

Holidays in the UK



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Christmas Day, December 25, is probably the most popular holiday in Great Britain. It is a family holiday. Traditionally all relatives and friends give each other presents. So, before Christmas all the department stores and shops are crowded, everybody is choosing a present. In Great Britain, the Christmas tree became popular while Queen Victoria ruled the country.





Boxing Day

Boxing Day is usually celebrated on the following day after Christmas Day. It is the day to open the Christmas Box to share the contents with the poor. Boxing Day is the day when families get together. It is a day of watching sports and playing board games with the family. Many families go on walks in the countryside.



St Valentine's Day comes on February 14. It is not a national holiday. It is celebrated among people of all ages by exchange of "valentines". A "valentine" may mean a special greeting-card or a little present. St Valentine is the patron of sweethearts. February 14 is the anniversary of his death. Flowers and candy are favorite presents which sweethearts send to each other. Candy is packed in red heart-shaped boxes and sold for this only one day.



St. Valentine's day

On the 14th of February there is St. Valentine's Day. People send Valentine's cards to someone they love. Usually they don't sign them - you must guess who sent cards to you.



What's That in Your Apple?

Get a few gummy worms and poke them into fresh fruit, particularly apples. Give mom or dad a wormy apple for lunch and leave some for friends to snack on.



April Fools Day

April Fool's Day is on the 1st of April. English children like this day very much. They play jokes and tricks on other people, even on teachers.

April Fool's practical jokes should not harm anyone, they are just a good fun. The best jokes are the clever ones where everyone laughs, especially the person who had the joke played on them.

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Easter is a very popular holiday in Great Britain. At Easter the British celebrate the idea of the new birth by giving each other chocolate Easter eggs, which are opened and eaten on Easter Sunday. Egg - rolling is a traditional Easter pastime which is still popular in Northern England, Scotland, Wales and Isle of Man. It takes place on Easter Sunday or Monday, and consists of rolling colored, hard-boiled eggs down a slope until they are cracked and broken after which the players eat them.



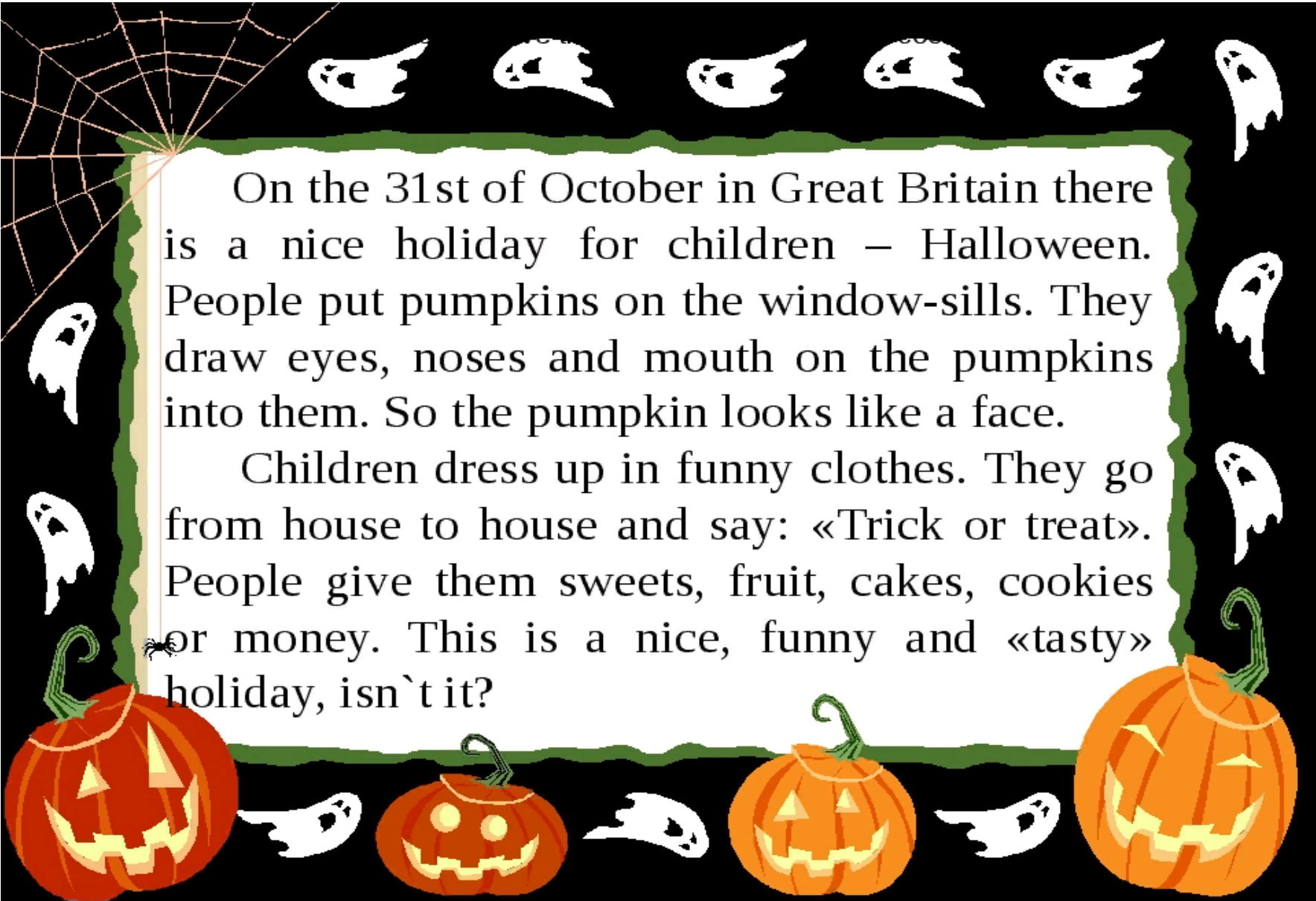


The Queen's Official birthday

Queen Elizabeth II (Elizabeth Alexandra Mary) was born on 21 April, 1926 at 17 Bruton Street, London. Her birthday is officially celebrated in Britain **on the second Saturday of June** each year. The day is referred to as “**the Trooping of the Colour**”, the official name is “the Queen’s Birthday Parade”.



HALLOWEEN



On the 31st of October in Great Britain there is a nice holiday for children – Halloween. People put pumpkins on the window-sills. They draw eyes, noses and mouth on the pumpkins into them. So the pumpkin looks like a face.

Children dress up in funny clothes. They go from house to house and say: «Trick or treat». People give them sweets, fruit, cakes, cookies or money. This is a nice, funny and «tasty» holiday, isn't it?

Holidays in Britain are many. This country honors its traditions, transmitting the precepts to a new generation. And easier to make it through the holidays for example. These are just some of them, an integral part of the culture and history of the country.

