Religious Education

Year 2 Christian Festivals

Key Vocabulary

festival	A time of celebration and explores both happy and sad memories
celebration	A special event that is organised because something pleasant has happened
Christmas	The Christian festival which celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ
Easter	The Christian festival which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ
Paschal	A large white candle lit during an Easter service. It is decorated with symbols of resurrection such as a cross.
light	Represents goodness, purity and hope.
cross	A T shaped piece of wood which Jesus Christ was fixed

A nativity scene of Jesus Christ's birth at Christmas

A resurrection scene for Jesus Christ at Easter

Key Learning

Christmas is a special time for Christians to rejoice over the birth of Jesus Christ. Christians believe he was very special and represented God on Earth.

Easter is a Christian festival celebrated around the world.

Palm Sunday – Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and was treated like a king.

Maundy Thursday – Jesus had his last supper with his disciples and was betrayed by Judas.

Good Friday – the death of Jesus Christ.

Easter Sunday – Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the tomb.

New life – Easter represents the theme of 'new life' to Christians.