

Important dates in the UK!

Each country in the United Kingdom has a national day in honour of its patron saint.



Wales

1st March is St David's Day.



It isn't a holiday, but there are parades and parties all over the country. Traditional Welsh costumes are popular on St David's Day and people wear the symbol of Wales – the daffodil. For children there are special school concerts with songs in Welsh.





Traditional Welsh costumes

The daffodil : the symbol of Wales

Northern Ireland

17th March is St Patrick's Day.



It's a holiday in Northern Ireland. In the capital city, Belfast, there is a big parade. There are also large Irish communities in the USA, Australia and England and there are big St Patrick's Day celebrations in these countries, too. People wear green, because green is the national colour of Ireland. They also wear the symbol of Northern Ireland – the shamrock.





- The shamrock: the symbol of Northern Ireland

England

23rd April is St George's Day.



St George's Day isn't a holiday in England, but there is a big concert in Trafalgar Square in London. The symbols of St George's Day are the St George's Cross flag and the red rose. 23rd April is also an important date because it's William Shakespeare's birthday!





• Trafalgar Square, London

Scotland

30th November is St Andrew's Day.



Happy St Andrews Day

St Andrew is a very popular saint! He is the patron saint of Greece, Russia, Georgia, Malta, Romania, Ukraine and ... Scotland, of course! He is also the patron saint of Amalfi in Italy, and his relics are there. St Andrew's Day is a holiday in Scotland.

There are concerts of traditional Scottish bagpipe music and there are also Scottish dances. Some men wear kilts on St Andrew's Day. People also wear a thistle – the national symbol of Scotland.



- Bagpipe





kilts

Who's Worn Under the Kilt
Top 10

1. My socks and my shoes.
2. Nothing is worn — everything is in perfect working order.
3. My furry ponch. Oh wait, that's on top.
4. A very fine set of accessories.
5. My used beer dispenser.
6. Good girls don't ask, but girls find me.
7. My Claymore and it's in need of a good polishing.
8. Lipstick, when I'm lucky..
9. If you're brave enough to ask, you're brave enough to find it.
10. I'll show you mine, if you show me yours.



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Scottish Thistle

