

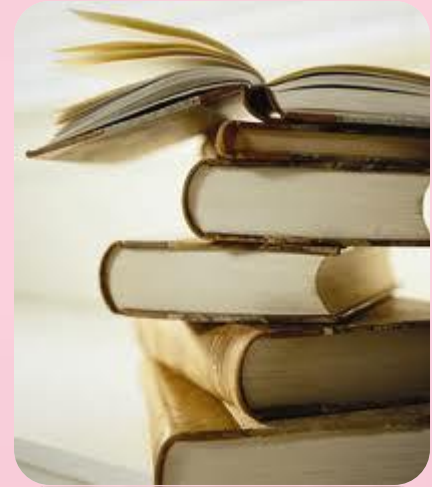


British Traditions and Customs

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My name is Alla. My favourite subject is English. I learn English because I want to read books in original. I like listening to music and reading books. I am interested in British traditions and customs and I know some British traditions but I'd like to know more about them. So the theme of my scientific work is "The British traditions and customs" . I hope that this work will help me to learn more about culture and traditions of Great Britain. after all so it is interesting - to work over the project.



Winter Holidays

- **25 December Christmas Day**
- **26 December Boxing Day**
- **31 December New Year's Eve**
- **First Saturday in January**
- **Second Saturday in January**

Spring holidays

25 March the Feast of the Annunciation

Easter

1 May

8 May Furry Dance

29 May Oak Apple Day

First Friday after the last Monday in May

Cotswold Olympic Games

Easter



Prior to A.D. 325, Easter was variously celebrated on different days of the week, including Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Therefore, Easter must be celebrated on a Sunday between the dates of March 22 and April 25. The Easter Bunny is not a modern invention. The symbol originated with the pagan festival of Eastern. The goddess, Eastern, was worshipped by the Anglo-Saxons through her earthly symbol, the rabbit. As with the Easter Bunny and the holiday itself, the Easter Egg predates the Christian holiday of Easter. The exchange of eggs in the springtime is a custom that was centuries old when Easter was first celebrated by Christians. Today, children hunt colored eggs and place them in Easter baskets along with the modern version of real Easter eggs -- those made of plastic or chocolate candy.

Summer Holidays

21 June Midsummer

From Saturday July 24 to Friday 30 July

Whitstable Oyster Festival and Blessing of the Waters

19 - 23 July Swan Upping on the River Thames

Midsummer

Midsummer may simply refer to the period of time centered upon the summer solstice, but more often refers to specific European celebrations that accompany the actual solstice, or that take place on a day between June 21 through June 24, and the preceding evening. The exact dates vary between different cultures. The term is almost never used to refer to astronomical mid-summer, approximately August 5.



