



# 2025 – 2026

## Ethical Education Calendar

*All days, weeks and years are linked to relevant sites.*

### 2025

International Year of Peace &  
Trust

### 2026

International Year of Volunteers  
for Sustainable Development

Primary Resource Bank

Second-level Resource Bank

## September 2025

Mawlid al-Nabi (*Islam*)

Sept 4-5

International Day of Peace

Sept 21

International Day of Clean  
Air for Blue Skies

Sept 7

Autumn Equinox (*Northern  
Hemisphere*)

Sept 22

International Literacy Day

Sept 8

Navaratri (*Hinduism*)

Sept 22 - Oct 4

International Day to Protect  
Education from Attack

Sept 9

International Day of Sign  
Languages

Sept 23

International Day of  
Democracy

Sept 15

European Week of Sport

Sept 23-30

International Day for the  
Preservation of the Ozone  
Layer

Sept 16

Rosh Hashanah (*Judaism*)

Sept 22-24

International Day of Awareness  
of Food Loss and Waste

Sept 29

# October 2025

**Black History Month**

*October (UK & Ireland)*

**Maths Week**

*Oct 11-19*

**International Day of Older  
Persons**

*Oct 1*

**EU Code Week**

*Oct 11-26*

**Yom Kippur (Judaism)**

*Oct 1-2*

**World Food Day**

*Oct 16*

**World Animal Day**

*Oct 4*

**International Day for the  
Eradication of Poverty**

*Oct 17*

**World Space Week**

*Oct 4-10*

**Diwali (Hinduism and Sikhism)**

*Oct 20*

**World Teachers' Day**

*Oct 5*

**United Nations Day**

*Oct 24*

**World Habitat Day**

*Oct 6*

**Educate Together One Day  
Together**

*Oct 24*

**Sukkot (Judaism)**

*Oct 6-13*

**School Holidays: Midterm  
Break**

*Oct 27-31*

**World Mental Health Day**

*Oct 10*

**Halloween / Samhain**

**World Migratory Bird Day**

*Oct 11*

**World Cities Day**

*Oct 31*

# November 2025

**Stand-Up Awareness Week**

*Nov 3-7*

**World Toilet Day - *Fighting the Taboo***

*Nov 19*

**Birth of Guru Nanak**

*Nov 5*

**World Children's Day**

*Nov 20*

**World Tsunami Awareness Day**

*Nov 5*

**World Philosophy Day**

*Nov 21*

**International Day against Violence & Bullying at School including Cyber-bullying**

*Nov 6*

**Advent (*Christianity*)**

*Nov 30 - Dec 24*

**World Science Day for Peace & Development**

*Nov 9-16*



**Science Week**

*Nov 10*

**World Diabetes Day**

*Nov 14*

**International Day of Islamic Art**

*Nov 18*





# December 2025

**Antarctica Day**

**World Aids Day**

*Dec 1*

**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 14-22*



**International Migrants Day**

*Dec 18*

**Winter Solstice (Northern  
Hemisphere)**

*Dec 21*

**School Holidays: Winter  
Break**

*Dec 22 - Jan 2*

**Christmas Day (Christianity)**

*Dec 25*

# January 2026

**World Braille Day**

*Jan 4*

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

*Jan 15*

**Birth of Guru Gobind Singh  
(Sikhism)**

*Jan 5*

**International Day of  
Education**

*Jan 24*

**Young Scientist &  
Technology Exhibition**

*Jan 7-10*

**International Clean Energy  
Day**

*Jan 26*

**World Logic Day**

*Jan 14*

**International Day of  
Commemoration in Memory  
of the Victims of the  
Holocaust**

*Jan 27*



# February 2026

**St. Brigid's Day (Christianity)**

*Feb 1*

**Imbolc (Irish Festival)**

*Feb 1-2*

**Bank Holiday**

*Feb 2*

**International Day of Zero  
Tolerance for Female Genital  
Mutilation**

*Feb 6*

**World Pulses Day**

*Feb 10*

**Safer Internet Day**

*Feb 11*

**International Day of Women  
and Girls in Science**

*Feb 11*

**Darwin Day**

*Feb 12*

**Parinirvana/Nirvana Day  
(Buddhism)**

*Feb 15*

**School Holidays: Midterm  
Break**

*Primary: Feb 19-20  
Second-level: Feb 16-20*

**Year of the Horse  
(Lunar New Year)**

*Feb 17*

**Ramadan (Islam)**

*Feb 17 - Mar 19*

**World Day of Social Justice**

*Feb 20*

**International Mother  
Language Day**

*Feb 21*

**Engineers' Week**

*Feb 28 - Mar 6*

**Fairtrade Fortnight\***

*(check date closer to event – Fairtrade  
Fortnight in Ireland usually takes place  
at the end of February every year)*

**TBD**

# March 2026

**Traveller Ethnicity Day**

*Mar 1*

**Seachtain na Gaeilge**

*Mar 1-17*

**World Wildlife Day**

*Mar 3*

**Holi (Hinduism)**

*Mar 4*

**World Book Day**

*Mar 5*

**International Women's Day**

*Mar 8*

**International Day of Mathematics**

*Mar 14*

**St. Patrick's Day  
(Christianity)**

*Mar 17*

**Eid-Al-Fitr (Islam)\*  
(Check date closer to event)**

*Mar 19-20*

**International Day of Happiness**

**Spring Equinox  
(Northern Hemisphere)**

*Mar 20*

**International Day for the  
Elimination of Racial  
Discrimination**

**World Down Syndrome Day  
International Day of Forests  
World Poetry Day**

*Mar 21*

**World Water Day**

*Mar 22*

**World Meteorological Day**

*Mar 23*

**World Tuberculosis Day**

*Mar 24*

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

*Mar 25*

**School Holidays**

*Mar 30 - Apr 10*



# April 2026

**Passover/Pesach (Judaism)**

*Apr 1-9*

**World Autism Awareness Day**

*Apr 2*

**Easter Sunday (Christianity)**

*Apr 5*

**International Day of Sport for Development and Peace**

*Apr 6*

**World Health Day**

*Apr 7*

**International Roma Day**

*Apr 8*

**International Day of Human Space Flight**

*Apr 12*

**Vaisakhi/Baisakhi (Sikhism)**

*Apr 14*

**World Art Day**

*Apr 15*



**World Creativity and Innovation Day**

*Apr 21*

**Earth Day**

*Apr 22*

**World Immunisation Week**

*Apr 24-30*

**World Malaria Day**

*Apr 25*

**International Jazz Day**

*Apr 30*



# May 2026

## Bealtaine

*Celebration of creativity as we age*

## Bealtaine

*Ancient Irish Festival*

*May*

## World Migratory Bird Day

*There are two official WMB days – in October and May*

## Europe Day

*May 9*

## Wesak (Buddhism)

*May 1*

## International Day of Families

*May 15*

## World Tuna Day

*May 2*

## Bank Holiday

*May 4*

## The International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia

*May 17*

## African World Heritage Day

*May 5*

## World Bee Day

*May 20*

## World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

*May 21*

## International Day for Biological Diversity

*May 22*

## World No Tobacco Day

*May 31*



# June 2026

**Bank Holiday**

*Jun 1*

**World Bicycle Day**

*Jun 3*

**World Environment Day**

*Jun 5*

**World Oceans Day**

*Jun 8*

**World Day Against Child Labour**

*Jun 12*

**World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought**

*Jun 17*

**World Refugee Day**

*Jun 20*

**Summer Solstice (Northern Hemisphere)**

**World Humanist Day (Humanism)**

*Jun 21*

**International Day of the Tropics**

*Jun 29*



# Suggestions & Considerations

**Using a social justice and human rights approach is strongly encouraged.**

**One such approach may be to select a focus for each month of the school calendar.**

**The following is a suggested approach focusing on the nine grounds for discrimination:**

**September: Family Status**

**October: Racism**

**November: Ageism**

**December: Disability**

**January: Religious Beliefs**

**February: Membership of Traveller and Roma Communities**

**March: Gender Equality**

**April: Social Class**

**May: Marital Status**

**June: LGBT+**