

Celebrating Eid: A Time of Joy and Reflection

Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey of discovery as we explore the heart of Eid!

- Eid-ul-Fitr, often called the 'Festival of Breaking the Fast', marks the end of Ramadan, a month where Muslims observe Sawm (fasting) from dawn until sunset.
- During Eid, it is a tradition to perform Zakat al-Fitr, which involves giving charity to those in need to ensure everyone can enjoy the celebrations.
- Families often wear their finest clothes, visit the mosque for special prayers, and gather to share delicious meals with relatives and friends.
- Eid-ul-Adha, the 'Festival of Sacrifice', honours the willingness of Prophet Ibrahim to follow God's command and reflects themes of devotion and generosity.
- Common greetings exchanged during the festival include 'Eid Mubarak', which translates to 'Blessed Eid', expressing wishes for a joyful holiday.

Did you know? Did you know? The date of Eid changes every year! This is because the Islamic calendar is based on the lunar cycle, which follows the phases of the moon rather than the solar calendar we use for the seasons.

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