

# Burns Night



**Ready to delve deep into the story of Burns the bard?**

What even is a bard anyway? Well, it's time to find out! Walk the walk, talk the talk and celebrate all things Scottish this Burns Night! Lang may yer lum reek!

For even more programme ideas check out our 'Burns Night' board over on [www.Pinterest.com/PawprintFamily](https://www.Pinterest.com/PawprintFamily)

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# Meet the FAMILY

Hi there! We're Charlotte & Jamie, the husband and wife team behind the Pawprint Family and we believe in #AdventureForAll.

It's our mission to help leaders, teachers and parents save time by providing ideas and opportunities to help them deliver everyday adventure and skills for life. We do this through our family of brands; find out more below and head to the website for your next adventure!



## PAWPRINT BADGES

Pawprint Badges provides thousands of free activity ideas and resources to help leaders, teachers and parents deliver fun and adventure.

Every activity helps you share skills for life and is linked to one of our pawesome embroidered badges. Build your collection and celebrate adventures, new skills and knowledge gained.

## PAWPRINT TRAILS

Pawprint Trails are treasure-hunt style walks around locations in the UK. Solve puzzles, track down the answers and explore everything our great country has to offer.

From historical sights to popular culture discover something new or rediscover a love for where you live then collect the badge to remember your adventures!

Whether you're looking for the perfect addition to your next family holiday or a few hours of fun with friends; each trail can be completed in a few hours or extended with our activity suggestions in to a weekend or a week's worth of fun!

## PAWPRINT TALES

Pawprint Tales are fully illustrated stories that can be enjoyed by the whole family. Join Alfie (our fox-red Labrador) on his adventures around the UK – solving puzzles, turning detective and making new friends. With twists and turns, every tale is an opportunity to discover new places, people and history without needing to leave the comfort of your own home.

Enjoy Pawprint Tales alongside your Pawprint Trails or as a standalone adventure!

## PAWPRINT TRUST

Every brand in the Pawprint Family supports the Pawprint Trust with a percentage of profits from every sale providing grants to young people. We're passionate about enabling young people to access life changing adventures.

Share your adventures and join us over on our social channels for even more adventures and a nosy behind the scenes at Pawprint HQ!



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# Craft

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-  Make your own kilt: either from paper, fabric or recycled materials...full size or miniature it's up to you! A modern kilt for an typical adult uses 6-8 yards (approximately 5.5-7 metres) of single width fabric.
-  Design your own tartan and try tartan weaving.








## For Leaders...

Younger groups might enjoy colouring in a tartan template or having a go colouring their own. Older groups could try paper weaving their tartan. Want to take it further? Why not visit a weaving mill or invite a local crafts-person to show you how it's done!

-  Use tartan fabric to make something useful i.e. door-stop or apron.
-  Make your own sock puppets and use them to tell a traditional Scottish story or a Robert Burns poem.

## Here's an idea!

Why not use all those left over craft bits-and-bobs to decorate your sock puppets? You could even make them into shadow puppets to get that brain thinking more creatively about the silhouettes/character of your puppet.

-  Put together a book of poetry either decorating your own cover for Robert Burns poems or for a collection of your own creation.
-  Make your own fluffy highland cow pom-pom pal!
-  Robert Burns played the fiddle. Get tuneful and make your own from recycled materials.
-  Decorate a kilt pin to make a ladies brooch. You could give it as a gift!
-  Paint/create a portrait of Robert Burns.
-  Create your own thistle (the national flower of Scotland) from paper or using pom-poms for the spiky purple flowers.
-  Make a haggis fridge magnet.





## What?

Wild haggis are mythical, fluffy, little creatures roaming around the highlands. Make a fluffy haggis magnet and use your imagination!





# Food

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-  Make your own Haggis using a traditional recipe. Alternative: make a sweet haggis with chocolate, oats, marshmallows and fruit. You can find a recipe for Chocolate Haggis at [www.foodiequine.co.uk](http://www.foodiequine.co.uk) just miss out the Whiskey for under 18s!
-  Cook a traditional Burns Night supper and serve to your unit or friends and family.
-  Create a dish based on haggis, neeps and tatties but be inventive and give it a new twist.
-  Make your own Scottish shortbread.

## Handy Hint!






Swap your sugar for icing sugar for a super crumbly, totally melt in the mouth shortbread!

-  Make your own 'Burns Baubles'. Your own variation of Scotch eggs made with either haggis or neeps and tatties.
-  Whip up your own Scottish tablet (like fudge).

## For Leaders...

This is a great no cook recipe! No ovens needed, just hobs so use a couple of camping stoves on heat-proof mats or brave the elements and cook outside!

Add toppings to make this more creative...why not name your creations with some Burns-inspired titles?

-  Cook your own Cullen Skink soup.
-  Make something using traditional Teacakes made by that infamous Scottish manufacturer.
-  Aberdeen is famous for its beef. Cook a dish of your choice using beef.
-  Scotland is also famous for Salmon fishing. Cook a dish using salmon.
-  Make and try your own deep-fried chocolate bars. Take it further: try and identify different deep-fried foods.

## What?

The creation of the dish is attributed to John Davie who invented the sweet treat in 1992 in the Haven Chip Bar, Stonehaven, near Aberdeen.



# Games

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-  Try your hand at haggis rolling.

## What?






You've heard of cheese rolling? Well now it's time to try your hand at haggis rolling! Grab yourself a haggis and have a race to chase it down a hill. Not got a hill, race in teams to roll your haggis to the finish line. Make it harder by having one hand behind your back or only being able to use your elbows.

-  Have a whiskey barrel rolling race (a roly-poly race to you and me!)

-  Test your memory with a poem relay.




## How?

Cut up Robert Burns poems into verses. Scramble the verses and see how quickly you can put them back in the right order racing in a relay, each person running to pick up one verse at a time!

-  Whiskey barrel fill. Race to transfer the 'whiskey' (cold tea) from one end of the room to the other. Make it harder with holey cups or blindfolded. This is a messy one!
-  Play pairs using Scottish things i.e. haggis, bag pipes, whiskey.
-  Highland cow hoopla. Toss the rings to hook a horn!
-  Haggis toss. Throw your 'haggis' (bean bag) through a hoop.
-  Try 'tossing the caber'.

## How?





Have a go at this traditional Highland game! Younger groups use pool noodles and older groups try logs...remember you need plenty of space outdoors.

-  'Scott or No Scott?' Decide whether words/phrases/people/islands are Scott or not! Vote with your feet by heading to opposite sides of the room.
-  Jump the haggis. Tie a haggis to a rope and swing it round on the floor. Jump the haggis and avoid getting tangled!
-  Host your own Highland Games. The first historical reference to the type of events held at the Highland Games dates back to the time of King Malcolm III (1031-1093).








# Other

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-  Invite someone to bring bagpipes to your meeting place and have a go at playing them. Is it easier/harder than you thought?
-  Try Scottish Country/Highland dancing.
-  Robert Burns famously wrote 'Address to a Haggis'. Read it then write your own poem to a haggis.
-  Host a traditional Burns Night supper. Why not sell tickets as a fundraiser for your unit? The first ever Burns Supper was held at Burns Cottage by his friends on July 21, 1801, the fifth anniversary of his death.



Here's an idea!

Cook the food you need, make the invites or some posters to advertise and run some traditional games as part of the evening and you've completed one challenge from each section...it's as easy as that!

-  Find out what a clan is and then do some research to find out if you are part of a clan. Do you have a family tartan?
-  We know now that Robert Burns played the fiddle, maybe you've even had a go at making one? Invite someone to speak to you who can teach you to play and have a go!
-  Find out why Robert Burns might not have worn a tartan kilt and some other fun facts about Burns Night.
-  Read some of Burns' poems then use drama or freeze frames to show the stories of them and their meanings.
-  Find out why Burns Night is celebrated in Scotland, what date it is celebrated on and why that is.

For Leaders...

This is a great 'homework' activity that can be done in preparation for an activity evening. Set this as a task the previous week before you meet.

-  Take it further. Take a trip to Scotland to visit the home of Robert Burns and see where he got the inspiration for his poems. You could even visit some of the places that Burns wrote about in his work.
-  Burns wrote a poem called 'To A Mouse'. Write your own poem to an animal of your choice.

## Adventure Complete?

Reward your young adventurers with their Burns Night Challenge badge to mark their achievements! Head to the website to bag yours, download certificates and discover even more adventures!



## Create a Keepsake!

Experienced adventure? Made memories? Then it's time to create a keepsake! Our Pawprint Family camp blankets are the perfect place to sew your badges and look back on them for years to come.



## Personalise it!

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