






YEAR 2 - 'How do Christians celebrate Easter?'

Events leading up to Easter Day:

Palm Sunday	Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, to celebrate Passover. People threw coats and palm leaves down on the ground for the donkey to walk over. They shouted out "Hosanna!"
Maundy Thursday	The last meal Jesus had with his 12 disciples before he was arrested and crucified on the cross. Known as the Last Supper.
Good Friday	Jesus was made to carry his own cross before he was nailed to it. After Jesus had died, he was taken to a cave tomb with an enormous bolder to seal it.
Easter Sunday	Jesus' friends visited the tomb and found his body had gone. Followers realised that God had raised Jesus from the dead. Christians call this the resurrection (coming back to life).

How do Christians remember Easter events in church?

	Small crosses made from palm leaves are made/given as a reminder of when Jesus entered Jerusalem and people waved palm leaves. They can be seen on foods such as hot cross buns.
	Eggs are used as a symbol of new life so often eggs are decorated or given.
	Christians sing hymns in celebration of God and is another way to worship him.
	Leading up to Easter Sunday, churches are very plain with no flowers or decoration. However, on Easter Sunday the bells ring and churches are filled with flowers and the colours change to purple, white and gold.
	Christians share bread and wine to remember the Last Supper. This is called Holy Communion, Eucharist or Mass.