

## TEAM TALK

Below are some highlight and testimonies from the team this term to share with your church what's been happening in schools.

**Yvonne** – One lesson I was faced with the challenge of wrong times and resources due to teacher absence. BUT after reading the Bible, 2 boys produced a cross with a crown of thorns around it. *“This symbolises the beauty and the suffering of Easter.”* Wow!

**Carol**– It's been great to work alongside so many church leaders encouraging them to host 8 classes. I was quite amazed at the number of Yr6 pupils who'd never been to a church before – this was between one third and one half! *“The children said how educational the visit was, especially those that have never been inside a Church before. They had a fantastic time”* (Year 6 Teacher, Tollgate)

**Alice** - Our 'Every Church for Every Child' project is on target– with 4 schools handed over to church workers to visit with support. We are on track to double our active church partners from 23 to 46 by the end of this academic year. *“Faith in Schools have helped us to grow our relationship with the school*

*closest to our church. We have enjoyed going in and teaching RE. Faith in Schools have help us get that relationship off the ground, to sustain it and given us wonderful resources and training so we feel really equipped to teach’* (Crossway St Matthews Church)

**Gillian** - This term I delivered lessons with a majority evaluated as 6 (out of 6). I had excellent feedback from the teachers, especially Portway Primary {who have not had regular RE visitors before}. When I realised that I was telling 90 pupils about Jesus's resurrection today, it was just amazing!



## UPCOMING DATES

**Pray for Schools Meetings** every Monday @9:30am (sign up to our Prayer Letter for more info)

**Monthly Meetups** (Psalms & Stretches, Fundraising, Thanksgiving Meal) 1st Thurs of

the month

**Volunteer Training** 15th May @ Swift Centre

For more info contact and register with Rachel@faithinschools.co.uk

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# FAITH IN SCHOOLS

Our aim is for every child and young person in Newham schools to have the opportunity to meet local Christians and discover what it means to be a Christian in the 21st century

## SUMMER TERM 2023



## SPRING TERM AT A GLANCE

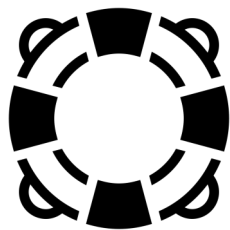
266 lessons delivered  
1025 hours volunteered  
7,980 pupils taught  
32 schools worked with

## FEATURES

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# SAVE OUR SCHOOLS WORK



It's sink or swim this coming financial year for Faith in Schools' mission. At present, by April 2024, our money runs out and we will have to stop our work.

This means 30,000 pupils each year will not get to meet Christians, visit churches anymore through school visits, Christmas Journey, Easter Experience and the Knife Crime projects stop.

*Without Faith in Schools, none of the school engagement this year would have been possible" (Forest Gate Church Leader, 2022*

If like us, you believe children having the opportunity to meet local Christians through RE are worth fighting for, **please help us.**

**If we can raise £70,000 every year, we can continue. If we don't - we close April 2024**

Here's how you can be a part of the rescue team, to get involved contact [rachel@faithinschools.co.uk](mailto:rachel@faithinschools.co.uk)

**Are you (or know someone) self-employed or earn more than £50K?**  
Do you have friends, family or church members who may be in this fortunate position? Please put us in touch.

You could consider giving an annual gift of £3000 for at least 2-5 years from your tax allowance.

**Could you or someone you know give £10 monthly?**

**Introduce us to your church leaders.**

At present, only 20% of churches in Newham fund us. We'd love to come and talk about our mission.

**If you or your church already gives**  
Could you increase the gift OR run a fundraiser annually for us? If every church in Newham raised just £300 a year for us, we could continue.

**Continue our legacy**

Could YOU or someone else you know lead our sessions with our resources?  
Could your church continue our mission in your nearest school if we have to close?

**Please spread the word!** Tell everyone you know that **Faith in Schools needs saving!**



# EASTER EXPERIENCE 2023



From 13-24 March, 29 local primary schools and 40 churches gathered joyfully for the Easter Experience, a refreshing break from the gloomy economic forecast and sky high prices lately.

Hosted across 6 areas of the borough, these seasonal visits are **free, fun, and full of hope.**

2,310 pupils aged 8-9, along with their teachers and parent helpers, took part in 6 creative workshops which explore the story of Jesus' death and resurrection through performing and expressive arts.

We recruited and trained 83 volunteers who gave 742 hours to share why they celebrate Easter with Newham children.

Church leaders said: *It's a great privilege to share our faith with those wonderful young minds and a real pleasure to be doing this together with the amazing team of Christians of all backgrounds and traditions."*

**"I learned that Jesus loves everybody, not just Christians" (Gainsborough Pupil)**