Summer solstice 2020: everything you need to know about the longest day of the year

It may feel like summer has already arrived, but the astronomical season doesn't officially begin until later this month

The summer solstice, otherwise known as the longest day of the year, is fast approaching, marking the return of brighter evenings.

While festivals, barbecues and beach holidays are often enjoyed throughout the warmer months, many of this year's summer events and activities will not be possible due to the global coronavirus pandemic.

Read on below to find everything you need to know about summer, the solstice, traditions, the significance of [Stonehenge](https://www.telegraph.co.uk/science/2018/06/20/stonehenge-builders-used-pythagoras-theorem-2000-years-greek/) – and how to celebrate it in lockdown.

**Questions:**

**What date is the Solstice?**

**The Summer Solstice marks the ……………………………………………….**

**It is also known as the ……………………………………………………………..**

Summer solstice traditions: why is Stonehenge so significant?

Stonehenge in Avebury, Wiltshire is the most popular place for Pagans to celebrate the longest day. The rising sun only reaches the middle of the stones one day of the year when

The day marks the ancient middle of summer. It has significance for pagans who have always believed that midsummer day holds a special power.

Midsummer's eve was believed to be a time when the veil between this world and the next is at its thinnest, and when fairies were thought to be at their most powerful.

**Questions:**

**Why do you think Shakespeare wrote his play about Midsummer Night?**

**Can you draw a picture of Stonehenge?**

**Here is a picture to help you.**

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