

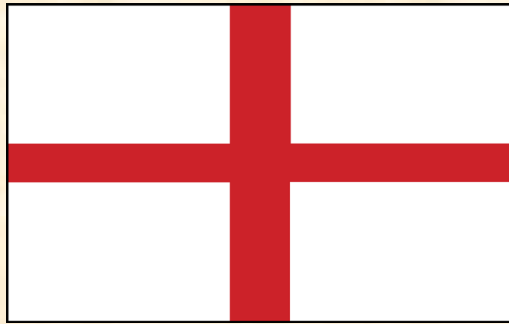


**Let`s party. Festivals in the UK**

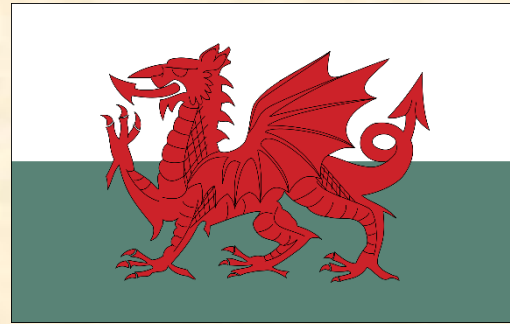


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**Most offices in the UK are closed on Saturday, Sunday and British Public (Bank) holidays.**



### **Public Holidays (no working days )**

The most important public holiday is New Year`s Day on the first of January but people celebrate it the night before, on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December. The celebration of the festival includes a New Year party (either a family party or one arranged by a group of young people). Moreover , they go to the south bank of the river Thames to see London Eye and a huge fireworks display near Waterloo Bridge.





**In Scotland, the first visitor, must bring a special present — a piece of coal — to wish good luck and warmth to the house.**

**In Scotland , the New Year`s Eve Celebration is called Hogmanay which means `new morning` in Celtic.**

People prepare for the celebration s cleaning their houses and throwing out old unwanted things. They also bake special shortbread biscuits and a fruit cake called `Black Bun`.