



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School RE Newsletter

To enable every child to discover their talents, realise their potential and achieve their dreams by living, laughing and learning together, anchored in the love of Christ, always asking, "What would Jesus do?"

Our new topic is: **Easter**

When is Easter?

In 2024, Easter Sunday is on 31st March. The Easter season lasts 50 days and finishes on Pentecost Sunday (19th May 2024). After 40 days, we celebrate the Ascension, which this year, will fall on Thursday 9th May 2024.



Why is Easter important?

Easter is important because it reminds us that:

- Jesus fulfilled the promises of Scripture
- He conquered sin and death
- By dying on the cross, our sins are forgiven Easter is a celebration of new life and the light of Christ returning to the world.



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

How to help at home

To help your child understand further, you may wish to read the following Gospel extracts with them at home:

- The Empty Tomb – John 20:1-9
- Doubting Thomas – John 20:24-29
- The Ascension – Mark 16:19-20

Our main themes in the Easter topic are different for each year group. We will learn:

Reception: Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. Easter is the most important season and a time of joy.

Year 1 & 2: The account of Doubting Thomas show that people responded in different ways to the Resurrection.

Year 3: Jesus appeared to his disciples, making them witnesses to the Resurrection.

Year 4: The account of the Road to Emmaus. Jesus ascended into heaven 40 days after the Resurrection.

Year 5: The Church teaches and believes in eternal life, as shown in the Easter story.

Year 6: The Resurrection is important because it is a reminder that death is not the end to life

You can find ideas for family activities to complete during Easter by following the link below:

<https://ministriyspark.com/49-easter-games-crafts-sunday-school/>