



DERBY COLLEGE GROUP
INCLUSION, DIVERSITY
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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2021 – AUGUST 2022



SEPTEMBER 2021

UK Menopause Awareness Month

UK menopause awareness month is a month dedicated to educating the populus on the effects of menopause.

Sickle Cell Awareness Month

Sickle cell awareness month brings attention to sickle cell and the need to continue researching for a cure.

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Childhood cancer awareness month brings awareness to the devastating impact of childhood cancer and what the public can do to help.

International Blood Cancer Awareness Month

Blood Cancer Awareness Month is an international event that's been helping to tell the story of blood cancer.

World Alzheimer's Month

World Alzheimer's Month is the international campaign by Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI) every September to raise awareness and challenge the stigma that surrounds dementia.

DATE	OCCASION
5th	International Day of Charity Charity provides social bonding and contributes to inclusive and more resilient societies. The international day of Charity promotes sensitising people all around the world to volunteer and take part in charity. Migraine Awareness Week Begins Migraine awareness week aims to reduce the stigma surrounding migraines and raise awareness for migraines as a serious health problem.
6th	Rosh Hashanah Begins Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish new year. It celebrates the anniversary of the creation of Adam and Eve.
7th	International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies The international day of clean air and blue skies aims to increase awareness for air pollution and how we can work to reduce it.
8th	International Literacy Day The day was declared by UNESCO in 1966 to remind us of the importance of literacy for individuals, communities and societies. Rosh Hashanah Ends
9th	Feast of Gedaliah A Jewish day observed after Rosh Hashanah commemorating the death of Gedaliah, the governor of Judea. International Day to Protect Education from Attack The international day to protect education from attack was created to help bring attention to the plights of millions of children living in war torn countries.
10th	Ganesh Chaturthi Begins Ganesh Chaturthi is a Hindu festival celebrating the birth of the elephant headed deity Ganesh. World Suicide Prevention Day World suicide prevention day is dedicated to raising awareness to suicide around the world and what we can do to prevent it.
12th	South-South Cooperation Day South-South cooperation day highlights the importance of cooperation between people and countries in the south.
13th	World Sepsis Day World Sepsis day is an initiative by the global Sepsis alliance to raise awareness for Sepsis.
14th	Holy Cross Day Holy Cross Day is a christian celebration of the sacrifice Jesus Christ made for humanity on the cross.

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15th	<p>International Day of Democracy The international day of Democracy highlights the importance of Democracy around the world.</p> <p>Yom Kippur Yom Kippur is the holiest day of the year in the Jewish faith when Jewish people are closest to God.</p>
16th	<p>International day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer The international day for the preservation of the Ozone layer highlights the importance of our Ozone layer and how we can work to preserve it.</p>
17th	<p>World Patient Safety Day World patient safety day highlights the need for us to come together globally to ensure the importance of patient safety.</p>
18th	<p>International Equal Pay Day International equal pay day highlights the continuing effort to ensure equal pay for all.</p>
20th	<p>Sukkot Begins Sukkot is a weeklong Jewish holiday that comes five days after Yom Kippur. Sukkot celebrates the gathering of the harvest and commemorates the miraculous protection God provided for the children of Israel when they left Egypt.</p> <p>Ganesh Chaturthi Ends</p>
21st	<p>International Day of Peace The international day of peace is dedicated to strengthening the ideals of peace around the world.</p>
22nd	<p>Autumnal Equinox One of the two days in the year in which the sun lies exactly above the equator and the days and nights are both the same length.</p>
23rd	<p>Bisexual Visibility Day Bisexual Visibility day brings attention to Bisexual people and the struggles they face all around the world.</p> <p>International Day of Sign Languages The International Day of Sign Languages is an opportunity to support all deaf people and other sign language users.</p>
26th	<p>Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons Achieving global nuclear disarmament is one of the oldest goals for the UN and the day for total elimination of nuclear weapons is a day to bring attention to this cause.</p>
27th	<p>World Tourism Day World tourism day highlights the importance of tourism to growth and development across the world.</p> <p>Shemini Atzeret Shemini Atzeret is a Jewish holiday categorized by unbridled joy which celebrates the end of the annual Torah reading cycle and the beginning of the next. The second day of the holiday is called Simchat Torah.</p>
28th	<p>Simchat Torah</p> <p>International Day for Universal Access to Information The International Day for Universal Access to Information 2020 focuses on the right to information in times of crisis.</p>
29th	<p>St Michael's and All Angels A Christian celebration also known as Michaelmas, the day is associated with the autumn equinox and the shortening of the days.</p> <p>International day of food loss awareness and waste reduction The international day of food loss awareness and waste reduction brings awareness to the amount of food wasted around the world.</p>
30th	<p>World Maritime Day World Maritime day brings attention to the importance of the transportation of goods via sea travel.</p> <p>International Translation Day International Translation Day is meant as an opportunity to pay tribute to the work of language professionals.</p>

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Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast cancer awareness month brings people all over the world together to stand and support those with breast cancer and those helping to beat it.

Down Syndrome Awareness Month

Down Syndrome awareness month is a month dedicated to raising awareness to those with down syndrome and what we can do to help create a more caring and accepting world.

Black History Month UK

Black history month is dedicated to remembering the history of black people and their heritage.

Lupus Awareness Month

Lupus awareness month is an opportunity to raise awareness for the disease amongst the public.

Global Diversity Awareness Month

Global diversity awareness month helps to pay tribute to the diverse minds and beliefs held by all cultures around the world.

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1st	International Day of Older Persons International day of older persons is a day to celebrate older people and raise awareness of the issues they face such as elder abuse.
2nd	International Day of Non-Violence The international day of non-violence is dedicated to spreading the message of anti violence across the world.
4th	St Francis Day The day commemorates the life of St Francis, who was born in the 12th century and is the Catholic Church's patron saint of animals and the environment. World Dyslexia Awareness Day World dyslexia awareness day serves to bring attention to dyslexia and the struggles dyslexic people go through. World Habitat Day World habitat day is a time to reflect on the state of towns and cities and the right to shelter and housing for all. World Space Week Begins World space week is to celebrate the contributions of space science and technology to the betterment of the human condition.
5th	World Teachers Day World Teachers Day celebrates the anniversary of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers.
6th	Navratri Begins Navratri is the Hindu festival held in honour of the feminine divine.
9th	World Migratory Bird Day The World Migratory Bird Day theme is an invitation to people everywhere to connect and reconnect with nature by actively listening to and watching birds. World Post Day World post day is the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874 in the Swiss Capital, Bern. Birthday of Guru Ram Das A sikh celebration in honor of the birth of Guru Ram Das Ji. Baby Loss Awareness Week Begins Baby Loss Awareness Week aims to raise awareness about the key issues affecting those who have experienced pregnancy or baby loss.

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10th	<p>Space Week Ends</p> <p>World Mental Health Day The objective of World Mental Health Day is to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and to mobilize efforts in support of mental health.</p>
11th	<p>National Coming Out Day National coming out day celebrates coming out as LGBTQI+</p> <p>International Day of the Girl Child International day of the girl child is dedicated to recognizing girls' rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world.</p>
13th	<p>International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction International day for disaster risk reduction is a day to promote a global culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction.</p>
14th	<p>Navratri Ends</p> <p>World Sight Day World sight day hopes to raise awareness for those who have troubles with sight especially in places where glasses are not easily accessible.</p> <p>National Adoption Week Begins National adoption week brings attention to the children in need of adopting and the benefits of adoption.</p>
15th	<p>Baby Loss Awareness Week Ends</p> <p>International Day of Rural Women International day of rural women highlights the importance women have in agriculture, food security and nutrition.</p> <p>Dussehra Dussehra is the Hindu holiday marking the triumph of Rama over the ten headed demon king Ravana.</p>
16th	<p>World Food Day World food day is to commemorate the date of the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945.</p>
17th	<p>International Day for the Eradication of Poverty International day for the eradication of poverty highlights the issue of poverty and what we can do to end it around the world.</p> <p>National Inclusion Week Begins National inclusion week aims to help raise awareness for inclusion.</p>
18th	<p>Anti Slavery Day Anti-Slavery Day provides an opportunity to raise awareness of human trafficking and modern slavery.</p> <p>World Menopause Day World menopause day aims to help support women who are going through menopause.</p> <p>Milad un Nabi Milad ul-Nabi, or, simply, the Prophet's Birthday, is an occasion to celebrate the life of the prophet Muhammad. It is observed only by some Muslims.</p>
19th	<p>National Adoption Week Ends</p>
20th	<p>World Statistics Day World statistics day is dedicated to accurate and timely statistics surrounding the growth of countries around the world.</p> <p>International Pronouns Day International Pronouns Day seeks to make respecting, sharing, and educating about personal pronouns commonplace.</p>
22nd	<p>International Stammering Awareness Day International Stammering Awareness Day aims to raise awareness of stuttering.</p>
23rd	<p>National Inclusion Week Ends</p>

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24th	<p>United Nations Day UN Day marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter. With the ratification of this founding document by the majority of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, the United Nations officially came into being.</p> <p>World Development Information Day World development information day serves to give attention to development problems and the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve them.</p> <p>Disarmament Week Begins Disarmament Week seeks to promote awareness and better understanding of disarmament issues and their cross-cutting importance.</p> <p>Global media and Information Literacy Week Begins Global information and literacy week aims to raise awareness for the need of media and information literacy around the world.</p>
26th	<p>Intersex Awareness Day Intersex awareness day aims to raise awareness for people born intersex.</p>
27th	<p>World Day for Audiovisual Heritage The World Day for Audiovisual Heritage provides an occasion to raise general awareness of the need to take urgent measures and to acknowledge the importance of audiovisual documents.</p>
29th	<p>World Stroke Awareness Day World stroke awareness day aims to bring awareness to those who suffer from strokes.</p>
30th	<p>Disarmament Week Ends</p>
31st	<p>Global Media and Information Literacy Week Ends</p> <p>World Cities Day World cities day aims to greatly promote the international community's interest in global urbanization, push forward cooperation among countries in meeting opportunities and addressing challenges of urbanization, and contributing to sustainable urban development around the world.</p> <p>Halloween Halloween is a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating treats.</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Ends</p>

NOVEMBER 2021

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Lung cancer awareness month is dedicated to drawing awareness and raising funds for those with lung cancer.

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

Pancreatic cancer awareness month aims to bring attention to pancreatic cancer and the research being done to fight it.

Mouth Cancer Action Month

Mouth cancer action month aims to bring attention to mouth cancer and the symptoms of mouth cancer.

COPD Awareness Month

COPD awareness month allows the COPD community with a distinct time to come together with one voice to focus on increasing awareness of the disease.

Movember Men's Health Awareness Month

Movember men's health awareness month is a campaign set upon bringing attention to men's health issues.

UK Disability History Month

UK disability history month aims to bring attention to the history of disability in the UK.

Islamophobia Awareness Month

Islamophobia Awareness Month highlights the threat of Islamophobic hate crimes and showcases the positive contributions of British Muslims to society.



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1st	All Saints Day All saints day is christian holiday dedicated to celebrating all the saints both known and unknown who ascended to heaven.
2nd	All Souls Day All souls day is a christian holiday dedicated to commemorating all the faithfully departed. Baptised christians who are believed to be in purgatory because they died of the guilt of their lesser sins. International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists International day to end impunity for crimes against journalists is dedicated to ending the crimes committed against journalists.
4th	Diwali Diwali is the festival of light celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs and Jainists.
5th	Guy Fawkes Day Guy Fawkes day also known as bonfire night commemorates the failed attempt of Guy Fawkes to destroy parliament. World Tsunami Awareness Day World Tsunami Awareness Day encourages the development of national and community-level, local disaster risk reduction strategies to save more lives against disasters.
6th	International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict The international day for preventing the exploitation of the environment in war and armed conflict aims to address the devastation of war on the environment.
9th	International Week of Science and peace begins The international week of science and peace aims to generate a greater awareness of the relationship of science and peace among the general public.

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10th	World Science Day for Peace and Development World Science Day for Peace and Development highlights the significant role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues.
11th	Armistice Day Armistice day is the remembrance of those who fell in the first world war on the anniversary of the beginning of the armistice.
13th	World Kindness Day World kindness day is dedicated to celebrating kindness. World Antimicrobial Awareness Week Begins The World Antimicrobial Awareness Week aims to increase awareness of global antimicrobial resistance and to encourage best practices among the general public, health workers and policy makers to avoid the further emergence and spread of drug-resistant infections. Transgender Awareness Week Begins Transgender Awareness Week is a week when transgender people and their allies take action to bring attention to the community by educating the public about who transgender people are, sharing stories and experiences, and advancing advocacy around the issues of prejudice, discrimination, and violence that affect the transgender community.
14th	Remembrance Sunday Remembrance Sunday is a day to remember those who fell in the two world wars and all conflicts thereafter. World Diabetes Day World diabetes day helps to bring awareness to diabetes and the impacts of diabetes.
15th	International Week of Science and Peace Ends World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims The world day of remembrance for road traffic victims serves to give us time to remember those lost in road traffic accidents.
16th	International Day for Tolerance The international day for tolerance aims to foster mutual understanding among cultures and peoples
18th	Alcohol Awareness Week Begins Alcohol Awareness Week is a week of awareness-raising, campaigning for change, and more surrounding alcohol. World Philosophy Day World philosophy day celebrates the enduring value of philosophy for the development of human thought, for each culture and for each individual.
19th	Birthday of Guru Nanak The birthday of Guru Nanak is a Sikh holiday celebrating Guru Nanak Jayanti. Transgender Awareness Week Ends World Toilet Day World Toilet Day celebrates toilets and raises awareness of the 4.2 billion people living without access to safely managed sanitation. International Men's Day International Men's Day celebrates men worldwide.
20th	Africa Industrialisation Day Africa industrialisation day celebrates the advancements made in Africa across the years. World Children's Day World children's day serves to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare. Transgender Day of Remembrance Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) is an annual observance on November 20 that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence.
21st	World Television Day World television day celebrates the advancements made in the technology of television and the impacts it's had on us.

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24th	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur The martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur is a time for Sikhs to remember Guru Tegh Bahadur.
25th	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women The international day for the elimination of violence against women serves to highlight the violence women face and how we can strive to bring that to an end. Alcohol Awareness Week Ends
28th	First Sunday of Advent The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the Christmas season for some Christians in the UK. First Day of Hanukkah The first day of Hanukkah marks the beginning of Hanukkah for Jewish people around the UK.
29th	International Day of Solidarity with the Palestine People The international day of solidarity with the Palestine people marks a day for all to stand with the people of Palestine in the fight for their rights.
30th	Day of Remembrance for Victims of Chemical Warfare The day of remembrance for victims of chemical warfare serves as a day for us all to remember those we have lost due to chemical warfare. St Andrews Day A christian holiday remembering the patron saint of Scotland.

DECEMBER 2021

Universal Month for Human Rights

During the universal month for human rights people are encouraged to stand up for equality and justice for all human beings around the world.

Spiritual Literacy Month

Spiritual literacy month challenges us to read at least one book surrounding spirituality in order to broaden our minds and deepen our faith.

Decembeard

Decembeard is a campaign that sees people growing beards in order to raise money for bowel cancer.



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1st	World Aids Day World aids day remembers those who have lost their life to aids and who are living with and are affected by HIV.
2nd	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery International day for the abolition of slavery is a day to bring attention to the tragedy of modern slavery and the number of people it impacts around the world.
3rd	International Day of Persons with Disabilities International day of persons with disabilities serves to draw attention to all those who live with disabilities and how we can make the world a more inclusive place for them.
4th	International Day of Banks International day of banks is dedicated to realising the importance of banking and money management and the development of banking.
5th	International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development The international volunteer day for economic and social development highlights the importance of volunteer work in the strive for economic and social change. World Soil Day World soil day strives to push the importance of soil in the developments of plants and animals.
6th	Last Day of Hanukkah Saint Nicholas Day Saint Nicholas day is a celebration of Saint Nicolas the patron saint of Russia and Greece known for his generosity.
7th	International Civil Aviation Day The purpose of international civil aviation day is to bring attention to the importance of civil aviation in the world's development.
8th	Bodhi Day Bodhi day is a buddist celebration that commemorates the day that Siddhartha Gautama achieved enlightenment through meditation.
9th	International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and the of Prevetion of this Crime The international day of commemoration and dignity of the victims of the crime of genocide and the prevention of this crime remembers those we have lost to genocide and the prevention of genocide. Anti-Corruption Day Anti-corruption day puts focus on tackling corruption around the world.
10th	Human Rights Day Human rights day serves to highlight the issues of human rights around the world.
11th	International Mountain Day International mountains day looks at the importance of mountains in our eco culture and the threat mountains face from climate change.

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12th	International Day of Neutrality The policy of Neutrality focuses on strengthening peace and security in relevant regions and at the global level and plays an important role in developing peaceful, friendly and mutually beneficial relations between the countries of the world. International Health Coverage Day International Health Coverage Day celebrates the need for health coverage all over the world.
14th	Asarah B'Tevet Asarah B'Tevet is a day of fasting, mourning and repentance for Jewish people.
18th	International Migrants Day International migrants day looks at the history of migration and the issues migrants face.
20th	International Human Solidarity Day International human solidarity day is a celebration of diversity and the unity of humanity.
21st	Winter Solstice Winter solstice is the time when the sun is the farthest away from the northern hemisphere.
24th	Christmas Eve Christmas Eve is a christian celebration that marks the day before Christmas. The day is celebrated around the world and isn't only celebrated by christians.
25th	Christmas Day Christmas Day is the christian celebration that commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ, the son of god. This day is celebrated all over the world, not only by Christians.
26th	Boxing Day Boxing day is a day for families to recover from the excess of Christmas Day. Saint Stephen's Day Saint Stephen's day commemorates the life of Saint Stephen who was known for her service to the poor.
27th	International Day of Epidemic Preparedness International day of epidemic preparedness highlights the vital importance of being prepared should an epidemic occur.
31st	New Year's Eve New year's eve marks the end of the current year and begins a celebration for the first day of the next year.

JANUARY 2022

Cervical Health Awareness Month

Cervical health awareness month brings attention to the importance of cervical health and how to keep on top of it.

Celebration of Life Month

Celebration of life month encourages us to bring in the new year by celebrating the lives we have and those who surround us.

Alcohol Concern Dry January

Dry January brings attention to the number of lives lost because of alcohol and what we can do to change that.



DATE	OCCASION
1st	New Years Day New year day celebrates the beginning of the new year. Many people make resolutions and prepare for the year ahead.
4th	World Braille Day World Braille day celebrates the importance of Braille and brings attention to the visually impaired people who use Braille to read.
6th	Epiphany Epiphany is a Christian holiday that celebrates the day when Jesus Christ manifested to the gentiles.
7th	Feast of the Nativity The feast of the Nativity is an Orthodox Christian holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.
9th	Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh The birthday of Guru Gobind Singh is a Sikh holiday marking the birth of Guru Gobind Singh. Baptism of the Lord Jesus The baptism of the Lord Jesus is a Christian holiday celebrating the Baptism of Jesus Christ.
13th	Saint Hillary's Day Saint Hillary's day celebrates Saint Hillary who was a christian philosopher. Maghi Maghi is a Sikh commemoration that remembers the death of forty Sikhs who all died for Guru Gobind Singh.
14th	Orthodox New Year Orthodox new year marks the first of January in the Julian calendar and a day where Orthodox Christians celebrate new year. Makar Sankranti Makar Sankranti is a Hindu festival marking the end of the winter season and the beginning of the Harvest season.
16th	Tu B'Shevat Tu B'Shevat is the Jewish holiday which is known as a day to celebrate Nature.
18th	Martin Luther King Jr Day Martin Luther King Jr day celebrates the life and achievements of Martin Luther King Jr. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins The week of prayer for Christian unity celebrates the unity of the church and the Christian family. Mahayana New Year Mahayana new year marks the beginning of the new year for Mahayana Buddhists.
21st	Saint Agnes Day Saint Agnes day celebrates Saint Agnes, the saint of virginity, girls and chastity.
24th	International Day of Education International day of Education marks the importance of education as a human right.
25th	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends
27th	International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust International day of commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust remembers those we lost due to the Holocaust.

FEBRUARY 2022

UK National Heart Month

From the British Heart Foundation, to raise awareness of heart conditions and keep your heart healthy.

LGBT+ History Month

Established in 2005 to raise awareness of LGBT+ people in history. Has a theme each year.



DATE	OCCASION
1st	<p>World Hijab Day Looks to increase religious tolerance by inviting non-Muslim women to wear a hijab for one day.</p> <p>World Interfaith Harmony Week starts From the United Nations, beginning in 2010, looks to promote interfaith understanding and interreligious dialogue</p> <p>Sexual Abuse and Violence Awareness Week starts To raise awareness and campaign against sexual abuse and violence.</p> <p>Children's Mental Health Week starts Started by Place2Be in 2015 to raise awareness of children and young people's mental health</p>
2nd	<p>Candlemas To commemorate the purification of the Virgin Mary after childbirth (according to Jewish law) and the presentation of Christ at the temple. All the candles to be used in the church in the coming year are blessed.</p>
4th	<p>World Cancer Day To raise awareness of cancer, and encourage its prevention, detection and treatment.</p> <p>International Day of Human Fraternity To raise awareness of cultural understanding and religious dialogue.</p> <p>Time to Talk Day To raise awareness of and end the stigma around talking about mental health.</p>
6th	<p>International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation To raise awareness of FGM and look at eradicating the practice.</p>
7th	<p>World Interfaith Harmony Week ends</p> <p>Sexual Abuse and Violence Week ends</p> <p>Children's Mental Health Week ends</p>
10th	<p>World Pulses Day To recognise the importance of pulses (dry beans, lentils, chickpeas among others) in diets around the world.</p>
11th	<p>International Day of Women and Girls in Science To celebrate and raise awareness of women and girls in science.</p>
12th	<p>Chinese New Year Falls on the second new moon after the Winter Solstice, so dates change between Jan 21st and Feb 20th each year. 12 animals are associated in a cycle.</p>
13th	<p>World Radio Day Celebrating radio as a means of educating people, providing information and promoting freedom of expression.</p>
14th	<p>St Valentine's Day Celebrated as a day of romance from around the 14th Century, there is an exchange of cards, greetings and gifts between partners and secret admirers.</p>
15th	<p>Nirvana Day Also known as Parinirvana Day, observed primarily by Mahayana Buddhists, to mark the death of the historical Buddha and his ascent into Nirvana.</p>

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16th	Vasant Panchami Also called Sarasvati Puja in honor of Saraswati, goddess of knowledge and arts, looks to prepare for the start of Spring. Shrove Tuesday Also known as Pancake Day or Fat Tuesday, in which certain foods are symbolically used up in a Christian household before the start of Lent.
17th	Ash Wednesday A reminder of human mortality and the beginning of Lent. People marking this occasion may have an ash cross on their forehead on this day.
20th	World Day of Social Justice Promoting social justice as necessary for peace, security and development around the world.
21st	International Mother Language Day To celebrate and preserve all languages around the world.
25th	Ta-anit Esther – The fest of Esther – Jewish A dawn to nightfall day of fasting to commemorate the fasting of Jewish ancestors, as described in the Book of Esther.
25th - 26th	Purim – Jewish (The Feast of Lots) A joyous Jewish festival commemorating the survival of Jews marked for death by their Persian rulers in 5 th BC

MARCH 2022

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Prostate cancer awareness month aims to bring attention to prostate cancer, what the symptoms are and how it can be caught.

Women's History Month

Women's history month gives us cause to remember all the contributions women have had to our history.

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

Ovarian cancer awareness month highlights the tragedies of ovarian cancer and the loss sustained every year due to it.

UK Marie Curie Cancer Care Great Daffodil Appeal Month

UK Marie Curie cancer care great daffodil appeal month aims to raise money for cancer care.

Red Cross Month

Red cross month highlights the amazing work the red cross does and the vital need for blood donation.



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1st	Zero Discrimination Day Celebrated each year by the United Nations as a day to promote equality before the law around the globe. Promotes diversity and recognises that every individual counts. Maha Shivaratri A Hindu annual festival dedicated to the god Shiva A festival of introspection, quiet prayer, fasting, meditation on Shiva and all night vigils at Shiva Temples Saint David's Day The Patron Saint of Wales.
3rd	World Wildlife Day A day that celebrates and raises awareness of wildlife around the world.
7th	Great Lent Begins The most important fasting season in the Eastern Orthodox Church. The time for preparation for the feast of the Resurrection of Christ.
8th	International Women's Day A day to celebrate women as role models, and the contribution of women to society.
10th	International Day of Women Judges Celebrating the active participation of women in decision making and law as fundamental to achieving equality and peace.
16th	Young Carers Action Day To celebrate and raise awareness of the contribution of young carers Disabled Access Day To celebrate places with good access for disabled people and encourage disabled people to try something new
17th	Saint Patrick's Day A cultural and religious celebration to mark the Patron Saint of Ireland
19th	Saint Joseph's Day Honouring the legal father of Jesus Christ
20th	International Day of Happiness Established by the United Nations to emphasise the importance of happiness in people's lives French Language Day To celebrate French as one of the six official UN languages

MARCH 2022

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21st	<p>International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination A day to raise awareness of racial discrimination and move towards eliminating it in all forms.</p> <p>World Poetry Day To promote the reading, writing, teaching and publishing of poetry</p> <p>International Day of Nowruz Begins on the Spring Equinox, marking the first day of the first month of the Iranian solar calendar</p> <p>World Down Syndrome Day Raising awareness of Down Syndrome and advocating for rights for people with Down Syndrome</p> <p>International Day of Forests To celebrate and raise awareness of the importance of forests</p>
22nd	<p>World Water Day A day to celebrate and learn about the uses of water in different communities around the world</p>
23rd	<p>World Meteorological Day Commemorating the establishment of the World Meteorological Association. Raises awareness of climate science and weather patterns around the world.</p>
24th	<p>World Tuberculosis Day Raising awareness of Tuberculosis and looking to end TB as a global disease.</p> <p>International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims (Right to Truth Day) Honouring the memory of victims of human rights violations, recognising the work and values of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, of El Salvador, who was assassinated when he spoke out against human rights violations.</p>
25th	<p>International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade Remembering and honouring those who died in the Transatlantic slave trade.</p> <p>International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members A day to mobilise action, demand justice and strengthen the ability to protect UN Peacekeepers and staff, as well as civilians and members of the press undertaking UN work.</p>

APRIL 2022

Autism Awareness Month

Autism awareness month is a month dedicated to raising awareness for autism and the amazing community of autistic people around the world.

Alcohol Awareness Month

Alcohol awareness month is dedicated to drawing attention to the dangers of alcohol and the detrimental impact it can have on someone's life.

Stress Awareness Month

Stress awareness month is dedicated to drawing attention to what we can do to lower stress and how to tackle what stresses us out.

Bowel Cancer Awareness Month

Bowel cancer awareness month is dedicated to drawing attention to bowel cancer, its symptoms and what to look out for.

Parkinson's Awareness Month

Parkinson's awareness month is dedicated to bringing attention to Parkinson's disease and how it impacts those with the disease.

DATE	OCCASION
1st	Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) Commemorating the night of the Last Supper
2nd	Good Friday Commemorating the suffering and death of Jesus Ramayana Week Begins Celebrants may fast, or partially fast for 9 days, read the Ramayana and visit temples to pray. World Autism Awareness Day To raise awareness of people on the autism spectrum, to increase understanding and acceptance.
4th	Easter Sunday The most important Christian festival, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. Last Day of Passover
5th	Easter Monday (Bright Monday, Renewal Monday) International Day of Conscience Commemorating the importance of the human conscience.
6th	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace Sport is able to strengthen communities, celebrate diversity, and promote sustainable development.
7th	World Health Day A day to highlight the importance of personal health around the globe.
8th	Yom Ha'Shoah – Holocaust Remembrance Day
10th	Ramayana Week ends
10th – 11th	Isra and Miraj Night A celebration of Prophet Muhammad's miraculous journey and ascension into heaven.
12th	Ramadan begins A month of fasting, prayer and community, celebrating the month that the Qur'an was revealed to the Prophet Mohammed. International Day of Human Space Flight To celebrate the beginning of the Space Era and our advancements.
13th	Hindu New Year Can change date by region depending on whether the solar or lunar calendar is followed.

APRIL 2022

DATE	OCCASION
14th	Baisakhi (Vaishaki) The Sikh New Year Festival and the most important date in their calendar.
15th	Yom Ha-Atzmaut A celebration of Israel's Independence in 1948.
18th	Birthday of Guru Angad Dev The second of ten Gurus who founded Sikhism.
20th	UN Language Day - Chinese Celebrating one of the six official languages of the UN.
21st	World Creativity and Innovation Day Celebrating and appreciating the creative economy. Rama Navami Spring Festival celebrating the birthday of Rama Ramayana ends
22nd	Stephen Lawrence Day A celebration of the life and legacy of Stephen Lawrence, a black teenager killed by a group of white men in a racist attack in 1993. International Girls in ICT Day Celebrating and encouraging women and girls in STEM subjects International Mother Earth Day Celebrating the Earth and ecosystems as our shared home.
23rd	St Georges Day Patron Saint of England. Shakespeare Day A day celebrating the life and works of William Shakespeare. UN Language Day - English Celebrating one of the six official languages of the UN. UN Language Day – Spanish Celebrating one of the six official languages of the UN.
24th	World Immunisation Week The day hopes to build trust between the public and the value of vaccines, hopefully building a support system for the future of vaccines.
28th	World Day for Safety and Health at Work To raise awareness of preventing accidents and promoting wellbeing at work.
30th	Lag B'Omer A minor Jewish holiday on which you can get a haircut, on a day of joy in the Omer period of mourning. International Jazz Day A day to highlight Jazz and its role in uniting people globally.

MAY 2022

Walk in the Woods Month

From The Tree Council, encouraging people to take a walk and appreciate nature every day in May.

Stroke Awareness Month

Stroke awareness month is dedicated to highlighting the detrimental impact of strokes and how we can look out for the signs and help ourselves and those around us.

Mental Health Awareness Month

Mental health awareness month aims to break the stigma surrounding mental health and encourage us all to look after our mental health.

Hepatitis Awareness Month

Hepatitis awareness month is dedicated to raising awareness for Hepatitis and those impacted by Hepatitis.

Celiac Awareness Month

Celiac awareness month is dedicated to bringing attention to how celiac disease impacts those who have the disease.



DATE	OCCASION
2nd	Easter
3rd	World Press Freedom Day May Day A traditional public holiday festival marking Spring with dances such as Maypole and Morris Dancing in rural areas. Deaf Awareness Week begins Raising awareness of BSL and Deaf culture
5th	Portuguese Language Day From UNESCO, celebrating the most widely spoken language in the Southern Hemisphere.
9th	Deaf Awareness Week ends Laylat Al Qadr (The Night of Power, Precious Night, Night of Decree) Holiest night of the year for Muslims. Commemorates the night that the Qur'an was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammed with the command 'Read!'
10th	Foster Care Fortnight begins To raise awareness of fostering and to celebrate the fostering community.
11th	Ramadan ends - Muslim
12th – 13th	Eid ul Fitr – Islamic holiday The Feast of Breaking the Fast, marks the end of Ramadan
13th	Ascension Day (Feast of the Ascension, Holy Thursday) Marking the day when Jesus ascended to heaven.
15th	International Day of Families UN Day celebrating families.

MAY 2022

DATE	OCCASION
16th	International Day of Living Together in Peace Celebrating peace, tolerance, inclusion and solidarity. International Day of Light Celebrating the role of light in science, art, culture, education and sustainable development. Mental Health Awareness Week begins Raising awareness of mental health, wellbeing and self care. Shavout begins Jewish harvest festival, prayers are said, especially at dawn. National Children's Day (2nd Sunday of June) Raising awareness of child welfare and wellbeing.
17th	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day To raise awareness of uses of the internet, ways to bridge the digital divide and the uses of ICT International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia Raising awareness of the discrimination that LGBT+ people face and campaigning for equality. UN Global Road Safety Week Campaigning for 20mph speed limits in built up areas.
18th	Shavout ends - Jewish
20th	World Bee Day To raise awareness of the significance of bees
22nd	Mental Health Awareness Week ends International Day for Biological Diversity To raise awareness and understanding of biodiversity issues
23rd	Foster Care fortnight ends Pentecost (Whitsun) Commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit onto the Apostles.
25th	George Floyd Remembrance Day The anniversary of the murder of George Floyd, a black man killed by a white policeman in America.
26th	Vesak, the Day of the Full Moon A celebration marking Buddha's birthday and his enlightenment.
29th	International Day of UN Peacekeepers Celebrates the UN Peacekeeping force deployed in countries around the world, helping keep peace and rebuild countries.
30th	Trinity Sunday Celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity
31st	Spring Bank Holiday The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth Commemorating the visit of pregnant Mary with pregnant Elizabeth, part of the Life of the Virgin.

JUNE 2022

Go Wild in June

From the Wildlife Trusts, encouraging people to Go Wild by doing something nature based every day in June.

Motor Neurone Disease Awareness Month

Motor neurone disease awareness month is dedicated to raising awareness for motor neurone disease and bringing attention to those who suffer with it.

Stillbirth & Neonatal Death Awareness Month

Stillbirth and neonatal death awareness month strives to bring attention to children who are still born and the families who lose those babies far too early.

LGBT Pride Month

LGBT pride month celebrates the anniversary of the stonewall riots that took place in June 1969 at the Stonewall inn in New York.

Men's Health Awareness Month

Men's health awareness month highlights the health problems disproportionately impacting men around the world.

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month

Gypsy, roma and traveller history month celebrates the history of gypsies, romas and travellers in an attempt to break the stigma, myths and lies surrounding this group of people.



DATE	OCCASION
1st	Global Day of Parents Global day of parents works to celebrate parents from all over the world. Volunteers Week begins. Raising awareness of the benefits of volunteering and celebrating volunteers
3rd	World Bicycle Day World bicycle day strives to bring attention to the benefits of cycling on our own health and the environment. Corpus Christi Corpus Christi is a christian celebration that celebrates the body of christ. Child Safety Week begins Child safety week draws attention to the dangers that children face everyday and what we can do to ensure they're kept safe.
5th	World Environment Day World Environment day celebrates our environment and draws attention to what we can do to save it.
6th	National Animal Rights Day National animal rights day draws attention to the work being done to end abuse against animals and what we can all do to help. Russian Language Day Russian language day celebrates the Russian language and its history.
7th	Volunteers Week ends World Food Safety Day World food safety day celebrates the need for access to safe food all around the world.
8th	World Oceans Day World oceans day celebrates the work our oceans do for us and how we can help end ocean pollution. Careers Week begins Careers week strives to achieve positive change through careers education for the youth.
10th	Child Safety Week ends Ascension Day Ascension day marks the 40th day since the ascension of Jesus Christ.

JUNE 2022

DATE	OCCASION
12th	<p>World Day Against Child Labour World day against child labour strives to bring attention to the tragedy of child labour and what we can do to end child labour.</p>
13th	<p>Careers Week ends</p>
14th	<p>World Blood Donor Day World blood donor day celebrates those who donate blood in contribution to life saving efforts.</p> <p>Refugee Week begins Refugee week honours the horrors that refugees have to go through in order to flee their countries.</p> <p>Men's Health Week begins Men's health week aims to bring attention to the health conditions that impact men disproportionately and look at the ways we can help men become more aware of the health problems they're at risk of.</p> <p>Learning Disabilities Week begins Learning disabilities week brings attention to those who have learning disabilities and the amazing things they do.</p>
15th	<p>World Elder Abuse Awareness Day World elder abuse awareness day highlights the abuse elders can face in care homes and in family homes.</p>
16th	<p>Guru Arjan Dev Martyrdom The martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji honors the life of Guru Arjan Dev Ji, the fifth guru of the Sikhs.</p>
20th	<p>Fathers Day UK Festival honouring fatherhood and paternal bonds.</p> <p>World Refugee Day World refugee day brings attention to refugees around the world and the struggles they face.</p> <p>Men's Health Week ends</p> <p>Refugee Week ends</p> <p>Learning disabilities week ends</p>
21st	<p>International Day of Yoga International day of yoga highlights the health benefits of yoga.</p> <p>Summer Solstice The day of the solstice celebrates the day when the sun appears to stand still at a northern or southern limit before reversing direction. It's an event that occurs when the sun reaches its most northerly or southerly arc-day.</p>
22nd	<p>Windrush Day Windrush day marks when around 55 migrants came from the Caribbean to Essex in 1948.</p> <p>World Rainforest Day A collaborative effort to raise awareness and encourage action to save one of Earth's most precious resources, our rainforests.</p>
23rd	<p>United Nations Public Service Day The United Nations public service day brings attention to the amazing work those in public services do such as healthcare providers, teachers, supermarket Workers, firefighters and so many more services.</p>
24th	<p>Deaf Blind Awareness Week begins Deaf blind awareness week brings attention to those who are deaf and or blind and the struggles they face on a day to day basis.</p>
25th	<p>Day of the Seafarer Day of the seafarer works to celebrate seafarers and the work they do for us.</p>
27th	<p>UK Week for the Animals begins UK week for the animals works to celebrate animals across the UK and looks at the dangers they face.</p> <p>Fast of the 17th Tammuz Begins 3 weeks of mourning for the destruction of Jerusalem and two temples. Jews fast during the daytime and have special prayers.</p>
30th	<p>International Asteroid Day International asteroid day celebrates asteroids and brings together speakers from all over the world to talk about them.</p> <p>Deaf Blind Awareness Week ends</p>