

R.E. Educational Visits: Exploring Faith and Culture

At Olga, we want our pupils to grow up with a curious and respectful understanding of the many faiths and worldviews that make our community so vibrant.

To ensure our children have a well-rounded experience, we have made a commitment that every child, during their time at Olga, will have the opportunity to visit the places of worship of the six major world religions.

These trips allow the children to:

- **Experience the Atmosphere:** See the art, architecture, and symbols they've been studying.
- **Meet the Community:** Speak with faith leaders and ask questions in a welcoming environment.
- **Build Respect:** Develop a genuine appreciation for the traditions and values of others.

Year group	Term	Visit to	Unit and rational
Year 1	Autumn 2	Church	How do Christians celebrate Christmas? Rationale: To understand what Christians do to celebrate the birth of Jesus
Year 2	Autumn 2	Gurdwara	Why are different books special for different people? Rationale: To learn about the important place of books in religious traditions – Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism and Judaism – and how people's attitudes to these books are shown in how they treat them.t
Year 3	Spring 1	Synagogue	How do Jews celebrate their beliefs at home and in the synagogue? Rationale: To develop an understanding of Jewish festivals and special days
Year 4	Autumn 1	Mandir	How and why do Hindus worship in the home and in the Mandir? Rationale: To explore Hindu worship at home and in the Mandir, and explore some of the objects used in worship and their symbolism, and how these have an impact on daily life.
Year 5	Spring 1	Mosque	Why is Muhammad and the Qur'an important to Muslims? Rationale: learn about the life and teachings of Muhammad, develop an understanding of why he is significant for Muslim people and explore the idea of role models and how Muhammad provides a role model for Muslim people.
Year 6	Autumn 2	Buddhist Temple	What qualities are important to present day religious leaders? Rationale: Explore the role of at least three different religious leaders in the local community