

GAEILGE / SESE · 2ND–5TH CLASS

Gaeilge — Míonna, Féilte agus Laethanta Speisialta

Months, Festivals & Special Days

Na Míonna — The Months

1

Eanáir

January

Example: EN-aar

2

Feabhra

February

Example: FYOW-ruh

3

Márta

March

Example: MAR-tuh

4

Aibreán

April

Example: AB-rawn

5

Bealtaine

May

Example: BYAL-tin-eh

6

Meitheamh

June

Example: MEH-huv

7

Iúil

July

Example: OO-il

8

Lúnasa

August

Example: LOO-nuh-suh

9

Meán Fómhair

September

Example: MYAN FOH-wir

10

Deireadh Fómhair

October

Example: JER-uh FOH-wir

11

Samhain

November (also the ancient festival)

Example: SOW-in

12

Nollaig

December / Christmas

Example: NUL-ig

a — Festivals of the year

Irish festivals and their Irish names

- Lá Fhéile Bríde (1 Feabhra) — St Brigid's Day. A new public holiday in Ireland from 2023.
- Lá Fhéile Pádraig (17 Márta) — St Patrick's Day. National holiday. Largest parades in Dublin and Limerick.
- Cáisc (spring) — Easter. Páisc was a key date in 1916 Rising.
- Bealtaine (1 Bealtaine) — ancient Celtic festival marking start of summer.
- Lá Fhéile Eoin (24 Meitheamh) — St John's Eve. Bonfires in many parts of rural Ireland.



- Lúnasa (1 Lúnasa) — ancient harvest festival. The Puck Fair in Kerry is the most famous survival.
- Samhain (31 Deireadh Fómhair / 1 Samhain) — ancient Celtic new year. Origin of Halloween.
- Nollaig (25 Nollaig) — Christmas. Nollaig shona duit! — Happy Christmas!

