

# Alder Coppice Primary School — Knowledge Organiser

## Religious Education

**Year: 6**

## What I Should Already Know:

Food can be used for difference purposes, such as celebrations and remembrance. It can be prepared and eaten in a special way.

Churches have many Christian symbols representing different ideas and beliefs. These can be found inside and as part of the Church building outside.

Ceremonies are held on special occasions and usually celebrate or remember something important. They also help make significant things official. They don't need to be religious.

## Subject Vocabulary:

**Christianity:** Someone who believes in the teachings of Jesus.

**Christian:** A religion based on a belief in God and the teachings of Jesus.

**Judaism:** A religion with a belief in one God and upholding the Torah.

**Jew:** A person whose religion is Judaism.

**Sikhism:** A religion that follows the writings and teachings of the Ten Sikh Gurus.

## Skills & Enquiry:

### Beliefs and Teachings - How beliefs are expressed

To explore symbols in a range of religions.

### Values and Reflections

To recognise and express feelings about their identities and beliefs.

## Unit 1: What do symbols mean in religion?

**Links to:** Year 3 Unit 3  
Year 3 Unit 5, Year 4 Unit 4  
Year 4 Unit 5, Year 4 Unit 2  
Year 4 Unit 6, Year 5 Unit 4

## Unit Specific Vocabulary:

**Symbol:** A symbol is a shape, mark, character or idea which represents something else. It's a 'shorthand' to bigger concepts and more complex ideas.

**Cross:** The cross is an important symbol for Christians. It reminds them that Jesus died on a cross.

**Dove:** The dove symbol is often associated with peace.

**Ichthus:** The Ichthus (also known as the 'fish') was a secret symbol for early Christians.

**The Star of David:** The Star of David is recognised as the symbol of the Jewish community and is named after King David of ancient Israel.

**Mezuzah:** The Mezuzah is placed on doorframes to remind Jewish people of God's presence.

**Menorah:** The oldest symbol in Judaism is the Menorah. It is a seven branched candelabrum.

**Khanda** The main symbol in Sikhism.

**Khalsa** The Sikh community of men and women is known as the Khalsa which means the 'Community of the Pure'.

**The star and crescent:** This is sometimes seen at the top of a mosque, and is a commonly known symbol relating to Islam.

## What I should know by the end of the Unit:

A symbol is a shape, mark, character or idea which represents something else. It's a 'shorthand' to bigger concepts and more complex ideas.

The cross is the most important symbol for Christians. It is a symbol for Jesus' death and suffering. It also symbolises his resurrection.

The Star of David is recognised as the symbol of the Jewish community and is named after King David of ancient Israel.

The Khanda is the main symbol in the religion of Sikhism.

The star and crescent symbols is sometimes seen at the top of a mosque, and is a commonly known symbol relating to Islam.

