

HOLIDAYS IN BRITAIN

Hallowe'en



They say ghosts and witches come out on Hallowe'en. Children make lanterns out of pumpkins. Some people have Hallowe'en parties and dress as witches and ghosts. Children pull down fences, put on spooky faces, jump and run round a house, dig up pumpkins, cut pumpkin faces, play loud music, put on spooky costumes. They walk from house to house and ask "Trick or treat?"

Valentine's Day



People buy or make Valentine cards and send them to people they love. They should not write their names on the cards. Those who get them must guess who sent them.

Will you be my Valentine?
Happy Valentine's Day!
I decided to be your valentine!

Christmas Day

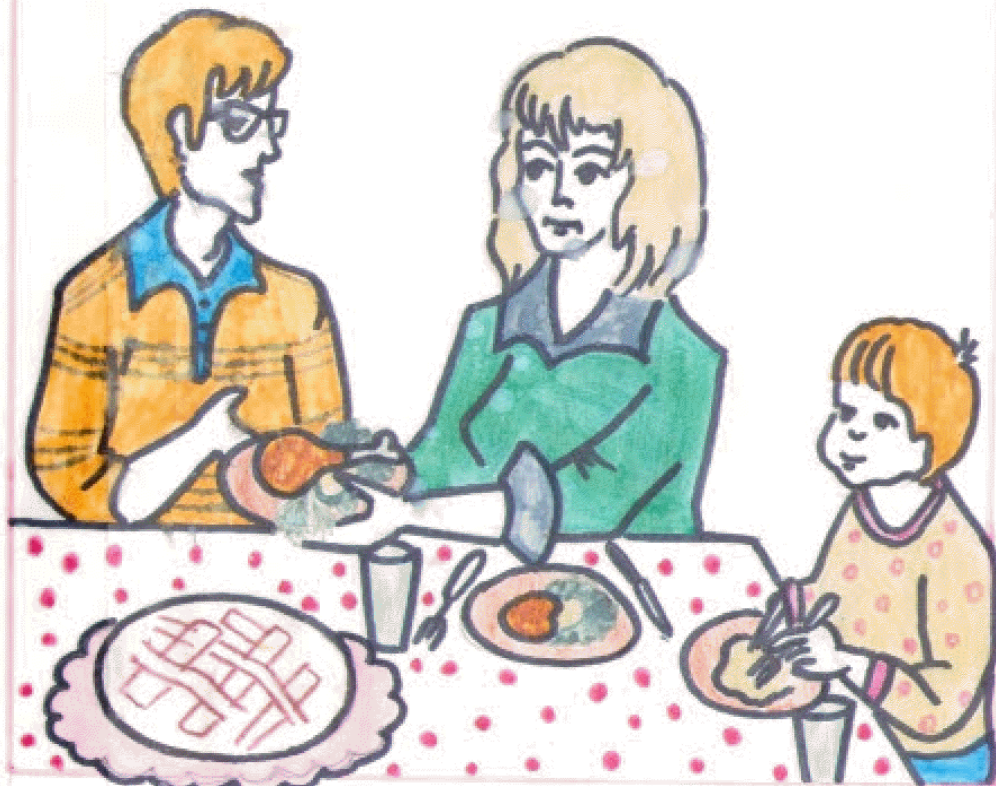


In the weeks before Christmas people are busy. They buy Christmas presents. Many children make their Christmas cards at school. The children decorate the Christmas tree with toys and little coloured lights. There are beautiful Christmas decorations in the streets.

On Christmas Eve everybody put their presents under the Christmas tree.

The traditional Christmas meal is roast turkey and Christmas pudding.

Thanksgiving Day



Thanksgiving is always on the 4th Thursday of November. People work a lot before the holiday. Dad usually buys the turkey. Mum stuffs the birds with herbs and bread. Then she roasts it. People have a traditional Thanksgiving dinner: a roast turkey, potatoes and popcorn. For dessert they prefer a pumpkin pie with vanilla ice cream.

Easter



Easter is a Christian holy day in March, April or May when Christians remember the death of Christ and his return to life.

At Easter children eat chocolate, exchange dyed eggs. Sometimes parents hide them in the house or in the garden and the children look for them.

Best wishes for a happy Easter!