



EASTER

- some information



- Easter is the time when people celebrate the resurrection of Christ from the dead.



- Pagan traditions give us the English word "Easter" which comes from the word "Eostre".
- The English word Easter comes from the Anglo – Saxon name for the month of April, which was known as "Eostremonath"



- In Britain children have two weeks off school when it is Easter. They finish school a few days before the Easter weekend.

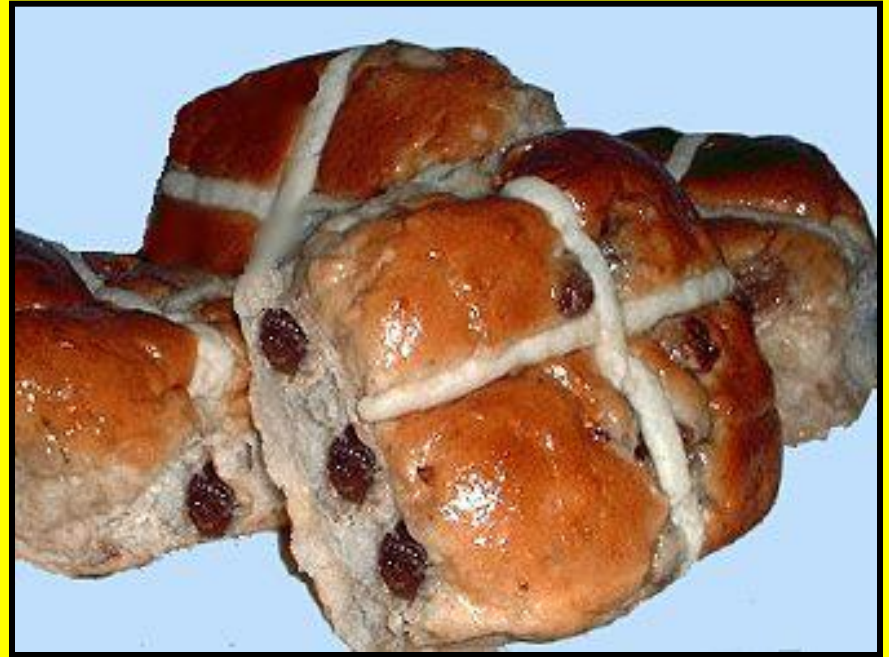


GOOD FRIDAY

- It is the Friday before Easter Sunday (Easter Day).
- On Good Friday, Christians remember the day when Jesus was crucified on a cross.



- It is traditional to eat warm 'hot cross buns' on Good Friday .
- The cross on top of the buns symbolises and reminds Christians of the cross that Jesus was killed.



EASTER SUNDAY

[EASTER DAY]

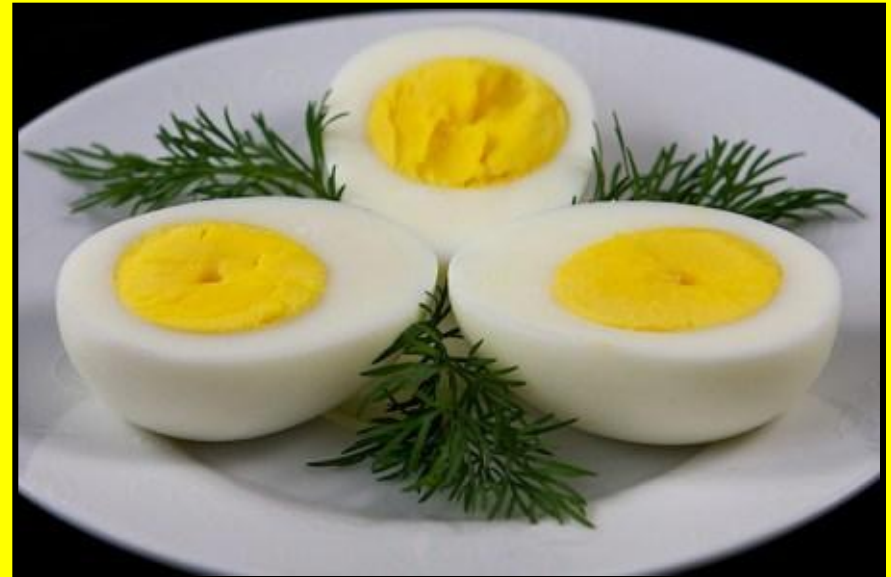
- On Easter Sunday (Easter Day) Christians gather together on a hill to watch the sun rise.



- Then they have breakfast with the family.



- **Boiled eggs** are traditionally served at breakfast. After breakfast people go to church for a service to celebrate Jesus rising from the dead.



- At home, everyone gives each other chocolate eggs.



- In England children get big ones filled with sweets.

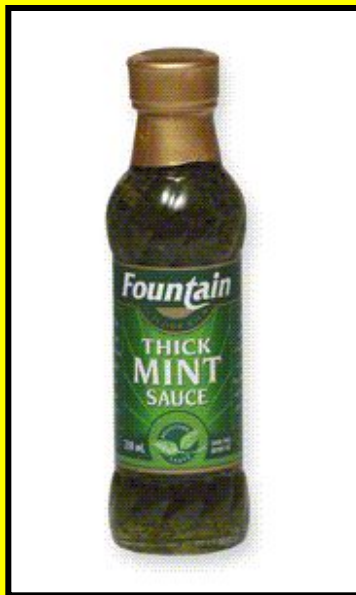


- Around 80 million chocolate eggs are eaten each year in Britain.





- **Roast lamb** is the traditional meat for the main meal on Easter Day. It is served with mint sauce and vegetables.



- The traditional Easter pudding is **custard tarts.**



- After dinner children play the game – **Easter Egg Hunt**. Parents hide small chocolate eggs in the garden or at home and children try to find them.



- Later in the afternoon people have a special **Easter Cake for tea** – it's **Simnel cake**.

The Simnel cake is a rich fruitcake covered with a thick layer of almond paste (marzipan). A layer of marzipan is also traditionally baked into the middle of the cake.

Eleven balls of marzipan are placed around the top to represent the eleven true disciples (excluding Judas).



Simnel cake

EASTER MONDAY



- **Egg rolling** is very popular in England and is an **Easter Monday** sport.

Hard-boiled eggs are rolled down a hill.





HAPPY
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