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National Grandparents Day is a holiday celebrated in the USA and the UK since 1978 and recognised in a number of countries on various days of the year, either as one holiday or sometimes as a separate Grandmothers' Day and Grandfathers' Day.

It is not as well-known as Mother's or Father's Day but a celebration of the day is growing in popularity. Grandparents have often helped out their families, and nowadays many grandparents look after their children while parents are at work too. Grandparent's Day is now a fixture in many families' calendars.

Many families experienced sadness and heartbreak, when children and older family members could not meet during lockdown in 2020, and for some, this continues without any clear end date. It was particularly difficult when older family members were not able to "help out" with childcare as they usually do when sudden work or illness problems arise, or perhaps when a new baby arrives. We should remember these families and older people in our prayers.

In the UK this year Grandparents Day is celebrated on Sunday 4th October 2020. You may miss that date if your MWA meeting falls later in October.

However, it is a lovely opportunity for children to show grandparents on both sides just how much they are loved! They can make them a special card, or a homemade gift, or help to bake a cake.

The day is intended to give everyone a chance to think about their grandparents and show them how much they appreciate them, and all older people who are part of children's lives.

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