

# The Knowledge

Supporting the National Curriculum



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# Festivals



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# Key Festivals

**Shabbat** - Jewish day of rest

**Bar or Bat Mitzvah** - Jewish rite of passage

**Pesach** - Jewish festival of Passover

**Lent** - forty days of fasting leading up to Easter

**Easter** - Christian festival remembering the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ

**Ascension** - Christian festival remembering Jesus' ascent to heaven on Whit(e) Sunday

**Pentecost** - the start of the Christian church when the disciples came to Jerusalem to teach for the first time.

# Key Dates

**Palm Sunday** - start of Easter week when Jesus entered Jerusalem for the Jewish Passover

**Maundy Thursday**- Jesus celebrates the Passover with his Last Supper and is arrested

**Good Friday** - the crucifixion of Jesus

**Easter Sunday** - the resurrection of Jesus

**Ascension Day** (Whitsun) - Six weeks after Jesus' resurrection

**Pentecost** - the founding of the Christian church seven Sundays after Easter.

# Key Facts

Palm crosses are made in churches on Palm Sunday.

Maundy Thursday is the day of Jesus' Last Supper which is remembered every week in churches as Holy Communion or Mass.

Bread and wine are the symbolic foods at Mass that recall Jesus' final commands to his disciples.

Jewish priests had Jesus arrested but the Roman government ordered his execution.

Jesus lay in the tomb till Sunday as Shabbat had started and there was no one to tend to his body till it was over.

Easter Eggs are a symbol of new life.

Christians believe that Jesus resurrected and remained with his disciples for six weeks to teach them.

# Key Vocabulary

**Synagogue:** The holy building for the Jewish faith

**Yad:** Pointer to read scrolls

**Tallit:** Prayer shawl

**Tefillin:** A box strapped to arm or forehead

**Kippah:** A skull cap

**Sukkah:** Huts built to sleep and worship in

**Seder:** Symbolic main Pesach meal

**Haggadah:** (story of the Exodus)

**Shabbat:** Jewish day of rest and worship

# Test Yourself

What is Shabbat?

What is a bar and bat Mitzvah?

Who is Moses?

What is Pesach?

What is Palm Sunday?

What happened on Maundy Thursday?

What happened on Good Friday?

What is Easter Sunday?

What was the Ascension?

What is Eid?

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