



# SCHOOL VISITS TO PLACES OF WORSHIP IN BIRMINGHAM

Supported by a generous grant from Westhill Endowment Trust, The Arts Society Birmingham has collaborated with six different places of worship, Birmingham Faith Leaders and other organisations to produce virtual tours, illustrated guides, quizzes and arts-related activities designed to enhance a school visit, or to support a virtual visit, to a place of worship for children 8 to 13 years. The resources may be downloaded free of charge.



St. Philip's Cathedral



Birmingham Central Mosque



Gurdwara served by GNNSJ



Birmingham Progressive Synagogue



Shri Venkateswara (Balaji) Temple



Birmingham Buddhist Vihara

## Arts-related cross-curricular activities to complement the RE curriculum

**About Buildings** The Story of a Building, Stained Glass Windows, Mosaics, Circles and Patterns

**Symbols and Imagery in Sacred Spaces** Bells and Gongs, Candles, Illuminated Letters, Flowers and Plants

**Building Bridges with the Community:** Time to Reflect, Stories to Share, Celebrations, Kindness Quilt, Painting on Rocks.

*A resource to encourage children to be curious and reflective by focusing on the imagery, heritage and culture of six places of worship, to see similarities and to celebrate differences.*



Four-page illustrated guides and quizzes



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[www.retoday.org.uk](http://www.retoday.org.uk) [www.natre.org.uk](http://www.natre.org.uk)

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