

St George's Day Quiz



1. Where was St George born? (all versions)
 - a. Wales
 - b. England
 - c. **Turkey**
 - d. Spain

Although he's also the patron saint of England (as well as Scouts), he may never have actually visited England! He's thought to be from Cappadocia, an area which is now part of Turkey.

2. What was St George's job? (Beaver, Cubs/Scouts) / What do we think that St George did as a job? (Explorers)
 - a. **Soldier**
 - b. Sailor
 - c. Tailor
 - d. Author

We think he was a soldier in the Roman army.

3. True or false – England is the only country that celebrates St George's Day? (all versions)
 - a. True
 - b. **False**

We might think of St George as the patron saint of England, but St George's Day is celebrated in a number of different countries: a number of different places have adopted St George as their patron saint.

4. We celebrate St George's Day in Scouts because... (all versions)
 - a. St George was a Scout
 - b. **St George is the patron saint of Scouts**
 - c. Our Chief Scout liked the legend
 - d. It's when Baden-Powell was born

We think St George lived in the 3rd century and died at the start of the 4th century (in AD303). Baden-Powell didn't start Scouts until the early 20th century (in 1908, to be precise). Baden-Powell chose St George as the patron saint of Scouts.

5. 'Dia de San Jorge' is St George's Day in what language? (Cubs/Scouts, Explorers)

- a. **Spanish**
 - b. Italian
 - c. Polish
 - d. Welsh
6. Where do people think that St George lived? (Explorers)
- a. He moved to England
 - b. He stayed in Turkey
 - c. **He moved to Palestine**
 - d. He moved to Spain
7. On St George's Day in Catalonia, in Spain, it's traditional to share flowers and something else with your loved ones. What else do people share?
(Cubs/Scouts, Explorers)
- a. Chocolates
 - b. **Books**
 - c. Cakes
 - d. Tomatoes

In Catalonia in Spain, there are often festive markets selling flowers and books for St George's Day. 23 April is also UNESCO's World Book Day, and we think it's Shakespeare's birthday (and the date he died).

8. In the legend, St George saves a community by fighting and killing a... (all versions)
- a. Tiger
 - b. **Dragon**
 - c. Vampire
 - d. Werewolf
9. In the legend, what did St George use to kill the dragon? (all versions)
- a. **A sword**
 - b. A breadstick
 - c. A gun
 - d. A large rock

Legend says that when St George travelled to Libya, he found a community which was being terrorised by a cruel dragon. He fought the dragon and killed it with a sword, freeing everyone.

10. In Bulgaria, what is it traditional to roast on St George's Day? (Cubs/Scouts, Explorers)
- a. Turkey

- b. Marshmallows
- c. **Lamb**
- d. Beef

St George is a patron saint of shepherds, among other things. It's actually celebrated on a different day in Bulgaria, on 6 May, and is known as Gergiovdan. People may do some rituals focused on health of people, animals, and the fields. They may go for an early morning walk to enjoy the fresh dew.

11. St George refused to follow a Roman emperor's orders to... (Cubs/Scouts, Explorers)
- a. Leave the country
 - b. **Persecute Christians**
 - c. Steal from a church
 - d. Burn down a village

He was captured and killed because of this, and for refusing to give up his Christian beliefs.

12. What happened when St George tore up the emperor's orders? (Explorers)
- a. He was killed instantly
 - b. **He was imprisoned and tortured**
 - c. He was fired from the army
 - d. He was forced to leave the country

13. How is St George's Day celebrated in Albania? (all versions)
- a. **Having bonfires**
 - b. Acting out sword fights
 - c. Having water fights
 - d. Holding parades

It's actually on 6 May in Albania. They celebrate by building and lighting fires as a sign of joy; they also bless things around them with water.

14. What's the name of the highest award you can get as a young person in Scouts? (all versions)
- a. Baden-Powell Award
 - b. King's Scout Award
 - c. St George's Award
 - d. **Queen's Scout Award**

You can start working towards this award when you turn 16, in Explorers. There's usually an annual celebration at Windsor Castle, which you get invited to when

you've completed your King's Scout Award. The award changes name depending weather we have a king or a queen on the throne.

15. True or false – the first national Scout parade and service at St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle was in 1942? (Explorers)
- a. True
 - b. **False**

It was on 22 April 1934. It couldn't happen from 1940 to 1945 because of the second world war.