



# RE: What are the deeper meanings of religious festivals

Summer A

Year 4



Six aspects of festivals	Explanation
ancient story	Religious festivals have a story behind the celebration.
modern community	Festivals tend to be celebrated as community celebrating together.
sacred symbols	Symbols represent parts of the story to help remember what the celebration is about.
rituals	Religions tend to do the same things each year to celebrate.
remembrance	They tend to spend time remembering the story and the reason behind the celebration.
celebrating spiritual values	This helps them think about what the celebration means to them.

## Key questions:

What links can you between these festivals and things you celebrate?

Are the values between festivals the same?

Should everyone be allowed a day off for their festivals?

What do you think is worth celebrating every year?

## Festivals

Diwali - Hindu	A Hindu festival that happens between October and November. It is a festival of light and celebrates the victory of god over evil.
Passover - Jewish	A Jewish festival celebrating the time when Moses saved the Israelites from slavery.
Vaisakhi - Sikh	A Sikh festival celebrating the 5 men who were willing to give up their lives for their religion, showing great bravery.



**Diwali**

Terminology	Explanation
Lakshmi	goddess of wealth
Rangoli	Patterns drawn on the floor, the most popular being the lotus flower.
Diva Lamp	Lamps lit to guide Lakshmi to people's homes



**Vaisakhi**

Terminology	Explanation
sedar	'order' in Hebrew
Seder plate	an important part of the Sedar meal, this plate has sections to hold special seder foods.
matzot	an unleavened bread
Haggadah	a special book from which the story of the Israelites fleeing Egypt is read



**Passover**

Terminology	Explanation
Panj Pyare	The 5 beloved ones
Khalsa	members of the Sikh community
amrit	Holy water