

The Story of Easter: Traditions and Origins

Hop into History: Unlocking the Story of Easter with Pip and Ellie!

- For many, Easter marks the end of Lent, a period of forty days of reflection and fasting leading up to the celebration of the resurrection.
- The Easter egg is a traditional symbol of new life and rebirth, representing the start of spring and the warming of the earth.
- Hot cross buns are a famous British Easter treat, traditionally marked with a cross to represent the four quarters of the moon or religious iconography.
- In the UK, Easter Monday is a bank holiday, providing families with a long weekend to enjoy seasonal activities and spring gardens.
- The custom of egg rolling is a long-standing British tradition, where decorated hard-boiled eggs are rolled down a hill to see whose remains intact the longest.

Did you know? Did you know? The date of Easter changes every year! It is determined by the lunar calendar, falling on the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox. This is why it can occur any time between 22nd March and 25th April.

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