

Celebrating Eid: A Festival of Joy

Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey of discovery to explore the warmth and unity of Eid celebrations!

- Eid al-Fitr, the 'Festival of Breaking the Fast', marks the end of Ramadan, a holy month of fasting, prayer, and reflection.
- During Eid al-Fitr, Muslims often gather for special communal prayers, share delicious meals with family, and exchange gifts or money called 'Eidi'.
- Eid al-Adha, the 'Festival of Sacrifice', honours the willingness of Ibrahim to follow God's command and is a time for deep devotion.
- Charity is a central pillar of both festivals; Zakat al-Fitr ensures that those in need receive gifts of food or money so everyone can enjoy the celebration.
- These festivals are times for forgiveness, strengthening friendships, and wearing new or special clothes to mark the occasion with joy.

Did you know? Did you know? Because the Islamic calendar is based on the lunar cycle, the dates for Eid change every year in our solar calendar! This means the celebration shifts by about 11 days earlier each year, allowing the festival to eventually fall across every season.

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