



## Eid Al Fitr 2018: When will Ramadan end this year?

We are now well into the swing of Ramadan, but when will the Eid Al Fitr holidays begin?

The Eid festival falls on the first day of the 10th month of Shawwal. Muslims in most countries rely on news of an official sighting of the new Moon, rather than looking at the sky themselves to govern this date.

Also known as 'The Festival of the Fast Breaking', Eid Al Fitr marks the beginning of the Islamic month of Shawwal, which always follows Ramadan. Just before Eid, Muslim families donate food to the poor, and on the first day of Eid they gather at mosques for the early morning prayer at around 5am. This prayer is often performed outside (as seen in the picture above). After the prayer, people usually spend time with family and friends to celebrate the end of the month of fasting, giving children gifts to celebrate the occasion.



*Pictured: Celebrations for Eid Al Fitr last year.*

## Lost Voice Guy wins Britain's Got Talent, first comedian to triumph



*Pictured: Lee Ridley during a performance on ITV.*

Lost Voice Guy has been crowned the winner of Britain's Got Talent, the first comedian ever to win the show. The 37-year-old, whose cerebral palsy affects his ability to speak, uses a voice synthesiser for his act. The comedian, whose real name is Lee Ridley, will receive £250,000 in prize money and the opportunity to perform at the Royal Variety Performance. After the result was announced, Ridley said via his synthesiser: "I have been blown away by the support of the judges and the general public."



## 103-year-old retires from selling poppies!



*Pictured: 103 year-old Rosemary Powell.*

Rosemary Powell, who is aged 103 and a former nurse, is to retire from selling poppies after 97 years of collecting for the appeal. Rosemary first helped her mother sell poppies in London at the age of six for the first Poppy Appeal in 1921.

The great-grandmother, from London, said collecting had "kept me going all these years" but she claims to be getting old!

The Royal British Legion said Mrs Powell's efforts had been "nothing short of phenomenal".

## Percy Pig in danger?

Percy Pig and other sweets given characters and identities may not be around for much longer as part of government plans to help encourage healthy eating amongst children.

The Marks & Spencer sweets, introduced in 1992, have long been a favourite as a gummy snack.

The news comes as the Department of Health looks at proposals to remove cartoon characters from advertising directed at youngsters as it's argued that their appeal is encouraging children to make unhealthy food choices. *Do you agree? Let us know!*



*Pictured: Percy Pig sweets.*



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