

## Topic of the Month (May 2026)

Topic of the Month helps spark discussion in Religious Studies at Key Stages 4 and 5 by highlighting its relevance today. Use the selected news article and discussion prompts to support your teaching.



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## Introduction

This topic relates to an article and recording produced for True Tube\* entitled “Vaisakhi.” It explores Sikh celebrations of Vaisakhi and the formation of the Khalsa.

[\(Read the full article and view the recording from True Tube\)](#)

## Discussion prompts

- Who founded the Khalsa and when?
- What are the Five Ks?
- Why are the Five Ks important to Sikhs?
- How does Vaisakhi show community and equality?
- Why is Amrit ceremony important in Vaisakhi?
- How do Sikhs celebrate Vaisakhi today?
- What does Vaisakhi teach about Sikh values?

### Specification links:

- **GCSE:**
  - Gurburbs and commemorations
  - Birth and naming rituals and ceremonies
- **A Level:**
  - The importance of sangat
  - The importance of initiation into the Khalsa and wearing the 5 Ks...
  - Practices that shape and express religious identity
  - Religion and society

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