


2024-25

**AWARENESS DAYS &
EVENTS CALENDAR**

A globe on a stand is the central focus, with a calendar visible in the background. The globe shows continents and oceans, and the calendar has numbers like 10, 11, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61. The text 'QUICKFIRE FAQs' is overlaid in large white letters.

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

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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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Child Cancer Awareness Month	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="783 348 1472 457">World Alzheimer’s Month</div> <div data-bbox="1501 348 2190 457">Second Hand September</div> <div data-bbox="2220 348 2908 457">Organic September</div> </div>
21st September	World Alzheimer’s Day
22nd September	World Car Free Day
22nd-23rd September	UN Summit of the Future
26th September	European Day of Languages

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

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

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	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 5px;">Islamophobia Awareness Month</div> <div style="background-color: #d0e0ff; padding: 5px;">November</div> </div>
01st November	Diwali
01st November	All Saints Day
02nd November	All Souls Day
02nd November	El Día de los Muertos
02nd November	International Day Against Violence & Bullying at School, including Cyberbullying
05th November	Guy Fawkes Night
08th November	World Town Planning Day
09th November	World Science Day for Peace & Development
11th November	Armistice Day
11th-17th November	Anti-Bullying Week

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

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	<div data-bbox="667 348 1415 457" style="display: inline-block; background-color: #f0e68c; padding: 5px; margin-right: 20px;">Islamophobia Awareness Month</div> <div data-bbox="1457 348 2291 457" style="display: inline-block; background-color: #d9e1f2; padding: 5px;">November</div>
19th November	International Men’s Day
19th November	World Toilet Day
20th November	Transgender Day of Remembrance
20th November	World Children’s Day
23rd-30th November	National Tree Week
25th November	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
30th November	St Andrew’s Day
30th November	Remembrance Day for Lost Species

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

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

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

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

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	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="background-color: #f8d7da; padding: 5px;">LGBT History Month</div> <div style="background-color: #d1ecf1; padding: 5px;">Heart Month</div> </div>
01st-08th February	World Interfaith Harmony Week
01st February	World Hijab Day
02nd February	Candlemas
02nd February	World Wetlands Day
03rd-09th February	Children’s Mental Health Week
04th February	World Cancer Day
04th February	Rosa Parks Day
06th February	Time to Talk Day
11th February	Safer Internet Day
11th February	International Day of Women & Girls in Science

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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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	<div data-bbox="667 348 1415 457" style="display: inline-block; background-color: #f8d7da; padding: 5px; margin-right: 10px;">Women's History Month</div> <div data-bbox="1457 348 2291 457" style="display: inline-block; background-color: #d1ecf1; padding: 5px;">Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month</div>
01st March	St David's Day
01st March	Self-Injury Awareness Day
01st March	Zero Discrimination Day
03rd-08th March	National Careers Week
03rd March	World Wildlife Day
06th March	World Book Day
07th-16th March	British Science Week
08th March	International Women's Day
12th March	World Kidney Day
13th March	Commonwealth Day

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

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

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	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #e6e6ff; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid #ccc;">Stress Awareness Month</div> <div style="background-color: #d4edda; 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	Stephen Lawrence Day
23rd April	St George's Day
23rd April	Shakespeare Day
23rd April	World Book & Copyright Day
25th April	World Malaria Day
30th April	International Jazz Day

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

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

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National Walking Month	
28th May	Menstrual Hygiene Day
28th May	World Hunger Day
29th May	International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers
31st May	World No Tobacco Day

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	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="background-color: #f8d7da; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid #f5c6cb;">Pride Month</div> <div style="background-color: #f8d7da; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid #f5c6cb;">Gypsy, Roma & Traveller History Month</div> </div>
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 data-bbox="537 348 1409 457" style="display: inline-block; background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 5px; margin-right: 10px;">Plastic Free July</div> <div data-bbox="1469 348 2335 457" style="display: inline-block; background-color: #d9d2e9; padding: 5px;">Samaritans Awareness Raising Month</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	International Youth Day
13th August	Obon
15th August	Victory in Japan Day
17th August	Marcus Garvey's Birthday
24th August	Independence Day of Ukraine