




**VOTES FOR SCHOOLS**

**2024-25 KEY THEMES**

**VOTE TOPIC CALENDAR**



# QUICKFIRE FAQS

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

We've allocated one of our 9 Key Themes to each of the VoteTopics you will receive in 2024-25.

## **HOW WILL THIS HELP?**

Where possible, we want to lighten the load for teachers, and we know that a bit of a heads up goes a long way. Pre-planning topics also ensures that voters get to discuss a wide range of issues.

## **WHAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS IN THE NEWS?**

Our lessons will always have topical issues at their heart. Most of the time what's happening in the news aligns with our key themes, so not much will change. On the odd occasion where something major hits the headlines and doesn't match the week's theme, we may change plans around a bit. But don't worry, we'll always let you know.

## **WHAT ABOUT AWARENESS DAYS?**

All the events we will be covering in our lessons are outlined in this calendar. For any others, check out our Awareness Days & Events calendar.

## **WHAT IS VOTERS' CHOICE?**

New for 2024-25, we want to give voters the chance to submit their own ideas for a VoteTopic. We will then select which of these to cover during the designated "Voters' Choice" weeks!

**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**

#	VOTING DATES	THEME OF THE WEEK	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
<b>1</b>	02nd-06th September	<b>Key Theme 9: Culture, media &amp; the arts</b>	
<b>2</b>	09th-13th September	<b>Key Theme 8: Jobs, economy &amp; education</b>	
<b>3</b>	16th-20th September	<b>Key Theme 5: Science &amp; technology</b>	
<b>4</b>	23rd-27th September	<b>Key Theme 3: Environment &amp; climate change</b>	Secondhand September / Organic September
<b>5</b>	30th Sept-04th October	<b>Key Theme 2: Equalities &amp; identity</b>	Black History Month
<b>6</b>	07th-11th October	<b>Key Theme 7: Crime, justice &amp; extremism</b>	
<b>7</b>	14th-18th October	<b>Key Theme 1: Health &amp; wellbeing</b>	
<b>8</b>	21st-25th October	<b>Key Theme 4: Global issues &amp; politics</b>	
<b>28th October-1st November: October half term</b>			
<b>9</b>	04th-08th November	<b>Key Theme 6: Community &amp; charity</b>	
<b>10</b>	11th-15th November	<b>Key Theme 2: Equalities &amp; identity</b>	Anti-Bullying Week
<b>11</b>	18th-22nd November	<b>Key Theme 4: Global issues &amp; politics</b>	UK Parliament Week

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<b>12</b>	25th-29th November	<b>Key Theme 3: Environment &amp; climate change</b>	
<b>13</b>	02nd-06th December	<b>Key Theme 5: Science &amp; technology</b>	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
<b>14</b>	09th-13th December	<b>Voters' choice</b>	
<b>15</b>	16th-20th December	<b>Key Theme 6: Community &amp; charity</b>	
<b>23rd December-03rd January: Christmas break</b>			

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<b>16</b>	06th-10th January	<b>Key Theme 1: Health &amp; wellbeing</b>	
<b>17</b>	13th-17th January	<b>Key Theme 9: Culture, media &amp; the arts</b>	
<b>18</b>	20th-24th January	<b>Key Theme 8: Jobs, economy &amp; education</b>	
<b>19</b>	27th-31st January	<b>Key Theme 7: Crime, justice &amp; extremism</b>	
<b>20</b>	03rd-07th February	<b>Key Theme 1: Health &amp; wellbeing</b>	Children's Mental Health Week
<b>21</b>	10th-14th February	<b>Key Theme 5: Science &amp; technology</b>	Safer Internet Day
<b>17th-21st February: February half term</b>			
<b>22</b>	24th-28th February	<b>Key Theme 4: Global issues &amp; politics</b>	
<b>23</b>	03rd-07th March	<b>Key Theme 8: Jobs, economy &amp; education</b>	National Careers Week
<b>24</b>	10th-14th March	<b>Key Theme 6: Community &amp; charity</b>	
<b>25</b>	17th-21st March	<b>Key Theme 2: Equalities &amp; identity</b>	
<b>26</b>	24th-28th March	<b>Key Theme 7: Crime, justice &amp; extremism</b>	

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<b>27</b>	31st March-04th April	<b>Key Theme 9: Culture, media &amp; the arts</b>	
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<b>28</b>	07th-11th April	<b>Key Theme 3: Environment &amp; climate change</b>	Earth Day
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**14th-25th April: Easter break**

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<b>29</b>	28th April-02nd May	<b>Key Theme 8: Jobs, economy &amp; education</b>	
<b>30</b>	05th-09th May	<b>Key Theme 6: Community &amp; charity</b>	
<b>31</b>	12th-16th May	<b>Key Theme 1: Health &amp; wellbeing</b>	
<b>32</b>	19th-23rd May	<b>Voters' choice</b>	
<b>26th-30th May: May half term</b>			
<b>33</b>	02nd-06th June	<b>Key Theme 3: Environment &amp; climate change</b>	World Environment Day / World Oceans Day
<b>34</b>	09th-13th June	<b>Key Theme 9: Culture, media &amp; the arts</b>	
<b>35</b>	16th-20th June	<b>Key Theme 4: Global issues &amp; politics</b>	Refugee Week
<b>36</b>	23rd-27th June	<b>Key Theme 2: Equalities &amp; identity</b>	School Diversity Week
<b>37</b>	30th June-04th July	<b>Key Theme 6: Community &amp; charity</b>	
<b>38</b>	07th-11th July	<b>Key Theme 7: Crime, justice &amp; extremism</b>	
<b>39</b>	14th-18th July	<b>Voters' choice   Final Vote</b>	<b>Topic of the year</b>