

Important Dates in November and December KS1

National Day

What?

- National Day is a celebration of when the UAE was 'born' - when the seven emirates came together to form one country in 1971.

When?

- 2nd December

Why?

- Sheikh Zayed and Sheikh Rashid wanted to bring six Emirates together to be stronger.
- 2nd December 1971 UAE is born
- Sheikh Zayed becomes first president of UAE
- February 1972 RAK joins union



Commemoration Day



When?

In 2015, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, decided that November 30th would be a public holiday.

Why?

It is a day off, but not a celebration in the same way as National Day, but a day to remember and honour those who have given their lives for the UAE.

What?

At 8am, the UAE flag is lowered across the country until 11am. It is followed by a one minute's silence from 11.30am to 11.31am.

Flag Day

When?

Flag Day will be celebrated on Thursday November 2 this year but it is usually on November 3.

Why?

It is the anniversary of HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan becoming the president of the UAE in 2004. Also to honour the country's past, present and future.

What?

Flag Day isn't a public holiday (no days off), but it marks a month until National Day. All government departments raise the UAE flag at 11am, but you can see flags all over the place on this day.

