



STIRLING  
CASTLE

# WINTER QUIZ

Search the castle to find out about festivals and festivities at Stirling over the centuries. Can you solve the puzzle?



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We celebrate St Andrew's Day on 30 November. Can you name some of the other countries that also have St Andrew for their patron saint?

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Mary Queen of Scots organised an enormous party here at Stirling Castle, just before Christmas 1566. She had new outfits made for some of her nobles. What colours were they?

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Christmas was celebrated in medieval Scotland with dancing, feasting and games. How many days did the celebrations usually go on for?

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Winter celebrations happened on the days around the shortest day of the year. What is this day called?

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On the last day of winter celebrations, a special cake was made with a bean hidden inside. Whoever found the bean became king or queen for the day. What was the cake called?

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People dressed up and swapped roles during the winter celebrations. What did boys often dress up as?

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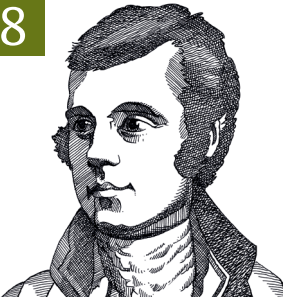
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In Renaissance Scotland, on which day did people usually give each other presents?

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We celebrate the national poet, Robert Burns, each year on 25 January. In his poem, what do we do in winter days?

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What was Christmas time usually called in medieval Scotland? Spell out the answer from the circled letters in your answers.

Wishing you all a merry



and a happy New Year!

