

## 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**

Magha Puja (celebrates disciples coming together) Diwali (Festival of Lights) Parinirvana (marks Buddha's death) Holi (celebration of spring) Wesak (Buddha Day) Navarati (celebrates fertility and harvest) Dharma Day (the 'truth' teachings) Sangha Day (celebrates community) Rasksha Bandhan (celebration of the bond between siblings) Buddhism Janmashtami (Krishna's birthday) Eid ul Fitr (Festival of Breaking the Fast) Rath Yatra (Festival of Chariots) Hinduism -Islam Eid-ul-Adha (Festival of Sacrifice) Al-Hijra (New Year) Pesach (Passover) World Rosh Hashanah (New Year) Christmas (Jesus' birth) Religions Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement) Easter (Jesus' death and resurrection) Hanukkah (Festivals of Lights) Pentecost (celebration of the giving of the Holy Spirit) Sukkot (remembering when the Israelites lived in the desert) Judaism Christianity Palm Sunday (celebration of Jesus Shavout (celebration of the Jews receiving the Torah from God) entering Jerusalem) Harvest Thanksgiving (thanksgiving for God's provision) Sikhism Ascension Sunday (celebration of Jesus return to heaven) Diwali (Festival of Lights) Trinity Sunday (celebration of the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Spirit) Hola Mohalla (opportunity to practise military exercises) Gurpurbs (celebrations of Sikh Gurus throughout the year)

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.