

Holi Festival

Hindus celebrate the festival called 'Holi'.

Holi is usually celebrated in March to mark the arrival of spring.

For many, Holi is a time for fun as it is a colourful festival, with singing, dancing and throwing of powder paint and coloured water.



What is the story of Holi?

Holi festival celebrates the Hindu God 'Krishna' and the legend of Holika and Prahlad.

What do the Holi colours mean?

People believe that the Holi colours came from Krishna mischievously throwing coloured water over his milkmaids when he was young.

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Why are festivals important to religious communities?

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Key Vocabulary

Holi A Hindu festival that celebrates spring, love and new life.

Krishna A Hindu God in the story of Holika and Prahlad.

Holy week The week before Easter, starting on Palm Sunday.

Resurrection The rising of Jesus from the dead.

Easter A festival in the Christian calendar that celebrates Jesus rising from the dead three days after he died.

Good Friday It is the Friday before Easter Sunday and Christians remember Jesus' crucifixion.

Crucifixion How Jesus died on the cross.

Easter Sunday Where Jesus rises and Mary Magdalene visits the tomb.



Easter

The date of Easter Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon, on or after 21st March.

An egg is a symbol for new life, and for Christians Easter eggs are used as a symbol for the resurrection of Jesus.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy week where Jesus arrives in Jerusalem. Then, Maundy Thursday is where Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples.

Good Friday then commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus on the cross.