





Religious Days

- 1 Mary, mother of God (Christian)
- 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)**
Baptism of the Lord* (Christian)
- 8 Seijin Shiki/Adults Day* - (Shinto)
- 13 Maghi (Sikh)
St Hilary's Day (Christian)
- 14 **New Year's Day (Orthodox Christian)**
- 15 Makar Sankranti* (Hindu)
- 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)
- 24 The Festival of Sementivae (Roman)
- 24-25 Lailat al B ara'ah* (Islam)
- 25 St Paul's Day (Christian)
Mahayana New Year* (Buddhist)
Tu Bishvat* (Jewish)
- 30 Birthday of Z Budapest (Pagan)
Up Helly Aa* (Scotland/Pagan)
- 31 Parkash Utsav Dasveh Patshah (Sikhism)

January 2024

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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 – 16 January

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

National storytelling week*: 30 January – 6 February

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

 New moon  First quarter  Full moon  Third quarter

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)
- 18 Germany Independence Day
Winnie the Pooh Day (Fictional/UK)
- 19 Martin Luther King Day (USA)
- 20 Penguin Awareness Day (UN)
Love your pet day (UK)
- 21 Prince William, Duke of Cambridge Birthday
National Hug Day
World Religion Day* (International)
- 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)
- 26 Republic Day (India)
Australia Day
- 27 **Holocaust Memorial Day (UN)**
- 28 Data Protection Day (European)
World Leprosy Day* (UN)
- 31 Nauru Independence Day

Religious Days

- 1 Imbolc —Lughnassadh(Wikka/Pagan)
- 2 Candlemas (Christian)
- 3 Setsubun-sai (Shinto)
- 8 Lailat al Miraj* (Muslim)
- 10 Chinese New Year*; The year of the Dragon
- Losar—Tibetan New Year* (Buddhist)
- 11 Transfiguration Sunday* (Christian)
- 12 Death of Gerald Gardner (Pagan)
- 13 Parentalia (Pagan-ends on 21st)
- Lupercalia —ends on 15th (Pagan, Wicca)
- Mardi Gras* (Christian)
- Shrove Tuesday /Pancake Day* (Christian)
- 14 **St Valentine's Day (Christian)**
- Saraswati Puja/Basant Panchami/Basant Festival of Kites* (Hindu, Sikh)
- Ash Wednesday—Lent Begins* (ends 14 April — Christian)
- 15 Parinirvana/ Nirvana Day (Buddhist)-or 8F ebruary
- 17 Celtic Tree Month of Rowan ends (Pagan)
- 18 Celtic Tree Month of Ash-begins—ends 17th March (Pagan, Wicca)
- 21 Birthday of author Patricia Telesco (Pagan)
- 22 Birthday of author Sybil Leek (Pagan)
- 24 Lantern Festival* (Chinese, Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)
- Quickening Moon (or the Snow Moon)* (Pagan)
- MAGHA PUJA* (Buddhist)
- 24-25 Lailat al B ara'ah* (Muslim)
- 25 Triodion begins* (Orthodox Christian)

February 2024

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School half term (SPRING)*: 12—16 February

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*: 30 January – 6 February

Race Equality Week*: 5-11 February 2024

Eating disorders awareness week*: 28 February—5 March

Tinnitus awareness week*: 5— 11 February

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

Sexual Abuse & Sexual Violence Awareness Week (UK)*: 5- 11 February

National HIV testing week*: 5—11 February

🌑 New moon 🌒 First quarter 🌕 Full moon 🌙 Third quarter

Special Days

- 1 World Hijab Day
- National Time to Talk Day* (UK)
- 2 Hedgehog Day
- 4 Sri Lanka Independence Day
- World Cancer Day (UN)
- British Yorkshire Pudding Day* (UK)
- 6 **International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation (UN)**
- Safer Internet Day* (UK)
- 7 Grenada Independence Day
- 9 Toothache Day (International)
- 11 Vatican City Independence Day
- International Day of Women and Girls in Science (UN)
- 12 Chile Independence Day (from Spain; and 18th 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)
- 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

- 1 Nineteen day fast begins (ends 20th -Baha'i)
- Women's World Day of Prayer* (Christian)
- 3 Hinamatsuri/Dolls' Festival/Girls' Day (Japanese)
- 8 Maha Shivaratri * (Hindu)
- 10 Mothering Sunday* (Christian)
- Ramadan begins*: 10 March—8 April— check for the local date
- 11-20 Fravardigan/ Muktad* (Iranian Zoroastrian) - or 7-16th July (Kadmi) or 6-15 August (Shahenshai)
- 14 Nanakshahi New Year (Sikh)
- 17 St. Patrick's Day (Christian) - Bank holiday-NI)
- 18 Clean Monday* - Great Lent Begins* (ends 4 May) —Orthodox Christian
- 19 St. Joseph's Day (Christian)
- 20 Spring Equinox/Eoster/Ostara, Mabon* (Wicca, Pagan)
- Nowruz* (Persian, Baha'I) - tentative date**
- Jamshedi Noruz* (Zoroastrian)**
- 23 Fast of Esther* (Jewish)
- 23-24 Purim* (Jewish) - begins at sundown 23 March & ends in the evening of 24 March
- 24 Orthodox Sunday* (Orthodox Christian)
- Palm Sunday* (Christian & Orthodox Christian)
- 24-25 Shushan Purim* (Jewish): begins at sundown 17 March & ends in the evening of 18 March
- 25 Feast of Annunciation* (Christian)
- Holi* (Hindu)
- 26 Khordad Sal* (Zoroastrian) (or 28th March) - sometimes celebrated on 23rd August)
- 26-28 Holla Mohalla* (Sikh)
- 28 Lent Fast ends (begins on 14 February — (Christian)
- Maundy Thursday* (Christian)
- 29 Good Friday* (Christian) - National holiday
- 30 Holy Saturday* (Christian)
- 31 Easter Sunday* (Christian)

March 2024

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British Summer time begins* 31 March
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Ramadan begins*: 10 March— 9 April; Bank holiday: 29 March (Good Friday) & 1st April

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

Nutrition and hydration week*: 11—17 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*: 4 — 11 March

Food waste action week*: 4—10 March

Shakespeare Week*: 21-27 March

 New moon  First quarter  Full moon  Third quarter



Special Days





- 1 Zero Discrimination Day (UN)
- Self-harm awareness Day (UK)
- 3 World Wildlife Day (UN)
- 7 World Book Day* (UK and Ireland)
- 8 **International Women's Day (UN)**
- 11 Commonwealth Day* (Commonwealth)
- 13 No smoking day* (UK)
- 14 Pi Day (World wide)
- 15 World Sleep Day * (World wide)
- 16 Young Carers Awareness (Action) Day* (UK)
- 18 Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day (UK)
- Global Recycling Day
- 20 **Spring Equinox***
- International Day of Happiness (UN)
- French Language Day (UN)
- World Social Work Day (International)
- 21 International day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (UN)
- World Poetry Day (UN)
- International Day of Nowruz (UN)
- World Down Syndrome Day (UN)
- 22 World water day (UN)
- 23 World Meteorological Day (WMO)
- Pakistan Republic Day**
- National Day of Reflection (UK)
- 24 World Tuberculosis day (UN)
- 25 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**
- 27 World Theatre Day (UN)

Religious Days

- 1 Easter Monday* (Christian)
- 6 Lalat al Kadr* (Muslim)
- 8/9 Ramadan ends* (Muslim)
- 9-10 Eid al-Fitr * (Islam)
- 13 Songkran-New Year Festival (Buddhist in Thailand)
- Vaisakhi—Creation of Khalsa* (Sikh)- TBC—in Southampton the procession is usually organised on Sunday closest to 13th or 14th April
- 16 **Easter Sunday—Pascha/Easter* (Orthodox Christian)**
- 17 Ramayana begins* (Hindu)
- Rama Navami* (Hindu)
- 17-18 Yom HaAliyah*(Jewish)
- 18 Birthday of Guru Tegh Bahadur (Sikh)
- 20 Ridvan 1st day* (Baha’i) - ends 2 May)
- 21 Sri Mahavir Jayanti* (Jain)
- 22 Lords Evening Meal/ Memorial* (Jehovah’s Witness)
- Fast of First born* (Jewish)
- 22-30 Pesach* (Passover), first day (Jewish)
- 23 **St. George’s Day (Christian)**
- Hanuman Jayanti* (Hindu)
- 24 Adar Mah Parab* (Zoroastrian)
- 24-26 Theravada New Year* (6-8 April) - (Buddhist)
- 27 Lazarus Saturday* (Orthodox Christian)
- 29 Ridvan 9th day* (Baha’i)
- 30 Final Day of Passover* (Jewish) (from 22-30)

April 2024

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Ramadan ends*: 8/9 April

Bank Holiday: 1 April (Easter Monday)

School spring holidays*: 7—21 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*: 22—28 April

Parkinson’s awareness week*: 14—20 April

National stalking awareness week*: 8—12 April

National MS week*: 29 April—5 May

 New moon  First quarter  Full moon  Third quarter



Special Days

- 1 April Fools’ Day
- Atheist Day (Secular)
- 2 World Autism Awareness day (UN)
- 5 First Contact Day (Star Trek)
- 6 International day of Sport for Development and Peace (UN)
- The World Pillow Fight Day*
- 7 World Health day (UN)
- 8 International Roma Day (Roma/International)
- 10 Comfortable Clothing Day (Fictional)
- 12 International day of Human Space Flight (UN)
- 12-13 Yom Ha’atzmaut* (Israeli Independence Day)
- 20 Chinese Language 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
- 29 International Dance Day (UN)
- 30 World Jazz Day (UN)

Religious Days

- 1 **Beltane (Wicca, Pagan)**
- 2 Ridvan 12th day* (Baha'i)
Birthday of Guru Arjan Dev (Sikh)
- 3-4 Martyrdom of Imam Jafar* (Muslim, Iran)
- 4 Great Lent Ends* (Orthodox Christian)
- 9 Stow Fair* (Roma)
Ascension Day—Feast of the Ascension* (Christian)
- 10 Akshaya Tritiya* (Jain)
- 19 Pentecost* (Orthodox Christian, Western Christian)
- 20 Wickham Fair (Roma)
Whit Monday* (Christian, Public holiday in France)
- 23 Birthday of Guru Amar Das (Sikh)
Declaration of the Bab (Bahai')
- 24 Sara's Day (Roma)
Zaratosht No Diso (Zoroastrian)
- 25-26 Lag B'Omer* (begins at sundown—Jewish)
- 26 Vesak the Day of the Full Moon* (UN, Buddhist)
Visakha Puja* - Buddha Day (Buddhism)
- 29 Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)
- 30 Corpus Christi* (Catholic Christian)

May 2024

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6 May; —national Bank holiday*

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School half term*: 27 May– 31 May; Spring bank holiday: 27 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*: 1–7 May National MS week*: 29 April–5 May

Foster Care Fortnight*: 9–22 May Deaf awareness week*: 1–7 May

Dystonia awareness week: 3–11 May Sun Awareness week*: 6–13 May

M.E. awareness week*: 12–18 May (TBC) Foster Care Fortnight*: 13–26 May

Arthritis care awareness week*: 14–21 May (TBC)

Dementia awareness week: 15–21 May

National vegetarian Week: 13– 19 May

National epilepsy week 18–24 May

Global road safety week (UN)*: 9–15 May

International compost awareness week*: 5–11 May

Brain injury awareness week*: 11–17 May (TBC)

National gardening week*: 1 May–7 May (TBC)

Mental health awareness week*: 15–21 May (TBC)

Celiac awareness week*: 15–21 May (TBC)

🌑 New moon 🌙 First quarter ☉ Full moon 🌙 Third quarter

Special Days



- 1 **May Day (International)**
- 2 **International Workers' Day (Worldwide)**
National Day of Reason* (USA)
- 3 World Press Freedom Day (UN)
- 4 **Polish Constitution Day**
May the forth be with you...
- 5 Dutch Liberation Day (Netherlands)
- 6 Yom HaShoah* (Israel Holocaust Memorial Day)
- 8 **Early May Bank Holiday* (UK)**
World Red Cross Day
- 9 **The end of WW2**
Europe Day of the European Union (EU)
- 12 International Nurses Day (Secular)
- 12-13 Yom Hazikaron* (Israeli Memorial Day)
- 15 International Day of Families (UN)
Paraguay Independence Day
Garden day (UK)
- 16 World Telecommunications & Info. Society Day (UN)
- 17 **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
Jordan Independence Day
- 25 Argentina Revolution Day
Africa Day (various African Countries)
- 26 **Orange Day (UN) - a day to raise awareness & take action against violence against women & girls**
Georgia Independence Day
Guyana Independence Day
- 27 **Spring Holiday* (UK)**
- 28 Ethiopia National Day
- 29 International Day of UN Peacekeepers
Vesak the Day of the Full Moon (UN)
- 31 World No-Tobacco Day (UN)

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)
- 5 **World Environment Day (UN)**
- Constitution Day (Denmark)
- Thank You Day* (UK) - TBC
- 6 Sweden National Day
- Russian Language Day (UN)
- 5-6 The Big Lunch* (UK)
- 6 National Empathy Day (UK)*
- 6-12 Appleby Horse Fair* (Roma)
- 7 World Chocolate Day
- 8 World Oceans Day (UN)
- World Knit in Public Day*
- People's Pride Southampton* (Pride in the Park & the Pride Bus)
- 10 Portugal Independence Day
- 12 World Day Against Child Labour (UN)
- Russia Day
- Anne Frank Day (born 12 June 1929)
- 14 World Blood Donor Day (UN)
- Trooping the Colour (Bank Holiday in Scotland)
- 15 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (UN)
- Clean Air Day* (UK)
- 16 Bloomsday (a celebration of James Joyce's novel Ulysses) —Ireland & elsewhere
- Father's day* (UK)
- 18 Autistic Pride Day (International)
- International Picnic Day
- 19 World Sickle Cell Awareness Day
- 20 **World Refugee Day & World Refugee Week* (UN)**
- 21 International Day of Yoga (UN)
- World Humanist Day (Secular)
- 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)
- UK Employability Day
- 29 Armed Forces Day *(UK)

June 2024

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Summer begins: 20 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*: 10—16 June

Child safety week*: 3—10 June (TBC)

British heart week: 7—15 June

National neighbourhood watch week*: 3—9 June (TBC)

National picnic week*: 17—25 June

World refugee week*: 17—23 June

Helen Keller deaf-blind awareness week *: 30 June—6 July

Drowning prevention week*: 15—22 June

National breastfeeding week: 20—26 June

Volunteer week: 1—12 June

Bike week*: 10—16 June

Shared lives week: (2021 dates —TBC)

Diabetes Awareness Week*: 08—13 June

New moon First quarter Full moon Third quarter

Religious Days

4-5 Yom Yerushalayim; Jerusalem Day* (Israel)

9 St. Columba of Iona Day (Celtic Christian)

11-13 Shavuot* (Jewish)

13 St. Anthony's Feast (Christian)

15-16 Waqf al Arafa – Hajj Day* -dates may vary (Muslim)

16 Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev (Sikh) -
- Saheedi Guru Arjan Dev Ji
Sacred Heart of Jesus *(Catholic Christian)

16-19 Eid-al-Adha* (Muslim)

20 **June Solstice; * Litha* (Wicca, Pagan)**





29 Peter & Paul Day (Christian)

Religious Days

- 5 Birthday of Guru Hargobind (Sikh)
- 6 Birth of Dalai Lama (Buddhist)
- 6-7 Al-Hijra; Islamic New Year* (Muslim)
- 7—16 Fravardigan/ Muktad*(Kadmi) or 6 – 15 July (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)
- 17 Ashura* (Muslim)
- 21 Asala – Dharma Day (Asalha Puja)* (Buddhist)
- 22 Saint Mary Magdalene (Christian)
- 23 Birthday of Guru Har Krishen (Sikh)
- 24 Pioneer Day (Mormon)
- 27 Tu B’AV (Jewish)

July 2024

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Summer Holidays start*: 23 July (ends 29 August)

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

National childhood obesity week*: 7—13 July

Anti Social Behaviour week: 19-25 July

Love Parks Week*: 26 July—2 August (TBC)

Helen Keller deaf-blind awareness week *: 30 June—6 July

Alcohol awareness week*: 3—9 July

 New moon  First quarter  Full moon  Third quarter

Special Days



- 1 International Joke Day
- 4 Independence Day (USA)
- 5 **NHS 76th Birthday* (UK)**
- 6 International Kissing Day (UK, Worldwide)
Malawi independence day
- International Day of Cooperatives* (UN)
- 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
- International Non-binary People's Day
- 15 **SOUTHAMPTON MELA FESTIVAL* (local festival run by Art Asia)**
- 17 International Justice Day (UN)
- World Emoji Day
- 18 Nelson Mandela International Day
- 20 International Cake Day
- World Ice Cream 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 Friendship Day* (US)

Religious Days

- 1 Lughnasadh - Lammass (Pagan; Christian)
- 6 Feast of Transfiguration (Orthodox Christian)
- 6-15 Fravardigan/ Muktdad*(Shahenshai); or 7 – 16 July (Kadmi); 11 – 20 March (Iranian Zoroastrian)
- 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Christian)
Dormition of the Theotokos (Orthodox Christian)
- 18 Ullambana Ghost Festival or Ancestor day* (Buddhists, Taoists)
- 19 Blue moon* (Pagan)
Rakhi Day (Raksha Bandhan)*- Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist
- 25-26 Krishna Janmashtami (Krishna Jayanti)* - (Hindu)
- 28-30 Obon * (Taoist, Shinto)
- 29 Beheading of John the Baptist (Christian)
- 31.08. Paryushan Parva*(Jain)
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August 2024

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26—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*: 7— 13 August

☉ New moon ☾ First quarter ☽ Full moon 🌙 Third quarter

Special Days






- 1 Benin National Day
Foundation of the Swiss Confederation
- 2 International Beer Day *
- 4 National Aboriginal and Islander Children’s Day (Australia)
- 5 Summer Bank Holiday* (Scotland)
- 6 Jamaica Independence Day
Bolivia Independence Day
Cycle to work day (UK)
- 7 Cote d’Ivoire National 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
Southampton Pride*
- 25 **Orange Day (UN)**
Uruguay Independence Day
- 26 Women’s Equality Day (USA)
Mother Teresa—Birthday anniversary
Summer Bank Holiday* (UK)
- 27 Moldova National Day
- 29 International Day against Nuclear Tests (UN)
- 31 Malaysia National Day
Kyrgyzstan National Day
Trinidad and Tobago National Day

Religious Days

- 1 Parkash (first reading) Aadh Granth Sahib or First Installation of Adi Granth (Sikh)
- 7 Ganesh Chaturthi* (Hindu)
Samvatsari (Jain)
- 8 Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 11 Enkutatash-Ethiopian/Coptic New Year* (Ethiopia, Rastafari)
- 12-13 Tish'a B'Av* (Jewish)
- 14 The Triumph of the Cross (Christian)
Onam* - (Hindu-Kerala/Malayali communities) - 1st Onam starts day before Thiruv Onam; the 4th Onam is on 23rd
- 15 Thiruv Onam* (Hindu-Kerala/Malayali communities)
- 17 Mid Autumn Festival* (Chinese) - LOOK OUT FOR LOCAL CELEBRATIONS
- 21 Nativity of Theotokos (Orthodox Christian)
- 22 Mabon* (Wicca, Pagan)
- 27 Meskel* (Ethiopian)
- 28 Leil Selichot* (Jewish)
- 29 Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel and Saint Raphael's Day

September 2024

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Autumn Equinox* 22 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*: 24 September—1 October
National eczema week*: 15—22 September (2024 date TBC)
Recycle Now Week*: 25 September—1 October
Migraine awareness Week*: 23—29 September
Gas safety week*: 9—15 September
Fair trade fortnight*: 9 – 22 September
National eye week: 23 –30 September

 New moon  First quarter  Full moon  Third quarter

Special Days



- 1 Slovakia Constitutional Day
Uzbekistan Independence Day
- 2 Vietnam National Day
- 3 National Foundation Day (San Marino)
National Cinema 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 **215 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
- 18 Chile National Day
- 19 Saint Kitts and Nevis Independence Day
Talk like a pirate day
- 20 Jeans for Genes Day*
National Doodle Day* (UK)
- 21 **International Day of Peace (UN)**
World's Alzheimer's Day (UN)
Armenia Independence Day
Start of Oktoberfest* (ends 6 October)
- 22 World Car Free Day (UN)
Mali Proclamation of Independence
Hobbit Day*
Elephant Appreciation Day
- 24 Guinea Bissau Independence Day
- 25 **Orange Day (UN)**
National one hit wander day
National Fitness Day* (UK)
- 26 **European Day of Languages**
World Contraception Day (International)
World Maritime Day* (UN)
- 27 World Tourism Day (UN)
- 28 Ask a Stupid Question Day (UK)
- 29 World Heart Day





Religious Days

- 1 Shmini Atzeret (Jewish)
- 2 Feast of the Guardian Angels (Christian)
Simchat Torah (Jewish)
- 2-4 Rosh Hashana* (Jewish)
- 3-12 Navaratri* (Hindu)
- 4 Saint Francis Day (Christian)
- 5 Fast of Gedaliah* (Jewish)
- 6 Harvest Festival* (Pagan)
- 9 Birthday of Guru Ram Das (Sikh)
- 11-12 Yom Kippur* (Jewish)
- 13 Saint Edward's Day (Christian)
- 14 Thanksgiving* (Canada)
- 15-16 Eid Milad ul-Nabi*—Prophet Muhammed's Birthday (from evening of 20th to evening of 21st) (Muslim)
- 16-23 Sukkot* - start at sundown on 29; ends sundown on the 6 October (Jewish)
- 20 Installation of the scriptures as Gukru Granth (Sikh)
- 22-23 Hoshanah Rabbah*—the last day of Sukkot (Jewish)
- 23 Dussehra* (Hindu)
- 23-25 Shmini Atzeret* (Jewish)
- 24 Stow Fair* (Roma)
- 24-25 Simchat Torah* (Jewish)
- 28 Milvian Bridge Day (Christian)
- 31 **All Hallow's Eve (Christian)**
Samhain (Hallowe'en, Pagan)
Reformation Day (Protestant Christian)

October 2024

Major observances are denoted in bold

British Summer time ends*: 27 October— CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR AT 2AM

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School half term*: 28 October— 1 November

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*: likely to be held the week of 4-9 October

National chocolate week*: 14—20 October

National curry week*: 7 –13 October

National arthritis week: 7—12 October

National baking week*: 14—20 October

Get online week*: 14—19 October (2024 date TBC)

National hate crime awareness week*: 12—19 October

Fire door safety week*: 23—29 September (2024 date TBC)

 New moon  First quarter  Full moon  Third quarter

Special Days



- 1 Palau Independence Day
Cyprus Independence Day
Nigeria Independence Day
World Vegetarian Day
International Coffee Day
International Day of Older Persons (UN)
World Ballet Day*
- 2 International Day of Non-Violence (UN)
Guinea Independence Day
- 3 Iraq Independence Day
- 4 Lesotho Independence Day
World Space Week (4-10th)
- 5 World Teachers' Day (UN)
- 7 World Habitat Day* (UN)
- 8 Croatia Independence Day
- 9 Uganda Independence Day
World Post Day (UN)
- 10 **World Mental Health Day (UN)**
Fiji Independence Day
World Sight Day* (UN)
- 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)
- 16 **World Food Day (NU)**
- 17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (UN)
International Credit Union Day*
- 18 Azerbaijan Independence Day
- 21 National Heroes Day (UK)
- 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

Religious Days

- 1 All Saints' Day/ All Hallows (Western Christian)
Diwali* - will continue for 5 days (Hindu, Sikh, Jain)
- 2 All Souls' Day (Christian)
Coronation of Emperor Haile Selassie I (Rastafari)
- 3 Birth of Baha'u'llah*—Bicentennial of the birth (Baha'i)
- 8 Annakut / Govardhan Puja (Hindu)
- 8-9 Birth of the Bab (evening of 8th to evening of 9th—Baha'i)
- 15 Nativity Fast Begins (Orthodox Christian)
- 16 Anapanasati Day* (Buddhism)
- 24 Feast of Christ the King* (Christian)
- 27 Baha'i Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha* (Baha'i)
- 28 Thanksgiving* (USA)
- 29-30 Sigd*(Jewish Ethiopian)
- 30 **Birth**day of Guru Nanak* (Guru Nanak Jayanti—Sikh)

November 2024

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November: lasts a whole month of November
Men's health awareness month; Lung cancer awareness month; Pan-creatic cancer awareness month; World vegan month; UK Disability History Month*(16 November-16 December)
Interfaith awareness week*: 10—17 November
GERD awareness week*: 17—23 November
National tree week*: 27 November—5 December
Anti bullying week*: mid November; 11—17 November
Ask your pharmacist week*: 11-18 November (2024 dates TBC)
UK road safety week*: 19—25 November
National safeguarding adults week*: 18-22 November
International fraud awareness week*: 10-16 November

New moon First quarter Full moon Third quarter

Special Days



- 1 Movember Month (1-30th)
Dominica Independence Day
Antigua & Barbuda Independence Day
- 3 Panama separation from Colombia Day
Giving Tuesday* (UK, USA)
- 5 **Guy Fawkes Day—Bonfire night (UK)**
- 6 International nystagmus awareness day, or WOBBLY WEDNESDAY*
- 9 Cambodia Independence Day
- 10 World Science Day for Peace and Development (UN)
Remembrance Sunday*
- 11 Armistice Day (International)
Angola Independence Day
Restoration of Poland's Independence
- 13 World Kindness 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)
- 20 Universal Children's Day (UN)
Mexico Revolution Day
International Trans Day of Remembrance (TDOR)
- 21 World Television Day (UN)
World Philosophy Day* (UN)
- 22 Lebanon Independence Day
National Housing Day* (UK) - 2024 date TBC
- 23 Carers Rights Day* (UK)
- 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
- 27 Albania, Panama and Mauritania Independence Day
- 28 Cyber Monday (UK)
- 29 Barbados Independence Day
- 30 Yemen Independence Day

Religious Days

- 1 Advent Sunday—Advent begins* (Christian): ends 24th December
- 2 St. Andrew of Scotland* (Christian; Bank Holiday in Scotland)
- 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)
- 15 Cold 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)**
- 25.12 Hanukkah* (or Chanukah; Jewish)
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- 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 2024

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UK public holidays:

Winter begins* - 21 December

25 December Christmas Day | 26 December Boxing Day*

December is UK Disability History Month*(16 November-16 December)

National Anger awareness week: 1–7 December

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Special Days



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

