

# SAINT DAVID'S DAY



St David's Day is celebrated in Wales on 1<sup>st</sup> March, in honour of St. David (*Dewi Sant*), the patron saint of Wales. He was a Celtic monk, abbot and bishop, who lived in the 6<sup>th</sup> century. He spread the word of Christianity across Wales.

The most famous story about Saint David tells how he was preaching to a huge crowd and the ground is said to have risen up, so that he was standing on a hill and everyone had a better chance of hearing him.



St. David's Day is commemorated by the wearing of daffodils or leeks. Both plants are traditionally regarded as national emblems.

On St. David's Day, some children in Wales dress in their national costume, which consists of a tall black hat, white frilled cap and long dress. The national flag of Wales, depicting a fiery red dragon (*Y Ddraig Goch*) against a green and white background, is also flown. Cardiff, the capital city, and Swansea host beautiful Saint David's Day Parades.



1. Now choose the correct answer:

A) Which of these flags is the national flag of Wales?



F) Which flower is traditionally worn on St David's Day?

- a) Rose
- b) Daffodil
- c) Sunflower

B) Can you recognize Wales?



G) What is the national emblem of Wales?

- a) Leek
- b) Carrot
- c) Onion

C) The capital of Wales is:

- a) Swansea
- b) Cardiff
- c) Llangollen

H) What is depicted on the Welsh flag?

- a) A horse
- b) A dragon
- c) A sheep

D) Who is the David we honour on St David's Day?

- a) David Beckham
- b) David Copperfield
- c) David, the Patron Saint of Wales

I) What is the national sport of Wales?

- a) Football
- b) Ski
- c) Rugby

E) St David's Day is always on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

- a) True
- b) False