



**CHRISTMAS  
TRADITIONS  
IN GREAT BRITAIN**

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# ADVENT: DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> TO 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
ADVENT CALENDAR  
ADVENT CANDLE



# ADVENT CALENDAR

A CARD WITH 24 OR 25 DOORS.  
BEHIND EACH DOOR THERE IS  
A CHRISTMAS SCENE.





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# ADVENT CANDLES

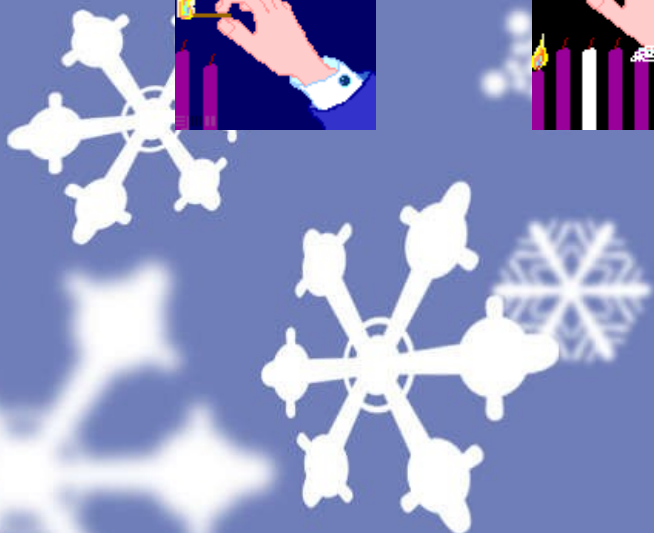
AN ADVENT CANDLE  
OFTEN HAS 24 OR  
25 MARKS ON IT.

A BIT OF CANDLE IS  
BURNED DOWN BY  
ONE MARK EACH  
DAY



# ADVENT CANDLES

- IT IS MORE COMMON TO HAVE FOUR CANDLES FOR THE FOUR WEEKS BEFORE CHRISTMAS. ONE CANDLE IS LIT THE 1ST WEEK, TWO THE 2ND WEEK AND SO ON.





# CHRISTMAS EVE: DECEMBER 24TH THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

- CAROL SINGING



# CHRISTMAS EVE: DECEMBER 24TH THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS



- MIDNIGHT  
CHURCH  
SERVICE



# CHRISTMAS EVE: DECEMBER 24TH THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

- THIS IS THE NIGHT  
WHEN **FATHER**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
COMES





# CHRISTMAS EVE: DECEMBER 24TH THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS



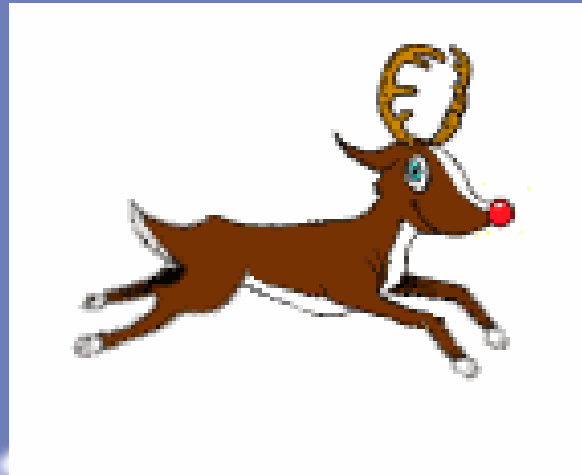
- FATHER CHRISTMAS PILES ALL THE TOYS ONTO HIS SLEIGH AND RIDES ACROSS THE SKY WITH HIS NINE REINDEERS.



# THIS IS A SLEIGH

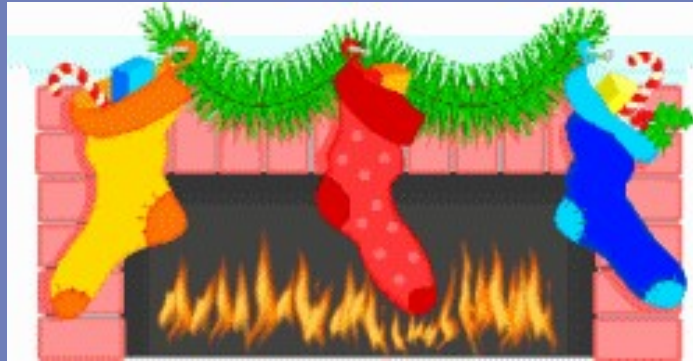


# THIS IS A REINDEER





# CHRISTMAS EVE: DECEMBER 24TH THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS



• CHILDREN HANG UP THEIR STOCKINGS ON THEIR BED OR ON THE FIREPLACE WAITING FOR THEIR PRESENTS.

# THESE ARE STOCKINGS

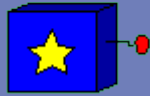


THIS IS A PRESENT OR GIFT





# CHRISTMAS DAY: DECEMBER 25TH



- PEOPLE OPEN THEIR PRESENTS



# CHRISTMAS DAY: DECEMBER 25TH



- THE QUEEN'S MESSAGE



# CHRISTMAS DAY: DECEMBER 25TH



• CHRISTMAS DINNER



# BOXING DAY: DECEMBER 26TH



- PEOPLE GIVE GIFTS TO TRADESMEN, SERVANTS AND FRIENDS.



# THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS: DECEMBER 26TH - JANUARY 6TH

- IT IS A HOLIDAY TO STAY WITH THE FAMILY AND VISIT FRIENDS.

- IT IS A TIME FOR HOMECOMING, HAVING FUN AND ENJOYING STAYING AT HOME



# NEW YEAR'S EVE: 31ST DECEMBER



# NEW YEAR'S DAY: 1ST JANUARY







IMAGES

OF

CHRISTMAS





# CHRISTMAS FOOD



ROASTED TURKEY



CHRISTMAS CAKE



CHRISTMAS PUDDING

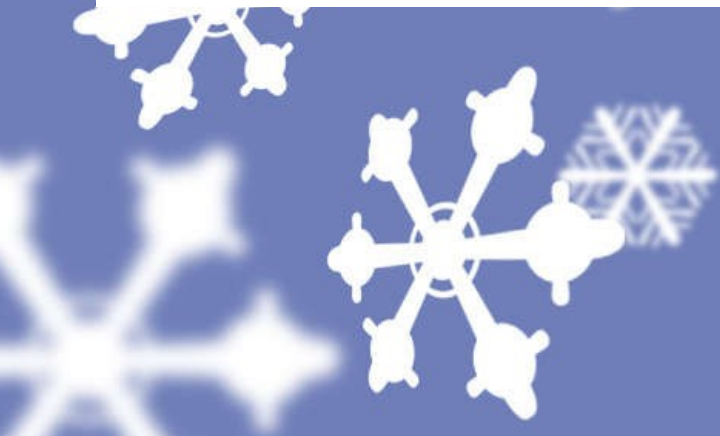


MINCE PIES

# CHRISTMAS CAROLS



- THEY HAVE A MEDIEVAL ORIGIN WHEN MINSTRELS TRAVELLED FROM CASTLE TO CASTLE.
- ALSO, POOR PEOPLE SANG AT THE DOOR OF RICH HOUSES TO GET SOME FOOD AND DRINK.

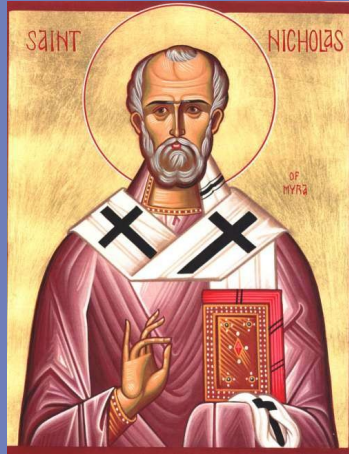


# CHRISTMAS CARDS

- THE FIRST CHRISTMAS CARDS APPEARED IN VICTORIAN ENGLAND IN THE 19TH CENTURY



# SANTA CLAUS / FATHER CHRISTMAS



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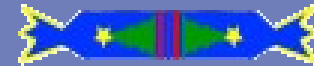


- THIS CHARACTER IS BASED ON THE REAL SAINT NICHOLAS, WHO WAS BISHOP OF MYRA, A TURKISH TOWN.
- HE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF CHILDREN, MERCHANTS AND SAILORS.



# CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

- A SMALL CARDBOARD TUBE COVERED IN A BRIGHTLY COLOURED TWIST OF PAPER, FILLED WITH SMALL GIFTS.
- THE FAMILY PULLS EACH OTHER CRACKER AT THE TABLE BEFORE CHRISTMAS DINNER, MAKING A SMALL EXPLOSIVE POP



# CHRISTMAS TREE



• A TRADITION BORROWED FROM  
GERMANY

# MISTLETOE



- IT WAS CONSIDERED SACRED BY THE PEOPLE OF ANCIENT BRITAIN.
- IT IS THOUGHT THAT KISSING UNDER THE MISTLETOE COULD MEAN DEEP ROMANCE OR LASTING FRIENDSHIP.

# THE HOLLY AND THE IVY



- IT WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE MAGICAL POWERS AND THE ABILITY TO DRIVE DEMONS AWAY.
- THE TRADITIONAL COLOURS OF CHRISTMAS, **RED** AND **GREEN**, COME FROM THIS PLANT

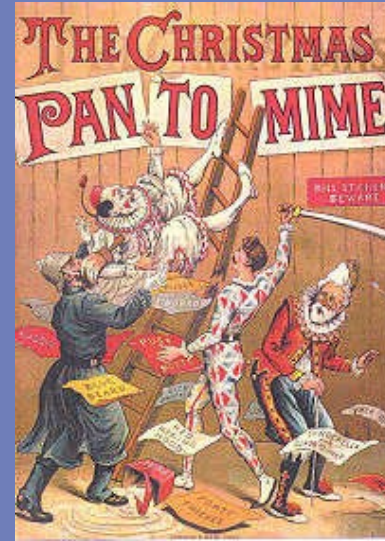


# CHRISTMAS WREATH



- IT IS USED TO DECORATE THE HOUSE.
- IT IS MADE OF BITS OF TREE, HOLLY AND IVY, MISTLETOE AND USUALLY RED BOWS.

# CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME



- IT IS A POPULAR FORM OF THEATRE PERFORMED AT CHRISTMAS.
- IT INCLUDES SONGS, DANCE, BUFFONERY AND AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION.

# THE NATIVITY SCENE



- IT IS A DEPICTION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS.
- THE FIGURES REPRESENT THE INFANT JESUS, HIS MOTHER MARY AND JOSEPH IN A STABLE OR CAVE.



AND THAT'S ALL FOLKS!



YOUR ENGLISH TEACHER WISHES YOU:

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

AND

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

