

27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Year 5 RE Educational Visit

We are delighted to, once again, be able to offer Year 5 the opportunity to visit “Faith in Queen’s Park” in Bedford. The visit will entail a tour of a Church, Gurdwara and Mosque. Being able to see places of worship alongside different faiths working together is a wonderful learning experience for all our pupils. Many of our pupil visitors last year still reflect upon their visit (they particularly liked the bandanas in the Gurdwara and ceiling in the Mosque!)

This educational visit will take place on **Wednesday 22nd April 2026**.

Your child will need to bring with them:

- Full school uniform with comfortable shoes.
- A packed lunch- **this must be Vegetarian**, - Because the Sikhs have a strict ‘vegetarian only’ rule inside the Gurdwara [no glass bottles please]
- A small backpack [to be carried throughout the day]
- Pencil case with pencils, sharpener and rubber.
- Clothing: *Head scarves or beanie style hats are worn by everyone inside the Gurdwara and by females inside the Mosque. Pupils are able to bring their own head-scarf, bandana or beanie hat- they do have some available, if required. Shoes will need to be removed inside the entrance of both the Gurdwara and the Mosque.*
- Any medication [including travel sickness tablets] clearly labelled with their name to be handed to the office by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

On the day of the visit, students need to arrive at school by **8:15am**, for a prompt departure at **8:30am**. We will leave the venue at 1:30pm and arrive back at Edwinstree at approximately 2:30pm, pupils will be dismissed at the end of the school day in the normal manner.

We are pleased to announce that we have received both a Locality Budget Scheme Grant and ESA funding towards this visit and have been able to significantly reduce the cost. The cost of this visit will be **£12.59** per student, which includes coach hire, parking and the tour cost. Payment can be made via School Gateway. Payment and consent form should be completed by **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**.

If the cost of this visit will cause you financial difficulty, please email the office on [admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk).

We understand that visiting a place of worship will come with a unique set of questions. Pupils will have an assembly where we will discuss the visit and any questions they may have- we have attached the PowerPoint as parents/carers may also find it helpful.

If you have any further questions, the FAQ section of the website is particularly useful- [FAQ – Faith in Queen's Park \(faithinqueenspark.org.uk\)](#), alternatively please contact me via email [hoy5@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:hoy5@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk).

Please click on the link below to provide consent for your child to attend.  
<https://forms.office.com/e/WN5qHbp6sC>

We are also looking for a limited number of parent volunteers to accompany us on the visit. If you would be willing to attend, please indicate on the form link above and we will contact you if required. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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