

# 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?**

