



Thanksgiving Day in the United States

What is Thanksgiving?

Thanksgiving Day is the fourth Thursday in November. It is a federal holiday, so schools, banks, post offices, and government offices are closed. Thanksgiving was the first holiday celebrated in America. It was first celebrated in the autumn of 1621 when the Wampanoag Indians and the pilgrims got together for a three-day feast and festival of fun. Today, families celebrate Thanksgiving by eating turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, yams, corn, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and an NFL football game are special Thanksgiving Day events.

Who were the pilgrims?

The pilgrims were a small group of people who sailed to North America in order to start a new life. They sailed on the Mayflower ship and landed on Plymouth Rock. The Pilgrims wanted religious freedom.



What food is popular on Thanksgiving?

- turkey
- stuffing
- mashed potatoes
- turkey gravy
- yams
- corn
- cranberry sauce
- biscuits with butter
- pumpkin pie