

# INFORMATION FLYER

May 2023

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the May 2023 Information Flyer. We hope you'll find the following items of interest to you and your school. **Please circulate to all staff and particularly subject leaders.**

*'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'*

Isaiah 55:10-11

As May seems to whizz by, we mustn't forget what the month is heralding – the blossom of spring, the growth of flowers, plants and trees all point to the warmer summer days ahead. As this Bible passage says – we need to stop and remember that the world is preparing for growth and change. Transformation will happen before our very eyes and we will witness the beauty of God's creation once again. A creation that provides and sustains us in so many ways. Whether it is the food we eat, the air we breathe or the beauty that calms us and leaves us in awe and wonder. A time in school where learning moves to embrace the outdoors, explores the awe and wonder of creation and enjoys the freedom longer days and warmer weather offers.

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## 1. Teacher training for Primary Schools – 15/16 May 2023



### Crash courses

Exploring Big **Science** and **Faith** Questions in the Classroom

Training sessions for **primary school teachers**, featuring **new resources** you can use in your classrooms.

### Upcoming opportunities:

- 15 May 2023** *How can RE help with teaching science?*  
For RE and Science leaders and primary school teachers  
Classroom resources:  
Climate change, Evolution, Spending priorities
- 16 May 2023** *How combining perspectives from both science and faith can help tackle big issues.*  
For school leaders in the primary setting  
Classroom resources:  
Racism, Climate change, How to read Genesis

*\*Each session will be online, running from 4 - 5pm, at a cost of £50 pp*



### Join us!

For more information, contact our programme training officer, Cathy Priest: [cathy.priest@faraday.cam.ac.uk](mailto:cathy.priest@faraday.cam.ac.uk)  
Alternatively, sign up straight away using this link: [www.faraday.institute/primary](http://www.faraday.institute/primary)  
Visit our educators site, here: <https://faradayeducators.com/>

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## 2. Godly Play taster day – 17 May 2023



### Godly Play Taster Event

A chance to find out more about  
using Godly Play with children,  
young people & adults.

Date: Wednesday 17 May 2023

Time: 9.30am – 12.00pm

Location: Diocesan House, 109 Dereham Road,  
Easton, NR9 5ES

Sign up here: [www.dofn.org/godly-play](http://www.dofn.org/godly-play)

## 3. National Thank a Teacher Day – 21 June 2023



There are lots of exciting plans to make the day as special as possible, including:

- FREE e-cards to send a personalised thank you to staff.
- FREE downloadable activity packs, resources and lesson plans linked to the national curriculum.
- Celebrity shout outs in support of teachers (2022 featured Dame Helen Mirren, David Walliams and a special shout out from John Legend on BBC's The One Show!).
- National press coverage highlighting the work taking place in our schools and colleges everyday, bringing them to the forefront of national conversation.

**Help us to spread the word about National Thank a Teacher Day!**

Download our 'Save The Date' assets including suggested newsletter text and social media posts.

[DOWNLOAD 'SAVE THE DATE' ASSETS](#)

## 4. A Fresh Look at Church School Inspection – Grove House publication

The diocese team receives regular publications from Grove Education (to which you can subscribe to as a school). The most recent edition in their series is a short book of 28 pages that provides a very good introduction to the thinking behind and within the new SIAMS Framework that will become statutory from September 2023. This has been written by Dr Margaret James – national SIAMS Director.

Grove Education summarise this publication as:

*The 2023 SIAMS Framework marks a significant break with previous approaches to the inspection of church schools. It is radically different in its use of qualitative evidence to reach judgments rather than grades. Yet it is radically the same in as much as it does not reimagine what it means to be a church school.*

*This essential guide examines and explains the key changes and explores how schools can demonstrate their theologically rooted Christian vision and practice.*

The diocese recommends all of its schools and academies purchase this publication, costing £3.95, from <https://grovebooks.co.uk/collections/education>

Those schools already booked on to the Are You SIAMS Ready? Training will be provided with a complimentary copy as part of the training materials.

This publication is the first in a series of three to be produced around the new inspection framework, the others will be published later this year / early next year. When they have been we will let you know.



## 5. Introduction to Racial Justice: Staff Meeting resources

Sarah Claflin, assistant head at St Michael's CE VA Junior School, Bowthorpe, is seconded to work one day per week with the diocese as the Racial Justice Adviser. She and a small team of teachers from across the Diocese have produced some excellent resources to help schools consider and introduce Equity, Diversity and Racial Justice to their staff. This resource comes in two parts; a PowerPoint presentation to share with staff and a script for the person delivering the session to use. The script offers additional notes to help the person delivering the session to have a good basic understanding of the issues it covers, the history related to them and current thinking in schools.

The diocese highly commends all schools to use this carefully thought-out resource to begin the EDI / Racial Justice conversation in their school setting. This can be followed up by attending the termly Racial Justice networks Sarah leads or by contacting her to come and undertake more detailed work in school – the types of work she can assist with are detailed in our new training offer for 2023-24.

**Please find attached the PowerPoint and planning script.**

## 6. Free Archbishops' Young Leaders Award (AYLA) Information Webinars

Looking for a programme that supports pupils to develop leadership and character through social action projects in their local communities? Come and find out more about the **Archbishops' Young Leaders Award** Programme through our [free online sessions](#) this term for both Primary and Secondary schools.



### Free Twilight Webinars

Introduction to the Young Leaders Award

Find out more and sign up at [www.abyyt.com/events](http://www.abyyt.com/events).

### Impact of the AYLA

Looking at the impact the AYLA can have on young people and their communities is always inspiring. Our latest blogs showcase secondary pupils leading the fight against climate change, KS2 pupils spreading kindness in their local community and KS1 pupils reaching out to local residents suffering with Dementia and Alzheimer's. You can read the blogs here: [www.abyyt.com/news](http://www.abyyt.com/news)



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## 7. RISE Theatre



**RISE theatre**

### God's Planet

**PRIMARY SCHOOL AUTUMN TOUR 2023**

An exciting, interactive day of performance & workshops for the whole school exploring themes around the environment, climate change, God's love for each of us & how we can care for God's AMAZING planet!

-Visit [www.rise-theatre.co.uk](http://www.rise-theatre.co.uk) for more information -

**GOD'S PLANET DAY PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- Classroom activity pack
- Whole school assembly
- Rehearsals for each Key Stage to learn songs & dramatic actions
- Performance by RISE Theatre for the whole school!

**Cost - £600\***  
(\*when booked before 16th June - usually £650)

**Contact:**  
[schools@risetheatre.co.uk](mailto:schools@risetheatre.co.uk)

Discount available for subscribers (from £450)

Now touring for the 8th time!

The flyer includes three small images: a person with curly hair and glasses holding a purple ring, a group of children in a classroom setting, and a colorful underwater scene with fish and coral.

## 8. Spring Dance

Adventurous and imaginative ways to boost children's engagement with R.E. and P.S.H.E from Springs Dance Company!

*"Thank you for doing that amazing lesson with us. I loved it!" - Pupil, Seabrook school*

Spring provides an exciting way for children to interact with the R.E. curriculum through physical movement and creativity.

Now booking:

- **The Good Samaritan** – Based on one of the Parables that Jesus told, these workshops provide opportunities for children to explore the importance of helping others and standing up for them, even if they are not like you. The workshops touch on themes of living in a multi-racial / multi-religious society.
- **Creation** – Our Creation Project introduces the Genesis narrative of creation in a fun, inclusive and engaging way through dance. Children will have the opportunity to explore some key concepts such as who made the world, what God is like and the relationship between creator and created.

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Other popular workshops include *The Selfish Giant*, *Get Fit Go Green*, *You Are Special* and *The Christmas Story: Refugee*. Further details on all of our work for schools can be found at <https://springsdancecompany.org.uk/index.php/join-in/schools-workshops>

To book and to find out more please email [touring@springsdancecompany.org.uk](mailto:touring@springsdancecompany.org.uk) or call 07775 628 442.

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## CREATION RE & DANCE PROJECT

Watch the video here: [https://youtu.be/SsXbD4U\\_r2s](https://youtu.be/SsXbD4U_r2s)

**"Fantastic to see the children so engaged.** Children who sometimes shy away from dance were engaged and positive.

**Made a huge difference** to many children's views of dance and movement while engaging with pupils through R.E.

**Amazing with our SEND children** - they made a huge effort to build a relationship quickly and get children involved regardless of need or disability."

Ellen Litherland, Deputy Headteacher



### PARABLE Assembly: The Lost Coin



Alongside our *The Good Samaritan* workshops, treat your whole school with this fun-filled interactive short DANCE performance assembly based on *The Parable of the Lost Coin*. LEARN about the story, BE INSPIRED by professional dance, and JOIN IN the celebration!

Photography: S. Men  
PARABLE is part of Leap into RE, supported by The Jerusalem Trust

## 9. School Sailing trip - FREE

### A Day in The Broads at Hunter's Yard

Hunter's Yard is now in a position to offer **FREE** day sailing trips for groups of youngsters from your school. They can accommodate 30 / 34 school children at a time for the day. They will get the opportunity to go for a sail and take a safe circular walk around the marshes at Hunter's Yard. As this needs good weather sessions can be booked for the summer term and up to October half term.

**For further information and how to book please see the attached flyer.**