

## Lesson 1: What is a gurdwara?

This half-term we are going to return to our study of the religion of **Sikhism**.

This is the main symbol of Sikhism.

It is called a **khanda** and you might have seen it outside Sikh people's homes or Sikh places of worship.

Back at the start of the year we looked the beliefs Sikh people have – now we are going to look at their religious practices – how they express those beliefs.



Today we are going to learn about what a Sikh place of worship looks like.

A Sikh place of worship is called a **gurdwara**, sometimes it might be called a Sikh temple.

The word **gurdwara** means *door to the guru* – remember that a guru is a teacher of the faith in Sikhism.

This is the Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha in Southall, West London



**Label the ways in which you would know this was a Sikh gurdwara if you walked past**



This is what the gurdwara looks like inside.



Firstly, label the picture with some adjectives you would use to describe it.

Then apply the following labels: *Takhat*, *khanda*, *Guru Granth Sahib*, *Granthi*, *men's side*, *women's side*

