

A World of Celebration: Exploring Festivals

Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey around the world to discover how we celebrate life, light, and history together!

- Festivals often bring communities together to share special meals, exchange gifts, and enjoy music or dance as a way of expressing gratitude.
- Many celebrations use symbolism, such as lighting candles to represent the victory of light over darkness or the hope for a bright future.
- Some festivals, like Harvest Festivals, focus on giving thanks for the food grown on farms and the hard work of those who provide for us.
- Religious festivals often include special prayers or visits to places of worship to reflect on important stories and teachings from history.
- Festivals help people feel connected to their culture and heritage, passing down customs from one generation to the next.

Did you know? Did you know? Many festivals are linked to the lunar calendar, which means the date changes every year! For example, festivals like Diwali and Eid move by about 11 days each year because they follow the cycles of the moon rather than the solar calendar we use for school dates.

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