The European flag
The 12 stars in a circle symbolise the ideals of unity, solidarity and harmony among the peoples of Europe.

The European anthem
The melody comes from the Ninth Symphony by Beethoven. When used as the European anthem, it has no words.

United in diversity
This is the motto of the EU.

Europe Day, 9 May
The ideas behind the European Union were first put forward on 9 May 1950 by French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman. So 9 May is celebrated as the EU's birthday.