



Unit 8

Le calendrier des fêtes (Calendar of festivals)

Learning Outcomes

In this unit pupils will:

- ✓ Learn the months and dates in French
- ✓ Study a range of different festivals celebrated in French

**As this unit is planned for Autumn term 2, part of the unit will be spent learning about Christmas traditions in France

End of unit products

- ✓ Months chart
- ✓ Celebrations poster
- ✓ Christmas mind map

Prior learning

It is helpful if pupils already know:

- ✓ Numbers to 10
- ✓ Days of the week

New language

Functions (purpose):

- ✓ Saying the date
- ✓ Making simple statements
- ✓ Months of the year
- ✓ Seasons
- ✓ Numbers 11 to 31

Grammar:

- ✓ Questions using *quel(le)*
- ✓ Date with and without the day
- ✓ *en* + month
- ✓ Preposition - *pour*
- ✓ *C'est* + month

Phonic focus:

- ✓ *bre* as in [septembre](#)
- ✓ *j* as in [janvier](#), [juin](#), [juillet](#)

Published Resources

- ✓ Boardworks Unit 2, 4 + 7
- ✓ Boardworks unit 9 - numbers to 60
- ✓ Early Start 1 DVD clip 8, 9
- ✓ Singing French track 13
- ✓ Early Start 1 chapter 9

Cross-curricular links

- History: Origins of names of the months
- RE: Religious festivals
- Numeracy: Counting, calculation skills and time
- D & T: Designing a calendar
- ART: Creating celebration posters

Expectations

At the end of this unit most pupils will:

- ✓ Be able to recite the months in order
- ✓ Be able to state, in French, the month in which they were born
- ✓ Be able to say the date in French
- ✓ Be able to talk about some similarities and differences between festivals celebrated in France, and in their own country - including Christmas



Language

Core Language:

<u>les mois</u>	the months
<u>les mois de l'année</u>	the months of the year
<u>janvier</u>	January
<u>février</u>	February
<u>mars</u>	March
<u>avril</u>	April
<u>mai</u>	May
<u>juin</u>	June
<u>juillet</u>	July
<u>août</u>	August
<u>septembre</u>	September
<u>octobre</u>	October
<u>novembre</u>	November
<u>décembre</u>	December
<u>C'est ... pour</u>	It's ... for...
<u>après</u>	after
<u>avant</u>	before

On compte Let's count!

Numbers 1 -31

<u>les numéros de téléphone</u>	telephone numbers
<u>la date</u>	the date
<u>Quelle est la date aujourd'hui?</u>	What is the date today?
<u>Aujourd'hui c'est le 18 mars.</u>	Today it's the 18th March.
<u>Aujourd'hui c'est lundi 25 avril.</u>	Today it's Monday 25th April.
<u>les saisons</u>	the seasons
<u>au printemps</u>	in spring
<u>en été</u>	in summer
<u>en automne</u>	in autumn
<u>en hiver</u>	in winter

Additional Language for Christmas :

<u>On fait la fête</u>	Let's celebrate!
<u>Joyeux Noël!</u>	Happy Christmas!
<u>la bûche de Noël</u>	Christmas log
<u>Bonne année!</u>	Happy New Year!
<u>le petit Jésus</u>	Baby Jesus
<u>la crèche</u>	crib
<u>le calendrier de l'Avent</u>	Advent calendar
<u>le sapin de Noël</u>	Christmas tree
<u>la couronne de bienvenue</u>	Christmas wreath
<u>le houx</u>	holly
<u>le gui</u>	mistletoe
<u>Père Noël</u>	Father Christmas
<u>le traîneau</u>	sleigh
<u>un renne</u>	reindeer
<u>un cadeau</u>	a present
<u>les cadeaux</u>	presents
<u>le jour de Noël</u>	Christmas Day
<u>la veille de Noël</u>	Christmas Eve
<u>le réveillon</u>	the special Christmas Eve meal
<u>le repas</u>	meal
<u>un menu</u>	menu
<u>le plat principal</u>	main course
<u>le dessert</u>	dessert/pudding

