

Religious Days

- 1 Mary, mother of God (Christian)
- 3 Mahayana New Year* (Buddhist)
- 5 Twelfth Night (Christian)
- 6 **Epiphany - Three Kings Day (Christian)**
Feast of Theophany—Christmas Eve (Orthodox Christian, Ethiopian, Rastafari, Coptic)
- 7 **Christmas Day (Orthodox Christian) (Christian)**
- 11 Baptism of the Lord* (Christian)
- 12 Seijin Shiki/Adults Day* - (Shinto)
- 13 Maghi (Sikh)
- St Hilary's Day (Christian)
- 14 **New Year's Day (Orthodox Christian)**
Makar Sankranti* (Hindu)
- 15-16 Lailat al Miraj* (Muslim)
- 17 St. Anthony's of Egypt (Christian)
- 19 Birthday of Dorothy Clutterbuck (Pagan, Celtic)
- 20 Celtic Tree Month of Birch –end (Pagan, Celtic)
- 21 Celtic Tree Month of Rowan – beginning (Pagan, Celtic)
- 23 Saraswati Puja/Basant Panchami/Basant Festival (Hindu)
- 24 The Festival of Sementivae (Roman)
- 25 St Paul's Day (Christian)
- 27 Up Helly Aa* (Scotland/Pagan)
- 30 Birthday of Z Budapest (Pagan)
- 31 Parkash Utsav Dasveh Patshah (Sikhism)

January 2026

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Bank holiday: 1 January

January is Love your liver month; Cervical health awareness month;

Dry January month

National obesity awareness week*: 10 – 17 January

Week of prayer for Christian unity (Christian) - 18—25 January

Celtic Tree Month of Rowan (Pagan) begins 21st January

Special Days



- 1 **New Years' Day**
Independence Day for: Australia, Brunei, Cameroon, Samoa, Slovakia, Sudan
Declaration of Independence (Haiti)
Birth of Czech Republic
- 2 Bank Holiday Scotland
- 3 Festival of Sleep Day
- 4 Myanmar Independence Day
World Braille Day (UN)
- 11 Human Trafficking Awareness Day (International)
Antigua and Barbuda Independence Day
International Thank—You Day
- 13 World Logic Day UN)
- 14 STiQ Day (UK)
Kites Festival (India)
- 17 World Religion Day* (International)
- 18 Germany Independence Day
Winnie the Pooh Day (Fictional/UK)
- 19 Martin Luther King Day (USA)
- 20 Penguin Awareness Day (UN)
- 21 Prince William, Duke of Cambridge Birthday
National Hug Day
- 22 Day of Unity of Ukraine
- 23 Liechtenstein Independence Day
Netherlands Independence Day
- 25 **Orange Day (UN) - a day to raise awareness & take action against violence against women and girls**
Burns Night (Scotland)
World Leprosy Day* (UN)
- 26 Republic Day (India)
Australia Day
- 27 **Holocaust Memorial Day (UN)**
- 28 Data Protection Day (European)
- 31 Nauru Independence Day

Religious Days

- 1 Imbolc —Lughnassadh(Wikka/Pagan)
Lenten Triodion begins* (Orthodox Christian)
- 2 Candlemas (Christian)
Tu Bishvat* (Jewish)
- 2—3 Lailat al B ara'ah* (Islam)
- 3 Setsubun-sai (Shinto)
- 12 Death of Gerald Gardner (Pagan)
Quickening Moon (or the Snow Moon)* (Pagan)
- 13 Parentalia (Pagan-ends on 21st)
Lupercalia —ends on 15th (Pagan, Wicca)
- 14 **St Valentine's Day (Christian)**
- 15 Parinirvana/ Nirvana Day (Buddhist)-or 8 February
- 15-16 Maha Shivaratri * (Hindu)
- 16-18 Seollal-Korean Lunar New Year* (South Korea)
- 17 Mardi Gras* (Christian)
Shrove Tuesday /Pancake Day* (Christian)
- 17/18 Celtic Tree Month of Rowan ends (Pagan)
Ramadan begins*: 17 or 18 February — ends
19 or 20 March— check for the local date
- 17.02- **Chinese New Year*; The year of the Horse (ends 3 March)**
- 03.03
- 18 Celtic Tree Month of Ash-begins—ends 17th March (Pagan, Wicca)
Losar—Tibetan New Year* (Buddhist)
Ash Wednesday—Lent Begins* (ends 2 April — Christian)
- 21 Birthday of author Patricia Telesco (Pagan)
- 22 Birthday of author Sybil Leek (Pagan)
- 23 Clean Monday* - Great Lent Begins* (ends
2 April) —Orthodox Christian

February 2026

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School half term (SPRING)*: 16—20 February

Ramadan begins*: 17 or 18 February (ends 19 or 20 March)

February is: LGBT history month; World cancer awareness month;
Youth leadership month and Fairtrade fortnight month; National hearth
month; Raynaud's and scleroderma awareness month

National storytelling week*: 31 January – 8 February

Race Equality Week*: 2—8 February

Eating disorders awareness week*: 23 February—1 March

Tinnitus awareness week*: 2— 9 February

World interfaith harmony week (UN): 1—7 February

Sexual Abuse & Sexual Violence Awareness Week (UK)*: 2– 8 February

National HIV Testing Week*: 10-15 February

● New moon ☾ First quarter ○ Full moon ☾ Third quarter

Special Days



- 1 World Hijab Day
British Yorkshire Pudding Day* (UK)
- 2 Hedgehog Day
- 4 Sri Lanka Independence Day
World Cancer Day (UN)
- 5 National Time to Talk Day* (UK)
- 6 **International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation (UN)**
- 7 Grenada Independence Day
- 9 Toothache Day (International)
- 10 Safer Internet Day* (UK)
- 11 Vatican City Independence Day
International Day of Women and Girls in Science (UN)
- 12 Chile Independence Day (from Spain; 18 September)
Darwin Day (Atheist/Humanist)
- 13 World Radio Day (UN)
- 14 **St Valentine's Day (International)**
- 15 Serbia Independence Day
- 18 Gambia Independence Day
Lithuania Independence Day
- 20 World Day of Social Justice (UN)
Love your pet day (UK)
- 21 International Mother Language Day (UN)
- 22 Saint Lucia Independence Day
Fair trade fortnight (ends 7 March)
- 23 National Fuel Poverty Awareness Day (UK)
- 24 Estonia Independence Day
- 25 **Orange Day (UN) - a day to raise awareness and take action against violence against women and girls**
- 27 Dominican Republic Independence Day
- 28 Egypt Independence Day

Religious Days

March 2026



Special Days

Major observances are denoted in bold

British Summer time begins* 29 March
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Ramadan ends*: 19 or 20 March;

School spring holidays*: 30 March—10 April

March is: Women's History month, Prostate cancer awareness month; Ovarian cancer awareness month; International women's month;

Nutrition and hydration week*: 16—22 March

Brain awareness week: 13—19 March

Tick bite prevention week: 24—30 March

Down's syndrome awareness week: 18—24 March

Endometriosis awareness week: 3—9 March

National salt awareness week*: 11 — 17 March

Food waste action week*: 9—13 March

Shakespeare Week*: 23-29 March

- Zero Discrimination Day (UN)
- Self-harm awareness Day (UK)
- World Wildlife Day (UN)
- World Book Day* (UK and Ireland)
- International Women's Day (UN)**
- Commonwealth Day* (Commonwealth)
- No smoking day* (UK)
- Young Carers Action Day* (UK) - TBC
- World Sleep Day * (World wide)
- Pi Day (World wide)
- Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day (UK)
- Global Recycling Day
- Spring Equinox***
- International Day of Happiness (UN)
- French Language Day (UN)
- World Social Work Day (International)
- International day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (UN)
- World Poetry Day (UN)
- International Day of Nowruz (UN)
- World Down Syndrome Day (UN)
- World water day (UN)
- World Meteorological Day (WMO)
- Pakistan Republic Day**
- National Day of Reflection (UK)
- World Tuberculosis day (UN)
- International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
- Greece Independence Day
- Orange Day (UN) - a day to raise awareness and take action against violence against women and girls**
- World Theatre Day (UN)

New moon First quarter Full moon Third quarter

Religious Days



April 2026

Major observances are denoted in bold

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Bank holiday: 3 April (Good Friday) & 12 April (Easter Sunday)

School spring holidays*: 30 March—10 April

April is autism awareness month; stress awareness month; Bowel cancer awareness month; Sarcoidosis awareness month; IBS awareness month; Caesarean awareness month

Allergy awareness week (UK)*: 22—28 April (2026 date TBC)

Parkinson's awareness week*: 10—27 April

National stalking awareness week*: 22—26 April (2026-TBC)

National MS week*: 20—26 April

National gardening week*: 28 April—4 May

New moon First quarter Full moon Third quarter

Special Days

- 1 April Fools' Day
- Atheist Day (Secular)
- 2 World Autism Awareness day (UN)
- 4 The World Pillow Fight Day*
- 5 First Contact Day (Star Trek)
- 6 International day of Sport for Development and Peace (UN)
- 7 World Health day (UN)
- 8 International Roma Day (Roma/International)
- 10 Comfortable Clothing Day (Fictional)
- 12 International day of Human Space Flight (UN)
- 20 Chinese Language Day
- 20-21 Yom Hazikaron* (Israeli Memorial Day)
- 21-22 Yom Ha'atzmaut* (Israeli Independence Day)
- 22 International Mother Earth Day (UN)
- 23 **William Shakespeare Birthday**
UN English Language Day
World Book and Copyright Day (UN)
- 24 Armenian Christian Martyr day (Armenia)
Scream Day (UK)
- 25 World Malaria Day (UN)
World Penguin Day (UN)
Orange Day (UN) - a day to raise awareness and take action against violence against women and girls
Yom HaShoah* (Israel Holocaust Memorial Day)
- 29 International Dance Day (UN)
- 30 World Jazz Day (UN)

- 1 Fast of First born* (Jewish)
- 1-2 Hanuman Jayanti* (Hindu)
- 1-9 Pesach* (Passover), first day (Jewish)
- 2 Orthodox Great Lent Fast* ends (begins on 23 March—(Orthodox Christian)
Maundy Thursday* (Christian)
Lord's Evening Meal/ Memorial* (Jehovah's Witness)
- 3 Good Friday* (Christian) - National holiday
- 4 Lazarus Saturday* (Orthodox Christian)
Holy Saturday* (Christian)
- 5 Easter Sunday* (Christian)
- 6 Easter Monday* (Christian)
- 9 Final Day of Passover* (Jewish) (from 1-9)
- 10 Orthodox Good Friday* (Orthodox Christian)
- 12 Easter Sunday—Pascha/Easter* (Orthodox Christian)
- 13 Songkran-New Year Festival (Buddhist in Thailand)
Theravada New Year* (6-8 April) - (Buddhist)
Martyrdom of Imam Jafar* (Muslim, Iran)
- 14 Vaisakhi—Creation of Khalsa* (Sikh)- TBC—in Southampton the procession is usually organised on Sunday closest to 13th or 14th April
- 17 Lent Fast ends* (Christian)
- 18 Birthday of Guru Tegh Bahadur (Sikh)
- 19 Akshaya Tritiya* (Jain)
- 20 Ridvan 1st day* (Baha'i) - ends 2 May)
Adar Mah Parab* (Zoroastrian)
- 23 **St. George's Day (Christian)**
- 27 Ramayana begins* (Hindu)
Rama Navami* (Hindu)
- 27-28 Yom HaAliyah* (Jewish)
- 29 Ridvan 9th day* (Baha'i)

Religious Days

- 1 Beltane (Wicca, Pagan)

Vesak the Day of the Full Moon* (UN, Buddhist—in India and Sri Lanka; on 31 May in the UK)

Visakha Puja* - Buddha Day (Buddhism)
- 2 Ridvan 12th day* (Baha'i)

Birthday of Guru Arjan Dev (Sikh)
- 4-5 Lag B'Omer* (begins at sundown—Jewish)
- 14 Stow Fair* (Roma) - most likely date

Ascension Day—Feast of the Ascension* (Christian)
- 14-15 Yom Yerushalayim; Jerusalem Day* (Israel)
- 20 Wickham Fair (Roma)
- 23 Birthday of Guru Amar Das (Sikh)
- 23-24 Declaration of the Bab (Bahai')
- 24 Sara's Day (Roma)

Zaratosht No Diso (Zoroastrian)

Pentecost* (Orthodox Christian, Western Christian)
- 25 Whit Monday* (Christian, Public holiday in France)
- 25-26 Waqf al Arafa – Hajj Day* -dates may vary (Muslim)
- 26-30 Eid-al-Adha* (Muslim), main day of celebration falling on 27 May
- 29 Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)
- 31 Vesak the Day of the Full Moon* (UN, Buddhist—in the UK)

May 2026

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* movable days

4 May; —national Bank holiday*

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School half term*: 25 May– 29 May; Spring bank holiday: 25 May

May is national walking month; National stroke awareness month; Family wellness month; Mental health awareness month; Lyme disease awareness month; Hepatitis awareness month; Cystic fibrosis month, Huntington disease awareness month, National smile month

Hedgehog awareness week*: 4—10 May World Salt Awareness week*: 11-17 May

Foster Care Fortnight*: 12–25 May Deaf awareness week*: 4—10 May

Dystonia awareness week: 3—11 May Sun Awareness week*: 11—17 May

M.E. awareness week*: 11—17 May (TBC)

Rheumatoid Arthritis care awareness week*: May (2026 dates TBC)

Dementia awareness week: 15—21 May

National vegetarian Week: 13— 19 May

National epilepsy week 18—24 May

UN Global road safety week *: 12—18 May

International compost awareness week*: 3—9 May

Brain Injury (ABI) Week*: 18 —24 May (TBC)

National gardening week*: 28 April—4 May

Mental health awareness week*: 11—17 May

Coeliac awareness week*: 15—21 May (most likely date —TBC)

 New moon  First quarter  Full moon  Third quarter

Special Days



- 1 **May Day (International)**
International Workers' Day (Worldwide)
- 3 World Press Freedom Day (UN)
- Polish Constitution Day**
- 4 May the forth be with you...

Early May Bank Holiday* (UK)
- 5 Dutch Liberation Day (Netherlands)
- 7 National Day of Reason* (USA)
- 8 World Red Cross Day

The end of WW2
- 9 Europe Day of the European Union (EU)
- 12 International Nurses Day (Secular)
- 15 International Day of Families (UN)
Paraguay Independence Day
- 16 Garden day (UK)
- 17 World Telecommunications & Info. Society Day (UN)

International Day Against Homophobia
- 18 National Cheese Souffle day
- 20 East Timor Independence Day
Cameroon National Day
Cuban Independence Day
The National Big Housing Thank You Day
- 21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development (UN)
- 22 Yemen National Day

World Goth Day (UK)
- 24 Bermuda Day
Eritrea Independence Day
- 25 Jordan Independence Day
Argentina Revolution Day
Africa Day (various African Countries)

Orange Day (UN) - a day to raise awareness & take action against violence against women & girls
- Spring Bank Holiday* (UK)**
- 26 Georgia Independence Day
Guyana Independence Day
- 28 Ethiopia National Day
- 29 International Day of UN Peacekeepers
Vesak the Day of the Full Moon (UN)
- 31 World No-Tobacco Day (UN)

Religious Days

- 4 Corpus Christi* (Catholic Christian)
- 9 St. Columba of Iona Day (Celtic Christian)
- 12 Sacred Heart of Jesus *(Catholic Christian)
- 13 St. Anthony's Feast (Christian)
- 16 Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev (Sikh) -
- Saheedi Guru Arjan Dev Ji
- 21 **June Solstice; * Litha* (Wicca, Pagan)**
- 21-23 Shavuot* (Jewish)
- 25-26 Ashura* (Muslim)
- 29 Peter & Paul Day (Christian)

June 2026

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Summer begins: 21 June*

June is: The Month of Community, Gypsy, Roma and Traveller history month; National smile month; Everyman male cancer awareness month; National osteoporosis month; National cancer survivors month; Sands awareness month, gay & lesbian Pride month (US)

Carers week*: 8—14 June

Child safety week*: 1—7 June

British heart week: 7—15 June

National neighbourhood watch week*: 2026 date (TBC)

National picnic week*: 17—26 June (2026 date TBC)

World refugee week*: 15—21 June

Helen Keller deaf-blind awareness week *: 22 June—28 June

Drowning prevention week*: 15—22 June

National breastfeeding week: 20—26 June

Volunteer week: 1—12 June

Bike week*: 9—15 June

World allergy awareness week: 22-28 June

Shared lives week: (2021 dates —TBC)

 New moon  First quarter  Full moon  Third quarter

Special Days



- 1 Global Day for parents (UN)
International Children's Day (UN)
Samoa Independence Day
World Milk Day
- 2 Festa De la Republica (Italy)
- 4 Int. Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression (UN)
- 4-10 Appleby Horse Fair* (Roma)
- 5 **World Environment Day (UN)**
Constitution Day (Denmark)
- 6 Sweden National Day
Russian Language Day (UN)
- 7 World Chocolate Day
- 8 World Oceans Day (UN)
- 10 Portugal Independence Day
- 11 National Empathy Day (UK)*
- 12 World Day Against Child Labour (UN)
Russia Day
Anne Frank Day (born 12 June 1929)
- 13 World Knit in Public Day*
- 14 World Blood Donor Day (UN)
- 15 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (UN)
- 16 Bloomsday (a celebration of James Joyce's novel Ulysses) —Ireland & elsewhere
- 18 Autistic Pride Day (International)
- International Picnic Day
- 19 World Sickle Cell Awareness Day
Clean Air Day* (UK)
- 20 **World Refugee Day & World Refugee Week* (UN)**
International nystagmus awareness day, or WOBBLY WEDNESDAY*
- 21 International Day of Yoga (UN)
World Humanist Day (Secular)
Father's day* (UK)
- 23 International Widow's Day (UN)
- 24 National Writing Day (UK)
- 25 Day of the Seafarer (UN)
Slovenia Statehood Day
Orange Day (UN) - a day to raise awareness, take action against violence against women and girls
- 26 International Day in Support of Victims of Torture-UN
Int. Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking (UN)
- 27 Armed Forces Day * (UK)

July 2026

Special Days



Religious Days

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* movable days

- 1 Asala – Dharma Day (Asalha Puja)* (Buddhist) or 29 July
- 5 Birthday of Guru Hargobind (Sikh)
- 6 Birth of Dalai Lama (Buddhist)
- 6—15 Fravardigan/ Muktd*(Kadmi) or 5 – 14 August (Shahenshai); 11 – 20 March (Iranian Zoroastrian)
- 8-9 Martyrdom of the Bab (Baha'i)
- 11 St. Benedict Day (Catholic Christian)
- 15 Saint Vladimir Day (Christian)
Saint Swithin's Day (Christian)
- 16-17 Al-Hijra; Islamic New Year* (Muslim)
- 22 Saint Mary Magdalene (Christian)
- 23 Birthday of Guru Har Krishen (Sikh)
- 24 Pioneer Day (Mormon)
- 27 Tu B'AV (Jewish)
- 29 Asala – Dharma Day (Asalha Puja)* (Buddhist) or 1 July

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Summer Holidays start*: 21 July (ends 31 August)

July is national ice cream month; Make a difference to children month;
Family reunion month, Ethnic minorities cancer awareness month,
National Picnic Month

National childhood obesity week*: 6—12 July

Anti Social Behaviour week: 19-25 July

Love Parks Week*: 24—31 July

Alcohol awareness week*: 6—12 July

- 1 International Joke Day
- 4 Independence Day (USA)
International Day of Cooperatives* (UN)
Thank You Day* (UK) - TBC
- 5 NHS 78th Birthday* (UK)
- 6 International Kissing Day (UK, Worldwide)
Malawi independence day
- 7 World Chocolate Day
- 10 Nikola Tesla Day (International)
- 11 World Population Day (UN)
- 12 Orangemen's Day Battle of the Boyne (Bank Holiday in Northern Ireland)
National Time banking Day (UK)
- 14 Pandemonium Day (fun /unofficial day)
Bastille Day—*Fête nationale* (France)
National Day of Remembrance for victims of honour based abuse
- 17 International Non-binary People's Day
International Justice Day (UN)
World Emoji Day
- 18 Nelson Mandela International Day
- 18-19 SOUTHAMPTON MELA FESTIVAL* (local festival run)
- 19 World Ice Cream Day *
- 20 International Cake Day
- 23 Birthday of Haile Selassie I (Ethiopia, Rastafarian)
- 24 Samaritans Awareness Day (UK)
Pioneer Day (Public Holiday in the USA)
- 25 Orange Day (UN) - a **day** to raise awareness and take action against violence against women and girls
- 28 World Hepatitis Day (Worldwide)
- 30 International Day of Friendship (UN)
World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, UN

Religious Days

- 1 Lughnasadh - Lammas (Pagan; Christian)
- 5-14 Fravardigan/ Muktd*(Shahenshai); or 6 – 15 July (Kadmi); 11 – 20 March (Iranian Zoroastrian)
- 6 Feast of Transfiguration (Orthodox Christian)
- 8-15 Paryushan Parva*(Jain)
- 13-16 Obon *(Taoist, Shinto)
- 14-15 Ganesh Chaturthi* (Hindu)
- 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Christian)
Dormition of the Theotokos (Orthodox Christian)
- 22-23 Tish'a B'Av* (Jewish)
- 25 - 26 Eid Milad ul-Nabi*—Prophet Muhammed's Birthday)from evening of 25th to evening of 26th) (Muslim)
- 26 Thiruv Onam* (Hindu-Kerala/Malayali communities)

Onam* - (Hindu-Kerala/Malayali communities) - 1st Onam starts day before Thiruv Onam; the 4th Onam is on 29/30 August)
- 27 Rakhi Day (Raksha Bandhan)*- Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist

Ullambana Ghost Festival or Ancestor day* (Buddhists, Taoists)
- 29 Beheading of John the Baptist (Christian)

August 2026

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31—August/Summer Bank Holiday*

August is women's small business month; What will be your Legacy month; Black business month; Psoriasis awareness month

World breastfeeding week: 1—7 August

National allotment week*: 10— 16 August

 New moon  First quarter  Full moon  Third quarter

Special Days



- 1 Benin National Day
Foundation of the Swiss Confederation
- 2 Friendship Day* (US)
- 3 Summer Bank Holiday* (Scotland)
- 4 National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day (Australia)
- 6 Jamaica Independence Day
Bolivia Independence Day
Cycle to work day (UK)
- 7 Cote d'Ivoire National Day
International Beer Day *
- 8 International Cat Day
- 9 International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (UN)
Singapore National Day
- 10 Ecuador National Day
- 11 Chad National Day
- 12 **International Youth Day**
- 14 Pakistan Independence Day
- 15 VJ Day (1945)
India Independence Day;
Liechtenstein National Day
Republic of Congo Independence Day
Cycle to work day (UK)
- 17 Birthday of Marcus Garvey (Rastafarian)
Indonesia Proclamation of Independence
- 19 World Humanitarian Day (UN)
Afghanistan Independence Day
National Potato Day (UK)
- 23 International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition
- 24 Ukraine National Day
- 25 **Orange Day (UN)**
Uruguay Independence Day
- 26 Women's Equality Day (USA)
Mother Teresa—Birthday anniversary
- 27 Moldova National Day
- 29 International Day against Nuclear Tests (UN)
- 29-30 **Southampton Pride***
- 30 International Day of Friendship
- 31 National days: Malaysia, Kyrgyzstan, Trinidad and Tobago
Summer Bank Holiday* (UK)

Religious Days

- 1 Parkash (first reading) Aadh Granth Sahib or First Installation of Adi Granth (Sikh)
- 4 Krishna Janmashtami (Krishna Jayanti)* - (Hindu)
- 5 Leil Selichot* (Jewish)
- 7 Samvatsari (Jain)
- 8 Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 11 Enkutatash-Ethiopian/Coptic New Year* (Ethiopia, Rastafari)
- 11-13 Rosh Hashana* (Jewish)
- 14 The Triumph of the Cross (Christian)
- 21 Nativity of Theotokos (Orthodox Christian)
- 23 Mabon* (Wicca, Pagan)
- 24-26 Chuseok* (cultural and religious holiday; Main Day—25 Sept. (South Korea)
- 25 Mid Autumn Festival* (Chinese) - **LOOK OUT FOR LOCAL CELEBRATIONS**
- 25-09- Sukkot* (Jewish)
- 02.10 Meskel* (Ethiopian)
- 29 Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel and Saint Raphael's Day

September 2026

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Autumn Equinox* 23 September

September is childhood cancer awareness month; People skills month; Women's friendship month; Leukaemia and lymphoma awareness month; Sickle cell disease awareness month; Reye's syndrome awareness month

Sexual health week*: 14 September—20 September

National eczema week*: 13—20 September

Migraine awareness Week*: 6—12 September

Gas safety week*: 14—20 September

Fair trade fortnight*: 21 September—4 October

National eye week: 23—30 September

Zero waste week*: 7—13 September

Recycle Now Week*: 22—28 September (TBC)

Jeans for Genes week*: 21—27 September

Fire door safety week*: 23—29 September (2026 date TBC)

 New moon  First quarter  Full moon  Third quarter

Special Days



- 1 Slovakia Constitutional Day
- Uzbekistan Independence Day
- 2 Vietnam National Day
- 3 National Cinema Day
- 4 National Foundation Day (San Marino)
- World Sexual Health Day
- 5 International Day of Charity (UN)
- 6 Swaziland Independence Day
- National Read a Book Day (UK)
- 7 Brazil Independence Day
- 8 **International Literacy Day (UN)**
- Andorra National Day
- Independence Day— Scotland, Macedonia
- 9 Leo Nikolayevich Tolstoy Birthday
- National Day—North Korea; Tajikistan
- 10 **World Suicide Prevention Day**
- 13 **217 Birthday to the George III Bargate Statue* (Southampton—presented to the town in 1809)**
- 15 **International Day of Democracy (UN)**
- Independence Days: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua
- World Afro Day
- 16 Preservation of the Ozone Layer Day (UN)
- Independence Day: Mexico, Papua New Guinea
- 17 Australian Citizenship Day
- Love Confession Day—South Korea
- 18 Chile National Day
- National Fitness Day* (UK)
- 19 Saint Kitts and Nevis Independence Day
- Talk like a pirate day
- 21 **International Day of Peace (UN)**
- World's Alzheimer's Day (UN)
- Armenia Independence Day
- Jeans for Genes Day* (2026 TBC)
- 22 World Car Free Day (UN)
- Mali Proclamation of Independence
- Hobbit Day*
- Elephant Appreciation Day
- 24 Guinea Bissau Independence Day
- World Maritime Day* (UN)
- 25 **Orange Day (UN)**
- National Doodle Day* (UK)
- 26 **European Day of Languages**
- World Contraception Day (International)
- 27 World Tourism Day (UN)
- 28 Ask a Stupid Question Day (UK)
- 29 World Heart Day

Religious Days

- 1 Shmini Atzeret (Jewish)
- 1-2 Hoshanah Rabbah*—the last day of Sukkot (Jewish)
- 2 Feast of the Guardian Angels (Christian)
- 2-3 Shmini Atzeret* (Jewish)
- 3-4 Simchat Torah* (Jewish)
- 25-09 Sukkot* (Jewish) -ends 2 October
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- 4 Saint Francis Day (Christian)
- 5 Harvest Festival* (Pagan) - 2026 TBC
- 9 Birthday of Guru Ram Das (Sikh)
- Hangeul Day (South Korea)
- 11-20 Shardiya Navaratri* (Hindu)
- 12 Thanksgiving* (Canada)
- 13 Saint Edward's Day (Christian)
- 14 Fast of Gedaliah* (Jewish)
- 20 Installation of the scriptures as Gukru Granth (Sikh)
- Dussehra* (Hindu)
- 20-21 Yom Kippur* (Jewish)
- 22 Stow Fair* (Roma) - 2026 date TBC
- 28 Milvian Bridge Day (Christian)
- 31 **All Hallow's Eve (Christian)**
- Samhain (Hallowe'en, Pagan)
- Reformation Day (Protestant Christian)

October 2026

Major observances are denoted in bold

British Summer time ends*: 25 October— CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR AT 2AM

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School half term*: 26 October— 30 October

October is breast cancer awareness month; Black history month; Rett syndrome awareness month; Lupus awareness month, SIDS awareness month, Stoptober (stop smoking month)

World space week: 4—10 October

Baby loss awareness week: 9—15 October

Back-care awareness week: 7—11 October

Libraries week*: 6-12 October

National chocolate week*: 12—18 October (TBC)

National curry week*: 5—11 October

National arthritis week: 7—12 October

National baking week*: 14—20 October

Get online week*: 20—26 October (2026 date TBC)

National hate crime awareness week*: 10—17 October

Special Days



- 1 Palau Independence Day
Cyprus Independence Day
Nigeria Independence Day
World Vegetarian Day
International Coffee Day
International Day of Older Persons (UN)
- 2 International Day of Non-Violence (UN)
Guinea Independence Day
World Ballet Day*
- 3 Iraq Independence Day
- 4 Lesotho Independence Day
World Space Week (4-10th)
- 5 World Teachers' Day (UN)
World Habitat Day* (UN)
- 8 Croatia Independence Day
World Sight Day* (UN)
- 9 Uganda Independence Day
World Post Day (UN)
Hangeul Day (South Korea)
- 10 **World Mental Health Day (UN)**
Fiji Independence Day
- 11 International Day of the Girl Child (UN)
National Coming Out Day (UK, USA, Switzerland)
- 12 Equatorial Guinea Independence Day
Spanish Language Day (UN)
- 15 International Day of Rural Women (UN)
International Credit Union Day*
- 16 **World Food Day (UN)**
- 17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (UN)
- 18 Azerbaijan Independence Day
Menopause Awareness Day
- 21 National Heroes Day (UK)
- 23-24 Start of Oktoberfest* (ends 5 October)
- 24 **United Nations Day (UN)**
Zambia Independence Day
- 25 **Orange Day (UN)**
- 26 Austria Restoration of Sovereignty Day
- 27 Turkmenistan Independence Day
- 28 Czech Republic Independence Day

 New moon  First quarter  Full moon  Third quarter

Religious Days

- 1 All Saints' Day/ All Hallows (Western Christian)
- 2 All Souls' Day (Christian)
Coronation of Emperor Haile Selassie I (Rastafari)
- 5 Anapanasati Day* (Buddhism)
- 8 Annakut / Govardhan Puja (Hindu)
Diwali* - will continue for 5 days (Hindu, Sikh, Jain)
- 8-9 **Birth of the Bab (evening of 8th to evening of 9th—Baha'i)**
Sigd*(Jewish Ethiopian)
- 11 Birth of Baha'u'llah*—(Baha'i)
- 15 Nativity Fast Begins (Orthodox Christian)
- 22 Feast of Christ the King* (Christian)
- 24 Birthday of Guru Nanak* (Guru Nanak Jayanti—Sikh)
- 26 Thanksgiving* (USA)
- 28 Baha'i Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha* (Baha'i)
- 29 Advent Sunday—Advent begins* (Christian): ends 24 December
- 30 St. Andrew of Scotland (Christian; Bank Holiday in Scotland)

November 2026

Major observances are denoted in bold

* movable days

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November: lasts a whole month of November

Men's health awareness month; Lung cancer awareness month; Pancreatic cancer awareness month; World vegan month; UK Disability History Month*(14 November-20 December)

Interfaith awareness week*: 8—15 November

GERD awareness week*: 23—29 November (2026 date TBC)

National tree week*: 22 November—30 November

Anti bullying week*: mid November; 16—20 November

Ask your pharmacist week*: 11-18 November (2026 dates TBC)

UK road safety week*: 15—21 November

National safeguarding adults week*: 17-21 November (2026 dates TBC)

International fraud awareness week*: 9-15 November (2026 dates TBC)

Special Days



- 1 Movember Month (1-30th)
Dominica Independence Day
Antigua & Barbuda Independence Day
- 3 Panama separation from Colombia Day
- 5 **Guy Fawkes Day—Bonfire night (UK)**
- 8 Remembrance Sunday* (UK)
- 9 Cambodia Independence Day
- 10 World Science Day for Peace and Development (UN)
- 11 Armistice Day (International)
Angola Independence Day
Restoration of Poland's Independence
- 13 World Kindness Day / Odd Socks Day
- 14 World Diabetes Day (UN)
- 16 **International Day for Tolerance (UN)**
- 18 Morocco Independence Day
Latvia Independence Day
- 19 World Toilet Day (UN)
International Men's Day (International)
#OurDay* (Local UK councils)
World Philosophy Day* (UN)
- 20 Universal Children's Day (UN)
Mexico Revolution Day
International Trans Day of Remembrance (TDOR)
Carers Rights Day* (UK) - 2026 date TBC—may be 26 November
- 21 World Television Day (UN)
- 22 Lebanon Independence Day
National Housing Day* (UK) - 2026 date TBC
- 25 **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (UN)/White Ribbon Day Orange Day (UN)** - a day to raise awareness and take action against violence against women and girls
Suriname Independence Day
- 28 Albania, Panama and Mauritania Independence Day
- 29 Cyber Monday (UK)
- 30 Barbados Independence Day
Yemen Independence Day

Religious Days

- 4-12 Hanukkah* (or Chanukah; Jewish)
- 6 Saint Nicholas Day (Christian)
- 8 Christian Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary (Christian)
Rohatsu (Bodhi Day (Buddhist))
- 12 Christian Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Christian)
- 17 Cold Moon /December full moon* (Pagan)
- 21 Winter Solstice, Yule* (Pagan)
- 24 **Christmas Eve (Christian)**
Orthodox Christian Advent Fast ends (Orthodox Christian)
Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sakib (Sikh)
- 25 **Christmas Day (Christian, some Orthodox Christian countries)**
- 26 **Boxing Day (Christian)**
Kwanzaa (26th Dec-1st Jan; Interfaith, USA)
Zarathosht Diso (Death of Prophet. Zarathustra—Zoroastrian)
St. Stephen's Day (Christian/Western Church)
- 27 St. Stephen's Day (Orthodox Christian)
- 28 The Holy Innocents (Christian)
- 31 Watch Night (Christian)

December 2026

Major observances are denoted in bold
* movable days

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UK public holidays:

Winter begins* - 21 December

25 December Christmas Day | 26 December Boxing Day* - (substitute public holiday on 28 December)

December is UK Disability History Month*(14 November-20 December)

National Anger awareness week: 1 –7 December

 New moon  First quarter  Full moon  Third quarter

Special Days



- World AIDS Day (UN)**
Dominican Republic Independence Day
Iceland Independence Day
Restoration of Portuguese Independence
Great Union Day (Ziua Marii Uniri) - Romania
- International Day for the Abolition of Slavery (UN)**
United Arab Emirates Independence Day
Laos National Day
Fuel Poverty Awareness Day* (UK)
- Internat. Day of Persons with Disabilities (UN)
- Santa's List Day (Worldwide)
- World Soil Day (UN)
- International Volunteer Day for Economic & Social Development (UN)
- Finland Independence Day
- International Civil Aviation Day (UN)
- Pretend to be a time traveller day
- International Anti-Corruption Day (UN)
- Tanzania Day (Independence of Tanganyika)
- Human Rights Day (UN)**
- International Mountain Day (UN)
- Kenya Independence Day
- Monkey Day
- Kazakhstan Independence Day
- International Migrants Day (UN)
- Qatar Independence Day
- Arabic Language Day (UN)
- International Human Solidarity Day (UN)
- Winter Solstice***
- Libya Independence Day
- Christmas Day*—Public Holiday**
Orange Day (UN) - a **day** to raise awareness and take action against violence against women and girls
- Boxing Day***
Slovenia Independence and Unity Day
- Boxing Day* - substitute public holiday**
- Mongolia Independence Day
- New Year's Eve**

