

Celebrating diversity outside the planned curriculum 2024-25

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Details</u>
w/b 2/9/24	Collective worship	Picture News - "How can communities help each other in times of difficulty?" Over the summer, many protests took place in England and Northern Ireland. Some of these became violent and turned into riots, which caused a great deal of damage to cars and buildings. It is thought that a lot of the protesters involved were encouraged by misinformation spread online. Following the protests, communities in many towns, including Middlesbrough, organised clean-up efforts that united people from all faiths and races.
w/b 9/9/24	Collective worship	Picture News - "What can we learn from the stories of others?" Paralympics - Zakia Khudadadi, part of the Refugee Paralympic Team, made history at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, by winning the team's first-ever medal in Para taekwondo. After escaping her home country of Afghanistan in 2021, Zakia showcased incredible resilience, dedicating her bronze medal to refugees worldwide. "I hope this medal will make a difference for refugees [...] and for all the women and girls with disabilities who find it difficult to take up sport," she said. Zakia also had the honour of carrying the team's flag at the closing ceremony.
w/b 23/9/24	Collective worship	The Festival of Mabon - how our ancestors and modern Pagans and Wiccans celebrate the Autumn Equinox
w/b 30/9/24	Collective worship	Picture News - "How important is it to know about the author behind the book?" Book publishing company, Penguin Random House UK, has revealed a new book vending machine at Linlithgow Academy, near Edinburgh, Scotland. The machine gives the pupils access to more than seventy different books from Penguin's 'Lit in Colour' reading lists. The reading lists, set up around four years ago, are updated each year and aim to make works by writers of colour more visible and accessible in schools.
w/b 7/10/24	Collective worship	The festival of Navratri - Navratri is a festival that celebrates the triumph of good over evil and celebrates three specific goddesses - Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswati. People gather to worship these three goddesses, who are all different manifestations of Shakti, meaning 'energy' or 'empowerment'.
w/b 14/10/24	Collective worship	Yom Kippur - This is one of the most important Jewish high holy days . The 10 Days of Awe period commemorates Yom Kippur which focuses on asking for forgiveness for your sins. During biblical times, this was the only day that a high priest could enter the most sacred part of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. Also known as the Day of Atonement.
w/b 21/10/24	Curriculum enrichment and Collective worship	Whole school Windrush afternoon. Picture News - "What influence can music have on our lives?" Following a ten-year campaign, music exam boards have announced they will now be including Sikh sacred music, also known as Kirtan, on their syllabus. It will be examined alongside violin and

		percussion instruments. The campaign to get the music recognised was led by Dr Harjinder Lallie, the co-director of Birmingham-based Gurmat Sangeet Academy.
w/b 4/11/24	Collective worship	Picture News - "How can our hopes and dreams help us to succeed?" A 23-year-old British climber has become the youngest woman to summit the world's fourteen highest mountains. Adriana Brownlee reached the 8,027m peak of Shishapangma in Tibet, at around 8am on 9th October. She is only the second Briton to complete the feat, after quitting university to begin a career in mountaineering.
w/b 2/12/24	Collective worship	Picture News - "What does it mean to feel included?" The Football Association (FA) has laid out new plans aimed at raising awareness and increasing participation in disability football. The strategy, called Football Without Limits, includes growing the Comets programme for young people aged 5-11. The FA says Comets will be the most inclusive format of the sport and will provide a safe and supportive space for children to start playing football.
w/b 9/12/24	Collective worship	Peer Acceptance Assembly by the Autistic Girls' Network (part of the PINS programme) "DIFFERENCE IS GOOD"