


A photograph of four students in a classroom, all smiling and looking towards the right. They are wearing white shirts and ties. The image has a purple overlay. The text is centered over the image.

**2024-25**  
**AWARENESS DAYS &**  
**EVENTS CALENDAR**



# QUICKFIRE FAQS

## **WHAT IS THIS CALENDAR FOR?**

All the awareness days & events taking place during the 2024-25 academic year.

## **WILL THERE BE NEW VOTETOPICS FOR ALL OF THESE EVENTS?**

There won't be a new VoteTopic for each event, but we will signpost you to relevant archive resources in our weekly emails.

## **HOW DO I KNOW WHAT IS PRE-PLANNED?**

You can find all our pre-planned VoteTopics in our Key Themes VoteTopic Calendar.

## **HOW DO I USE THIS CALENDAR?**

However you see fit: print it, share it on your staff portal, or even send it home to parents. You can set each month as your desktop background if you *really* want to...

## **WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE AWARENESS DAYS & EVENTS?**

With the exception of religious & cultural observances, all the events in this calendar are hyperlinked, so you can click each one to visit the relevant website or resource hub!

**Key Theme 1: Health & wellbeing**

**Key Theme 2: Equalities & identity**

**Key Theme 3: Environment & climate change**

**Key Theme 4: Global issues & politics**

**Key Theme 5: Science & technology**

**Key Theme 6: Community & charity**

**Key Theme 7: Crime, justice & extremism**

**Key Theme 8: Jobs, economy & education**

**Key Theme 9: Culture, media & the arts**

**N/A: Cultural & religious observances**



# OUR 9 KEY THEMES



DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
Child Cancer Awareness Month	World Alzheimer's Month      Second Hand September      Organic September
02nd-06th September	Zero Waste Week
09th-24th September	Fairtrade Fortnight
10th September	World Suicide Prevention Day
12th September	End Digital Poverty Day
13th September	Roald Dahl Story Day
15th September	International Day of Democracy
15th September	World Afro Day
16th September	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
19th-26th September	Recycle Week
21st September	International Day of Peace

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<b>Child Cancer Awareness Month</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="783 348 1501 457"><b>World Alzheimer's Month</b></div> <div data-bbox="1501 348 2220 457"><b>Second Hand September</b></div> <div data-bbox="2220 348 2908 457"><b>Organic September</b></div> </div>
21st September	<b>World Alzheimer's Day</b>
22nd September	<b>World Car Free Day</b>
22nd-23rd September	<b>UN Summit of the Future</b>
26th September	<b>European Day of Languages</b>

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<b>Black History Month</b>	<b>ADHD Awareness Month</b> <b>Breast Cancer Awareness Month</b> <b>Unblocktober</b>
01st October	<b>International Day of Older Persons</b>
03rd October	<b>National Poetry Day</b>
04th-10th October	<b>World Space Week</b>
04th October	<b>World Animal Day</b>
05th October	<b>World Teachers' Day</b>
08th-15th October	<b>National Hate Crime Awareness Week</b>
10th October	<b>World Mental Health Day</b>
11th October	<b>International Day of the Girl</b>
15th October	<b>Global Handwashing Day</b>
16th October	<b>International Pronouns Day</b>

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	<b>Breast Cancer Awareness Month</b>
<b>Unblocktober</b>	
18th October	<b>World Food Day</b>
18th October	<b>Anti-Slavery Day</b>
20th October	<b>Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth</b>
22nd October	<b>International Stammering Awareness Day</b>
24th October	<b>UN Day</b>
31st October	<b>Halloween</b>
31st October	<b>World Cities Day</b>



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	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid #ccc;">Islamophobia Awareness Month</div> <div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid #ccc;">Movember</div> </div>
01st November	<b>Diwali</b>
01st November	<b>All Saints Day</b>
02nd November	<b>All Souls Day</b>
02nd November	<b>El Día de los Muertos</b>
02nd November	<b>International Day Against Violence &amp; Bullying at School, including Cyberbullying</b>
05th November	<b>Guy Fawkes Night</b>
08th November	<b>World Town Planning Day</b>
09th November	<b>World Science Day for Peace &amp; Development</b>
11th November	<b>Armistice Day</b>
11th-17th November	<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>

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11th-22nd November	<b>2024 UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 29)</b>
12th November	<b>Odd Socks Day (part of Anti-Bullying Week)</b>
12th November	<b>World Pneumonia Day</b>
13th November	<b>World Kindness Day</b>
14th November	<b>King Charles' Birthday</b>
14th November	<b>World Diabetes Day</b>
15th November	<b>Children in Need</b>
16th November	<b>International Day for Tolerance</b>
17th-24th November	<b>Road Safety Week</b>
18th-24th November	<b>UK Parliament Week</b>

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19th November	<b>International Men’s Day</b>
19th November	<b>World Toilet Day</b>
20th November	<b>Transgender Day of Remembrance</b>
20th November	<b>World Children’s Day</b>
23rd-30th November	<b>National Tree Week</b>
25th November	<b>International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women</b>
30th November	<b>St Andrew’s Day</b>
30th November	<b>Remembrance Day for Lost Species</b>

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01st-24th December	<b>Advent</b>
01st December	<b>World AIDS Day</b>
02nd December	<b>International Day for the Abolition of Slavery</b>
03rd December	<b>International Day of Persons with Disabilities</b>
05th December	<b>International Volunteer Day</b>
05th December	<b>World Soil Day</b>
06th December	<b>St Nicholas Day</b>
07th December	<b>Day of Hope</b>
08th December	<b>Secular Bodhi Day</b>
10th December	<b>Human Rights Day</b>
11th December	<b>International Mountain Day</b>

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16th December	<b>Dhanu Sankranti</b>
18th December	<b>International Migrants Day</b>
20th December	<b>International Human Solidarity Day</b>
22nd December	<b>Winter Solstice</b>
24th December	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
25th December	<b>Christmas Day</b>
26th December	<b>Boxing Day</b>
28th December	<b>Holy Innocents</b>
31st December	<b>Hogmanay</b>

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	<b>Veganuary</b>
01st January	<b>New Year's Day</b>
04th January	<b>World Braille Day</b>
05th January	<b>Twelfth Night</b>
05th January-24th February	<b>Big Schools Birdwatch</b>
06th January	<b>Epiphany</b>
08th January	<b>Ethnicity Pay Gap Day</b>
13th January	<b>Maghi</b>
15th January	<b>World Religion Day</b>
16th January	<b>Birthday of Guru Har Rai</b>
18th January	<b>Winnie the Pooh Day</b>

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	<b>Veganuary</b>
20th January	<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>
24th January	<b>International Day of Education</b>
25th January	<b>Dydd Santes Dwynwen</b>
25th January	<b>Burns Night</b>
27th January	<b>Holocaust Memorial Day</b>
28th January	<b>Data Privacy Day</b>
29th January	<b>Chinese New Year</b>

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01st-08th February	<b>World Interfaith Harmony Week</b>
01st February	<b>World Hijab Day</b>
02nd February	<b>Candlemas</b>
02nd February	<b>World Wetlands Day</b>
03rd-09th February	<b>Children’s Mental Health Week</b>
04th February	<b>World Cancer Day</b>
04th February	<b>Rosa Parks Day</b>
06th February	<b>Time to Talk Day</b>
11th February	<b>Safer Internet Day</b>
11th February	<b>International Day of Women &amp; Girls in Science</b>



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12th February	Red Hand Day for Child Soldiers
13th February	World Radio Day
14th-21st February	National Nestbox Week
14th February	Valentine's Day
15th February	International Childhood Cancer Day
17th February	Random Acts of Kindness Day
20th February	World Day of Social Justice
21st February	International Mother Language Day
22nd February	World Thinking Day

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01st March	<b>St David's Day</b>
01st March	<b>Self-Injury Awareness Day</b>
01st March	<b>Zero Discrimination Day</b>
03rd-08th March	<b>National Careers Week</b>
03rd March	<b>World Wildlife Day</b>
06th March	<b>World Book Day</b>
07th-16th March	<b>British Science Week</b>
08th March	<b>International Women's Day</b>
12th March	<b>World Kidney Day</b>
13th March	<b>Commonwealth Day</b>

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13th March	<b>International School Meals Day</b>
16th March	<b>Young Carers Action Day</b>
<i>Final dates TBC</i>	<b>Neurodiversity Celebration Week</b>
<i>Final dates TBC</i>	<b>Sign Language Week</b>
17th March	<b>St Patrick's Day</b>
18th March	<b>Global Recycling Day</b>
18th March	<b>Stop Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day</b>
20th March	<b>International Day of Happiness</b>
20th March	<b>World Oral Health Day</b>
21st March	<b>World Poetry Day</b>

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21st March	<b>International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</b>
21st March	<b>World Down Syndrome Day</b>
21st March	<b>International Day of Forests</b>
22nd March	<b>World Water Day</b>
23rd March	<b>National Day of Reflection</b>
23rd March	<b>World Meteorological Day</b>
25th March	<b>International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery &amp; the Transatlantic Slave Trade</b>
26th March	<b>Purple Day</b>
30th March	<b>World Bipolar Day</b>
31st March	<b>International Transgender Day of Visibility</b>

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	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="667 348 1412 457" style="background-color: #e0f2f7; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid #ccc;">Stress Awareness Month</div> <div data-bbox="1457 348 2291 457" style="background-color: #e2efda; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid #ccc;">National Pet Month</div> </div>
01st April	April Fool's Day
<i>Final dates TBC</i>	Autism Acceptance Week
02nd April	International Children's Book Day
02nd April	World Autism Awareness Day
04th April	International Mine Awareness Day
06th April	International Day of Sport Development & Peace
07th April	Day of Remembrance for the Victims of the Rwanda Genocide
07th April	World Health Day
10th April	Siblings Day
12th-20th April	Passover

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12th April	International Day of Human Space Flight
12th April	International Day for Street Children
14th April	Vaisakhi/Baisakhi
16th April	World Voice Day
18th April	Good Friday
18th April	International Day for Monuments & Sites
20th April	Easter Sunday
21st April	Easter Monday
21st April	Groundation Day
22nd April	Earth Day

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22nd April	<b>Stephen Lawrence Day</b>
23rd April	<b>St George's Day</b>
23rd April	<b>Shakespeare Day</b>
23rd April	<b>World Book &amp; Copyright Day</b>
25th April	<b>World Malaria Day</b>
30th April	<b>International Jazz Day</b>

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<b>Local Community &amp; History Month</b>	<b>National Share a Story Month</b>	<b>National Walking Month</b>
01st May	<b>International Workers' Day</b>	
03rd May	<b>World Press Freedom Day</b>	
04th May	<b>International Firefighters' Day</b>	
05th May	<b>International Day of the Midwife</b>	
05th May	<b>World Hand Hygiene Day</b>	
08th May	<b>VE Day</b>	
08th May	<b>World Red Cross Day</b>	
09th May	<b>Europe Day</b>	
12th-18th May	<b>Mental Health Awareness Week</b>	
12th May	<b>Nurses' Day</b>	



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12th May	<b>ME Awareness Day</b>	
15th-22nd May	<b>Knife Crime Awareness Week</b>	
15th May	<b>International Day of Families</b>	
16th May	<b>International Boys Day</b>	
17th May	<b>International Day Against Homophobia &amp; Transphobia</b>	
21st May	<b>World Day for Cultural Diversity, Dialogue &amp; Development</b>	
21st May	<b>World Meditation Day</b>	
22nd May	<b>International Day for Biological Diversity</b>	
23rd May	<b>World Turtle Day</b>	
25th May	<b>Africa Day</b>	

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**Local Community & History Month**

**National Share a Story Month**

**National Walking Month**

28th May	<b>Menstrual Hygiene Day</b>
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28th May	<b>World Hunger Day</b>
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29th May	<b>International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers</b>
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31st May	<b>World No Tobacco Day</b>
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01st-08th June	Volunteers' Week
01st June	Global Day of Parents
04th June	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
05th June	World Environment Day
08th June	World Ocean Day
12th June	World Day Against Child Labour
14th June	World Blood Donor Day
16th-22nd June	Refugee Week
17th June	World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought
17th June	Clean Air Day

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19th June	Juneteenth
20th June	World Refugee Day
21st June	Summer Solstice
21st June	World Humanist Day
21st June	Make Music Day
22nd June	Windrush Day
<i>Final dates TBC</i>	School Diversity Week begins
23rd-29th June	World Female Ranger Week

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	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid #ccc;">Plastic Free July</div> <div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid #ccc;">Samaritans Awareness Raising Month</div> </div>
03rd July	Plastic Bag Free Day
04th July	American Independence Day
11th July	Srebrenica Memorial Day
11th July	World Population Day
17th July	Day of International Criminal Justice
18th July-15th August	South Asian Heritage Month
18th July	Nelson Mandela International Day
25th July	World Drowning Prevention Day
30th July	International Day of Friendship
30th July	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

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12th August	<b>International Youth Day</b>
13th August	<b>Obon</b>
15th August	<b>Victory in Japan Day</b>
17th August	<b>Marcus Garvey's Birthday</b>
24th August	<b>Independence Day of Ukraine</b>