

# Year 2: How do Christians celebrate Easter?

## What will I know by the end of this topic?

- About the **crucifix** and empty cross and how they link to **Good Friday** and **Easter Day**.
- About objects that are connected with Easter: church colours, the palm cross, the Easter Garden, bread and wine, and how they link to the Easter story.
- About the ways in which Christians celebrate Easter in church.



**Crucifix**  
(Sad feelings)

Christians remember that Jesus died on Good Friday on the cross.



**Empty cross**  
(happy feelings)

Christians use the empty cross to show that Jesus is no longer suffering and dying, and that he has come back to life on Easter Sunday.

## Vocabulary

crucifix	A cross.
Easter Sunday	When Jesus was resurrected.
features	An interesting part of something.
Hallelujah	To praise joyously.
Hot cross bun	A spiced, sweet bun.
Jerusalem	A city in western Asia.
palm cross	A cross made from a palm leaf.
Palm Sunday	When Jesus entered into Jerusalem.
Wine	A drink made from grapes.

## Some of the objects that are connected with Easter:

- White and gold vestments and altar cloths** are used on Easter Day in celebration and joy of new life.
- The **palm cross** is used to remember the people waving palms at Jesus on **Palm Sunday**.
- An **Easter Garden** is sometimes created in churches to show a belief in resurrection.
- Easter eggs** are often given out in church on Easter Day to symbolise new life.
- Bread**, or communion wafers, are eaten and a sip of **wine** is taken from a communion chalice to remember Jesus' words at **The Last Supper**. Jesus spoke about the bread representing his body and the wine representing his blood.
- Hot cross buns** are eaten during Easter to remember the death and resurrection of Jesus.



palm cross



Gold vestments



chalice

CRC Article 14: All children have the right to their own religion.



Take time to reflect

What have you done to make somebody feel happy? How did that make you feel?