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AGAPE: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37)*



# **HO HO HO! Heron Times**

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Hello and welcome to the Christmas Heron Times, produced every month for the pupils of North Curry Primary School by Mrs Green, Ms Harris and the Heron Editors. In this edition we have, Christmas jokes, recipes, the history of the Christmas tree and much more. We hope you and your families have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!





## Joshua's Joke Box

### Christmas Jokes:

What should you give your parents at Christmas?  
A list of what you want.

What's every parent's favourite Christmas Carol?  
Silent Night.

What's red and white, red and white, red and white?  
Santa Claus rolling down the hill.

Where does Santa keep all his money?  
At the local snow bank.

What did the beaver say to the Christmas Tree?  
Nice gnawing you!

What comes at the end of Christmas Day?  
The letter "Y!"



# The History of the Christmas Tree



When you think of Christmas, one of the first images to spring to mind is probably a Christmas tree, covered in twinkly decorations, lights and tinsel. But where did the tradition of having a fir tree come from?

The tree itself has traditionally been an evergreen conifer, such as a pine or a fir, which for centuries has been used to celebrate winter festivals in both the Christian and pagan tradition. Thousands of years ago, pagan celebrations involved the use of branches to decorate the homes for the winter solstice, evoking themes of the incoming season of spring where trees and flowers would bloom once more.

Many people think the tradition of Christmas trees in Britain started with the Victorians. This refers to the time when Queen Victoria was on the throne, from 1837 until 1901. Queen Victoria and her husband Prince Albert were known to be very big fans of Christmas! However, the tradition actually dates back further than that.

It originally came from Germany, where Prince Albert was actually born, and was introduced to England during the Georgian period, when King George III was on the throne. He had a German wife called Charlotte, who it is thought used to decorate a tree for her family in the 1790s.

But Queen Victoria and Prince Albert are said to be the ones who made it extremely popular and fashionable to decorate a tree at Christmas like this, which is why a lot of people think that they started the tradition in Britain.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/16074521>



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Heavenly Father,  
Bless this Christmas  
season and have our  
hearts draw closer  
to your son, Jesus.  
Amen

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# Christmas



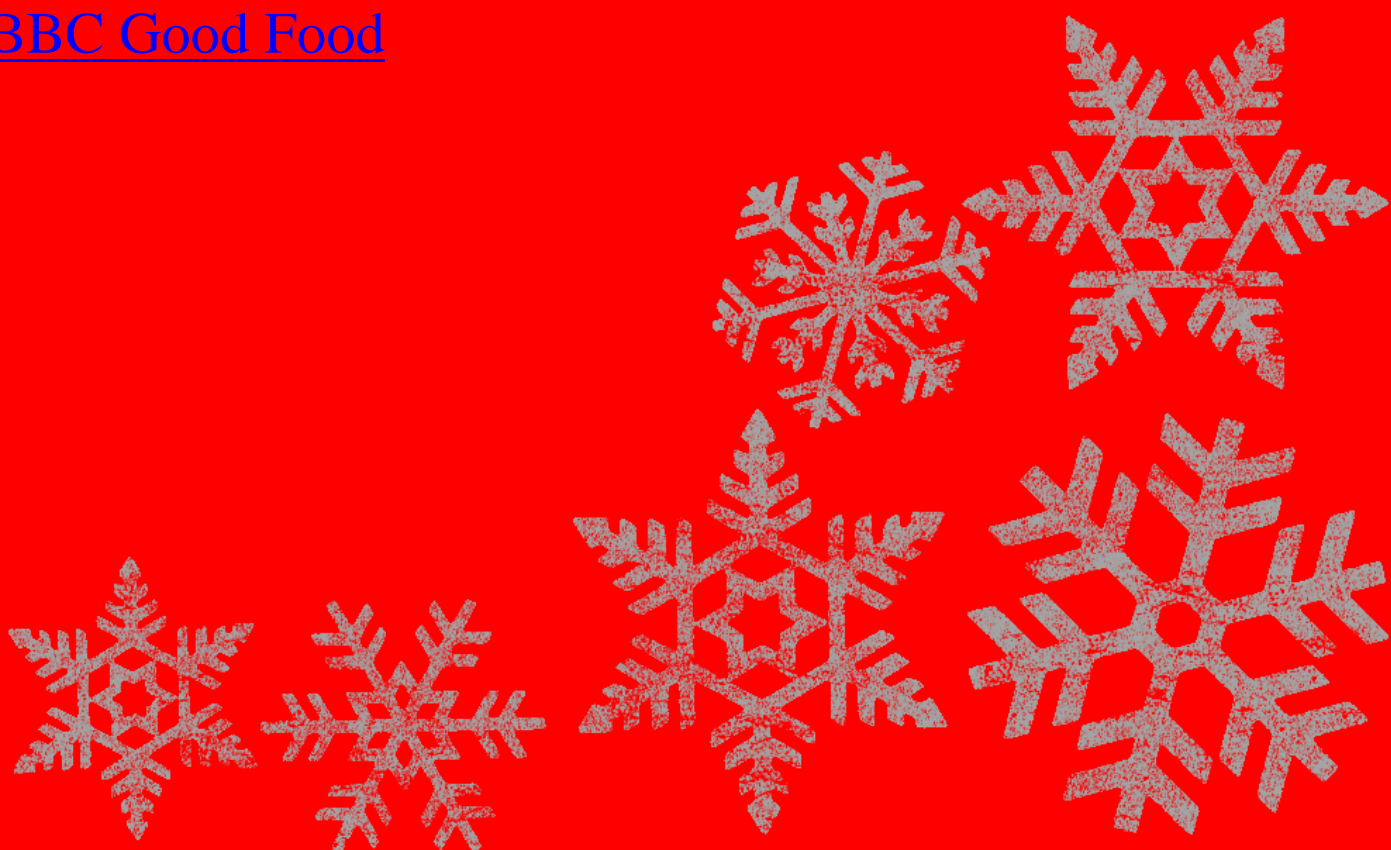
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# Make a Gingerbread House



[Samuel's gingerbread birdhouse recipe | BBC Good Food](#)



# The Colours of Christmas



There are several colours which are traditionally associated with Christmas. This site uses Red, Green and Gold. But why do we have them and what do the colours represent?

## Green

Evergreen plants, like Holly, Ivy and Mistletoe have been used for thousands of years to decorate and brighten up buildings during the long dark winter. The Romans would exchange evergreen branches during January as a sign of good luck. The ancient Egyptians used to bring palm branches into their houses during the mid-winter festivals. Now the most common use of green at Christmas are Christmas Trees.

## Red

An early use of red at Christmas were the apples on the paradise tree. They represented the fall of Adam in the plays. Red is also the colour of Holly berries, which is said to represent the blood of Jesus when he died on the cross.

Red is also the colour of Bishops robes. These would have been worn by St. Nicholas and then also became Santa's uniform!

## Gold

Gold is the colour of the Sun and light - both very important in the dark winter. And both red and gold are the colours of fire that you need to keep you warm.

Gold was also one of the presents brought to the baby Jesus by one of the wise men and traditionally it's the colour used to show the star that the wise men followed.

## White

White is often associated with purity and peace in western cultures. The snow of winter is also very white! White is used by most churches as the colour of Christmas, when the altar is covered with a white cloth.

## Blue

The colour blue is often associated with Mary, the mother of Jesus. In medieval times blue dye and paint was more expensive than gold! So it would only be worn by Royal families and very rich people. Mary was often painted wearing blue to show she was very important.

Blue can also represent the colour of the sky and heaven.

## Purple

During Advent, purple is used in most churches for the colour of the altar cloth and for the advent candles.

<https://www.whychristmas.com/customs/colors-of-christmas.shtml>

Merry Christmas everyone!



See you back in School 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023

