Celebrating Eid al-Fitr with Ellie the Elephant

Step into the Joy of Eid: A Time for Gratitude, Family, and Celebration!

- **Eid al-Fitr begins after the sighting of the new crescent moon, which marks the start of the month of Shawwal in the Islamic lunar calendar.**
- **Before the main Eid prayer, Muslims give Zakat al-Fitr, a charitable donation of food or money to ensure those in need can also enjoy the celebrations.**
- **On the morning of Eid, families gather at a mosque or an open space to perform the special Eid Salah (prayer) together in unity.**
- **It is a wonderful tradition to wear new or best clothes and exchange gifts or Eidi (money) with family and friends to spread happiness.**
- **The festival is a time for feasting on delicious foods, visiting relatives, and spending quality time with the community to show gratitude.**

Did you know? Did you know? Eid al-Fitr is often called the 'Festival of Breaking the Fast'. It marks the end of Ramadan, a holy month where many Muslims around the world fast from sunrise to sunset to focus on prayer, reflection, and helping others.

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