

Festive Food Challenge



Are you ready for a delicious adventure?

From jolly gingerbread men to merry mince pies, we're stirring up joy with every bite. Join us as we bake, build and snack our way through Christmas cheer!

For even more programme ideas check out our 'Festive Food' board over on 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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- ✖ Turn your leftover chocolate and sweet wrappers into art. Cut them into small squares or geometric shapes to design a shiny mosaic that captures the sparkle of the festive season. Why not try using edible spray glitter?
- ✖ Design a personalised place mat or name card for each guest that is attending Christmas lunch on the big day.
- ✖ Did you know that Christmas trees were once decorated with edible treats as opposed to the baubles we use nowadays? Try this old tradition by decorating your own tree using foods such as nuts, dried fruit and cookies.
- ✖ Put those leftover potatoes to good use with some classic potato printing. Have a go at carving some festive shapes into half a potato, dip into colourful paint, and stamp to make some unique art.

Here's an idea!

Why not turn your designs into Christmas cards or wrapping paper? This is the perfect way to add a personal touch when sending festive greetings or gifts to a loved one.

- ✖ Candy canes were made in the shape of 'J' to remind us of Jesus, and the red and white stripes stand for purity. Make your own candy cane craft by threading red and white beads onto a pipe cleaner shaped like a 'J'.
- ✖ Construct a gingerbread village out of real gingerbread. If you don't have enough gingerbread at home, why not recycle old cardboard to build your village instead and then decorate each house to look like gingerbread buildings? Use colourful icing, sweets, and sprinkles to bring them to life.

Did you know?

The world's largest gingerbread village was made by Jon Lovitch in New York, USA on the 6th of January 2017. The village consisted of 1,251 buildings!

- ✖ Paint a picture of your choice using winter spice scented paint. To make your paint, simply mix crushed or powdered ginger, all spice and cinnamon, and brown paint together until smooth and then paint away.
- ✖ Hot chocolate is a firm favourite with many when it comes to festive drinks. It's the perfect winter warmer! Draw the hot chocolate of your dreams with all of your favourite toppings.
- ✖ It simply wouldn't be Christmas without a cheese board. Build some festive cubed cheese sculptures using cheese and cocktail sticks.



Food

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- ✱ In Japan, it is a well-known tradition to enjoy KFC for Christmas dinner. Treat yourself to a meal from KFC or try recreating the experience at home with your own version, including a tasty vegetarian twist.
- ✱ Many Polish families enjoy 12 meatless dishes on Christmas Eve to honour the 12 apostles. Why not try creating your own menu of 12 different vegetarian or vegan dishes?
- ✱ Bake some lebkuchen in fun shapes such as hearts or stars.

What?

Lebkuchen are traditional German Christmas biscuits, very similar to gingerbread, that date back to the 13th century. They are made using honey, orange peel, brown sugar, almonds and a variety of winter spices.

- ✱ In Australia, Christmas is often celebrated with BBQ food, salads and seafood. Fire up the grill and enjoy your own festive feast, Aussie style!
- ✱ Mince pies are one of the most popular festive treats. Bake a batch to share with friends, family or members of your group.
- ✱ Make a traditional turkey dinner. Prepare your sprouts, peel your carrots, and roast those spuds. There's nothing like sitting down for a hearty Christmas dinner with family to get you into the festive spirit.

Here's an idea!

Use up your leftover Christmas turkey by making a delicious turkey curry.

- ✱ "Bring us a figgy pudding" is a well-known line from the Christmas song *We Wish You A Merry Christmas*, but what exactly is figgy pudding? Find out more about this festive dessert. Why not try making one for yourself?
- ✱ Bake or decorate a chocolate yule log. Add festive touches such as icing sugar for snow or holly decorations made from fondant.
- ✱ Make some homemade pizzas in the shape of Christmas trees! For a festive twist, try topping them with the classic Christmas combination of brie and cranberry instead of the usual mozzarella and tomato.
- ✱ Enjoy a warm and cosy drink by gently simmering apple juice with orange peel, a cinnamon stick, and a few cloves in a saucepan for 5-10 minutes. Perfect for those chilly days leading up to the big day.



Games

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- ✳ How many pigs in blankets can you wrap in one minute? The current world record is 20, set by Andrew Ortolfo in 2021 in Augsburg, Germany. Do you think you can beat it? Get ready, set... wrap!
- ✳ In Norway, it's a Christmas tradition to hide an almond in one bowl of rice pudding. Whoever finds it first wins a small prize. Have a go at playing this traditional game for yourself.
- ✳ Go on a candy cane hunt and see who can find the most festive treats.
- ✳ Test your balancing skills by seeing how many mince pies you can stack without them toppling over.
- ✳ Play a group game of Gingerbread Guess Who using the free resource on our website.

How?

Cut out the gingerbread character cards and place all cards on the floor like a massive Guess Who board. Take it in turns to guess the leader's secret identity by asking 'yes' and 'no' questions that will whittle down the options. Why not draw your own gingerbread characters on A6 paper instead? You could even bake them out of a gingerbread cookie mix and decorate them with different features! Then you can eat them at the end too...

- ✳ For a festive spin on a classic sports day activity, have a sprout and spoon race. Balance and race to the finish line without dropping your sprout!
- ✳ Head to your local supermarket to buy a range of small Christmas treats from different countries around the world. Tip them out into small bowls and whilst blindfold, taste each treat and guess which country it's from.
- ✳ Take part in a game of Guess the Spice.

How?

Take it in turns to be blindfolded and smell jars of cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, and ginger. Players must guess which spice is which.

- ✳ Play 'Fruit Salad' but swap the fruits for: Turkey, Gingerbread, Panettone and Sprouts and for 'Fruit Salad' shout 'Festive Foods'. Alternatively play the game and make up your own festive food inspired names.
- ✳ Toss chocolate coins into bowls or stockings to see who can score the most points by reaching the target.



Other

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- ✧ Visit a Christmas market and treat yourself to something delicious from one of the festive stalls.
- ✧ Host a gingerbread house or Christmas cookie decorating party.

Did you know?

The gingerbread house tradition began in Germany in the early 1800s and came from the story of Hansel and Gretel, written by The Brothers Grimm.

- ✧ Take part in a family 'Festive Bake Off' and see who can bake the best Christmas treats. The perfect way to spend quality time with loved ones.
- ✧ Organise a picnic with all of your favourite festive foods. If it's too cold to go outside, enjoy an indoor picnic!
- ✧ Did you know deep-fried caterpillars are considered a delicacy in South Africa and are sometimes served as a traditional Christmas dinner starter? Explore what people in other countries eat on Christmas Day and compare it to your own family's traditions.
- ✧ Make some magical reindeer food to sprinkle outside on Christmas Eve.
- ✧ The world's largest game of Secret Santa took place on the 30th of November 2024 in Shanghai, China and 1,500 people took part. Arrange a Secret Santa gift exchange with friends, family or members of your group. You can set a budget of your choice but all gifts must be food related.
- ✧ Write a song about your favourite festive foods.

Here's an idea!

Why not use the tune from a classic Christmas song such as *Jingle Bells*, *Silent Night* or *White Christmas* as the melody for your song?

- ✧ Make a wish! It is a Swedish tradition to place a gingerbread man in your hand and make a wish. After you have made your wish, you are supposed to break the gingerbread with the other hand - if your gingerbread breaks into three pieces then your wish is meant to come true.
- ✧ "*Chestnuts roasting on an open fire*"...Take part in some campfire singing around a campfire. Why not roast some chestnuts and give them a try?
- ✧ Research the Italian Christmas tradition the 'Feast of the Seven Fishes'.

Adventure Complete?

Reward your young adventurers with their Festive Food 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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