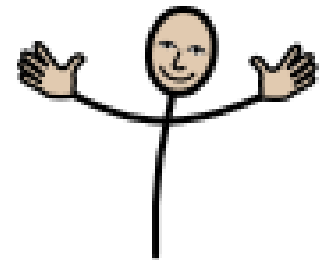


Saplings assembly 5th December 2025

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What Is Christmas All About?



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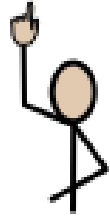
Christmas is a festival and is celebrated all around the world.



Many Christians celebrate Christmas to remember the birth of Jesus.

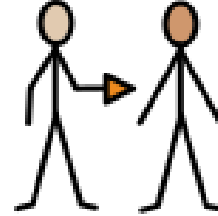


Christmas can be celebrated in lots of different ways.

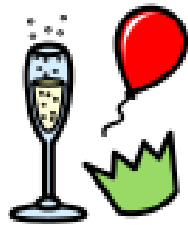


Put your hands up

if



you




celebrate



Christmas

**Many people celebrate
Christmas on the 25th December.**



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Some people have advent calendars to help countdown to Christmas day.



We have



chocolate



advent calendars

Saplings.



As part of Christmas celebrations, some people go to church.



At Earlsmead we have our 'Dressing the tree assembly', which is on 8th December 2025.

We also have a Christmas fair, which is on Wednesday 17th December.



Many people like to decorate their homes as part of Christmas celebrations.



Many places have Christmas trees decorated with lights, tinsel and baubles.



**Look at our Saplings Christmas trees.
We made the decorations ourselves from
salt dough.**



Some people like to give cards and presents to others at Christmas.

It is traditional for children to write letters to Father Christmas. Father Christmas is also known as Santa, Papa Noel or Saint Nicholas.



Some people like to get together with their family and friends to have a Christmas dinner.



Christmas dinner may include;



roast turkey



nut roast



sprouts



roast vegetables



Yorkshire puddings



stuffing


and



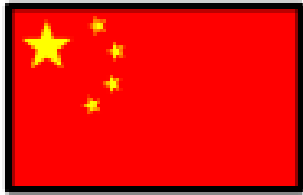
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Christmas Around the World





**We will now tell you about some
Christmas traditions around the
world.**



China

Christmas
trees are
called trees
of light.



Australia

On Christmas day
in Australia the
weather is hot.
Some families
have their
Christmas lunch
on the beach.

Many people eat
fried chicken for
dinner. The fast
food restaurants
can be fully
booked.



Japan



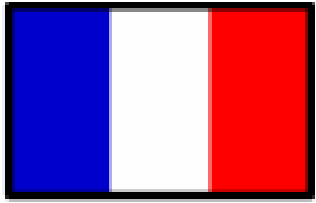
Spain

In many homes
the Christmas
tree is
decorated on
Christmas eve.

Usually children receive
a few gifts on Christmas
day but most on the 6th
January. On the night of
the 5th January, children
leave their shoes out
before they go to bed to
be filled with gifts.



Germany



France



They can eat
goose. Turkey
or oysters on
Christmas
day.

Santa has a
different name.
He arrives on a
steamboat from
Spain.



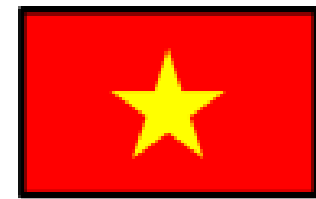
Netherlands



Mexico

Christmas eve is more important than Christmas day. Some people will share a special meal called a 'Reveillon' followed by chocolate log for pudding.

Weeks before Christmas they set up huge markets selling crafts. Food and flowers. Some people travel for days to get to them.



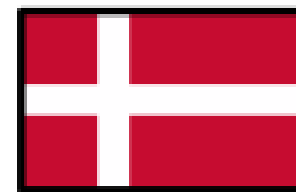
Vietnam



India

Many Christians in India choose to decorate mango and banana trees at Christmas time.

In Denmark, families usually eat their Christmas food at midnight on Christmas eve.



Denmark



Italy

In some areas,
shepherds
come into town
and play
bagpipes.

Here are some symbols of Christmas....



Fir tree

Fir tree – for many Christians, the fir tree is a symbol of God’s everlasting life and love.



Holly

Holly - it represents the crown of thorns that Jesus wore when he was crucified on the cross.



star

Star - the Star of Bethlehem led the Three Wise Men to the stable where Jesus was lying in the manger.

Here are some symbols of Christmas....



candles

Candles - candles represent Jesus who is often called the Light of the World.



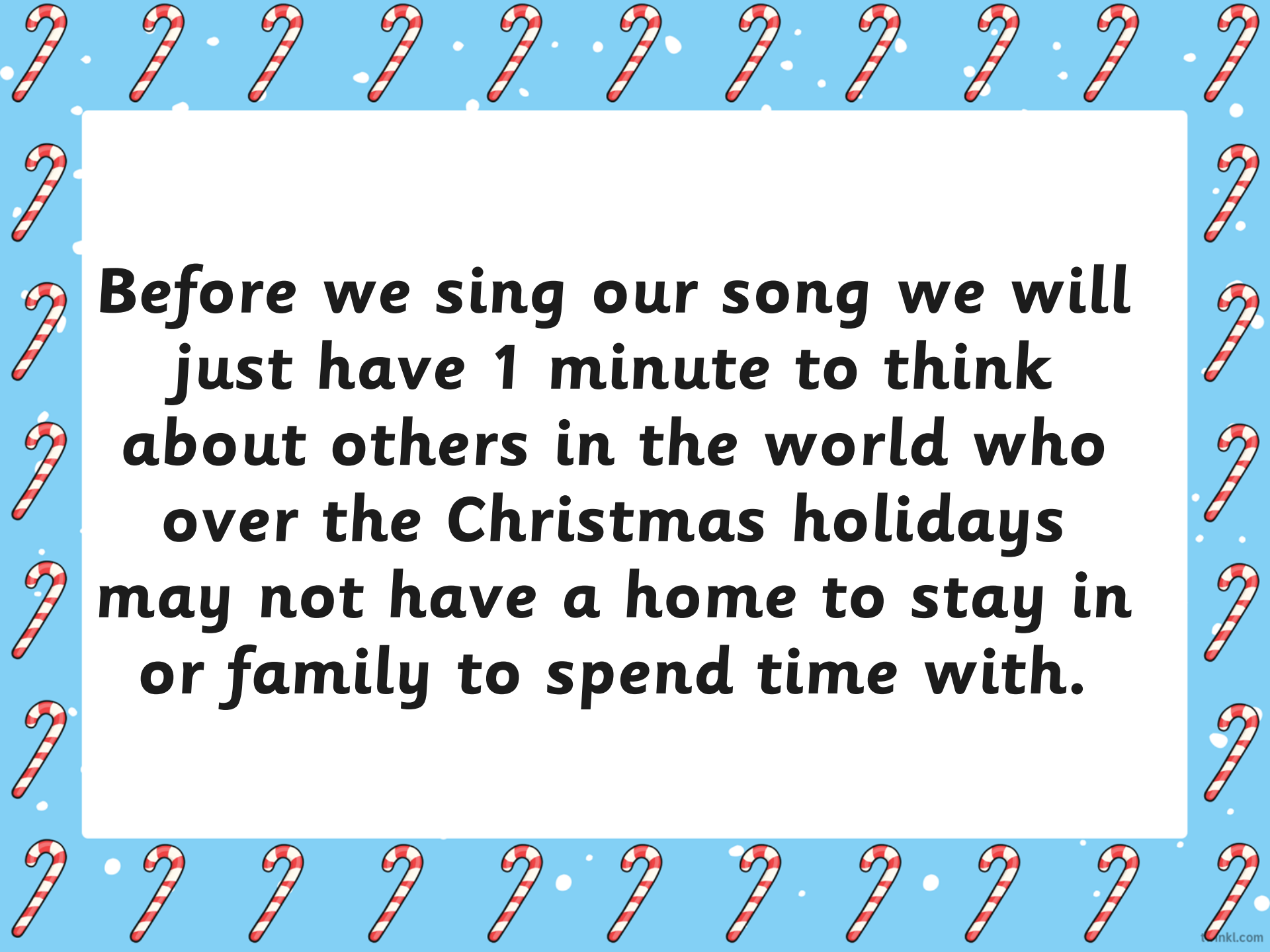
Yule log

Yule Log - the yule log was burned as a symbol of success and luck.



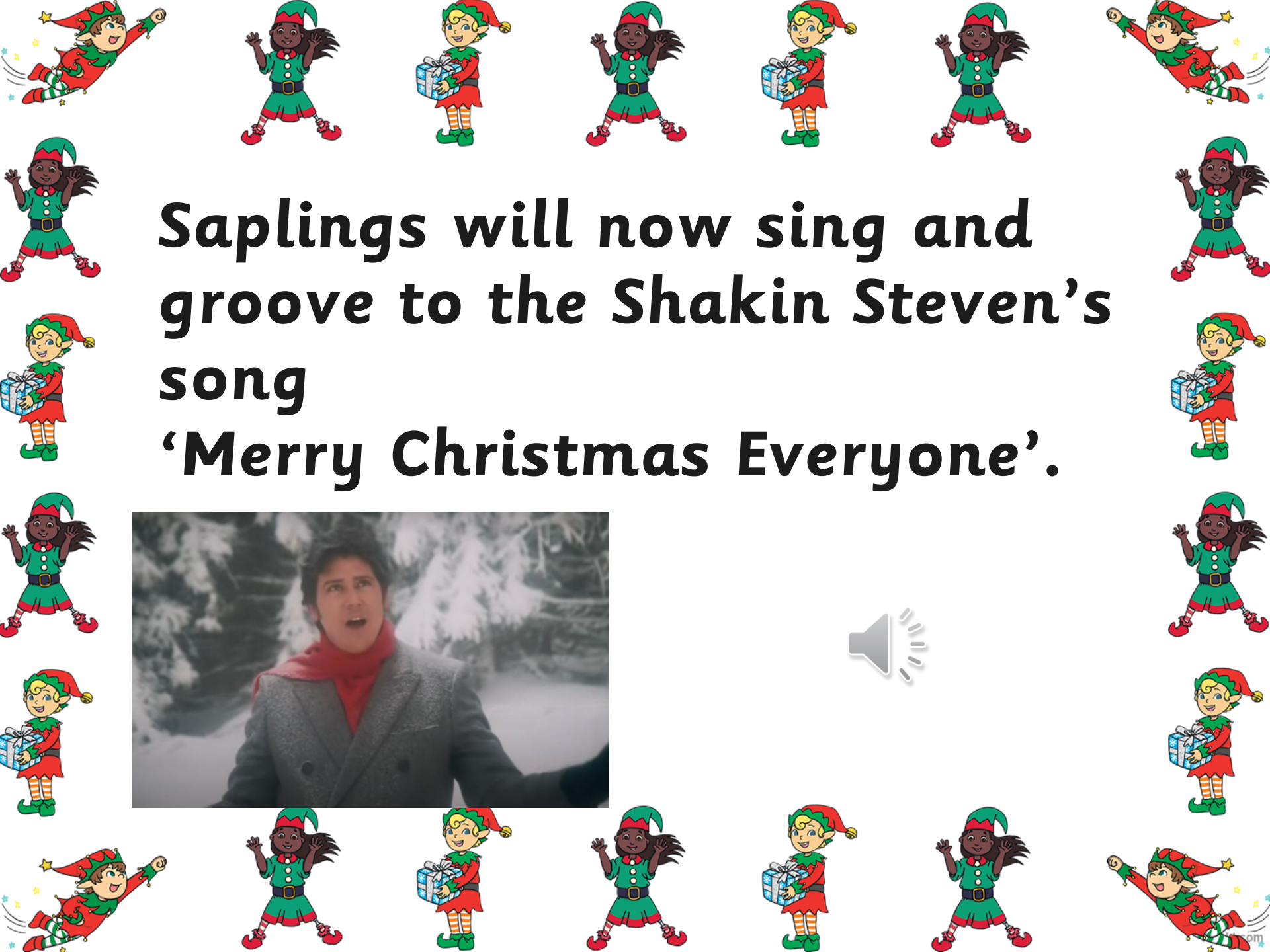
Mistletoe

Mistletoe - mistletoe is a symbol of life during the winter months when many natural things have died away.



**Before we sing our song we will
just have 1 minute to think
about others in the world who
over the Christmas holidays
may not have a home to stay in
or family to spend time with.**

Saplings will now sing and groove to the Shakin Steven's song 'Merry Christmas Everyone'.



'Merry Christmas Everyone'

Snow is falling all around me
Children playing, having fun
It's the season, love and understanding
Merry Christmas everyone

Time for parties and celebration
People dancing all night long
Time for presents and exchanging kisses
Time for singing Christmas songs

We're gonna have a party tonight
I'm gonna find that girl
Underneath the mistletoe
We'll kiss by candlelight


Room is swaying, records playing
All the old songs we love to hear
All I wish that every day was Christmas
What a nice way to spend the year
Woo, yeah!

We're gonna have a party tonight
I'm gonna find that girl
Underneath the mistletoe
We'll kiss by candlelight
Snow is falling, all around me

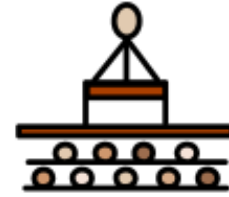
Children playing, having fun
It's the season, love and understanding
Merry Christmas everyone
Merry Christmas everyone
Oh, merry Christmas everyone

Snow is falling, all around me
Children playing, having fun
It's the season, love and understanding
Merry Christmas everyone
Repeat verse again

Snow is falling, all around me
Children playing, having fun
It's the season, love and understanding
Merry Christmas everyone
Merry Christmas everyone
Merry Christmas everyone



**We wish you
all a very
merry
Christmas.**



Thank you for coming to our assembly.



We hope you enjoyed it?

