

"Shine Like Stars in the Universe" With the Worship Times

Welcome to the Easter 2021 Edition of Worship Times



As we have come to the end of the Spring term it's time to celebrate the vibrant life and spirit of our school and reflect on how much has been achieved by our brilliant and resilient school community.

The amazing children of Sparsholt C of E Primary School continue to flourish in body, mind and spirit, taking every opportunity to live out our core Christian values of **Courage, Compassion and Creativity** and inspiring us all to **shine like stars in the universe**.

Our Eggstra Special Easter 2021 Edition includes....

- † National Day of Reflection
- † Journey to Kampala
- † Easter Garden Gallery
- † The Easter Story
- † Easter Art Exhibition
- † Holy Week Scenes in a Shoe Box
- † Easter Blessing from Revd Jax

Prayer Space at Sparsholt C of E Primary School.



National Day of Reflection

23rd March 2021



On the 23rd March the whole school joined the National Day of Reflection marking a year since the start of the first UK lockdown. Every child in the school created a rainbow to hold during the reflection and prayer. Children and staff took the opportunity to remember all those who have been through difficult times during the last year. Year 6 rang the school bell at midday to signal a minute of silent reflection.

We lit our 3 worship candles to shine a light as we thought about our many lockdown heroes, such as :NHS staff, scientists working on vaccines, shop workers and deliver drivers. We reflected about how we had journeyed our way through the pandemic by supporting each other.



**We light a candle
In the name of the
Maker
Who lit the World
And breathed the
breath of life for us**

**We light a candle
In the name of the
Son
Who saved the
world
And stretched out
his hand to us**

**We light a candle
In the name of the
Spirit
Who encompasses
the world
And blesses our
souls with
everlasting love.**

THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

National Day of
Reflection
23 March

*A Year of
Hope...*

Try to be
a rainbow in
someone's cloud.

—Maya Angelou



Maple Class Holding their Rainbows of Hope



Rowan Class Holding their Rainbows of Hope

Holy Week

Easter is the most important festival in the Christian calendar. Every Class in the school learned about Holy Week by using our creativity to make scenes of the key events of Holy Week in a shoe box.

Palm Sunday—Willow Class

This is the Sunday before Easter Sunday.

Willow class created a scene to represent the first day of Holy Week. You can see Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem riding on a donkey and crowds of people coming out of the city to greet him, throwing down palm branches on the road.



Maundy Thursday—Beech Class

This is the Thursday before Easter Day.

On Maundy Thursday Christians remember when Jesus ate the Passover meal. Beech class created a scene showing the disciples breaking bread and drinking wine. Christians refer to this meal as the Last Supper.



Holy Week

Easter Sunday—Oak class

Oak Class created a scene showing Jesus' resurrection. After Jesus was crucified on the Friday his body was taken down from the cross and buried in a cave tomb. The tomb was guarded by Roman soldiers and an enormous stone was put over the entrance.

On Sunday, Mary Magdalene and some of Jesus' disciples visited the tomb. They found the stone had been moved and that Jesus' body had gone. Jesus was seen later that day by Mary and the disciples, and for forty days afterwards by many people. His followers realised that God had raised Jesus from the dead. Christians call this the resurrection.





Journey to Kampala



Here at Sparsholt C of E Primary School we are courageous advocates for the Winchester based international charity, Karis Kids. Since the coronavirus pandemic hit worldwide, the families living in the slums of Kampala have faced further difficulties and hardship and are in desperate need of our support.

We have responded by setting up a sponsored 'Journey to Kampala' Challenge. The idea is to collectively walk, run or cycle the equivalent distance from Winchester to Kampala in Uganda, which is 9,173km. Since the return to school, children and teachers in every class have set 'The Wheel of Wellbeing' in motion by enthusiastically, 'walking and talking' their way around the field and playground and recording the kilometres travelled, some classes have become quite competitive!

We are hoping that over the two week Easter break, our whole school community will set the Sparsholt Wheel of Wellbeing in motion and record the distance walked, run or cycled to help us reach Kampala. This could be a great motivator to increase your activity levels over the Easter break, improving your sense of wellbeing by getting into the great outdoors and at the same time collecting sponsorship in aid of Karis Kids. The money we raise as a school community will buy the orphaned children of Kampala school uniform and school shoes.

Thank you for your continuing kindness and support and for living out our school Christian values of courage, compassion and creativity.

Join us on our incredible 9,174 km
Journey to Kampala!



Please sponsor us
and help us to
walk, run or cycle
the distance to
Kampala.



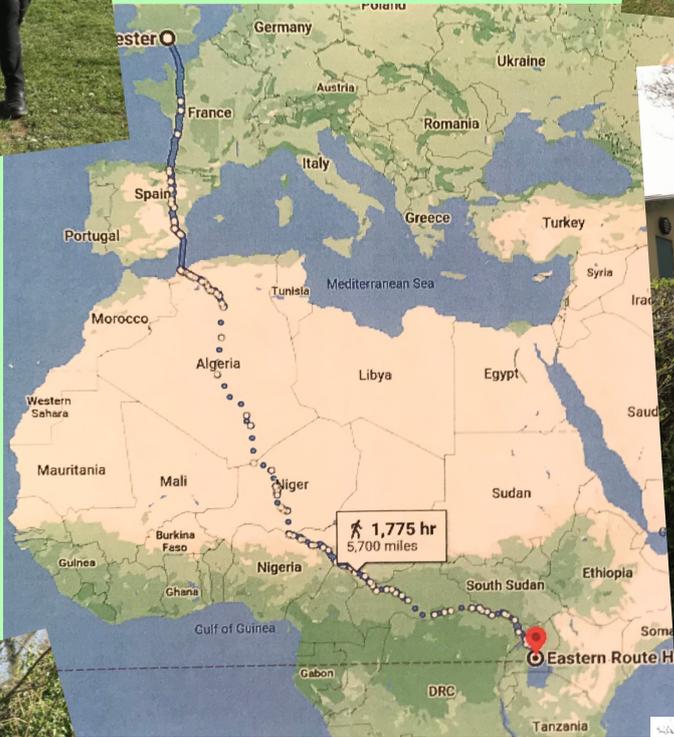


Karis Kids

Journey to Kampala



We have walked over 3,000 km in school. The Journey to Kampala Challenge is fun as we can get outside, walk and talk to our friends. keep fit and help our friends in Kampala...



We have set ourselves the challenge of walking 9,174 km which is the equivalent distance from Sparsholt to Kampala





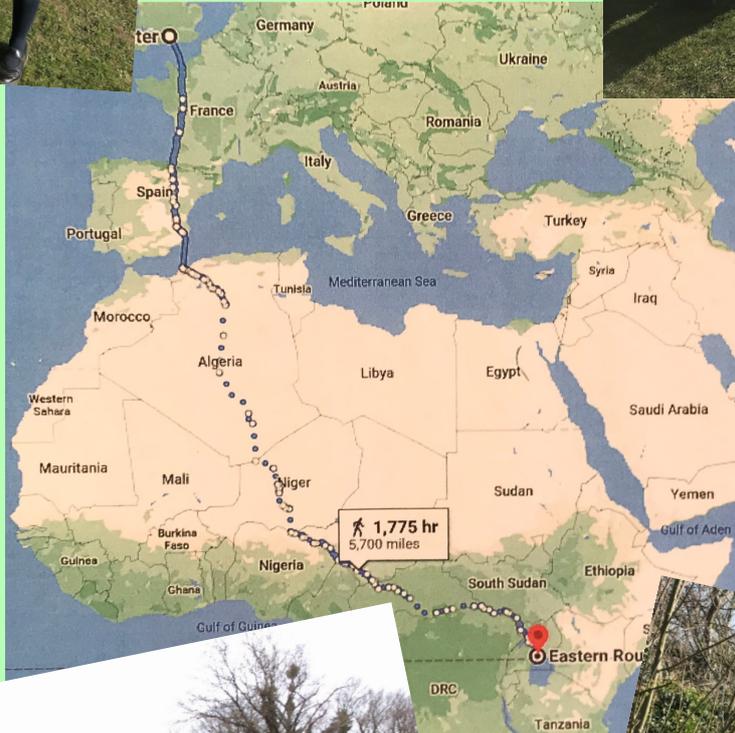
Journey to Kampala



As I am walking I am taking notice of the world around me and thinking about the children in Kampala who need our help
Charlie D



We love running around the field and keeping fit!
Beech Class



I love walking and talking with my friend...
Issie



Sparsholt C of E Primary School
Whole School Easter Garden Challenge

Create the Easter Story in a Garden



We had a fabulous response to our Easter Garden challenge! The children used their creativity skills to design and make an Easter garden symbolising The Story of Easter. It was lovely to hear comments from parents on how much they had enjoyed helping to make the Easter garden, as it brought back happy childhood memories of the fun, and the flurry of excitement as they helped collect moss, twigs and stones for their wonderful Easter garden creations.



Making an Easter garden is a creative way to recreate the morning when Christians believe Jesus came back to life.



Easter Garden Gallery





Easter Garden Gallery



Mia from Beech Class captured the stages of making her Easter Garden on camera!





Easter Garden Gallery



Emily and Bryony said they used a flower pot to represent the empty tomb and flowers to represent new life and that that Jesus has risen.



Berkeley from Beech Class said the dandelion represents the sun and Jesus as the light of the world.



Zac from Maple class made his Easter garden out of Lego!



Easter Garden Gallery



Molly and Jack's Easter garden is completely edible!



Tom and Cara worked together to create an Easter garden in a hanging basket...



Jacob from Willow Class painted a lovely sunshine for his Easter Garden...



Easter Garden Gallery



Sophie, Oscar and Gus said their gardens represent what happened when Jesus' friends visited the tomb on Easter Sunday morning and the good news that was discovered there!



Lori, Pippa, Fearne and Lula used their creativity to design and make their unique take on an Easter garden

A film featuring all the Easter gardens can be viewed on the school website. Please do take a look!

Pupil Led Collective Worship

Easter Food Symbolism

During class worship we talked about the symbolism of hot cross buns, Simnel cake and Easter eggs. We learned that the Simnel cake traditionally has 11 marzipan balls, each ball represent Jesus' disciples, but one of them— Judas Iscariot— is not represented as he betrayed Jesus.

We talked about the cross on the hot cross bun as a symbol of the resurrection.

Why do we eat Chocolate Eggs at Easter?

Easter eggs represent the stone that was put across the doorway to Jesus' tomb. The idea is that breaking the egg symbolises the tomb being 'cracked' open and Jesus coming back to life. Easter eggs are also a symbol of hope and new life because chicks hatch from eggs and at Easter, and this reminds us that Jesus came back to life and gave hope to the world.



Dear God,

Thank you for the Easter Story and the hope it brings.

Thank you for the life of Jesus and the example he is to us all.

Thank you that his life, death and resurrection changed the world.

Amen



What an Egg-traordinary Amount of Easter Eggs!

We were egg-stremely pleased with the egg-cellent response to our "fry" for help for Easter eggs for our egg-citing school Easter egg hunt. We had an egg-ceptional time and it was obvious that some parents had sent in egg-tra eggs. The egg-cess Easter eggs have been donated to the Winchester Night Shelter.

We would like to eggspress our thanks to our ever supportive Foss and eggnowledge their hard work which egg-emplifies teamwork!



Hugh and Felix looking egg-static with the egg-cess of Easter eggs that we were able to donate to The Winchester Night Shelter from all the Children of Sparsholt C of E primary School.

Collective Worship Team in Action... The Easter Story Reflection

We reflected on the real meaning of Easter during our Class Collective Worship. We used drama to enact the moment the stone was rolled across the entrance to Jesus' burial cave. The second scene showed Mary, arriving at the tomb early the next morning to anoint Jesus' body and discovering he had disappeared. We tried to portray Mary's sadness and bereavement turning to fear, shock and horror as she, heartbroken and sobbing, wandered in the garden until a gardener asked her why she was crying. Suddenly, Mary realised the gardener she was actually talking to was Jesus! Mary was desperate to share her news with the disciples. Confused, Peter ran to the tomb to discover for himself that Jesus' body had disappeared but the, neatly folded, cloths he was wrapped in were still there. The next scene showed all the disciples trying to make sense of what had happened, when Jesus appeared to comfort his friends! He had risen from the dead and was in a different body now.

We reflected on how surprised the disciples must have been that Jesus was alive again and that we call this 'the resurrection'. Christians believe that Jesus died on the cross and then came back to life. On Good Friday, we remember his death and on Easter Sunday, we celebrate his resurrection. We explained that Jesus didn't die again, but went back to heaven alive, which means that he is always there for us to talk to, anytime.

Dear God

Thank you that Jesus came back to life and is alive today.

Thank you that you promise always to be near us.

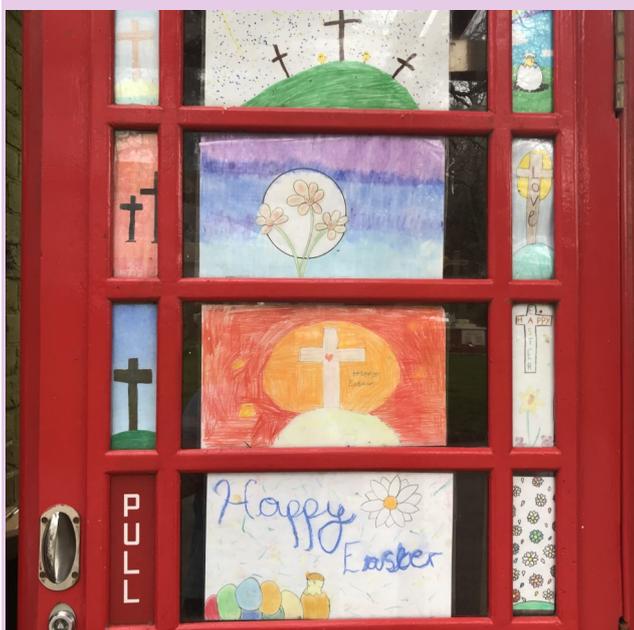
Help us to remember that we can talk to you at any time of the day or night.

Amen



Art Gallery in a Phone Box

After a successful exhibition of art based on the theme of LOVE in February, our latest art collaboration with the Sparsholt village Shop and Post office is on an 'Easter' theme. We used watercolours, pastels and felt pens to create a piece of Easter art and are proud to be exhibiting our work in the village telephone box.



Madsy, Charlie, Seth and Megan review the latest art exhibition in the Sparsholt telephone box.

Easter Blessing from Revd Jax



In the Easter Garden,
Dead leaves are turning
green.
In the Easter garden,
The risen Lord is seen.

In the Easter garden,
We know that God
above,
Brings us all to heaven,
Through Jesus and His
love.

**With every blessing to you all for Easter.
We are an Easter people and our song is ALLELUIA!**



Happy Easter