



St Sebastian's C of E Primary School and Nursery
 "Love for Others, Learning in Every Step"
 (Luke 10: 25-37)



Y3/4 RE Knowledge Organiser – Sikhism



Enquiry Question: *Does joining the Khalsa make a person a better Sikh?*

In this unit we will explore what it means to belong and why people join special groups. We will learn about the *Amrit Ceremony* and what it means to become part of the *Khalsa*. We will find out about the *5 Ks* and how they help Sikhs remember their promises to God. We will also ask, "Does joining the Khalsa make someone a better Sikh?" and think about how people can show commitment in different ways.

Tier 3 - Subject Specific Vocabulary

Sikhism	A religion founded in India by Guru Nanak over 500 years ago.
Guru	A teacher; Sikhs believe there were ten human Gurus and the <i>Guru Granth Sahib</i> is now the living Guru (holy book).
Khalsa	A community of committed Sikhs who have taken part in the <i>Amrit Ceremony</i> .
Amrit Ceremony	A joining ceremony where Sikhs choose to make a special promise to God.
Gurdwara	The Sikh place of worship.
Equality	The belief that everyone is equal and should be treated fairly.
Belonging	Feeling part of a group or community.

We are learning to...

- Understand what happens during the *Amrit Ceremony*.
- Explain why some Sikhs choose to join the *Khalsa*.
- Recognise the *5 Ks* and what each one means.
- Reflect on our own experiences of belonging to a group.
- Consider whether joining a group or making promises helps people stay committed.
- Express our own opinion about whether joining the Khalsa makes someone a "better" Sikh.

Key Knowledge

- **The Khalsa** is a group of Sikhs who have made a public promise to follow God's teachings.
- During the **Amrit Ceremony**, sweet water (*amrit*) is stirred and shared to symbolise unity and equality.
- Sikhs who join the Khalsa wear the **5 Ks** to remind them of their faith and their promises to God.
- Joining the Khalsa is a **personal choice** — not all Sikhs join, but many still live good lives and follow Sikh values.
- The ceremony is an **act of commitment**, showing dedication to living a truthful, kind, and disciplined life.
- **Belonging** is important in Sikhism — Sikhs show this by helping others (*sewa*), praying, and living honestly.
- A person's **actions**—such as kindness, equality, and service—may show commitment to God as much as outward symbols.
- The *Amrit Ceremony* helps Sikhs feel **closer to God and their community**.