



## Saint Patrick's Day



### St. Patrick's Day

It occurs on March 17 in observance of the death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. What began as a holy day in the seventeenth century has evolved into a variety of festivals across the globe celebrating Irish culture with parades, special foods, music, and dancing.

Many people wear green clothes or accessories on the day. This colour symbolises spring time, hope and good things to come in the future. Many restaurants offer Irish special foods or drinks on that day.

The most common St. Patrick's Day symbol is the shamrock, a sort of clover and a symbol of the Holy Trinity. Other symbols such as the Celtic cross, the harp or the Leprechaun are often seen in St. Patrick's Day parades.

St. Patrick's Day is a bank holiday in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

### Teaching ideas

☆☆☆ **CYCLE 3 ET 4** - Have your students listen to the song "St. Patrick's Day for kids" (<https://youtu.be/0ArWLOYPD8M>), which explains the story of St. Patrick, first without pictures. Ask them to pick up all the verbs in the simple past they hear and recap St. Patrick's story on the board. Then play the video. Divide the class into two groups: one focuses on Irish visual elements and the other one on St. Patrick's Day traditions. Then, have the two groups share the information they gathered. Students can train and learn the song at home.