

# Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day happens each December. It was started by the charity Save the Children in order to raise money to help children who need it most all around the world. People are asked to wear a fun, festive jumper for the day and donate money to help others.



## Why Fundraise?

In many countries across the world, Christmas is a time for people to swap gifts and enjoy time with their families. However, many millions of children are not so lucky.

In some countries, children have had to escape war and famine. This means that many children do not have enough nutritious food, may not be able to go to school or cannot see a doctor if they are poorly. Some children have had to leave their homes and travel for many miles to find somewhere safe to live. Others may have been affected by natural disasters such as earthquakes or floods.

The charity, Save the Children, uses money raised from Christmas Jumper Day and other fundraising to help ensure that children across the world stay safe, healthy and are able to learn.

## Did You Know...?

- The first Christmas Jumper Day was held in December 2012.
- Save the Children was created over 100 years ago, in 1919.

## What Can We Do to Help?

1. Wear a Christmas jumper on Christmas Jumper Day. You can buy or borrow one or even decorate an old jumper with tinsel or baubles!
2. Donate £1 or more to Save the Children.
3. Encourage your classmates and family to join in the fun, too!



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## Other Ways to Help

Why not try one of these ideas?

- Sing Christmas carols at lunchtime in your festive jumpers and ask for donations.
- Donate money to add a decoration to a Christmas jumper until it is completely covered. If you raise enough money, your teacher could wear the silly sweater all day!

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# Questions

1. Which charity started Christmas Jumper Day? Tick **one**.

- Christmas Jumper Day Charity
- Save the Children
- Save the People
- Save the Animals

2. Look at the **Did You Know...?** section. When was the first Christmas Jumper Day? Tick **one**.

- December 2018
- December 2012
- January 2012
- December 2002

3. Look at the **Why Fundraise?** section. Why do you think some children have to leave their homes? Tick **one**.

- They want to visit somewhere else.
- They need to donate money.
- Their lives might be in danger if they stay.

4. Look at the **What Can We Do to Help?** section. What could you decorate an old jumper with? Tick **two**.

- tinsel
- donations
- charity
- baubles

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**Accept children's own responses, including classmates, teachers and family.**

6. Look at the **Other Ways to Help** section. Can you find a synonym for the word 'jumper'?

**'sweater'**

7. Why do you think it is a good idea to support Christmas Jumper Day? Use evidence from the text.

**Pupils' own responses, based on information from the text. For example: It is a good idea because it is fun to wear a Christmas jumper and the money raised goes to charity. It is a good idea because the charity, Save the Children, helps all children across the world to have their basic needs met.**

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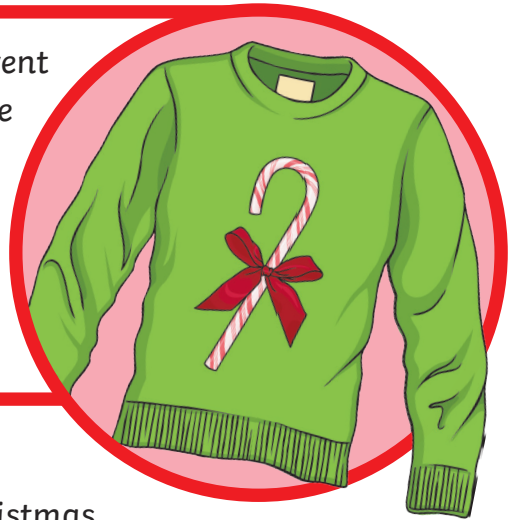


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# Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day is an annual charity event which is held each December. It was created by the charity Save the Children to raise money to help children who need it most all around the world. People are asked to donate money in exchange for wearing a fabulous, festive Christmas jumper. The event is popular in many schools and workplaces.



## Did You Know...?

- Save the Children was created over 100 years ago, in 1919.
- Save the Children has many charity shops across the UK which accept donations of unwanted clothes, books and bric-a-brac.



## Why Fundraise?

In many countries, Christmas is a time for people to exchange gifts, eat delicious food and enjoy time with their families. However, across the globe, many millions of children are not so fortunate.

In some countries, children's lives are affected by war, natural disasters and famine. This means that many children do not have enough nutritious food, they may not be able to go to school and they may be unable to see a doctor if they are poorly. Some children are refugees and have had to leave their homes and travel for many miles to find somewhere safe to live.

The charity, Save the Children, uses money raised from Christmas Jumper Day and other fundraising to help ensure children stay safe, healthy and are able to learn

## What Can We Do to Help?

1. Wear a Christmas jumper on Christmas Jumper Day. You can buy or borrow a festive jumper, or you could decorate an old jumper with tinsel and baubles! The more decorative, the better!
2. Donate £1 or more to Save the Children.
3. Spread the word by encouraging your friends, classmates and family to join in the fun, too!



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## What Does Save the Children Do?

Save the Children helps to protect children and their families across the world.

- In Rwanda, the charity helps by supporting children to learn to read and write before they leave school. In 2017, the education programmes helped 842,000 children.
- In Yemen and Syria, the charity helps to support children affected by war.



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# Questions

1. What is Christmas Jumper Day? Tick **one**.

- a monthly celebration
- an annual charity event
- a time to exchange gifts
- a festive Christmas jumper

2. Where is Christmas Jumper Day popular? Tick **two**.

- in many schools
- in December
- in many workplaces
- in 68 countries

3. Look at the **Did You Know...?** section. Where could you give donations of unwanted clothes, books or bric-a-brac in order to help Save the Children? Tick **one**.

- to the children
- to the Save the Children charity shops
- to the supermarket
- to a friend

4. Match each statement to the correct subtitle.

**Why Fundraise?**

Children in some countries cannot visit a doctor if they are poorly.

**What Can We Do to Help?**

Some children do not have enough nutritious food.

We can help by making a donation of £1 or more.

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5. Look at the **What Does Save the Children Do?** Fill in the missing words.

Save the \_\_\_\_\_ helps to \_\_\_\_\_ children  
and \_\_\_\_\_ families across the world.

6. Look again at the **What Does Save the Children Do?** section. Find and copy a word that means 'keep safe'.

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7. Summarise, in your own words, what happens on Christmas Jumper Day.

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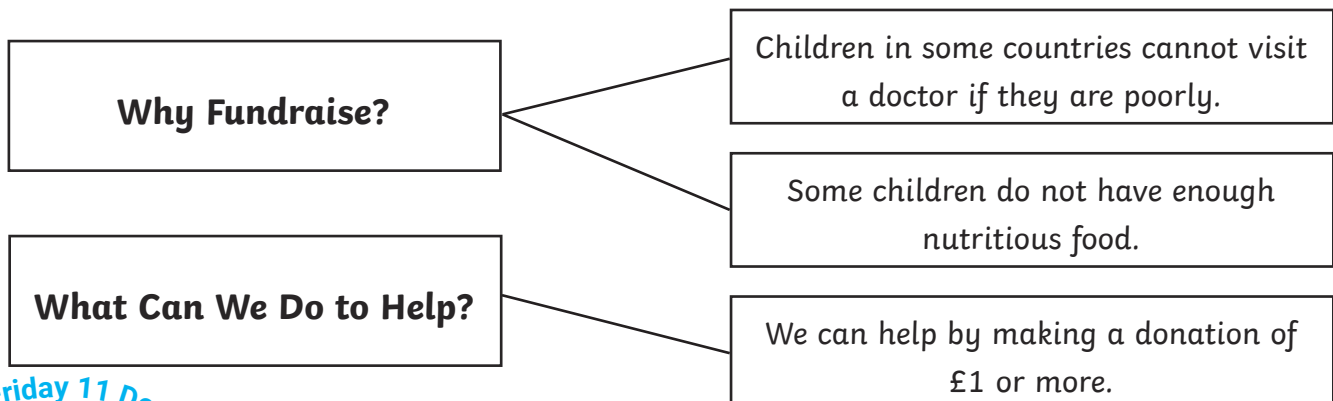
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**protect**

7. Summarise, in your own words, what happens on Christmas Jumper Day.  
**Pupils' own responses, such as: First, people in many schools and workplaces wear a festive jumper that they have bought, borrowed or made. Then, they need to donate some money to the Save the Children charity. They can also encourage friends and family to join in, too.**
8. Explain how the money raised from Christmas Jumper Day might be used.  
**Pupils' own responses, summarising ideas from the text, such as: It is used to help children all over the world, for example in Rwanda to help children to learn to read or in Syria to help children in danger from war.**

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# Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day is an annual charity event which is held each December. It was created by the international charity Save the Children in order to raise money and awareness of children whose lives are affected by poverty, disease or conflict. On Christmas Jumper Day, people are encouraged to donate money in exchange for wearing a festive Christmas jumper. Since its first event in 2012, Christmas Jumper Day has become more and more popular in many schools and workplaces.



## Did You Know...?

- Save the Children was founded on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1919.
- In 2017, Save the Children were able to help 10.7 million children with their health and nutrition programmes.
- A £1 donation could provide water for 3 weeks for a child at school in Somalia.

## Why Fundraise?

Christmas is a time for celebration for many people: to give gifts and cards to special people, to decorate Christmas trees, to feast on delicious food and to enjoy time with families. However, it is also a time to remember the many millions of children across the globe who are not so fortunate.

Sadly, many children's lives around the world are affected by war, natural disasters and famine. As a result, for some children, nutritious food is scarce and famine is a very real risk. In some areas, children may not have the opportunity to

go to school or learn to read and write. In addition, some children may not be able to visit a doctor or attend hospital if they are injured or poorly. Some children who are refugees have had to leave their homes and travel for many miles in order to find somewhere safe to live.

When you wear your Christmas jumper and donate to the charity, remember that Save the Children aims to ensure that all children have their human rights met, as described in the **UNCRC**.



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## What Can We Do to Help?

1. Firstly, wear a Christmas jumper on Christmas Jumper Day. If you do not want to buy a new one, why not decorate an old jumper with tinsel, sequins or even baubles?
2. Secondly, donate £1 or more to Save the Children.
3. Finally, by encouraging your friends, classmates and family to join in the fun, too, you can help to spread the message about Christmas Jumper Day.



## The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

The UNCRC is an international agreement for children's rights. Every child has the right to survival, protection and education. The UNCRC is made up of 54 articles that set out children's rights.

Save the Children is one of many charities fighting for children's rights across the world.

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- Save the People
- Save the Animals
- Save the Children
- Christmas Jumper Day Charity

2. Why are people encouraged to donate money? Tick **two**.

- The money donated could pay for medication.
- It raises money to help support children and families.
- It is a fun event held each December.
- The first event was in 2012.

3. Look at the **Why Fundraise?** section. Give one reason from the text that explains why it is important to raise money on Christmas Jumper Day.

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4. **As a result, for some children, nutritious food is scarce and famine is a very real risk.**

What does the word **scarce** mean in this sentence?

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5. Look at the **Did You Know...?** section. Fill in the missing words.

A £1 \_\_\_\_\_ could provide \_\_\_\_\_ for 3 weeks for a child at school in \_\_\_\_\_ .

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7. Why do you think Save the Children have chosen Christmas as a time to have a special day for fundraising?

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8. Explain why it is important for charities such as Save the Children to have an annual charity event. Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

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3. Look at the **Why Fundraise?** section. Give one reason from the text that explains why it is important to raise money on Christmas Jumper Day.

**Accept any correct response from the text, such as it important to raise money to support children whose lives have been affected by war, natural disasters and famine.**

4. **As a result, for some children, nutritious food is scarce and famine is a very real risk.**

What does the word **scarce** mean in this sentence?

**Scarce means that there is not enough of it (food).**

5. Look at the **Did You Know...?** section. Fill in the missing words.

A £1 **donation** could provide **water** for 3 weeks for a child at school in **Somalia**.

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7. Why do you think Save the Children have chosen Christmas as a time to have a special day for fundraising?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Save the Children have chosen Christmas as a time to have a special day for fundraising because Christmas is traditionally a time for giving to others. Also, it is a time when people realise that other people don't have basic needs met like having enough food or medical care. Christmas is a time to be grateful.**

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