



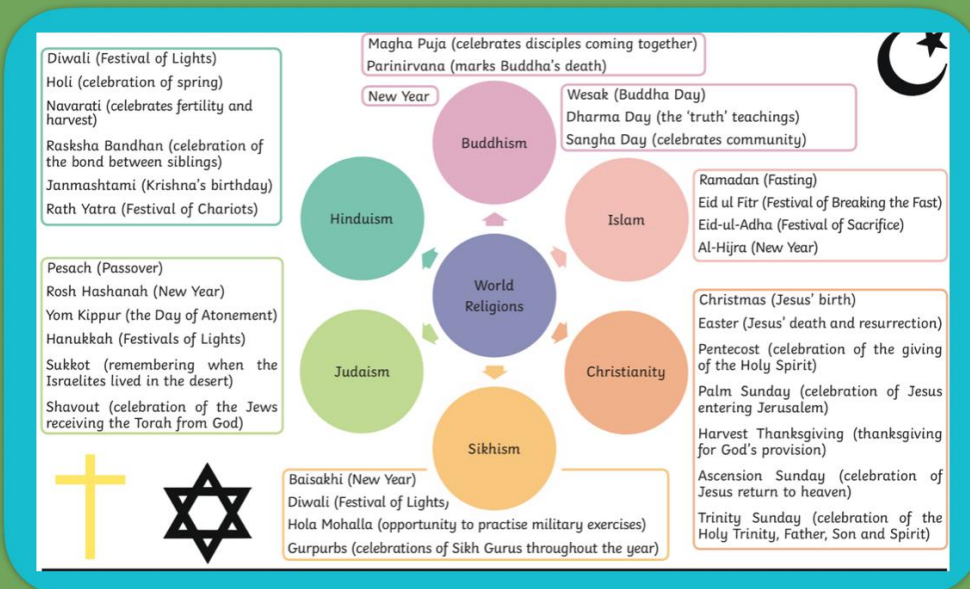
Faiths and Beliefs



Children learn about the traditions, practices and beliefs of religions.

Religious Education is taught throughout Hindley J&I. We teach the main ideas in the 6 biggest religions worldwide.

Major World Religions and Main Festivals



There are over 4,000 recognised religions in the world.

Religions consist of churches, congregations, faith groups, tribes cultures and movements.

THE 6 MAIN FAITHS ACROSS THE GLOBE ARE: JUDAISM, ISLAM, CHRISTIANITY, HINDUISM, BUDDHISM AND SIKHISM

In the 2001 UK Census

87% of Wigan's population claimed they were Christians.

0.3% of Wigan's population declared themselves as Muslim.

0.2% were Hindu.

0.1% were Buddhist,

Over 10% of people claimed to have no religion

Hindley J&I have a larger percentage of Muslim and Buddhist families.

The United Nations Convention states that:

Children and Young People are free to be of any or no religion. Parents can help them to make decisions around religion but not force them into or out of any religion.

Why do we teach Religious Education?

It empowers our children. We don't expect them to convert to any religion (just as we don't expect them to become Roman soldiers!)

Yet we know our children will grow to become adults and meet people with differing faiths and beliefs and to understand, accept and embrace all others. These are life skills we deem as essential.

