



2020 - 2021

Ethical Education Teacher Calendar

All days, weeks and years are linked to relevant sites

Primary Resource Bank

2020: UN international Year of Plant Health

Second-level Resource Bank

2021: UN International Year of Peace and Trust

International Day of Clean Air for
Blue Skies

Sept 7

International Day of Sign
Languages

Sept 23

International Literacy Day

Sept 8

Yom Kippur
Judaism

Sept 28

International Day of Democracy

Sept 15

International Day for the
Preservation of the Ozone Layer

Sept 16

International Day of Awareness of
Food Loss and Waste

Sept 29

Rosh Hashanah
Judaism

Sept 19 - 20

International Day of Older Persons

Tree Day

Oct 1

International Day of Peace

Sept 21

Autumn Equinox
Northern Hemisphere

Sept 22

Sukkot
Judaism

Oct 3- 4

European Week of Sport

Sept 23 - 30

World Space Week

Oct 4 - 10

World Teachers' Day
World Habitat Day

Oct 5

Halloween / Samhain
World Cities Day

Oct 31

World Migratory Bird Day

There are now two official WMB Days - in Oct and May.

Some of the planet's most amazing athletes are migratory birds.

World Mental Health Day

Oct 10

One Day Together

Educate Together's National Fund-raising Day

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World Tsunami Awareness Day

Nov 5

Maths Week

Oct 10 - 18

Science Week

Nov 8 - 15

World Food Day

Oct 16

World Science Day for Peace and Development

Nov 10

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

Navaratri
Hinduism

Oct 17

Stand-Up LGBT Awareness Week

TBC

United Nations Day

Oct 24

World Diabetes Day

Diwali
Hinduism / Sikhism

Nov 14

School Holidays Oct 26 - 30
(inclusive)

Mawlid al-Nabi
Islam

Oct 29

World Toilet Day

Fighting the taboo – 2.5 billion people do not have access to proper sanitation with dramatic consequences on human health, dignity and security

World Philosophy Day

Nov 19

World Children’s Day
Nov 20

Birth of Guru Nanak
Sikhism
Nov 30

Antarctica Day
World Aids Day
Dec 1

Advent
Christianity
Dec 1 - 24

**International Day for the Abolition
of Slavery**
Dec 2

**International Day of Persons with
Disabilities**
Dec 3

World Soil Day
Dec 5

Bodhi Day
Buddhism
Dec 8

Human Rights Day
Dec 10

International Mountain Day
Dec 11

Hanukkah
Judaism
Dec 10 - 18

International Migrants Day
Dec 18

Winter Solstice
Northern Hemisphere
Dec 21

**School Holidays Dec 23 - Jan 5
(inclusive)**

Christmas Day
Christianity
Dec 25

World Braille Day
Jan 4

**Young Scientist and Technology
Exhibition**
Jan 6 - 9

Martin Luther King Day
Jan 18

Birth of Guru Gobind Singh
Sikhism
Jan 20

International Day of Education
Jan 24

Holocaust Memorial Day

Jan 27

International Mother Language Day

Feb 21

St Brigid’s Day
Christianity

Traditionally seen as the first day of Spring with links to ancient rites and ceremonies

Feb 1

Imbolc
Irish Festival

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Fairtrade Fortnight

TBC

Lent
Christianity

Feb 17 - April 3

International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation

Feb 6

School Holidays Feb 18 - 19 (inclusive)

International Epilepsy Day

Feb 8

Engineers’ Week

Feb 27 - March 5

Safer Internet Day

Feb 9

Seachtain na Gaeilge

March 1 - 17

Darwin Day

Chinese New Year
Year of the Ox

Feb 12

World Wildlife Day

March 3

Parinirvana / Nirvana Day
Buddhism

Feb 15

World Book Day

March 4

World Day of Social Justice

Feb 20

International Women’s Day

March 8

Holi

Hinduism

March 10

Pesach / Passover

Judaism

March 27 - April 4

St Patrick's Day

Christianity / National Holiday

March 17

Holi

Hinduism

March 29

International Day of Happiness

Spring Equinox

Northern Hemisphere

March 20

School Holidays

March 29 - April 9 (inclusive)

• International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

• World Down Syndrome Day

• International Day of Forests

• World Poetry Day

March 21

World Autism Awareness Day

April 2

World Water Day

March 22

Easter Sunday

Christianity

April 4

World Meteorological Day

March 23

International Day of Conscience

April 5

World Tuberculosis Day

March 24

International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

April 6

International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade

March 25

World Health Day

April 7

Tech Week

March 29th - April 2

Wesak

Buddhism

April 8

International Day of Human Space Flight
April 12

Ramadan
Islam
April 13 - May 12

Vaisakhi / Baisakhi
Sikhism
April 14

Earth Day
April 22

World Malaria Day
April 25

International Jazz Day
Highlighting the roots and influences of jazz
April 30

Bealtaine
Celebration of creativity as we age
Whole Month

World Tuna Day
Highlighting the need for sustainable Fisheries
May 2

World Press Freedom Day
May 3

World Migratory Bird Day
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May 8

Europe Day
May 9

Eid Al-Fitr
Islam
May 13

International Day of Families
Celebrating the diversity of families types
May 15

International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia
May 17

World Bee Day

May 20

World Day Against Child Labour

June 12

International Day for Biological
Diversity

May 22

World Day to Combat
Desertification and Drought

June 17

National Biodiversity Week

May 22 - 24

World Refugee Day

June 20

Traveller Pride Week

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week in June*

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World Humanist Day
Humanism

Summer Solstice
Northern Hemisphere

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week in June*

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International Day of the Tropics

June 29

World Bicycle Day

June 3



World Environment Day

June 5

World Oceans Day

June 8