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Merry Christmas Jumper Day! (A1+)

There are lots of traditions for Christmas in Britain. A recent one is Christmas Jumper Day. People wear a Christmas-themed jumper and make a donation to a children's charity.

The Save the Children **charity** helps children in **poverty** in the UK and internationally.

Pullovers to Pounds

The principle is simple: you **wear** a silly Xmas jumper and donate £2 to Save the Children. Often classes, offices or schools participate. They organise a Xmas tea time, or sing Christmas songs.

Shops have lots of Xmas-themed jumpers. But you don't have to pay for one. Many people customise a jumper with Christmas decorations.

Serious Good

The charity uses the money to help children. For example, a £2 donation can pay for the antibiotics to treat five children with pneumonia.

About 5 million people participate in the UK every year.

Help:

- **wear** (v, pron. *ware*) to have something (clothes, glasses, shoes) on your body
- **charity** (n) organisation that collects money for poor, handicapped or ill people
- **poverty** (n) when you are poor (opposite: *rich*)
- **Xmas** (n) abbreviation for Christmas (You can say "X-mas" or "Christmas".)



The Royal Family models at Madame Tussaud's in London wear Christmas jumpers for the month of December.



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