

2025 - 2026

Ethical Education Calendar

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

2025

International Year of Peace & Trust

Primary Resource Bank

2026

International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development

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

Layer

Sept 15

Sept 23-30

International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone

Sept 16

Rosh Hashanah (Judaism)

European Week of Sport

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 Cities Day

Oct 31

World Migratory Bird Day

Oct 11

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 Braile 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

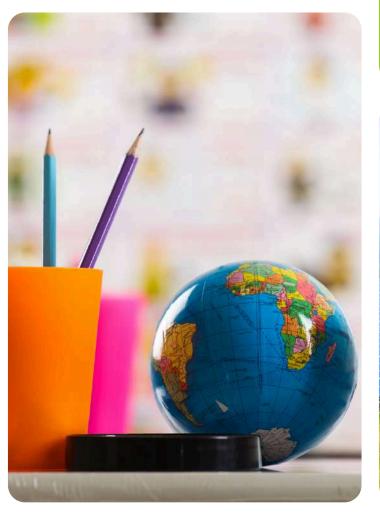
Jan 26

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 I

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)

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March 2026

Traveller Ethnicity Day

Mar I

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

World Creativity and Innovation Day

Apr 21

International Roma Day

Apr 8

Earth Day

Apr 22

International Day of Human Space Flight

Apr 12

World Immunisation Week

Apr 24-30

Vaisakhi/Baisakhi (Sikhism)

Apr 14

World Malaria Day

Apr 25

World Art Day

Apr 15

International Jazz Day

Apr 30

May 2026

Bealtaine

Celebration of creativity as we age

Bealtaine

Ancient Irish Festival

May

Wesak (Buddhism)

May I

World Tuna Day

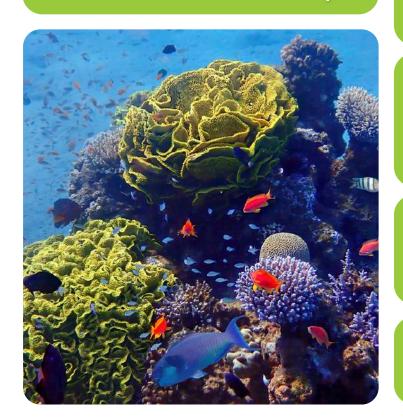
May 2

Bank Holiday

May 4

African World Heritage Day

May 5



World Migratory Bird Day

There are two official WMB days – in October and May

Europe Day

May 9

International Day of Families

May 15

The International Day
Against Homophobia,
Biphobia and Transphobia

May 17

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



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 <u>nine</u> 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+