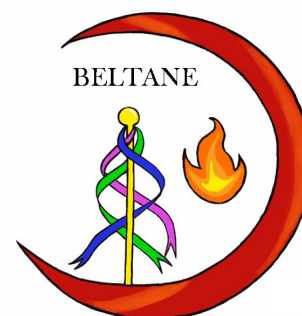
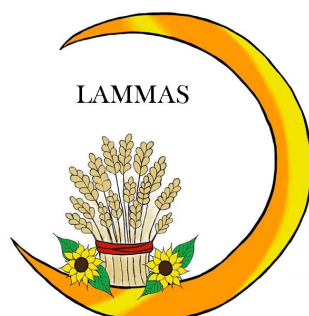


# Kitty's Young Pagan's Quick Guide to Wheel of the Year



Most pagans celebrate eight seasonal festivals, marking the changes in nature and the world around us as well as in ourselves.





At **Winter Solstice**, we celebrate the longest night, knowing that now the light begins to return. We light candles and decorate our homes with evergreens to strengthen the light.

At **Imbolc**, we celebrate the beginning of the end of winter, the days getting longer and the green beginning to return to the land. We begin to make plans and think about starting new projects.



At the **Spring Equinox**, the days and nights are equal and we celebrate the balance between light and dark. The days are getting lighter and nature is waking up.



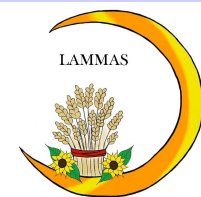
**Beltane** brings the beginning of summer with longer days and green growth. We celebrate the animals and plants, all the beauty of the earth and the joys of being alive.



At **Summer Solstice** the days are long and we can enjoy sunshine and time outside. The sun is strong and yet from now on, the days begin to get shorter.



**Lammas** is the first harvest festival and we celebrate the harvest and the first fruits. We give thanks and enjoy the abundance around us in all its forms.



At the **Autumn Equinox**, once again light and dark are in balance and now the days are getting shorter and the nights longer. We gather in the rest of the harvest and move into a time of reflection.



**Samhain** is a time to connect with our ancestors, honouring our loved ones who have gone before, remembering that death is not something to be feared but a natural part of life.

