

Diwali

20th October 2025

- Diwali is a Hindu festival of light.
- The exact dates of Diwali change each year (It depends on the position of the moon but usually happens between October and November).
- Diwali marks the beginning of the Hindu New Year.
- It's a time when people celebrate light overcoming darkness and good triumphing over bad.
- The word 'Diwali' comes from the Sanskrit word 'deepavali'. It means 'row of lights'.
- This is why people decorate their homes with lights and small oil lamps made from clay called 'diyas'.
- People spend time praying, celebrating with family, exchange gifts and look forward to the season ahead.
- The festival lasts for five days.
- Goddess Lakshmi and Lord Ganesha are worshipped seeking blessings.
- Bandi Chhor Divas for Sikhs coincides with Diwali. Its a celebration of the release of Guru Hargobind from a Mughal prison.

