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Understanding Eid al-Adha

Eid al-Adha is one of the two main Eid celebrations in Islam. Eid al-Adha falls on the 12th and final month of the Islamic calendar. The exact date of the festivities depends on the confirmed sighting of the moon, which occurs after the completion of the Hajj, the annual Holy Pilgrimage. The Hajj is one of the Five Pillars of Islam and is a mandatory religious duty for all Muslims.

During Eid al-Adha, Muslims remember the sacrifice made by Prophet Ibrahim in prioritizing Allah (God) over worldly matters. This year, Eid al-Adha will fall on Friday, June 6th, until Sunday, June 8th. It is a time to give thanks, pray and celebrate with family and friends.

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How is Eid al-Adha Celebrated?

- Eid al-Adha is celebrated similarly to Eid al-Fitr, with families attending prayer together, dressing in new clothes and giving gifts – but what differs between the two celebrations is the act of *Qurbani*.
- The act of Qurbani involves the symbolic slaughter of a goat or sheep in remembrance of Ibrahim's sacrifice. The meat is then divided into three parts: the first portion is given to the needy, the second is kept for the household, and the third is shared with extended family and close friends.

Learn more about Eid al-Adha

- [What is Eid al-Adha?](#) | BBC Bitesize
- [What is Eid Al-Adha? For Kids!](#) YouTube
- [What is Hajj: The journey that all Muslims must make in their lifetime](#) | CBC Kids

Eid Mubarak to all celebrating

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