

Religious Education - Festivals and Celebrations

How do festivals bring people together?

Key Vocabulary:

- Festival
- celebration
- Christian
- Christmas
- Community
- Eid-ul-Fitr
- Muslim
- Hindu
- Diwali
- Religion



How are some festivals celebrated?

People share special meals or food

Presents or cards are given

Some people attend a place of worship

Decoration e.g. lights can be put in homes and the community.



The crescent moon and star is the symbol associated with Islam.



The Aum is the symbol associated with Hinduism.



The cross is the symbol associated with Christianity.

Eid-ul-fitr is a Muslim festival for 'breaking the fast'. Muslims fast during Ramadan and the festival of El-ul-fitr marks the end. It begins in the evening when the moon appears and traditionally lasts for 3 days. It is celebrated with prayer, gifts, giving to the poor, special food and festive lights.

Diwali is a Hindu festival often known as the festival of lights and is associated with Good overcoming evil. It lasts 5 days and Hindus remember the return of the deities Rama and Sita. It is celebrated through lighting diya lamps, eating special food with friends and family and gifts.

Christmas is a Christian celebration on 25th December. It remembers the day Jesus was born. Christians believe that Jesus is the Son of God. Christians prepare for Christmas during advent and on Christmas day they give gifts, eat special food and enjoy time with family.