

Happy Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is on February 14th. It's the day to send flowers, heart-shaped sweets, chocolates, cards or another present. The present is a way of saying 'I love you'. A valentine can come from your lover. But, it could also come from a secret admirer. That is someone who maybe really likes you, but finds it scary to tell you.



History of Valentine's Day

The story began a long time ago. In the third century there was a Roman Emperor called Claudius II. At that time, Valentine was a priest in Rome. The Emperor did not let soldiers get married. But, Valentine did not agree with the law. So, the priest secretly married people. When the Emperor found out, he said Valentine had to die. While in prison, Valentine fell in love with the daughter of the jailer. Before he was killed on February 14, in the year 269, he sent her a letter to say he loved her. He signed the letter: 'Your Valentine'.

How Valentine's Day grew

Then in the 1700's, lovers in England started sending things to each other. Lovers sent each other gifts like flowers, sweets and cards. They called them 'valentines'.

Today, the most traditional gifts are roses, cards and chocolates. A red rose is romantic. It means 'I love you'. You can send a friend a yellow rose. And a pink rose says 'thank you'. But why not make your own special valentine? You could bake some heart-shaped cupcakes, or send someone a special music playlist.



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