

If you have any questions about your learning please email:

[learning@wembleyprimaryschool.sch.uk](mailto:learning@wembleyprimaryschool.sch.uk)

# BUDDHISM





# LESSON 4

LO: ARE THERE SPECIAL FESTIVALS IN  
BUDDHISM?



## SOME VOCABULARY YOU WILL NEED FOR TODAY.

- **Ignorance:** Not having knowledge or information.
- **Chant:** Say or shout something repeatedly in a singing voice.
- **Altar:** A table used for religious rituals.

## STARTER: WHICH SCENARIO (A OR B) IS AN EXAMPLE OF BAD KARMA?

A

- Justin did the shopping for his sick grandma. He found money on his way to school.

B

- Ellen cheated on her maths test by copying Niya. She got the lowest score in the class.

## STARTER: ANSWER

B

- Ellen cheated on her maths test by copying Niya. She got the lowest score in the class.

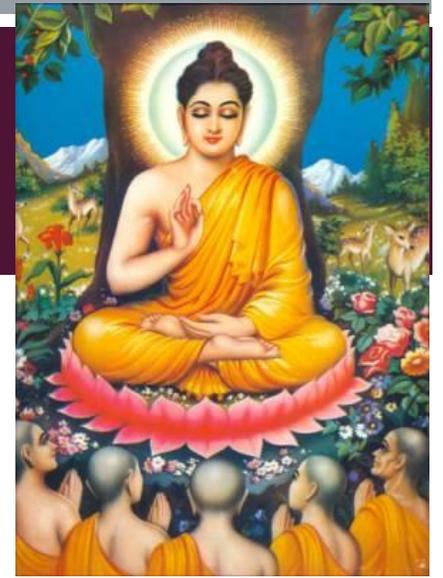
## WESAK CELEBRATION

Wesak is the most important Buddhist festival. It is celebrated on the first day of the full moon in May.

The festival celebrates the Buddha's birthday.



## WESAK ACTIVITIES



- One way of celebrating Wesak is 'Bathing the Buddha'. Water is poured over the Buddha's shoulders. This is done to remind Buddhists to make their minds clear from greed, hatred and ignorance. Gifts are also given to the Buddha statues on the altar. This is done to show respect and thanks to the Buddha for his teachings and his life. Another way Buddhists celebrate Wesak is by cleaning and decorating their homes. They will also chant, pray and go to services and teachings at their local temple. **Now lets bathe the Buddha.**

# WESAK CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

- Different countries celebrate Wesak in different ways.
- In China, traditional Chinese celebrations are included, for example, dancing dragons.
- In Thailand, special lanterns are made out of paper and wood and large birds are released from cages.
- In Indonesia, special Wesak lanterns are also made.



## ACTIVITY

- Write a diary entry having just celebrated Wesak.
- You must include:
  - When it was
  - what you did to celebrate
  - Why you celebrated.