

ST DAVID'S DAY - IDEAS BANK

A continuous collection of classroom and whole-school ideas to explore Welsh culture, identity and history. Suitable across primary and secondary phases.

About St David's Day

- Celebrated on 1 March
- Patron saint of Wales
- St David was a Welsh bishop known for teaching, simplicity and community values
- The day celebrates Welsh culture, language and national identity

Whole-School / All-Through Ideas

- Introduce the day in assembly and discuss the story of St David
- Explore Welsh national symbols such as the dragon, leek and daffodil
- Listen to Welsh music or watch a short clip celebrating Welsh culture
- Learn a few simple Welsh phrases and greetings
- Display student work around the school celebrating Welsh identity
- Reflect on the idea of national identity and what makes communities unique

Primary Ideas

- Create Welsh dragon artwork or collages
- Design and colour Welsh flags
- Learn simple Welsh words such as "Bore da" which means good morning
- Create posters about Wales including landmarks, animals and traditions
- Write a short story about a visit to Wales
- Explore Welsh foods and traditions

Secondary Ideas

- Research the life and legacy of St David
- Explore the history of Wales and its cultural identity
- Debate the importance of national identity in modern society
- Investigate how language and culture shape identity
- Analyse Welsh symbols and their historical meaning
- Explore the role of patron saints in different countries

Cross-Curricular Links

- History, Welsh history and national identity
- Geography, landscapes, cities and culture of Wales
- English, descriptive writing about culture and place
- Art, dragon art and Welsh symbols
- Music, traditional Welsh music and singing
- Citizenship, identity, culture and national pride