed Minutes be uploaded onto the SACRE website and signed electronically as agreed on Governorhub by the Clerk. *Website log in details at the end to be removed for the public domain copy.*

ACTION: CLERK

It was agreed that a new picture of the SACRE members be taken after the meeting in order for it to be added onto the SACRE website welcome page. Pictures were kindly taken by Nick. Who shared the photographs with the Clerk the following day.
The Chair thanked the Clerk for updating the website and removing all the old content. Members were all encouraged to look at the website and provide any suggestions to the Clerk.

The Chair kindly reviewed the summary actions and the Clerk added that notes in bold had been added against some of the relevant action for easy reference, which members found helpful.

RESOLVED that members who had not already registered on Governorhub to do so asap and contact the Clerk, Felicia Ferraro if they had any issues or difficulties.
A link to Governorhub was emailed to all members for easy access to the site.

URGENT IMPORTANT ACTION: MEMBERS WHO HAD NOT SIGNED UP TO GOVERNORHUB

All other actions had been duly completed as outlined above and there were no other matters arising that were not already being covered on the agenda.

4. FAITH AND FORUM GROUP

NOTED that Julia Diamond-Conway provided the following update to members.

(a) Julia had attended the Faith and Belief Forum meeting, where the theme for Inter Faith Week was agreed as "Shining a Light". **Following discussion and interest,** information about Inter Faith Week would be published approximately two months earlier than previous years to help support and guide Schools with planning.
(b) a further meeting with the Multi-Faith Forum was scheduled for 23 June 2026, where details were going to be finalised, including proposed activities and the poetry competition. It was suggested for information to be shared through a bulletin emailed to Schools, with a follow-up reminder email being sent later in September 2026. Lucy Nutt offered to help prepare the information and the Clerk was able to email the Schools. Nick Chanda was a member of the Multi-Faith Forum and attended the meetings. Tariq Sediq also had a colleague who was a member and attended the forum. **In response to a question,** Lucy Nutt advised that the link Multi-Faith contact at the LA was Debbie Gates.
(c) Reverend Alison Phillips noted that as well as Anti-Bullying, Inter Faith Week also clashed with Remembrance Week. Julia explained that the national dates were long-standing and aligned with Inter Faith Week in Scotland. Members shared their views and concerns, and

the Chair thanked everyone for their honest contributions and summarised some of the points raised.

RESOLVED that Julia share information with Lucy Nutt and the Clerk as soon as it became available, so that it could be emailed out to all the Schools and a follow up email be sent again in September 2026. It was also suggested and agreed for a survey of questions to be sent to Schools asking them whether they were going to engage in the Inter Faith Week, so that more targeted support could be provided to Schools.

ACTION: JULIA DIAMOND-CONWAY/LUCY NUTT/CLERK

5. RE NATIONAL CURRICULUM

REPORTED that Julia advised that unfortunately there was no further update to share with members since the last meeting. Hopefully an update would be available later in the next Autumn term meeting.

RESOLVED that an update on the RE National Curriculum be shared at the next meeting when hopefully more information was available to discuss.

ACTION: JULIA DIAMOND-CONWAY/CLERK

6. UPDATE FROM SACRE RE ADVISOR

RECEIVED a Summer term 2026 National RE update from RE Today, that was forwarded from Julia Diamond-Conway to the Clerk, which included comprehensive details on RE CPD, networking opportunities and RE resources.

Julia kindly guided members through each heading item and extracted specific areas of interest and information.

The following items arose out of discussion, interest and questions/level of challenge.

New-style Ofsted reports: what do they say about religious education?

Nikki McGee from the NATRE executive committee has reported on the mentions of RE in the first 160 new-style Ofsted reports. She concludes that around half of reports on schools without a religious character refer to teaching of religious beliefs or faiths. This suggests that RE is no longer as overlooked as it has been.

Number of new-style Ofsted reports up to 16th February 2026		Explicit mentions of RE	
Primary	118	58	49%
Secondary	39	17	44%
Cross Phase	3	1	33%
Total	160	77	48%

Very few references appeared under the curriculum and teaching heading of the reports. Most of these references were under the personal development and wellbeing section.

Some references were made to pupils lacking sufficient knowledge or being unable to recall what they had been taught. Overall, half of reports of schools rated 'strong standard' (the second from top grade on new Ofsted reports) for personal development and wellbeing include explicit teaching about faith or religious beliefs.

- It is encouraging that new reports recognise the important contribution of RE in preparing pupils for life
- It is concerning that the lack of focus on RE as a rigorous curriculum subject with its own distinctive knowledge and disciplinary approaches might lead to schools diluting the academic depth of the subject and absorb it into broader pastoral or values-based provision.

Read Nikki's full report for NATRE here: https://natre.org.uk/news/what-are-the-new-style-ofsted-reports-saying-about-religious-education/

National Policy Paper: Building a Cohesive Society

The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government have published a policy paper: Protecting What Matters: Towards a more confident, cohesive, and resilient United Kingdom. The paper sets out a cross-government strategy to strengthen social cohesion, resilience and public confidence. It aims to do this in a range of ways, including by:

- reinforcing shared values and local pride
- investing in places and grassroots projects
- improving prevention and early intervention to reduce hate, extremism and social division
- using the Online Safety Act to curb harmful online content and algorithms
- enhancing local-central partnership and protections for vulnerable groups.

The paper mentions the place of RE in helping young people to understand how shared values shape the UK, and the role of SACREs in celebrating faith and belief communities and their role in community cohesion.

Jerusalem Trust Summer Funding Round 2026 Now Open

The Jerusalem Trust's Small Grants to Schools Scheme supports the teaching of Christianity within Religious Education. The scheme operates by providing schools with grants of up to £600 to purchase Christianity resources for use in RE lessons.

The scheme is open to state-funded schools in England and Wales.

Secondary school grants are currently still available this summer term. Schools should read the FAQs and the application criteria prior to submitting their funding request which can be accessed at www.regrants.org.uk . Primary school grants are no longer open for summer term due to high demand.

The NASACRE Conference and AGM

This year's conference theme is: *SACREs – bringing communities together*, the conference and AGM will be held in Liverpool on Monday 18th May. Keynote speeches will be given by Carrie Alderton, CEO of the Faith and

Belief forum and Vanessa Ogden. In addition to the main conference programme on 18th May, there will be eight helpful online workshops in the week commencing 1st June.
To find out more and book a spot, please use this link: https://nasacre.org.uk/conference-and-agm/

Westhill/NASACRE Awards

The next round of these awards will be made in February 2027. SACREs wishing to apply are encouraged to start thinking about what they might like to achieve now. Organisers are especially looking for projects promoting unity, community and diversity. SACREs can bid for up to £12 000 for projects which will be completed by summer 2029.

NASACRE's website currently gives examples of four projects which were funded last year. These are:

> "**Barnet:** This project will seek to identifying missing nuance by examining a wide range of resources.
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> **Camden**: This project will see pupils engaging in inter-faith conferences, and training students in Y12 and 13 to be able to share their beliefs in primary schools.
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> **Haringey:** This project seeks to provide the children with better experiences of RE by developing workshop and community celebration opportunities, materials, 'living voice' videos, transcripts and activities.
>
> **Sunderland:** Exploring Faith and Diversity through Art will deliver a series of arti based workshops to explore religious stories and symbols."
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> To find out more, please go to: https://nasacre.org.uk/westhill-nasacre-awards/ .

NATRE Survey

The National Association of Teachers of Religious Education (NATRE) is currently conducting its biannual primary survey. This is the chance for all those involved in delivering RE to pupils aged 4-11 to make sure the reality of RE in the primary classroom is heard where it counts. This evidence is used directly with government and Ofsted to influence decisions on curriculum, training and support. Previous surveys have exposed gaps in RE time and training, and driven national attention as a result. With major decisions about the future of RE underway, primary teachers must not be invisible.

All participating schools will receive a free NATRE resource and be entered into a prize draw.
It is helpful to have as many primary schools participating as possible, so SACRE may choose to make schools in the Local Authority aware of this survey. The survey itself takes just a few minutes, is completely anonymous, and is open until 31 July. Every response makes a difference.
To complete the survey, please follow the link at: https://natre.org.uk/news/your-voice-matters-shape-the-future-of-primary-re/

Jewish Culture Month

Jewish Culture month will last from 16th May to 16th June 2026. This coincides with Sivan, the third month in the Jewish calendar. It celebrates British Jewish culture, community and creativity. So far, over 100 events are planned across the country, spanning food, comedy, art, architecture, fashion and more. National institutions spotlighting their Jewish treasures will include the British Museum, Tate Britain, Tate Modern, National Portrait Gallery, V&A, Museum of the Home and the Science Museum. Events are happening up and down the country, from Manchester (home to Britain's second largest Jewish community), to Norfolk, Newcastle, Stockport, Oxford, Leeds, Liverpool, Bath, Cambridge, Margate and many more.

To find out more, please go to: https://jewishculturemonth.org.uk/

SACRE may wish to advise schools that there are specific Jewish Culture Month in Schools resources to help in planning for this month: Jewish Culture Month in schools | Jewish Culture Month .

Inter Faith Week 2026

Save the date! Inter Faith Week 2026 is planned to take place between 8th and 15th November. It is hoped that this will build on the successes of Inter Faith Week 2025, which are detailed in this report: https://www.interfaithweek.org/resources/the-inter-faith-week-report-community-together-we-serve .

2025 saw an increase in school involvement with Inter Faith Week, with resources from the ifw4schools website used with over 665 000 pupils across the country. SACRE may wish to let schools know that over the coming months that the https://www.ifw4schools.co.uk/ website will be updated with information, resources and ideas related to Inter Faith Week 2026, so that school staff can plan for this week ahead of time.

NASACRE Training

In addition to the conference and AGM, NASACRE is offering a webinar this term to people who are new to SACRE. The session is entitled So, you've joined your local SACRE... and will be held on 25th June 2026, from 6:30pm-8pm. For more information, please go to https://nasacre.org.uk/training-and-support/ .

Julia really recommended the above session, particularly for new members joining SACRE, but also as a good refresher for existing SACRE, everyone was welcomed to join.

Please remember that recordings and presentations of some past NASACRE training sessions can be found at: https://nasacre.org.uk/training-and-support/presentations-recordings/ .

Courses from RE Today

Primary Phase Courses

Exploring Sikh Worldviews through Authentic Voices
12th May 2026 1.00 pm – 3.30 pm
Debbie Yeomans – National RE Adviser

This engaging RE CPD session supports primary teachers to build confidence and clarity in teaching about Sikhi. It includes a clear subject-knowledge overview, ready-to-use lesson ideas, insights from a Sikh guest speaker

sharing lived experience, and four sample lesson sequences. Participants receive a free curriculum book with practical resources, and the session ends with a Q&A to deepen understanding and support confident classroom practice.

Impactful Teaching of Judaism
16th June 2026 1.00 pm – 3.30 pm
Ian Nicholson – National RE Adviser

This course will enable any teacher of RE the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding of Judaism. This will focus on the substantive content within Judaism to exploring how disciplinary knowledge can be harnessed to provide theological, social science and philosophical teaching and learning activities. This will focus on the substantive content within Judaism to exploring how disciplinary knowledge can be harnessed to provide theological, social science and philosophical teaching and learning activities. This course complements the RE Today publication Exploring Jewish Worldviews, a copy of which can be purchased at the time of booking for a reduced rate should you need it. If you are a primary NATRE member you may already have access to this publication and can book the course without the accompanying book. If you have ECTs in your school this will support them in delivering this important Abrahamic faith.

Impactful Teaching of Hindu Dharma
2nd July 2026 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm
Julia Diamond-Conway – National RE Adviser

This engaging 90-minute course is designed for primary staff who teach about Hindu Dharma, or who would like to deepen their understanding. Suitable for all levels of experience, from those in ITT to experienced RE subject leaders, it will strengthen subject knowledge, extend understanding of Hindu Dharma as a lived and diverse tradition, and build confidence in teaching it well.
Participants will explore practical pedagogical approaches and adaptable lesson ideas, thoughtfully linked to ways of knowing in RE, helping pupils engage deeply and progress well in their learning about Hindu Dharma. There will be clear takeaways for classroom practice, whatever your level of expertise.
This session forms part of a series of courses exploring the principal religions and non-religious worldviews encountered in UK RE/RME/RVE classrooms. You are welcome to attend this as a standalone session or join others in the series. The course accompanies the book Exploring Hindu Worldviews by RE Today Services; copies can be purchased at a reduced rate when booking.

Secondary Phase Courses

Impactful Teaching about Non-Religious Worldviews
16th June 2026 4.00 pm - 5 .30 pm
Stephen Pett – National RE Adviser

This course will enable any teacher of RE the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding of matters of central importance in non-religious worldviews.

This will focus on substantive knowledge about the diversity of non-religion, using scholarly approaches, investigating data and findings from research projects in from disciplines of sociology, anthropology and psychology. It will provide example teaching and learning strategies.

This course complements the RE Today publication Investigating Non- Worldviews, a copy of which can be purchased at the time of booking for a reduced rate should you need it. If you are a secondary NATRE member you may already have access to this publication and can book the course without the accompanying book. If you have ECTs in your department this will also support them in developing their confidence in teaching this important component of RE.

Impactful Teaching about Judaism
24th June 2026 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm
Stephen Pett – National RE Adviser

This course will enable any teacher of RE the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding of matters of central importance in Judaism.

This will focus on substantive knowledge about the diversity of Jews and Judaism, using scholarly approaches, investigating sociological data, and applying theological and philosophical methods. It will provide example teaching and learning strategies.

This course complements the RE Today publication Investigating Jewish Worldviews, a copy of which can be purchased at the time of booking for a reduced rate should you need it. If you are a secondary NATRE member you may already have access to this publication and can book the course without the accompanying book. If you have ECTs in your department this will also support them in developing their confidence in teaching this important Abrahamic religion.

Impactful Teaching of the Hindu Dharma
30th June 2026 1.00 pm – 3.30 pm
Ian Nicholson – National RE Adviser

This course will enable any teacher of RE the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Hindu Dharma. This will focus on the substantive content within the Hindu Dharma to exploring how disciplinary knowledge can be harnessed to provide theological, social science and philosophical teaching and learning activities.

This course complements the RE Today publication Investigating Hindu Worldviews, a copy of which can be purchased at the time of booking for a reduced rate should you need it. If you are a secondary NATRE member you may already have access to this publication and can book the course without the accompanying book. If you have ECTs in your department this will also support them in developing their confidence in teaching this important Dharmic religion.

Impactful Teaching of Sikhi Worldviews
2nd July 2026 3.30 pm -5.00 pm
Angela Hill – National RE Adviser

This course will enable any teacher of RE the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding of Sikhi.

This will focus on developing subject knowledge for 11-14's. It will also explore how disciplinary knowledge (ways of knowing) can be harnessed to provide theological, social science and philosophical teaching and learning activities.

This course complements the RE Today publication Investigating Sikhi Worldviews, a copy of which can be purchased at the time of booking for a reduced rate should you need it. If you are a secondary NATRE member you may already have access to this publication and can book the course without the accompanying book. If you have ECTs in your department this will also support them in developing their confidence in teaching this important Dharmic religion.

Understanding Christianity
7th July 2026 9.30 pm – 3.30 pm
Stephen Pett – National RE Adviser

This course introduces the Understanding Christianity approach, deepening teachers' understanding of core theology and the Bible's big story while developing skills in theological and hermeneutical thinking. It demonstrates strategies for engaging pupils with texts and shows how the resource supports strong foundations for 11–14s in line with a religion and worldviews approach and the National Content Standard.

Impactful Teaching of Buddhism
8th July 2026 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm
Stephen Pett – National RE Adviser

This course will enable any teacher of RE the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding of matters of central importance in Buddhism.

This will focus on substantive knowledge about the diversity of Buddhists and Buddhism, using scholarly approaches, investigating sociological data, survey responses from 60 Buddhists, using case studies, applying literary methods to interpreting texts. It will provide example teaching and learning strategies.

This course complements the RE Today publication Investigating Buddhist Worldviews, a copy of which can be purchased at the time of booking for a reduced rate should you need it. If you are a secondary NATRE member you may already have access to this publication and can book the course without the accompanying book. If you have ECTs in your department this will also support them in developing their confidence in teaching this important Dharmic religion.

Cross Phase Courses
Leadership Update (RE Update)
20th May 2026 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm
24th June 2026 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm
Ian Nicholson – National RE Adviser

Debbie Yeomans – National RE Adviser

This series of leadership briefings develops understanding of national changes affecting the management and teaching of RE across all school settings. With curriculum changes on the horizon and new inspection frameworks emerging, it provides up-to-date information and guidance on leadership responsibilities for RE, from SLT and middle leaders to governors and trust boards, alongside opportunities to ask questions and engage with current developments in the world of RE. Ian (Secondary) and Debbie (Primary), both former SLT members, will be around to answer phase specific questions at the end of the session.

Whole staff training or bespoke support for your school

Looking for ways to refresh your teaching, upskill your team or overhaul your RE provision?

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Whatever your needs, INSET Day, or dedicated support by an RE Adviser complete the enquiry from below and we will be happy to help! Complete enquiry form

The Chair thanked Julia for her comprehensive update, which prompted detailed discussion and a range of suggestions from SACRE members. Marina Robb referred to an earlier Enfield project in which written scripts had proved very effective as prompts and guidance. Reverend Alison Phillips noted that while some schools were benefiting from good-quality visits to places of worship, provision remained variable and there were areas for improvement. Members agreed that the quality of visits often depended on the host, the relationship with the school, and the preparation undertaken. It was recognised that actions were needed at teacher, school leadership and wider community levels.

The following actions were agreed:

RESOLVED that a small online SACRE sub-committee be established to explore funding opportunities for SACRE and consider how SACRE could work collaboratively with the Multi Faith Forum Group to develop an effective training model and supporting activities. A clear written plan would then be prepared and brought back to the main SACRE meeting for further discussion and consideration. Members agreed that this provided a positive starting point and that the plan should include how impact would be measured. The Clerk would arrange and send the Teams calendar invites for the meetings once the members had agreed who was going to be involved.

ACTION: CHAIR/LUCY NUTT/CLERK

7. FEEDBACK ON TRAINING

(a) Task and Finish and Developing a Draft National Curriculum for RE on 2 March 2026 by Dr Vanessa Ogden OBE.

REPORTED that unfortunately no members had been able to book onto the above session. Often sessions are recorded and can be accessed at a time when convenient to members. Any information/links was always shared by the Clerk as soon as it was received.

(b) Any Other Training

NOTED that members were provided with the opportunity to share feedback at the meeting on any training they had personally attended**. In response to a question** the RE Today training sessions did come at a cost, however it was suggested that if Schools registered with NASACRE as a member they could receive a discount on courses, so was worthwhile exploring. The other sessions were free as SACRE had paid for the subscription.

Members were all encouraged to access any of the free training resources/online training which is forwarded by the Clerk. Link to the training was at the end of these minutes.

SACRE members are able to update their training record profile on Governorhub with training sessions they attend so you have a central record to refer back to. If you need any support please contact Felicia Ferraro, the Clerk.

8. SACRE MEETING DATES 2026/27

NOTED that the dates were set in accordance with school terms, religious dates, and Council meetings. ***However, the dates were subject to full Council approval in accordance with the Municipal Calendar.***

SACRE groups were warmly invited to make recommendations, through the Chair, on matters and topics of business for future meetings. Members discussed the proposed future meeting dates and members were asked if they could host the meetings.

The following was agreed:

Future meeting dates

Autumn Term 2026
Tuesday 10 November 2026 (confirmed)
Venue: Wren Academy Enfield – kindly hosted by Reverend Alison Phillips but to be confirmed once checked

Spring Term 2027
Tuesday 26 January 2026 (confirmed)
Venue: Freezywater St Georges – kindly hosted by Father Sheehan

Summer Term 2027
Tuesday 8 June 2027 (to be confirmed by Demographic Services)
Venue: Palmers Green Mosque – kindly hosted by Tariq Sediq

Autumn Term 2027
To be set after 12 May 2027 (once the Council calendar was available and Council meeting dates confirmed)

RESOLVED to add the agreed draft meeting dates onto the SACRE website, Enfield home page, Governorhub and alert Demographic Services. Calendar invites be sent out to all members.

ACTION: CLERK

INFORMATION ITEMS
Improving SACRE's effectiveness

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS/USEFUL LINKS

(a) National Inter Faith Week

REPORTED that Inter-Faith was held in the second week of November Sunday 8 – Sunday 15 November 2026, Inter Faith Week aimed to strengthen good interfaith relations, increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities, and increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs. Further information was available in the update from the RE Advisor.

(b) Greek Festival – 5 July 2026

NOTED that Marina Robb invited all SACRE members to join the Greek festival taking place on the afternoon of the 5th July. It was a lovely event with good company and excellent food and drink. All members were very welcomed.

(c) Useful Links

Enfield SACRE Website: http://enfieldsacre.com/
NASACRE LINK: https://nasacre.org.uk/
Most areas of the NASACRE website are open to all, but the log-in is required to access parts of the Resources section.

Username: members

Password: 25Na5@crE26!RE

NOTE: THE ABOVE PASSWORD IS REMOVED ON THE MINUTES

ONCE AGREED AND PUBLISHED ON THE WEBSITE

The Chair closed the meeting by thanking all SACRE members for attending and for all their comprehensive discussion, input and level of challenge. Nick Chanda kindly took pictures of the SACRE members for inclusion on the website, as recommended by the Clerk and agreed by members.

RESOLVED that the pictures be emailed to the Clerk for inclusion in the SACRE website.

ACTION: CLERK

SUMMARY ACTIONS OF THE MEETING ARE ON THE NEXT PAGE!!

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS AGREED – 9 June 2026

MINUTE NO	ACTION AGREED	BY WHOM
2	To appoint Reverend Alison Phillips, Reverend Kathryn Twining and Reverend Chris Bolster with immediate effect to Group B Church of England and a SACRE induction pack be forwarded to new members and access to Governorhub be granted.	**CLERK**
3	To include Ramadan Guidance and Advisory for Schools in Enfield in the Autumn term 2027 agenda in order to be ready for Ramadan in 2027.	**CLERK**
2(d)	To continue to try and appoint where there are vacancies on SACRE. Any recommendations are welcomed.	**ALL**
2(e)	To contact Cantor Rachel Weston to ensure all documentation was being received and Governorhub registration had been completed.	**CLERK**
3	The Minutes of the meeting on 10 February were agreed as accurate subject to the updates being made to the spelling of the name of Josh Newham and Ozlem Onay and then Minutes to be uploaded onto the SACRE website and signed as accurate on Governorhub.	**CLERK**
4	Julia to share the Inter Faith Week details with Lucy Nutt and the Clerk as soon as it became available so that it could be emailed out to all the Schools and a follow up email be sent again in September 2026. It was also suggested and agreed for a survey of questions to be sent to Schools asking them whether they were going to engage in the Inter Faith Week, so that more targeted support could be provided to Schools.	**JULIA DIAMOND-CONWAY** **LUCY NUTT** **CLERK**
5	An update on the RE National Curriculum to be shared in the Autumn term meeting if available.	**JULIA DIAMOND-CONWAY** **CLERK**
6	A small online SACRE sub-committee be established to explore funding opportunities and consider how SACRE could work collaboratively with the Faith Forum Group to develop an effective training model and supporting activities. A clear written plan would then be prepared and brought back to the main SACRE meeting for further discussion and consideration. Members agreed that this provided a positive starting point and that the plan should include how impact would be measured. The Clerk would arrange and send the Teams calendar invites for the meetings once the members had agreed who was going to be involved.	**CHAIR** **LUCY NUTT** **CLERK**
8	Future meeting date was confirmed for November 2026 and draft meeting dates agreed for the Spring term and Summer term 2027. Venues were provisionally agreed for the future meeting dates and hopefully would not change. Calendar invites to be sent out and added to Governorhub calendar, SACRE website and Council front page SACRE website.	**ALL/CLERK**
9	Pictures of the SACRE members to be included in the SACRE website welcome page.	**CLERK**