

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT...

HALLOWEEN



Every year we dress up and carve pumpkins - but do we actually know why we're doing it? Here are some facts about Halloween history.

- **Halloween originates from an ancient Celtic festival known as Samhain (pronounced "sah-win"), which celebrated the end of the harvest season in Gaelic culture. During the time of Samhain, the ancient pagans took stock of supplies and prepared for winter.**
- The ancient Celts from Britain and Ireland observed the start of the new year on November 1, 'All Souls Day', marking the end of summer and harvest time. People came to believe that on October 31, the worlds of the living and dead overlapped before the start of the new year. October 31 became All Hallows Eve, when ghosts of the dead could return to destroy the harvest that was stored for winter. People set bonfires on hilltops to ward off the evil spirits before the start of the winter season. The word Halloween is a shortening of All Hallows' Evening also known as Hallowe'en or All Hallows' Eve.
- **Halloween was brought to the US by Irish and Scottish immigrants during the late 18th century to the early 19th century.**
- Original trick-or-treaters received mostly fruits and nuts, not sweets.



SCIENCE AND HISTORY...

IN NOVEMBER

- 7 Nov **1805** Thomas Brassey was born
- Thomas was an early English railway contractor who built railway lines worldwide. While working as a land surveyor he and George Stephenson became friends. In 1834, Stephenson helped Brassey to obtain a contract to build a railway viaduct at Bromborough. In 1835, he constructed a section of the Grand Junction railway and later helped complete the London and Southampton line.
- 11 Nov **1918** After four years and 97 days the guns finally fell silent as the Great War ended. Around 9 million lives lost with a further 27 million injured.
- 29 Nov **1641** England's first newspaper is published.



Thomas Brassey

EXTREME WEATHER IN...

ITALY

After along spell of hot weather, a freak hailstorm covered Rome in ice, leaving drivers trapped in their cars and floodwater running down escalators

With cars and vehicles stranded in thick ice, fire fighters were called out to help people across the country.



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LITTLE EARTH

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PUMPKIN SPECIAL WHERE ON EARTH... are these monsters grown?

The heaviest pumpkin weighs 1,190.49 kg or 2,624.6 lb, and was grown by Mathias Willemijns from Belgium on the 9th of October 2016.

A 30-year-old Tudor Crisps packet has been found washed up at Budle Bay with little signs of decay.



It was discovered by a Coast Care volunteer clearing the beach and shows how long some litter can remain a part of the environment without decomposing, potentially harming wildlife in the process.

The packet of gammon flavour crisps has a best before date of October 1988.

Read more on page 4 about how plastic is severely damaging our planet, and how we all need to make changes to help with this worldwide problem.

STAY SAFE ON BONFIRE NIGHT!

1. **NEVER** touch fireworks
2. Stand well back from the bonfire
3. **NEVER** go near a firework after it has been lit
4. Only 1 sparkler at a time
5. Wear gloves when holding a sparkler
6. Keep pets indoors

ROYAL BABY

Kensington Palace announced that Prince Harry and his wife Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, are expecting their first child in the spring of 2019.



WILL THE BABY EVER BE KING OR QUEEN?

It is very unlikely. Harry and Meghan's first child will be seventh in the line of succession for the throne when it is born. The baby will be behind its grandfather, Prince Charles; its uncle, Prince William; its cousins, William's three children: George, Charlotte and five-month-old Prince Louis; and the baby's father, Prince Harry.

WILL THE BABY BE A PRINCE OR PRINCESS?

The children and grandchildren of the Queen are made princes and princesses, that's why Harry has that title, but this doesn't apply to great-grandchildren.

WHAT CITIZENSHIP WILL THE BABY HAVE?

The baby will have British citizenship due to its father. Harry and Meghan would also be able to apply for U.S. citizenship for the baby because Meghan is an American who lived in the U.S. long enough for her child to qualify. It will be up to them to decide if they want to do so.

'Even if people are still very young, they shouldn't be prevented from saying what they think'.

Anne Frank

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CALENDAR...				ADD IN YOUR DATES!		
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	NOVEMBER 1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 11am Remembrance Service Whole School at St Mary's Church Everyone welcome!	9	10	11 Remembrance Day
12 Christmas Pottery event	13	14	15 	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	DECEMBER 1	2
3	4	5 Guy Fawkes Day	6 Christmas Crafts at 2pm	7	8	9
10 Classes 3 & 4 Christmas performance at 6pm	11	12 Classes 1 & 2 Christmas performance at 2.15pm	13 Christmas Dinner The children are welcome to wear their Christmas Jumpers for a donation of £1 which will be sent to 'Save the Children'	14	15	16
17	18 The whole school will be going to The Maltings in the morning to see the Christmas pantomime 'Cinderella'	19 Class 2, 3 & 4 - Christmas Party during the afternoon The children are welcome to bring their party clothes to change into after lunch.	20 Classes 1 & Nursery - Christmas Party during the morning The children are welcome to come to school in their party clothes.	21 Christmas Carols Time and venue to be confirmed	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	JANUARY 1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 BACK TO SCHOOL	10	11	12	13

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