

# How Do We Celebrate Christmas in the UK?

Christmas is a Christian festival that celebrates the birth of Jesus. It is celebrated on 25<sup>th</sup> December in the UK.

## Decorations

You might see:

- Christmas trees
- lights
- tinsel
- Christmas ornaments



Some people have an Advent calendar to count down the days until Christmas Day.



## Cards and Presents

Many people send Christmas cards. Children might write letters to Father Christmas.

Some people give presents. Children might hang up Christmas stockings on Christmas Eve for Father Christmas to fill with treats. They may leave treats for Father Christmas too.

## Food

There are lots of different foods to enjoy at Christmas. Many people eat a special dinner on Christmas Day.



# Questions

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2. What do some people have to count down the days until Christmas Day? Tick one.
  - ☐ a diary
  - ☐ a desk calendar
  - ☐ an Advent calendar
  
3. Who might children write to? Tick one.
  - ☐ Father Christmas
  - ☐ Rudolph
  - ☐ the elves
  
4. What do some children hang up on Christmas Eve? Tick one.
  - ☐ coats
  - ☐ Christmas decorations
  - ☐ Christmas stockings
  
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  - ☐ Christian
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## Decorations

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## Cards and Presents

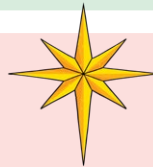
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People like to give presents. Children might hang up Christmas stockings on Christmas Eve for Father Christmas to fill with gifts. Some children leave a treat for Father Christmas. This might be a mince pie and a glass of milk.



## The Nativity Story

The Nativity story is retold in many churches and schools. This is the Christmas Story and tells of when Jesus was born. Many people go to church to remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus.



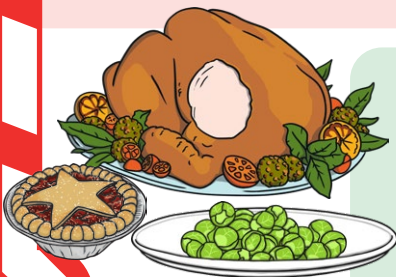
## Fun Fact

Some people like to pull Christmas crackers. These make a loud noise and often include jokes.

What do elves learn in school?  
**The elf-abet!**

## Food

There are different foods to enjoy at Christmas and many people eat a special dinner on Christmas Day.



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*Many people go to church to remember and celebrate  
the birth of Jesus.*

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- ☐ Many villages, towns and cities are also decorated with lights and may have an outdoor Christmas tree.
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**Some children leave a treat for Father Christmas. This might be a mince pie and a glass of milk.**

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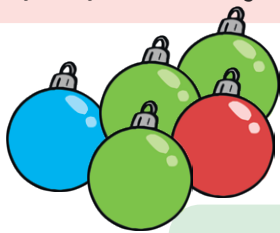
Christmas is a Christian festival that celebrates the birth of Jesus. It is a festival that is celebrated by many people around the world.

## Christmas in the UK

Christmas Day is celebrated on 25<sup>th</sup> December and there are many **traditions** leading up to and on this special day.

### Decorations

People decorate their homes with Christmas decorations, such as Christmas trees, lights and ornaments. Some people have an Advent calendar to count down the days until Christmas Day. Many villages, towns and cities also have Christmas lights and may have a large outdoor Christmas tree for people to enjoy.



### Christmas Cards and Presents

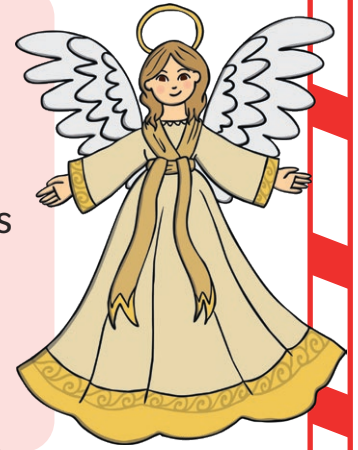
Christmas is a time for giving. Many people send Christmas cards to friends and family with **festive** messages inside and children can write letters to Father Christmas.

Many people give presents to family and friends. Children might hang up Christmas stockings on Christmas Eve for Father Christmas to fill with small gifts. They might also leave treats for Father Christmas, such as a mince pie and a glass of milk.



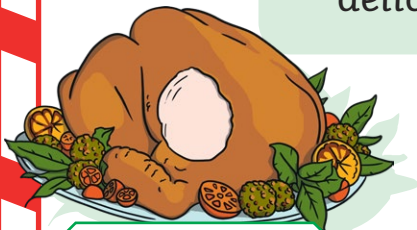
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## Christmas Food

There are many different foods to enjoy at Christmas time and lots of people eat a special dinner on Christmas Day. Christmas dinner can include lots of delicious foods and treats.



roast turkey



gravy



nut roast



Christmas pudding



mince pies



parsnips



Brussels sprouts

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## Glossary

**tradition:** Something that has been done the same way for a long time.

**festive:** Something linked to a special event or a celebration.



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3. Fill in the missing word.

Christmas is a \_\_\_\_\_ festival that celebrates the birth of Jesus.

4. Find and copy the word that means things have been done the same way for a long time.

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5. How might people choose to decorate their homes for Christmas?

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**traditions**

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**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think pulling crackers would be the most fun because they make a loud noise and have jokes inside to make people laugh.**