



Lancing Prep Worthing

A Lancing College Preparatory School

School Policy on Celebrating World Faiths

Introduction

This policy applies to the whole school, including the EYFS.

Reviewed in October 2025 by Francesca Milling (Head) and Melody Bridges (Head of Humanities).

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Next Review: September 2027

Purpose:

As a proud member of the Woodard family of schools, we are rooted in a Christian ethos that values faith, compassion, and respect for all. In keeping with these principles, our school is committed to fostering an inclusive environment that celebrates the rich diversity of world religions. This policy outlines our approach to recognising and honouring the major faiths represented in our community.

Each academic year, the school will formally recognise the world's major faiths through two dedicated events per faith:

1. **Cultural Lunch Experience:** A themed lunch will be served featuring traditional foods associated with the faith's key celebrations. This will offer our pupils a chance to explore cultural heritage through cuisine in an educational and respectful setting.
2. **School Assembly:** A Prep school assembly will be organised to highlight the beliefs, values, and traditions of the faith. In the Pre-Prep, some learning will take place within the classrooms.

Timing Considerations:

While we aim to align these events with the actual dates of religious festivals, it may not always be possible due to scheduling constraints. In such cases, the lunch and assembly will be held as close to the festival date as reasonably possible to preserve the spirit of the celebration.

Implementation Guidelines:

Faiths recognised may include (but are not limited to): Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Sikhism and others as relevant to the school community.

Participation in events is encouraged but not mandatory.

When parents in our school community have reached out to LPW staff to share their culture and faith, then they may be communicated with about the upcoming event, in order that staff have a deeper understanding of the faith and follow the appropriate food suggestions.

All celebrations will be educational in nature and aligned with the school's values of inclusivity, respect, and cultural awareness.

Review and Feedback:

This policy will be shared on our school website for our families to see and it will be reviewed annually to ensure it continues to reflect the needs and diversity of our school community.