



**Transition Day**  
**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Subject:** Religious Education

**Task:** As a RE department, we would love to find out which festivals and celebrations interest the class of 2028. This could be a festival that you have already learnt about at school, one that you celebrate with your family or one that you have researched specifically for this task.

You need to include:

- Festival name.
- Which religion celebrates it.
- When the festival is (date).
- What people eat & drink at the festival.
- The clothes or costumes people wear.
- What people do at the festival.
- Any stories connected to the festival.
- Any songs, music or plays performed during the festival.
- Any religious symbols or objects used at the festival.
- Choose four photos/images that best illustrate your festival.

**Resources required:**

You can use the internet and any relevant books to carry out research. How you present your chosen individual is up to you. It can be done on the computer, or it can be handwritten. The outcome could be a poster, a presentation, or an essay.

**Share your work with us:**

Once you have completed the tasks, please email your work to:  
*chris.sykes@avonbourneacademy.org.uk*

You can also ask your parents to tweet us your work @avonbourne\_2028 or @AvonbourneRE.

We would love to see how you got on and will have prizes for fantastic work in September.



## Some examples of interesting festivals:

**Christianity**: Christmas & Easter

**Islam**: Id ul-Fitr & Id-ul-Adha

**Judaism**: Purim, Hanukkah, Passover & Rosh Hashanah

**Hinduism**: Diwali, Holi, Ganesh Chaturthi, Raksha Bandan & Durga Puja.

**Sikhism**: Guru Nanak Gurburab & Vaisakhi.

**Buddhism**: Wesak Day.

Help to get you started:

Holi: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qeguiNi3Uac>

Easter: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MK2o-mhBfuc>

Eid ul Fitr: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFU9Cb0D6lo>

Passover: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QF84Wx0dGTg>

Purim: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6mmZDYogjCk>



## Which festivals do the RE Department find interesting?

### Miss Jupe

My favourite religious festival or celebration is Christmas! Christmas takes place on the 25th of December. Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, who Christians believe is the Son of God. In the UK (The United Kingdom), Christmas dinner is a popular choice, also known as a cooked dinner with or without gravy. Families and friends will share food such as turkey, roast potatoes, and mince pies. The story of Christmas is re-told through the Nativity which consists of Mary, her husband Joseph, Jesus, a stable, a star and the three wise men.

On Christmas day, there is an exchange of gifts that represents the three gifts the three wise men gave to Jesus: Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. In Christian churches there are often services to celebrate as a community the birth of Jesus, which includes carol singing. Some Christians start Christmas Day with a midnight communion service (also called a midnight mass). A symbol of a star, normally placed on the top of a Christmas tree represents the star that appeared at the birth of Jesus and guided the three wise men to where he was staying.

### Mr Sykes

My favourite religious festival is the Jewish festival Purim. Held in the Spring, Purim celebrates the bravery of Queen Esther, who risked her life to save the Persian Jews from the evil Haman, the King's wicked advisor. During Purim, Jews host carnivals, perform parodies (plays) and hold beauty contests, where everyone dresses up in masks and colourful, extravagant clothing. When someone reads the story of Purim, from the Megillah (scroll), everyone boos, hisses, and stamps their feet whenever Haman's name is mentioned. Children often rattle noisemakers called Graggers to further drown out his name. Popular items of food eaten on Purim include Hamantash (triangular cookies) and Kreplach (triangular dumplings).

