

P6 Week of 18.01.21

We are continuing to follow our planned Religious and Moral Education Programme. This term P6's RME topic is Islamic Weddings.

Lesson 1: Experience of weddings

The actual Muslim wedding is known as a *nikah*.

It is a simple ceremony, at which the bride does not have to be present so long as she sends two witnesses to the drawn-up agreement.

Normally, the ceremony consists of reading from the Qur'an, and the exchange of vows in front of witnesses for both partners.

No special religious official is necessary, but often the Imam is present and performs the ceremony. He may give a short sermon.

There are certain things which are basic to all Muslim marriages. Marriages have to be declared publicly. They should never be undertaken in secret. The publicity is usually achieved by having a large feast, or *walimah* - a party specifically for the purpose of announcing publicly that the couple are married and entitled to each other.



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Have you ever been to a wedding?

Write about it here. (If you have never been to a wedding try to imagine what you think it would be like and write your thoughts.)

