

Lincolnshire Locally Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education
KS2 Additional Unit: Big Questions – Why do we Celebrate?

- *What different events/times of life do we celebrate?*
- *How do different people celebrate things differently?*
- *How does celebration relate to remembrance?*

- Consider different ways in which we celebrate – birthdays, events of national significance (e.g. royal weddings), sporting events (e.g. the football World Cup, the Olympics), key religious festivals, the birth of a new baby, the celebration of the life of someone who has just died, etc.
- Make connections between celebrations that are happy and celebrations that help us remember events, including sad events (e.g. the One Love concert in Manchester after the bombings, Remembrance Sunday)
- Examples of celebrations from religions/non-religious worldviews:
 - Humanism:** naming ceremonies and funerals (celebrating someone's life) – see <https://understandinghumanism.org.uk/uhtheme/celebrations-and-ceremonies/>
 - Judaism:** wedding ceremony – key promises and ways in which this connects with Jewish beliefs about the promises between God and his chosen people, the people of Israel; key features of a wedding ceremony (e.g. signing the *ketubah* – marriage contract, drinking from the *Kiddush* – blessing – cup, shattering a glass to remember the destruction of the Jewish Temple in the 1st century CE, the last time Jews had a central global focus point for worshipping God – i.e. remembering that not everything in life is joyful and marriage is about walking alongside each other in the challenging times as well as the good ones)
 - Christianity;** confirmation – a person confirming promises that were made during baptism (sometimes by their parents); in some Christian denominations, this is the first time a Christian is able to participate in Holy Communion (the significance of Holy Communion – see *KS2 Compulsory Unit: Community - Christianity*); see http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/ritesrituals/confirmation_1.shtml and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fQg9WDliZGc&list=PLcvEcrsF_9zJxDHG9JtcCmiAgwVFRW3uK&index=25; <https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/confirmations/confirmation-faqs>, etc.