

The background features a stylized landscape with rolling green hills in various shades of green and brown soil. On the left, there is a green tree, a purple flower, and an orange Easter egg. A red bird is flying in the sky above the tree. The sky is composed of horizontal bands of light blue and white. The text 'Easter Assembly' is written in a brown, cursive font, and '2023' is written in a smaller, brown, sans-serif font below it.

# *Easter Assembly*

*2023*



How Easter is celebrated in Eastern Europe.

Decorative egg baskets which contain symbolic items.

**Butter**- This dairy product is often shaped into a lamb or a cross. This reminds us of the good will of Christ that we should have towards all things **Easter**.

**Bread**- A round or long loaf topped with a cross or a fish, symbolic of Jesus, who is the Bread of Life.

**Horseradish** - Symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds.

**Eggs** - (decorated with symbols of Easter, of life, of prosperity) - Indicates new life and Christ's Resurrection from the tomb.

**Sausage** - A sausage product, symbolic of God's favor and generosity.

**Ham** - Symbolic of great joy and abundance. Some prefer lamb or veal. The lamb also reminds Christians that the Risen Christ is the "Lamb of God."

**Smoked Bacon** - A symbol of the overabundance of God's mercy and generosity.

**Salt** - A necessary element in our physical life. Symbolic of prosperity and justice and to remind us that people are the flavor of the earth.

**Cheese** - Symbolic of the moderation Christians should have at all times.

**Candle** - Represents Christ as the Light of the World.

**Colorful Ribbons and Sprigs of Greenery** - are attached to the basket as signs of joy and new life in the season of spring and in celebration of the Resurrection.

**Linen Cover** - drawn over the top of the basket which is ready for the priest's visit to the home or the trip to church where it is joined with the baskets of others to await the blessing. The food is then set aside and enjoyed on Easter Sunday.

# The Easter Story told in Pictures

Artists use colour, texture and shape to tell a story through their work.

This year, we tell the Easter story through Art work – inspired by the style of various artists.

How have you told the story through your artwork?

# Reception – Spray of Leaves by Matisse



Bright and colourful leaves remind us of the celebrations as Jesus rode on a donkey into Jerusalem.  
“Hosanna” the people cried.



# Hosanna

*Let's sing!*

# The Last Supper – Y1 by Ivan Guaderamma



At the last supper, Jesus washed the disciples feet. He showed them that he was a servant to them. What humility!

# The Last Supper – Y1/2 by Ivan Guaderrama



Jesus broke bread and passed around wine in a cup. He said that these were reminders of his body and blood. How confused the disciples were!

# Love One Another – Y2 by Ivan Guaderrama



One of the disciples, Judas, was going to betray Jesus. Jesus knew this at the meal. How sad to know a friend would soon betray you.



# Y3 – Fear by Jenny Hawke



In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus was betrayed. Soldiers arrested him. The disciples were frightened. Peter denied knowing Jesus after this. His fear was too much for him to bear.

# Y3/4 – betrayal by Jenny Hawke



Judas had led soldiers to Jesus. Being betrayed by a friend is so very hurtful. Judas felt terrible guilt.

# Y4 – Power Powerless by Jenny Hawke



Jesus was led to  
the Roman ruler  
– Pontius Pilate.  
Bound in chains  
he was  
condemned to  
death. He was  
teased and beaten  
but he bravely  
took the pain as  
part of the plan.



# Mary's Song

*Let's sing*

# Y5c – Crucifixion and Resurrection – inspired by Starry Night by Vincent Van Gogh



Jesus died on the cross for our sins. The sun disappeared and the heavy sky showed the burden carried by God's son.



# The Empty Tomb – Y5/6 inspired by Starry Night by Vincent Van Gogh



After 3 days, the women found the tomb empty. Jesus had gone! Shocked and saddened they left confused. An angel told them that Jesus was no longer dead.



# The Resurrection – Y6 inspired by Starry Night by Vincent Van Gogh



The women met Jesus and filled with joy they ran to tell the disciples. A new day had dawned, a new beginning. Death was defeated!





# *Celebrate*

*Let's sing*





*Let's Pray*



*He's alive*

*Exit with good news!*