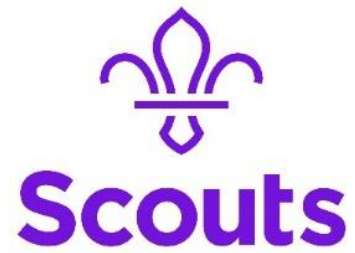


# Diwali: true or false



Diwali always happens when it's spring in the UK.

FALSE. The exact date changes every year depending on the moon, but Diwali is in our autumn.

Diwali is the festival of light. It symbolises the victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance.

TRUE.

Only Hindus celebrate Diwali.

FALSE. Some Sikhs and Jains (and a smaller number of Buddhists) also celebrate Diwali. For each faith, it marks different historical events and stories.

At Diwali, some Hindus celebrate the deities (gods) Rama and Sita returning to the city of Ayodhya, after defeating the evil king Ravana.

TRUE.

At Diwali, some Sikhs celebrate the birth of a Guru.

FALSE. Some Sikhs celebrate Guru Hargobind being released from prison, along with 52 other princes.

Many people believe that lights and lamps help the Hindu goddess Lakshmi into people's homes.

TRUE. She is a god of wealth, and people hope she will bring them wealth, comfort, or peace.

To celebrate Diwali, people set off fireworks and wear new clothes.

TRUE.

A special type of curry is eaten as the main Diwali food.

FALSE. There are lots of special Diwali foods, but one of the main ones is sweets. They can be made from ingredients including flour, beans, milk or yoghurt, nuts, and spices.

People draw rangoli, patterns made using coloured rice, colourful powders, and flower petals.

TRUE.

Diwali is only a time for yourself and your family.

FALSE. People also give to charities, and people in need.