



Otázka: Holidays and festivals

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BRITISH

New Year's Day - January 1st

St Valentine's Day - February 14th = lovers day (people send Valentine cards - not signed + exchange gifts)

All Fools' Day - April 1st people play jokes and tricks

Easter - after 1st full moon in spring=> marks the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ

- Good Friday(not cross buns), Easter Sunday, Easter Monday

May Day - May 1st a celebration of the coming of spring

Mother's Day - 2nd Sunday in May - it honours all mothers

Father's Day - 3rd Sunday in June - it honours all fathers



Halloween - 31st October = the Eve of All Saints' Day

- Parties(costumes, masks), they cut horrible faces in pumpkins and put candle inside, they play games for fun, children play „TRICK OR TREAT,,

Guy Fawkes Day - 5th November

- Commemorates the unsuccessful plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament in 1605
- there are bonfires, fireworks

Christmas - *Christmas Eve* - December 24th

Christmas Day - December 25th presents in the morning, Christmas dinner: roast turkey+ stuffing+ roast potatoes,

Boxing Day - December 26th

Bank Holiday - December 27th

New Year's Eve - December 31st

- Celebrations of coming of the New Year (Trafalgar Square)

AMERICAN

Independence Day - July 4th

- Commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence (4.7.1776)
- => establishing the USA
- There are parades, concerts, speeches, picnics, competitions, fireworks



Columbus Day – October 12th

- The anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus in 1492

Thanksgiving Day – 4th Thursday in November

- First celebrated in 1621 by the Pilgrim Fathers who survived the hard winter of 1620 – 21
- In summer they have rich harvest and thanked to the Lord
- Now families gather together and they have : roast turkey + dressing + cranberry sauce + sweet potatoes + pumpkin pie

Christmas

A family holiday, parties, decorations

Roast turkey + corn pudding + cranberry sauce + pumpkin pie

BANK HOLIDAYS – public holidays – banks, offices, shops are closed