
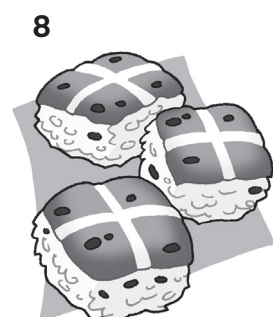


- 1**  **11** Listen to and read the article on page 2. Then match the words with the pictures.

fireworks ☐ 6 Jack-o'-lantern ☐  
 Big Ben ☐ bonfire ☐ Easter egg ☐  
 hot cross buns ☐ Christmas tree ☐  
 Christmas card ☐




- 2** Read the article and write the dates of the festivals.

Easter – March or April

- 3** Read the article and write the names of the festivals.

- 1 There are fireworks. *Bonfire Night, New Year's Eve*
- 2 People wear special clothes.
- 3 There are big fires outside.
- 4 People have decorations in their homes.
- 5 People eat special food.
- 6 People sing a special song at midnight.
- 7 People send special cards.
- 8 The Queen speaks on TV.

- 4**  **12** Listen and write the speakers' favourite festivals.

- 1 Steve *Christmas Day*
- 2 Jodie
- 3 Tom
- 4 Alisha

## Project space

### A festival in my culture

- 5a** Work in pairs. Think about a festival in your country. Talk about:

- When it is
- Special food
- Special clothes
- What people do

- 5b** Write about the festival. Find pictures on the Internet.

Use these phrases to help you:

- On (date), people celebrate...
- In the morning / afternoon / evening...
- Families have...
- In my family we...
- People... eat / give / sing / go, etc.

# Festivals in the UK

## Easter

Easter is in March or April. There are two public holidays – Good Friday and Easter Monday. People give chocolate Easter eggs and eat hot cross buns. On Sunday some people go to church. Some places in the UK have traditional competitions, such as rolling eggs down a hill or an Easter egg hunt.



## Bonfire Night

The 5th November is Bonfire Night (or Guy Fawkes' Night). Many towns and cities have big fires (bonfires) and firework displays. On 5th November 1605 Guy Fawkes tried to destroy Parliament. Nowadays people burn a 'Guy' – a model of Guy Fawkes – on the bonfire!



## Halloween

Halloween is on 31st October. People make pumpkin lanterns (Jack-o'-lanterns) with funny faces and candles inside. They go to parties and dress up as ghosts and monsters. Young people visit houses and say 'Trick or treat?' They hope to get sweets (a treat), or they play a joke (a trick) on the people in the house.



## Christmas Day

Christmas Day is on 25th December. But before that, people buy presents, send Christmas cards and decorate their homes. They also have a beautiful Christmas tree. In the morning they open presents. Then they have a big Christmas dinner with all the family. In the afternoon they go for a walk, watch TV or play board games. The Queen gives a speech on TV at 3 p.m.



## New Year's Eve

Lots of people celebrate the last day of the year – 31st December. At midnight they listen to Big Ben on the radio or TV. Then they dance and sing *Auld Lang Syne* – a traditional song about old friends. There are fireworks in many cities, too. New Year's Day (1st January) is a public holiday.

