

# Celebrations

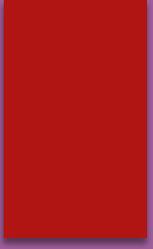




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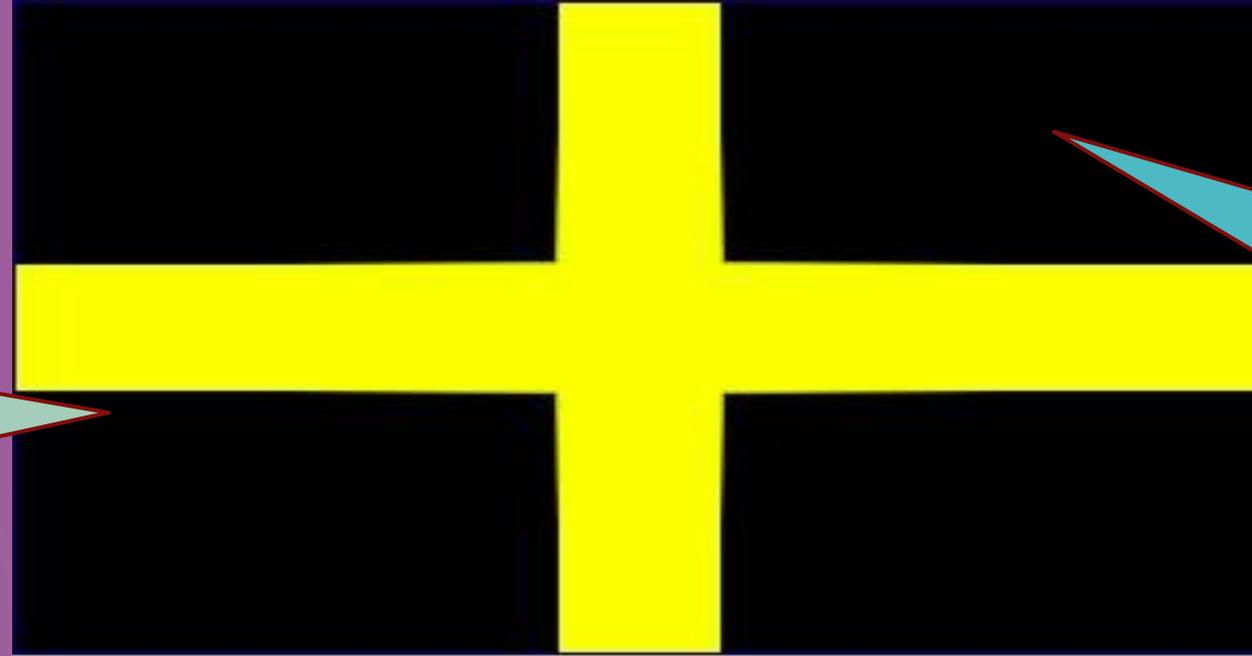
What different celebrations do  
you know?



This week our topic theme is around celebrations and this week, we will explore a range of different celebrations. This includes, weddings, baptism, birthdays, mother's day, St David day and St Patricks day.

# St David's Day

Have you heard of St David's day before?



Do you know who he is?

Saint David was a monk, abbot and bishop who spread the word of Christianity throughout Wales. Saint David was famous for the miracles he performed. One of the most spoken miracle is when he caused the ground to rise beneath him so everyone could see and hear him.

When is St David's Day celebrated in honour of St David?

It is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March.



St David's day is commemorated by the wearing of Daffodils or leeks. Both plants are traditionally regarded as national emblems.



Other ways this day is celebrated?



On St David's Day, some children in Wales dress in their national costume, which consists of a tall black hat, white frilled cap and long dress. The national flag of Wales, depicting a fiery red dragon (Y Ddraig Goch) against a green and white background, is also flown. There is also a lot of parades carried out to celebrate St David's



# St Patricks Day

Have you heard of St Patricks day before?



Do you know who he is?

Saint Patrick is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. He is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland, similar to what St David did. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on 17<sup>th</sup> March every year. This is the date on which he died.

# How is St Patrick's day celebrated?

Celebrations are usually themed around all things green and Irish. There is a famous phrase "Everyone wants to be Irish on St. Patrick's Day."



Irish families traditionally wear green and attend church in the morning. The celebrations are carried out in afternoons.



St. Patrick's Day usually falls within the Christian fasting period of Lent. However, meat is allowed to be eaten on this day. People will dance, drink and feast on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

The shamrock, snake and Leprechauns are the symbols of St. Patrick's Day.



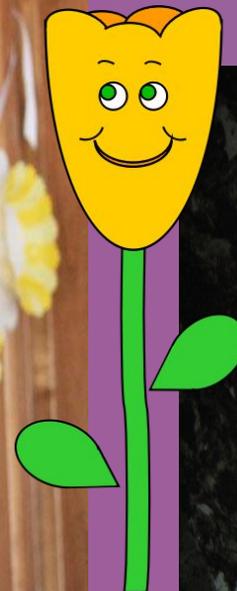
### Key Questions:

- 1.) Can you say one thing you remember from our learning around St David's day?
- 2.) Can you say one thing you remember from our learning around St Patricks day?
- 3.) How is St David celebrated?
- 4.) Hoe is St Patricks day celebrated?

# Task 1:

This task is due to be done by Friday as we will showcase this to each other in the lesson.

Create your own clove (for St Patricks day) or a daffodil (for St David's day). You can do this by drawing it, painting it, creating it using different materials at home such as materials, coloured cards, glitter, felt tip pens, glue, tissue paper, stickers, etc.



What have we been learning about this week so far?

What is St Patricks and St David's day?

Can you name any other celebrations you know?

# Weddings

Wednesday

When two people love each other, they may decide to get married therefore may have a wedding. A wedding is a celebration you have in front of all your friends and family to celebrate your marriage. You make a promise to love your partner and look after them for the rest of your life. Weddings are usually held in a church, office, hotel or a wedding hall.



Wedding invitation cards are usually given out to all the friends and family (wedding guests) to invite everyone with the wedding venue details. Guests usually bring presents for the bride and groom.



There is usually a reception (party) after the actual wedding where everyone may dance, eat lovely food and have cake!



# Baptism

Wednesday

Parents take their baby to church to get baptised. Friends and family come to watch this joyous occasion, and a very special moment for everyone. The Parents and the Godparents say that they believe in Jesus. Then the vicar draws a cross on the baby's head with some water. Everyone there makes a promise to help the baby growing up. After this, the vicar baptises the baby using holy water and makes a prayer for the baby and their family. A candle is then lit and the baby is welcomed to the Christian family. The Parents and the baby are given a certificate of baptism to show that the baby has been baptised in a church. The parents also chose special people to be the godparents of that baby.



# Birthdays

Thursday

The day a baby is born is a very special day! Their family are very happy to welcome them into the world. It is a day of celebration and joy. The date they are born on becomes their birthday! Every year on our birthday we get one year older.



Other ways birthdays are celebrated include having a party with family and friends. You may get a lovely birthday card and if you're lucky, even some presents from loved ones!



We do lots of fun things on our birthdays to celebrate. Can you think of any? Birthday cakes are a staple to celebrate birthdays!

# Mother's Day

Thursday

Mother's day is a very special day where children celebrate their mothers by showering them with love to show how grateful they are.

Some people gift their mothers flowers, cards (bought or even handmade!), presents, they might make breakfast with an adult for their mothers.



What other ways can you celebrate Mother's day? What else can you do to celebrate Mothers day?



On Mother's Day, many churches give the children in the congregation a little bunch of spring flowers to give to their mothers as a thank you for all their care and love throughout the year.

**Fun Fact: Mother's Day is always on a Sunday. It is also known as Mothering Sunday.**

# Key Questions:

- 1.) What celebrations did we learn about this week?
- 2.) How could you celebrate Mother's day?
- 3.) How could you celebrate St David's day?
- 4.) What is a wedding celebration for?
- 5.) What other celebrations can you think of?

# Key Vocabulary:

- ❖ Celebrations
- ❖ Mother's day
- ❖ St David's day
- ❖ St Patricks day
- ❖ Presents/gifts
- ❖ Christianity

- ❖ Weddings
- ❖ Birthdays
- ❖ Cake
- ❖ Party
- ❖ Clove
- ❖ Daffodils

Can you say one thing  
you remember from  
yesterdays topic  
lesson?



Which celebrations  
have we learnt about  
this week?

# Task 2:

Create 6 boxes (like shown below) and draw something to symbolise each celebration we have learnt about. For example, for birthdays you can draw a cake or a birthday card. Similarly, for St Patricks day, you could draw a clove. As a challenge, think of a sentence about something you have learnt about one of the celebrations. You can get either get an adult to scribe what you say or write your sentence down!


## The celebrations we have learnt about:

- Birthdays
- Weddings
- St David's day
- St Patricks day
- Mother's day
- Baptism