

The most important day of the holiday is 25 December, or Christmas Day.











Christmas Day

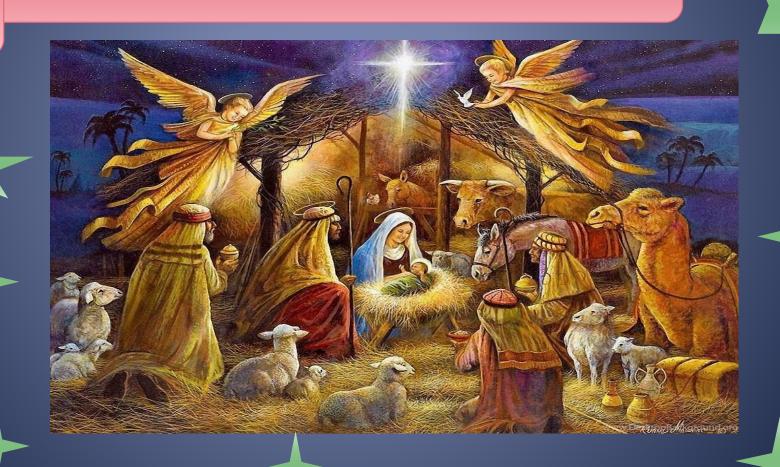
Christmas is celebrated on the 25th
December. It is the time when Christians around the world celebrate the birth of Jesus. Most people are on holiday in the UK and stay at home with their family on Christmas day. Christmas Day is the favourite day for children. They wake up very early in the morning to find their stockings have been filled by Father Christmas







The word "Christmas" comes from the words "Christ's Mass"-the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.



The most big cities, especially London, are decorated with coloured lights and Christmas trees.









 In Trafalgar Square in London in front of the National Gallery, stands an enormous Christmas tree.



















Boxing Day

Boxing Day is usually celebrated on the following day after Christmas Day. It is the day to open the Christmas Box to share the contents with the poor. Boxing Day is the day when families get together. It is a day of watching sports and playing board games with the family. Many families go on walks in the countryside.









New Year's Day

New Year's Day is the first day of the year, in the Gregorian calendar. All over Britain there are parties, fireworks, singing and dancing, to ring out the old year and ring in the new. As the clock - **Big Ben** - strikes midnight, people link arms and sing a song.



