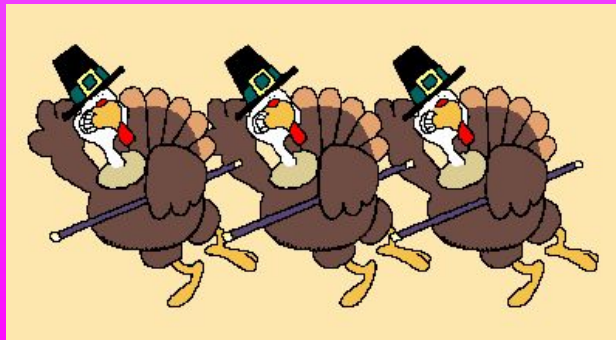


Britain: Traditions, Customs and Holidays

The English Year

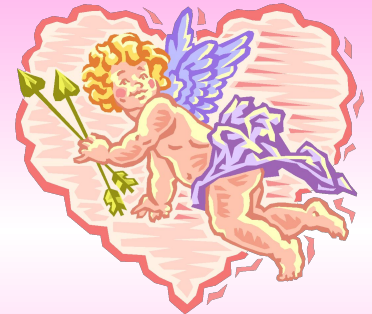


British Holidays

- Christmas



- St. Valentine's Day



- Easter



- Hallowe'en



CHRISTMAS

Every year there is a very big Christmas tree in the centre of London, in Trafalgar Square. In the evening before Christmas people like to come to Trafalgar Square to look at the tree.



Christmas Day is a family holiday. It is the time when all the family gets together.



Little children believe that when they are asleep Santa Claus comes with a big bag of toys.

Children often hang up large stockings over the fireplace or near their beds for presents.





For Christmas dinner people eat traditional food: turkey, potatoes and green vegetables. Then they have the Christmas pudding. At 5 o'clock it's time for tea and Christmas cake.

The 14th of February is St. Valentine's Day



People buy or make Valentine cards and send them to people they love. They don't sign them – you must guess who sent the card to you.

**There are
different cards
to all tastes**



St. VALENTINE

*The rose is red,
the violets are blue,
The honey's sweet
and so are you.*



St. VALENTINE

*I'll be your sweetheart
if you will be mine,
All of my life
I'll be your Valentine.*

EASTER EGGS

Easter eggs,
Easter eggs
Eggs of red
and blue.
Here are lots of
coloured eggs
All for me
and you.



**Easter is time to give and to get presents.
rabbit comes and leaves eggs for children.
It is a symbol of Easter festival and it is
called Easter Bunny.**

**On Easter Sunday children get
chocolate Easter eggs or
rabbits. You can buy them at
any sweet shop in the weeks
before Easter.**



On the 31st of October in Great Britain there is a nice holiday for children – Hallowe'en



People put pump-kins on the window-sills. They draw eyes, noses and mouths on the pumpkins and put candles into them. So the pumpkins look like a face.

Children dress up in funny clothes
They go from house to house and
and have a party with friends
to house and dance and
say

“Trick or treat”.

People give
them sweets,
fruit, cakes,
biscuits or

money.





When is it celebrated?

a holiday

What is your favourite festival?

What do people usually do?

Where do you usually go?

Whom do you invite or visit?

