



# Fact File

## Celebrations!

Celebrations take place across the globe and are a big part of people's lives.

There are different types of celebrations, including religious festivals, occasions to celebrate important parts of people's lives, plus festivities particular to families, friends and local communities.



**Imagine you  
are inventing  
a new type of  
celebration**

Religious festivals include:

- The Christian holy festival of Christmas
- The Muslim festival of Eid-al Fitr
- The Buddhist celebration of Wesak
- The Hindu festival of Diwali
- The Jewish Bah mitzvah and Bat mitzvah ceremonies

Other types of celebrations include:

- Celebrating the birth of a child
- The life of someone who has died
- The marriage of two people
- The seasons, such as the gathering of the harvest



**what would  
it be and how  
would you  
celebrate it?**

Here are some pictures of people celebrating festivals from the past



This picture shows santa outside Lamprey Hotel Gloucester.

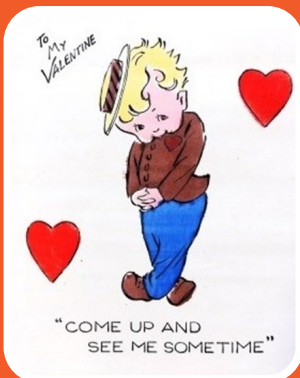
He is about to deliver presents to Standish Hospital, near Stroud

This is the Harvest Festival, Gloucestershire from 7th October 1961 Harvest Festival.





This picture was in the Cheltenham Chronicle and Gloucestershire Graphic. It shows a tableau at Tewkesbury Abbey in 1935. Thanks to Cheltenham Chronicle and Gloucestershire Graphic for letting us use this image.

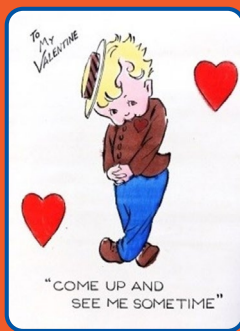


The picture of mice (above) is a Christmas card sent to Ellice Hicks Beach. We don't know the exact date but we are confident that they come from the late 19th century-early 20th century.

The valentines card (left) is personal correspondence between Catherine Mary Hattersley and Robert W Paterson from Cheltenham, 20th century



Here are four different types of celebration cards from the past



Remember that you can celebrate a date, place, person or even your favourite pet!

# Make your own celebration card

Draft the cover

Draft the inside

# Make you own Christmas Garland



This is a fun activity where you will finish up with a fantastic decoration you and your family can enjoy for years to come. Or you could give it to a friend or neighbour to hang on their door.

The best thing about this activity is that you can make a Christmas garland from absolutely anything!

## What you need

- Glue or a stapler or string – even better if you have all three!
- Something to make the round base to attach the decorations to.

## You could use

- Wire
- The edge of a paper plate is great
- A cereal box cut into a circle
- A long bendy stick shaped into a circle (willow, hazel or dog-wood are good because they are very flexible)

## What to do

- Hunt around your house, flat, park or garden to find materials that bring your garland to life
- Focus on colours, textures and smells

## You could choose

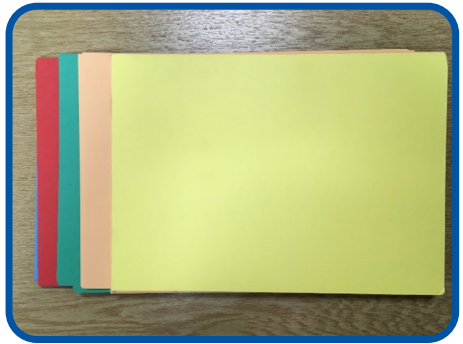
- Flowers, leaves and conkers
- Foil, tissue paper, toilet rolls, newspaper or wrapping paper
- Coloured paper, card ribbon or cloth
- Coloured pens and pencils
- Bottle tops, bits of lego, old action figures or christmas decorations



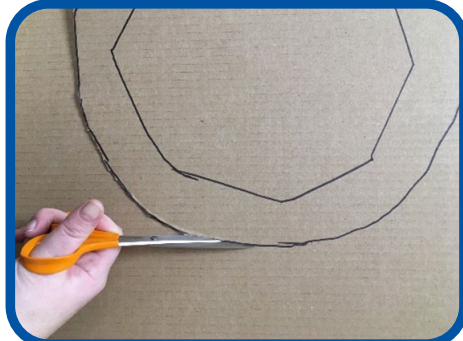
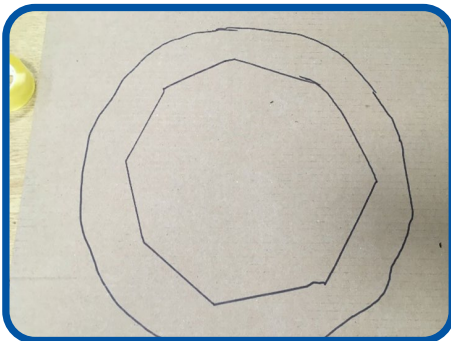
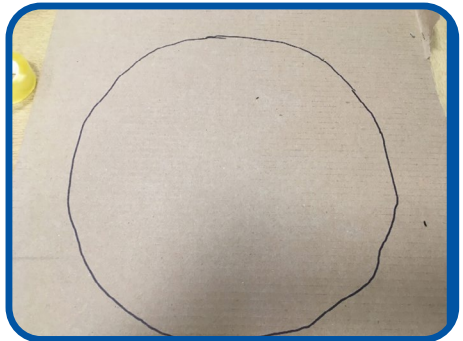
Make sure that you don't take items that belong to someone else without permission.



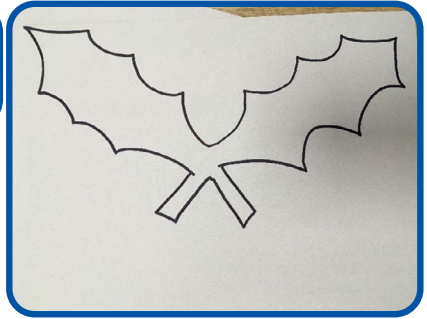
- Step 1: Gather all your pieces



- Step 2: Make a circular base



- Step 3. Arrange your materials and decorate your garland



- Can you see the difference between a sparkly garland and one made from natural materials?

