



2026 – 2027

Ethical Education Calendar

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

2026

International Year of Volunteers
for Sustainable Development

Primary Resource Bank

2027

International Year of Sustainable
and Resilient Tourism

Second-level Resource Bank

September 2026

International Day of Clean
Air for Blue Skies

Sept 7

Yom Kippur (Judaism)

Sept 20-21

International Literacy Day

Sept 8

International Day of Peace

Sept 21

International Day to Protect
Education from Attack

Sept 9

Autumn Equinox (Northern
Hemisphere)

International Day of Sign
Languages

Sept 23

Rosh Hashanah (Judaism)

Sept 11-13

International Day of
Democracy

Sept 15

European Week of Sport

Sept 23-30

International Day for the
Preservation of the Ozone
Layer

Sept 16

International Day of
Awareness of Food Loss
and Waste

Sept 29

October 2026

Black History Month

October (UK & Ireland)

World Food Day

Oct 16

**International Day of Older
Persons**

Oct 1

**International Day for the
Eradication of Poverty**

Oct 17

World Animal Day

Oct 4

**Educate Together One Day
Together**

Oct 23

World Space Week

Oct 4-10

United Nations Day

Oct 24

World Teachers' Day

World Habitat Day

Oct 5

**School Holidays: Midterm
Break**

Oct 26-30

World Mental Health Day

World Migratory Bird Day

Oct 10

Halloween / Samhain

World Cities Day

Oct 31

Maths Week

Oct 10-18

EU Code Week

Oct 10-25

Navaratri (Hinduism)

Oct 11-19



November 2026

Stand-Up Awareness Week

Nov 2-6

World Diabetes Day

Nov 14

World Tsunami Awareness Day

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

Nov 5

International Day of Islamic Art

Nov 18

World Toilet Day

World Philosophy Day

Nov 19

World Children's Day

Nov 20

Birth of Guru Nanak (Sikhism)

Nov 24

Advent (Christianity)

Nov 29 - Dec 24

Diwali (Hinduism & Sikhism)

Nov 8

Science Week

Nov 8-15

World Science Day for Peace & Development

Nov 10



December 2026

Antarctica Day

World Aids Day

Dec 1



International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

Dec 2

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Dec 3



Hanukkah (Judaism)

Dec 4-12

World Soil Day

Dec 5

International Migrants Day

Dec 18

Bodhi Day (Buddhism)

Dec 8

Winter Solstice (Northern Hemisphere)

Dec 21

Human Rights Day

Dec 10

School Holidays: Winter Break

Dec 22 - Jan 2

International Mountain Day

Dec 11

Christmas Day (Christianity)

Dec 25

January 2027

New Year's Day

Jan 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan 18

World Braille Day

Jan 4

International Day of Education

Jan 24

Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition

Jan 6-9

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

Birth of Guru Gobind Singh (Sikhism)

Jan 15



February 2027

St. Brigid's Day (Christianity)

Bank Holiday

Feb 1

Fairtrade Fairbruary

Feb 1-28

Imbolc (Irish Festival)

Feb 3-6



**Year of the Fire Goat
(Lunar New Year)**

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

Feb 6

Ramadan (Islam)

Feb 8 - Mar 8

Safer Internet Day

Feb 9

World Pulses Day

Feb 10

**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 18-19
Second-level: Feb 15-19*

World Day of Social Justice

Feb 20

**International Mother
Language Day**

Feb 21

Engineers' Week

Feb 27 - Mar 5

March 2027

Traveller Ethnicity Day

Mar 1

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Mar 1-17

World Wildlife Day

Mar 3

World Book Day

Mar 4

International Women's Day

Mar 8

Eid-Al-Fitr (Islam)

Mar 8-9

**International Day of
Mathematics**

Mar 14

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

Mar 17

School Holidays

Mar 19 - Apr 5

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

Holi (Hinduism)

Mar 4

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

Easter Sunday (Christianity)

Mar 28

April 2027

World Autism Awareness Day

Apr 2

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



Earth Day

Apr 22

World Immunisation Week

Apr 24-30

World Art Day

Apr 15

World Malaria Day

Apr 25

Passover/Pesach (Judaism)

Apr 21-29

International Jazz Day

Apr 30

May 2027

Bealtaine

Celebration of creativity as we age

Bealtaine

Ancient Irish Festival

May

Europe Day

May 9

International Day of Families

May 15

World Tuna Day

May 2

Bank Holiday

May 3

The International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia

May 17

African World Heritage Day

May 5

Wesak (Buddhism)

World Bee Day

May 20

World Migratory Bird Day

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

May 8

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 2027

World Bicycle Day

Jun 3

World Environment Day

Jun 5

Bank Holiday

Jun 7

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+