

St David's Day



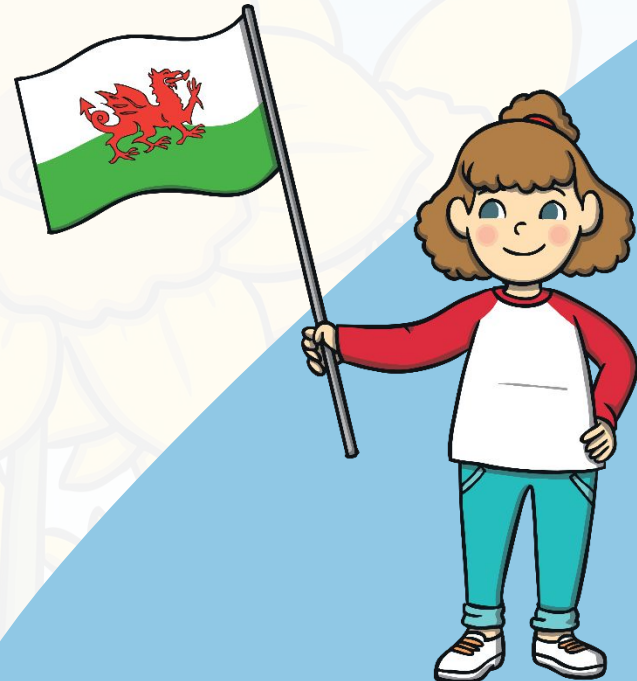
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- To reflect on Saint David's personal qualities and what we can learn from them.



What Is St. David's Day?

- It is a special day for anyone who is Welsh because David is the patron (or special) saint for Wales.
- St. David's Day is celebrated on 1st March each year.
- People in Wales and those of Welsh origin celebrate the life of their patron saint, **Saint David** on this day.
- Many people pin a daffodil or leek to their clothes and some, especially children, wear traditional costumes.



What Is a Saint?

- Saints are generally thought to be men and women who believe in God.
- They are believed to be especially close to God.
- Because saints have a very strong faith in God, they are often able to do amazing things and perform miracles.
- They are extraordinary teachers.
- They live their life often refusing material things or comforts.



Who was Saint David?

- He was a real person, although lots of the information about him comes from stories and legends.
- He was at the heart of the Welsh church in the 6th century.
- He came from a rich family in west Wales.
- His mother was a saint, Saint Non.
- His teacher was also a saint, Saint Paulinus.



Who was Saint David?

- He founded a large monastery in west Wales.
- He was one of the early saints who helped to spread Christianity among the tribes of western Britain.
- He became Archbishop of Wales.
- His shrine became a great place of pilgrimage.



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