



## Harvest

People across the world celebrate the harvesting of crops and local food. Christians sing, pray and decorate churches with baskets of food, that are then shared with those in the community less fortunate. It is generally celebrated in September, but sometimes October - dependent on the Harvest Moon.

## Hanukkah

is the Jewish festival of lights. The date of Hanukkah changes every year but is always in November or December.

It lasts for eight days and can also be called Chanukah.

The word Hanukkah means 're-dedication' and celebrates one of the greatest miracles in Jewish history.

After cleaning and repairing a temple that had been destroyed by the Greeks. A lamp was lit with only enough oil for one day. It miraculously burned for eight days. The festival therefore lasts for eight days.

An eight-branched candlestick is lit called a Hanukiah.

Children receive gifts and Hanukkah money.

Some families give each other a small present on each of the eight nights. A traditional game is played using a dreidel.

Traditional foods eaten are latkes (a potato fritter), pancakes and doughnuts.



## Holi

is a Hindu spring festival that originated in India but is now celebrated all over the world.

It is known as the 'festival of colours' or the 'festival of love'. People throw coloured powder over each other. It celebrates spring, new life and good conquering evil. Some believe it started because the Hindu god Krishna, threw coloured water on people when he was a boy.