

Religious Days

- 1 Mary, mother of God (Christian)
- 5 Twelfth Night (Christian)
- 6 **Epiphany - Three Kings Day (Christian)**
Feast of Theophany—Christmas Eve (Orthodox Christian, Ethiopian, Rastafari, Coptic)
- 7 **Christmas Day (Orthodox Christian) (Christian)**
Mahayana New Year* (Buddhist)
- 8 Baptism of the Lord* (Christian)
- 9 Seijin Shiki/Adults Day* - (Shinto)
- 13 Maghi (Sikh)
St Hilary's Day (Christian)
- 14 **New Year's Day (Orthodox Christian)**
- 15 Makar Sankranti* (Hindu)
- 17 St. Anthony's of Egypt (Christian)
- 19 Birthday of Dorothy Clutterbuck (Pagan, Celtic)
- 20 Celtic Tree Month of Birch –end (Pagan, Celtic)
- 21 Celtic Tree Month of Rowan – beginning (Pagan, Celtic)
- 22 **Chinese New Year*; The year of the Rabbit**
- 24 The Festival of Sementivae (Roman)
- 25 St Paul's Day (Christian)
- 26 Saraswati Puja/Basant Panchami/Basant Festival of Kites* (Hindu, Sikh)
- 30 Birthday of Z Budapest (Pagan)
- 31 Parkash Utsav Dasveh Patshah (Sikhism)
Up Helly Aa* (Scotland/Pagan)

January 2023

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Bank holiday: 2 January

January is Love your liver month; Cervical health awareness month;

Dry January month

National obesity awareness week*: 13 – 20 January

Week of prayer for Christian unity (Christian) - 18—25 January

National storytelling week*: 30 January – 6 February

☾ New moon ☾ First quarter ☾ Full moon ☾ Third quarter

Special Days

- 1 **New Years' Day**
Independence Day for: Australia, Brunei, Cameroon, Samoa, Slovakia, Sudan
Declaration of Independence (Haiti)
Birth of Czech Republic
- 2 Bank Holiday Scotland
- 3 Festival of Sleep Day
- 4 Myanmar Independence Day
World Braille Day (UN)
- 11 Human Trafficking Awareness Day (International)
Antigua and Barbuda Independence Day
International Thank—You Day
- 13 World Logic Day UN
- 14 STIQ Day (UK)
- 15 World Religion Day* (International)
- 18 Germany Independence Day
Winnie the Pooh Day (Fictional/UK)
- 19 Martin Luther King Day (USA)
- 20 Penguin Awareness Day (UN)

Love your pet day (UK)
- 21 Prince William, Duke of Cambridge Birthday
National Hug Day
- 22 Day of Unity of Ukraine
- 23 Liechtenstein Independence Day
Netherlands Independence Day
- 25 **Orange Day (UN) - a day to raise awareness & take action against violence against women and girls**
Burns Night (Scotland)
- 26 Republic Day (India)
Australia Day
- 27 **Holocaust Memorial Day (UN)**
- 28 Data Protection Day (European)
- 29 World Leprosy Day* (UN)
- 31 Nauru Independence Day

Religious Days

- 1 Imbolc —Lughnassadh(Wikka/Pagan)
- 2 Candlemas (Christian)
- 3 Setsubun-sai (Shinto)
- 5 Triodion begins* (Orthodox Christian)
- Lantern Festival* (Chinese, Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)
- Quickening Moon* (Pagan)
- 6 Tu Bishvat* (Jewish)
- 12 Death of Gerald Gardner (Pagan)
- 13 Parentalia (Pagan-ends on 21st)
Lupercalia —ends on 15th (Pagan, Wicca)
- 14 **St Valentine's Day (Christian)**
- 15 Parinirvana/ Nirvana Day (Buddhist) - or 8th February
- 17 Celtic Tree Month of Rowan ends (Pagan)
- 18 Celtic Tree Month of Ash-begins—ends 17th March (Pagan, Wicca)
- Lailat al Miraj* (Muslim)
- Maha Shivaratri * (Hindu)
- 19 Transfiguration Sunday* (Christian)
- 21 Birthday of author Patricia Telesco (Pagan)
- Mardi Gras* (Christian)
- Shrove Tuesday /Pancake Day* (Christian)
- Losar—Tibetan New Year* (Buddhist)
- 22 Birthday of author Sybil Leek (Pagan)
- Ash Wednesday—Lent Begins* (ends 14 April — Christian)
- 27 Clean Monday* - Great Lent Begins* (ends 15 April) —Orthodox Christian

February 2023

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School half term (SPRING)*: 13—17 February

February is: LGBT history month; World cancer awareness month; Youth leadership month and Fairtrade fortnight month; National hearth month; Raynaud's and scleroderma awareness month

National storytelling week*: 30 January – 6 February

Race Equality Week*: 6-12 February 2023

Eating disorders awareness week*: 27 February—5 March

Tinnitus awareness week*: 6— 12 February

Fair trade fortnight*: 20 February—5 March

World interfaith harmony week (UN): 1—7 February

Sexual Abuse & Sexual Violence Awareness Week (UK)*: 6 - 12 February

☉ New moon 🌑 First quarter ☽ Full moon 🌒 Third quarter

Special Days

- 1 World Hijab Day
- 2 Hedgehog Day
- National Time to Talk Day* (UK)
- 4 Sri Lanka Independence Day
- World Cancer Day (UN)
- 5 British Yorkshire Pudding Day* (UK)
- 6 **International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation (UN)**
- 7 Grenada Independence Day
- Safer Internet Day* (UK)**
- 9 Toothache Day (International)
- 11 Vatican City Independence Day
- International Day of Women and Girls in Science (UN)
- 12 Chile Independence Day (from Spain; and 18th September)
- Darwin Day (Atheist/Humanist)**
- 13 World Radio Day (UN)
- 14 **St Valentine's Day (International)**
- 15 Serbia Independence Day
- 18 Gambia Independence Day
- Lithuania Independence Day
- 20 World Day of Social Justice (UN)
- 21 International Mother Language Day (UN)
- 22 Saint Lucia Independence Day
- Fair trade fortnight (ends 7 March)
- 23 National Fuel Poverty Awareness Day (UK)
- 24 Estonia Independence Day
- 25 **Orange Day (UN) - a day to raise awareness and take action against violence against women and girls**
- 27 Dominican Republic Independence Day
- 28 Egypt Independence Day

Religious Days

- 1 Nineteen day fast begins (ends 20th -Baha'i)
- 3 Hinamatsuri/Dolls' Festival/Girls' Day (Japanese)
- Women's World Day of Prayer* (Christian)
- 5 Orthodox Sunday* (Orthodox Christian)
- 6 MAGHA PUJA* (Buddhist)
- Fast of Esther* (Jewish)
- 6-7 Purim* (Jewish) - begins at sundown 6 March & ends in the evening of 7 March
- 6-7 Lailat al Bara'ah* (Muslim)
- 7 Holi* (Hindu)
- 8-10 Holla Mohalla* (Sikh)
- 11-20 Fravardigan/ Muktad* (Iranian Zoroastrian) - or 7-16th July (Kadmi)
- 14 Nanakshahi New Year (Sikh)
- 17 **St. Patrick's Day (Christian) - Bank holiday-NI**
- 17-18 Shushan Purim* (Jewish): begins at sundown 17 March & ends in the evening of 18 March
- 19 St. Joseph's Day (Christian)
- Mothering Sunday* (Christian)
- 20 **Fast ends (begins on 1st March—Baha'i)**
- Spring Equinox/Eoster/Ostara, Mabon* (Wicca, Pagan)
- Nowruz* (Persian, Baha'i) - tentative date**
- Jamshedi Noruz* (Zoroastrian)**
- 22 **Ramadan begins*: 22/23 March—21 April— check for the local date**
- 25 Feast of Annunciation* (Christian)
- 26 Khordad Sal* (Zoroastrian) (or 28th March) - sometimes celebrated on 23rd August)
- 30 Ramayana begins* (Hindu)
- Rama Navami* (Hindu)

March 2023

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British Summer time begins* 26 March
At 1am CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR—at 1am

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Ramadan begins*: 22/23 March— 21 April

March is: Prostate cancer awareness month; Ovarian cancer awareness month;

International women's month; Red Cross month

Nutrition and hydration week*: 13—19 March

Brain awareness week: 13—19 March

Tick bite prevention week: 24—30 March

Down's syndrome awareness week: 18—24 March

Endometriosis awareness week: 3—9 March

National salt awareness week*: 4 — 11 March

Food waste action week*: 6—12 March

☉ New moon ☾ First quarter ☀ Full moon ☽ Third quarter

Special Days







- 1 Zero Discrimination Day (UN)
- Self-harm awareness Day (UK)
- 2 World Book Day* (UK and Ireland)
- 3 World Wildlife Day (UN)
- 8 **International Women's Day (UN)**
- No smoking day* (UK)
- 13 Commonwealth Day* (Commonwealth)
- 14 Pi Day (World wide)
- 16 Young Carers Awareness (Action) Day* (UK)
- 17 World Sleep Day * (World wide)
- 18 Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day (UK)
- Global Recycling Day
- 20 **Spring Equinox***
- International Day of Happiness (UN)
- French Language Day (UN)
- World Social Work Day (International)
- 21 International day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (UN)
- World Poetry Day (UN)
- International Day of Nowruz (UN)
- World Down Syndrome Day (UN)
- 22 World water day (UN)
- 23 World Meteorological Day (WMO)
- Pakistan Republic Day**
- National Day of Reflection (UK)
- 24 World Tuberculosis day (UN)
- 25 International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
- Greece Independence Day
- Orange Day (UN) - a day to raise awareness and take action against violence against women and**
- 27 World Theatre Day (UN)

Religious Days

- 1 Yom HaAliyah* (Jewish)
- 2 Palm Sunday* (Christian & Orthodox Christian)
- 4 Lords Evening Meal/ Memorial* (Jehovah's Witness)
- Fast of First born* (Jewish)
- Sri Mahavir Jayanti* (Jain)
- 05.04. Pesach* (Passover), first day (Jewish)
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- 13.04. Hanuman Jayanti* (Hindu)
- 6 Maundy Thursday* (Christian)
- Lent ends* (Christian)
- Theravada New Year* (6-8 April) - (Buddhist)
- 7 Good Friday* (Christian) - National holiday
- 8 Holy Saturday* (Christian)
- Lazarus Saturday* (Orthodox Christian)
- 9 Easter Sunday* (Christian)
- 10 Easter Monday* (Christian)
- 13 Songkran-New Year Festival (Buddhist in Thailand)
- Final Day of Passover* (Jewish) (from 5—15 April)
- 15 Great Lent Ends* (Orthodox Christian)
- 16 **Easter Sunday—Pascha/Easter* (Orthodox Christian)**
- Vaisakhi—Creation of Khalsa*** (Sikh)- TBC—in Southampton the procession is usually organised on Sunday closest to 13th or 14th April
- 18 Birthday of Guru Tegh Bahadur (Sikh)
- Lalat al Kadr* (Muslim)
- 20 Ridvan 1st day* (Baha'i) - ends 2 May)
- 21 **Ramadan ends* (Muslim)**
- Adar Mah Parab* (Zoroastrian)
- 21-22 Eid al-Fitr* (Islam)
- 22 Akshaya Tritiya* (Jain)
- 23 **St. George's Day (Christian)**
- 29 Ridvan 9th day* (Baha'i)

April 2023

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Ramadan ends*: 21 April

Bank Holiday: 7 April (Good Friday) & 10 April (Easter Monday)

School spring holidays*: 3—14 April

April is autism awareness month; stress awareness month; Bowel cancer awareness month; Sarcoidosis awareness month; IBS awareness month; Caesarean awareness month

Allergy awareness week*: 24—30 April

Parkinson's awareness week*: 10—16 April

National stalking awareness week*: 17—23 April (2023 date TBC)

National MS week*: 25 April—1 May

 New moon  First quarter  Full moon  Third quarter

Special Days



- 1 April Fools' Day
- Atheist Day (Secular)
- The World Pillow Fight Day*
- 2 World Autism Awareness day (UN)
- 5 First Contact Day (Star Trek)
- 6 International day of Sport for Development and Peace (UN)
- 7 World Health day (UN)
- 8 International Roma Day (Roma/International)
- 10 Comfortable Clothing Day (Fictional)
- 12 International day of Human Space Flight (UN)
- 17-18 Yom HaShoah* (Israel Holocaust Memorial Day)
- 20 Chinese Language Day
- 22 International Mother Earth Day (UN)
- 23 **William Shakespeare Birthday**
- UN English Language Day
- World Book and Copyright Day (UN)
- 24 Armenian Christian Martyr day (Armenia)
- Scream Day (UK)
- 25 World Malaria Day (UN)
- World Penguin Day (UN)
- Orange Day (UN) - a day to raise awareness and take action against violence against women and girls
- 25-26 Yom Ha'atzmaut* (Israeli Independence Day)
- 29 International Dance Day (UN)
- 30 World Jazz Day (UN)

May 2023

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2 May; —national Bank holiday*

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School half term*: 29 May- 2 June; Spring bank holiday: 28 May-2 June

May is national walking month; National stroke awareness month; Family wellness month; Mental health awareness month; Lyme disease awareness month; Hepatitis awareness month; Cystic fibrosis month, Huntington disease awareness month, National smile month

Hedgehog awareness week*: 1—7 May

National gardening week*: 2 May—8 May

Deaf awareness week*: 1—7 May

Dystonia awareness week: 3—11 May

Mental health awareness week*: 15—21 May

Coeliac awareness week*: 9—15 May

M.E. awareness week*: 9—15 May

Arthritis care awareness week*: 14—21 May

Dementia awareness week: 15—21 May

National vegetarian Week: 13— 19 May

National epilepsy week 18—24 May

Global road safety week (UN)*: 12—16 May

International compost awareness week*: 7—13 May

Brain injury awareness week*: 11—17 May

Foster Care Fortnight*: 9—22 May

Sun Awareness week*: 6—13 May

☾ New moon ☽ First quarter ○ Full moon ☾ Third quarter

Religious Days

- 1 **Beltane (Wicca, Pagan)**
- 2 Ridvan 12th day* (Baha'i)
Birthday of Guru Arjan Dev (Sikh)
- 5 Vesak the Day of the Full Moon* (UN, Buddhist)
- 7 Visakha Puja* - Buddha Day (Buddhism)
- 8-9 Lag B'Omer* (begins at sundown—Jewish)
- 11 Stow Fair* (Roma)
- 18 Ascension Day—Feast of the Ascension* (Christian)
- 20 Wickham Fair (Roma)
- 23 Birthday of Guru Amar Das (Sikh)
Declaration of the Bab (Bahai')
- 24 Sara's Day (Roma)
Zaratosht No Diso (Zoroastrian)
- 25-26 Shavuot* (Jewish)
- 28 Pentecost* (Orthodox Christian, Western Christian)
- 28-29 Baha'i Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha* (Baha'i)
- 29 Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)
Whit Monday* (Christian, Public holiday in France)

Special Days



May Day (International)

Early May Bank Holiday* (UK)

International Workers' Day (Worldwide)

- 1
- 3 World Press Freedom Day (UN)
- 3-4 **Polish Constitution Day**
Yom Hazikaron* (Israeli Memorial Day)
- 4 May the forth be with you.....

National Day of Reason* (USA)
- 5 Dutch Liberation Day (Netherlands)
- 8 World Red Cross Day
- The end of WW2**
- 9 Europe Day of the European Union (EU)
- 12 International Nurses Day (Secular)
- 15 International Day of Families (UN)
Paraguay Independence Day
Garden day (UK)
- 16 World Telecommunications & Info. Society Day (UN)
- International Day Against Homophobia**
- 18 National Cheese Souffle day
- 20 East Timor Independence Day
Cameroon National Day
Cuban Independence Day
The National Big Housing Thank You Day
- 21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development (UN)
- 22 Yemen National Day
- 24 World Goth Day (UK)
Bermuda Day
Eritrea Independence Day
Jordan Independence Day
- 25 Argentina Revolution Day
Africa Day (various African Countries)
- Orange Day (UN) - a day to raise awareness & take action against violence against women & girls**
Georgia Independence Day
- 26 Guyana Independence Day
- 28 Ethiopia National Day
- 29 International Day of UN Peacekeepers
Vesak the Day of the Full Moon (UN)
- Spring Holiday* (UK)**
- 31 World No-Tobacco Day (UN)

Special Days



June 2023

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Summer begins: 21 June*

School half term*: ends 2 June

June is: The Month of Community, Gypsy, Roma and Traveller history month; National smile month; Everyman male cancer awareness month; National osteoporosis month; National cancer survivors month; Sands awareness month, gay & lesbian Pride month (US)

Careers week*: 6—12 June

Child safety week*: 3—10 June

British heart week: 7—15 June

National neighbourhood watch week*: 3—9 June

National picnic week*: 18—26 June

World refugee week*: 19—25 June

Helen Keller deaf-blind awareness week *: 26 June—2 July

Drowning prevention week*: 17—24 June

National breastfeeding week: 20—26 June

Volunteer week: 1—12 June

Bike week*: 8—15 June

Shared lives week: (2021 dates —TBC)

New moon First quarter Full moon Third quarter

Religious Days

- 4 Trinity Sunday*(Christian)
- 5 Yom Yerushalayim; Jerusalem Day* (Israel)
- 8 Corpus Christi* (Catholic Christian)
- 9 St. Columba of Iona Day (Celtic Christian)
- 13 St. Anthony's Feast (Christian)
- 15-16 Martyrdom of Imam Jafar* (Muslim, Iran)
- 16 Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev (Sikh) -
- Saheedi Guru Arjan Dev Ji
Sacred Heart of Jesus *(Catholic Christian)
- 21 **June Solstice; * Litha* (Wicca, Pagan)**
- 27-28 Waqf al Arafah – Hajj Day* -dates may vary (Muslim)
- 28.06. Eid-al-Adha* (Muslim)
- 02.07.
- 29 Peter & Paul Day (Christian)

- 1 Global Day for parents (UN)
- International Children's Day (UN)**
- Samoa Independence Day
- World Milk Day
- Festa De la Republica (Italy)
- 2 The Big Lunch* (UK)
- 3 Int. Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression (UN)
- 4 **World Environment Day (UN)**
- 5 Constitution Day (Denmark)
- 6 Sweden National Day
- 7 Russian Language Day (UN)
- World Chocolate Day
- 8 World Oceans Day (UN)
- 9 National Empathy Day (UK)*
- 8-14 Appleby Horse Fair* (2-8 June; Roma)
- 10 Portugal Independence Day
- 11 World Knit in Public Day*
- 12 World Day Against Child Labour (UN)
- Russia Day
- Anne Frank Day (born 12 June 1929)
- 14 World Blood Donor Day (UN)
- 15 Trooping the Colour (Bank Holiday in Scotland)
- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (UN)
- 16 Clean Air Day* (UK)
- Bloomsday (a celebration of James Joyce's novel Ulysses) —Ireland & elsewhere
- 17-18 **People's Pride Southampton***
- 18 Autistic Pride Day (International)
- Father's day* (UK)**
- 19 International Picnic Day
- World Sickle Cell Awareness Day
- 20 **World Refugee Day & World Refugee Week* (UN)**
- International nystagmus awareness day, or WOBBLY WEDNESDAY*
- 21 **The Queen's Birthday (official Birthday is on 11 June) - Happy Birthday!**
- International Day of Yoga (UN)
- World Humanist Day (Secular)
- 23 International Widow's Day (UN)
- 24 National Writing Day (UK)
- 25 Armed Forces Day * (UK)
- Day of the Seafarer (UN)
- Slovenia Statehood Day
- Orange Day (UN) - a day to raise awareness, take action against violence against women and girls**
- International Day in Support of Victims of Torture-UN
- 26 Int. Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking (UN)
- UK Employability Day

Religious Days

- 3 Asala – Dharma Day (Asalha Puja)* (Buddhist)
- 5 Birthday of Guru Hargobind (Sikh)
- 6 Birth of Dalai Lama (Buddhist)
- 8-9 **Martyrdom of the Bab (Baha’i)**
- 11 St. Benedict Day (Catholic Christian)
- 15 Saint Vladimir Day (Christian)
Saint Swithin's Day (Christian)
- 22 Saint Mary Magdalene (Christian)
- 23 Birthday of Guru Har Krishen (Sikh)
- 24 Pioneer Day (Mormon)
- 26-27 Tish'a B'Av* (Jewish)
- 27 Tu B'AV (Jewish)
- 27-28 Ashura* (Muslim)
- 29-30 Al-Hijra; Islamic New Year* (Muslim)

July 2023

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Summer Holidays start*: 24 July

July is national ice cream month; Make a difference to children month;
Family reunion month, Ethnic minorities cancer awareness month

National childhood obesity week*: 3—9 July

Anti Social Behaviour week: 19-25 July

Love Parks Week*: 28 July—4 August

Alcohol awareness week*: 3—9 July

☉ New moon ☾ First quarter ○ Full moon ☽ Third quarter

Special Days











- 1 International Joke Day
- International Day of Cooperatives* (UN)
- 4 Independence Day (USA)
- 5 **NHS 7th Birthday* (UK)**
- Thank You Day* (UK)
- 6 International Kissing Day (UK, Worldwide)
- 10 Nikola Tesla Day (International)
- 11 World Population Day (UN)
- 12 Orangemen's Day Battle of the Boyne (Bank Holiday in Northern Ireland)
- National Time banking Day (UK)
- 14 Pandemonium Day (fun /unofficial day)
- Bastille Day—*Fête nationale* (France)
- National Day of Remembrance for victims of honour based abuse
- International Non-binary People's Day
- 15 **SOUTHAMPTON MELA FESTIVAL* (local festival run by Art Asia)**
- 16 World Ice Cream Day *
- 17 International Justice Day (UN)
- World Emoji Day
- 18 Nelson Mandela International Day
- 20 International Cake Day
- 23 Birthday of Haile Selassie I (Ethiopia, Rastafarian)
- 24 Samaritans Awareness Day (UK)
- Pioneer Day (Public Holiday in the USA)
- 25 Orange Day (UN) - a **day** to raise awareness and take action against violence against women and girls
- 28 World Hepatitis Day (Worldwide)
- 30 International Day of Friendship (UN)
World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, UN

Religious Days

- 1 Lughnasadh - Lammas (Pagan; Christian)
- 6 Feast of Transfiguration (Orthodox Christian)
- 6-15 Fravardigan/ Muktad*; or 7 – 16 July (Kadmi);
11 – 20 March (Iranian Zoroastrian)
- 13-15 Obon * (Taoist, Shinto)
- 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Christian)
Dormition of the Theotokos (Orthodox Christian)
- 19 Ganesh Chaturthi* (Hindu)
- 20-31 Thiruv Onam* (Hindu)
Onam* - (Hindu) - 1st Onam starts day before Thiruv Onam; the 4th Onam is on 23rd
- 29 Beheading of John the Baptist (Christian)
- 30 Blue moon* (Pagan)
Rakhi Day (Raksha Bandhan)*- Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist
Ullambana Ghost Festival or Ancestor day* (Buddhists, Taoists)

August 2023

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29—August/Summer Bank Holiday*

August is women’s small business month; What will be your Legacy month; Black business month; Psoriasis awareness month

World breastfeeding week: 1—7 August

National allotment week*: 7— 13 August

 New moon  First quarter  Full moon  Third quarter

Special Days



- 1 Benin National Day
Foundation of the Swiss Confederation
- 4 National Aboriginal and Islander Children’s Day (Australia)
International Beer Day *
- 6 Jamaica Independence Day
Bolivia Independence Day
Cycle to work day (UK)
Friendship Day* (US)
- 7 Cote d’Ivoire National Day
Summer Bank Holiday* (Scotland)
- 8 International Cat Day
- 9 International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples (UN)
Singapore National Day
- 10 Ecuador National Day
- 11 Chad National Day
- 12 **International Youth Day**
- 14 Pakistan Independence Day
- 15 VJ Day (1945)
India Independence Day;
Liechtenstein National Day
Republic of Congo Independence Day
Cycle to work day (UK)
- 17 Birthday of Marcus Garvey (Rastafarian)
Indonesia Proclamation of Independence
- 19 World Humanitarian Day (UN)
Afghanistan Independence Day
National Potato Day (UK)
- 23 **International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition**
- 24 Ukraine National Day
- 25 **Orange Day (UN)**
Uruguay Independence Day
- 26 Women’s Equality Day (USA)
Mother Teresa—Birthday anniversary
Southampton Pride*
- 27 Moldova National Day
- 28 **Summer Bank Holiday* (UK)**
- 29 International Day against Nuclear Tests (UN)
- 31 Malaysia National Day
Kyrgyzstan National Day
Trinidad and Tobago National Day

Religious Days

- 1 Parkash (first reading) Aadh Granth Sahib or First Installation of Adi Granth (Sikh)
- 6-7 Krishna Janmashtami (Krishna Jayanti)* - (Hindu)
- 8 Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9 Leil Selichot* (Jewish)
- 11-18 Paryushan Parva*(Jain)
- 12 Enkutatah-Ethiopian/Coptic New Year* (Ethiopia, Rastafari)
- 14 The Triumph of the Cross (Christian)
- 15-17 Rosh Hashana* (Jewish)
- 18 Fast of Gedaliah* (Jewish)
- 21 Nativity of Theotokos (Orthodox Christian)
- 26-27 Eid Milad ul-Nabi*—Prophet Muhammed’s Birthday (from evening of 26th to evening of 27th) - (Muslim)
- 27 Meskel* (Ethiopian)
- 29 Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel and Saint Raphael's Day
- 29.09. Sukkot* - start at sundown on 29; ends sundown on the 6 October (Jewish)
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September 2023

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Autumn Equinox* 23 September

September is childhood cancer awareness month; People skills month; Women’s friendship month; Leukaemia and lymphoma awareness; month; Sickle cell disease awareness month; Reye's syndrome awareness month

Sexual health week*: 11—17 September

National eczema week*: 13—23 September (2023 date TBC)

Recycle Now Week*: 19—25 September

Migraine awareness Week*: 4—13 September

Gas safety week*: 14—20 September (2023 date TBC)

Zero waste week:* 4 –10 September

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Special Days



- 1 Slovakia Constitutional Day
- Uzbekistan Independence Day
- 2 Vietnam National Day
- 3 National Foundation Day (San Marino)
- National Cinema Day
- 5 International Day of Charity (UN)
- 6 Swaziland Independence Day
- National Read a Book Day (UK)
- 7 Brazil Independence Day
- 8 **International Literacy Day (UN)**
- Andorra National Day
- Independence Day— Scotland, Macedonia
- 9 Leo Nikolayevich Tolstoy Birthday
- National Day—North Korea; Tajikistan
- 10 **World Suicide Prevention Day**
- 13 **214 Birthday to the George III Bargate Statue* (Southampton—presented to the town in 1809)**
- 15 **International Day of Democracy (UN)**
- Independence Days: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua
- World Afro Day
- 16 Preservation of the Ozone Layer Day (UN)
- Independence Day- Mexico, Papua New Guinea
- Start of Oktoberfest* (ends 3 October)
- 17 Australian Citizenship Day
- 18 Chile National Day
- 19 Saint Kitts and Nevis Independence Day
- Talk like a pirate day
- 20 Jeans for Genes Day* (2023 date TBC)
- 21 **International Day of Peace (UN)**
- World’s Alzheimer’s Day (UN)
- Armenia Independence Day
- 22 World Car Free Day (UN)
- Mali Proclamation of Independence
- National Doodle Day* (UK)
- 24 Guinea Bissau Independence Day
- 25 **Orange Day (UN)**
- National one hit wander day
- 26 **European Day of Languages**
- World Contraception Day (International)
- 27 World Tourism Day (UN)
- National Fitness Day* (UK)
- 28 Ask a Stupid Question Day (UK)
- World Maritime Day* (UN)
- 29 World Heart Day

Religious Days

- 1 Shmini Atzeret (Jewish)
- 2 Feast of the Guardian Angels (Christian)
Simchat Torah (Jewish)
- 4 Saint Francis Day (Christian)
- 4-5 Yom Kippur* (Jewish)
- 5-6 Hoshanah Rabbah*—the last day of Sukkot (Jewish)
- 6-7 Shmini Atzeret* (Jewish)
- 7-8 Simchat Torah* (Jewish)
- 9 Birthday of Guru Ram Das (Sikh)
Thanksgiving* (Canada)
- 13 Saint Edward's Day (Christian)
- 15-24 Navaratri* (Hindu)
- 19 Stow Fair* (Roma) - date TBC
- 20 Installation of the scriptures as Gukru Granth (Sikh)
- 23 Harvest Festival* (Pagan)
- 24 Dussehra (or Vijayadashami, or Durga Pooja)* - (Hindu)
- 28 Milvian Bridge Day (Christian)
- 29 Mid Autumn Festival* (Chinese) - LOOK OUT FOR LOCAL CELEBRATIONS
- 31 **All Hallow's Eve (Christian)**
Samhain (Hallowe'en, Pagan)
Reformation Day (Protestant Christian)

October 2023

Major observances are denoted in bold

British Summer time ends*: 30 October— **CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR AT 2AM**

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School half term*: 24 October—28 October

October is breast cancer awareness month; Black history month; Rett syndrome awareness month; Lupus awareness month, SIDS awareness month, Stoptober (stop smoking month)

World space week: 4—10 October

Baby loss awareness week: 9—15 October

Back-care awareness week: 7—11 October

Libraries week*: likely to be held the week of 2-8 October

National chocolate week*: 15—21 October (2023 date TBC)

National curry week*: 10—16 October

National arthritis week: 7—12 October

National baking week*: 14—20 October

Get online week*: 17—23 October (2023 date TBC)

National hate crime awareness week*: 9—16 October

Fire door safety week*: 23—29 September (2023 date TBC)

New moon First quarter Full moon Third quarter

Special Days



- 1 Palau Independence Day
Cyprus Independence Day
Nigeria Independence Day
World Vegetarian Day
International Coffee Day
International Day of Older Persons (UN)
- 2 International Day of Non-Violence (UN)
Guinea Independence Day
World Habitat Day* (UN)
- 3 Iraq Independence Day
- 4 Lesotho Independence Day
World Space Week (4-10th)
- 5 World Teachers' Day (UN)
- 8 Croatia Independence Day
- 9 Uganda Independence Day
World Post Day (UN)
- 10 **World Mental Health Day (UN)**
Fiji Independence Day
- 11 International Day of the Girl Child (UN)
- 12 National Coming Out Day (UK, USA, Switzerland)
Equatorial Guinea Independence Day
Spanish Language Day (UN)
- 14 World Sight Day* (UN)
- 15 International Day of Rural Women (UN)
- 16 **World Food Day (NU)**
- 17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (UN)
- 18 Azerbaijan Independence Day
- 19 International Credit Union Day*
- 21 National Heroes Day (UK)
- 24 **United Nations Day (UN)**
Zambia Independence Day
- 25 **Orange Day (UN)**
- 26 Austria Restoration of Sovereignty Day
World Ballet Day* (also celebrated on 7 February and 2 November)
- 27 Turkmenistan Independence Day
- 28 Czech Republic Independence Day

Religious Days

- 1 All Saints' Day/ All Hallows (Western Christian)
- 2 All Souls' Day (Christian)
- Coronation of Emperor Haile Selassie I (Rastafari)
- 8 Annakut / Govardhan Puja (Hindu)
- 8-9 Birth of the Bab (evening of 8th to evening of 9th—Baha'i)
- 12 **Diwali* - will continue for 5 days (Hindu, Sikh, Jain)**
- 12-13 Sigd*(Jewish Ethiopian)
- 15 Nativity Fast Begins (Orthodox Christian)
- 17 Birth of Baha'u'llah*—Bicentennial of the birth (Baha'i)
- 23 Thanksgiving* (USA)
- 26 Feast of Christ the King* (Christian)
- 27 Birthday of Guru Nanak* (Guru Nanak Jayanti—Sikh)
- 28 Anapanasati Day* (Buddhism)
- 30 St. Andrew of Scotland* (Christian; Bank Holiday in Scotland)

November 2023

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* movable days

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November: lasts a whole month of November

Men's health awareness month; Lung cancer awareness month; Pancreatic cancer awareness month; World vegan month; UK Disability History Month*(22 November-22 December)

Interfaith awareness week*: 13—19 November (2023 dates TBC)

GERD awareness week*: 19—25 November

National tree week*: 27 November—5 December

Anti bullying week*: mid November; 14—18 November—2023 date TBC

National HIV testing week*: 20—27 November (2023 dates TBC)

Ask your pharmacist week*: 11-18 November (2023 dates TBC)

UK road safety week*: 19—26 November

National safeguarding adults week*: 14-20 November (2023 dates TBC)

International fraud awareness week*: 12-18 November

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Special Days







- 1 Movember Month (1-30th)
Dominica Independence Day
Antigua & Barbuda Independence Day
- 3 Panama separation from Colombia Day
- 5 **Guy Fawkes Day—Bonfire night (UK)**
- 9 Cambodia Independence Day
- 10 World Science Day for Peace and Development (UN)
- 11 Armistice Day (International)
Angola Independence Day
Restoration of Poland's Independence
- 12 **Remembrance Sunday***
- 13 World Kindness Day
- 14 World Diabetes Day (UN)
- 16 **International Day for Tolerance (UN)**
#OurDay* (Local UK councils) - 2023 date TBC
World Philosophy Day* (UN)
- 18 Morocco Independence Day
Latvia Independence Day
National Housing Day* (UK) - 2023 date TBC
- 19 World Toilet Day (UN)
International Men's Day (International)
- 20 Universal Children's Day (UN)
Mexico Revolution Day
International Trans Day of Remembrance (TDOR)
- 21 World Television Day (UN)
- 22 Lebanon Independence Day
- 25 **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (UN)/White Ribbon Day Orange Day (UN)** - a day to raise awareness and take action against violence against women and girls
Suriname Independence Day
- 26 Carers Rights Day* (UK) - 2023 date TBC
- 28 Albania, Panama and Mauritania Independence Day
Giving Tuesday* (UK, USA)
- 29 Cyber Monday (UK)
- 30 Barbados Independence Day
Yemen Independence Day

Religious Days

- 3 Advent Sunday—Advent begins* (Christian): ends 24th December
- 6 Saint Nicholas Day (Christian)
- 7-15 Hanukkah* (or Chanukah; Jewish)
- 8 Christian Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary (Christian)
Rohatsu (Bodhi Day (Buddhist))
- 12 Christian Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Christian)
- 22 Winter Solstice, Yule* (Pagan)
- 24 **Christmas Eve (Christian)**
Orthodox Christian Advent Fast ends (Orthodox Christian)
Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sakib (Sikh)
- 25 **Christmas Day (Christian)**
- 26 **Boxing Day (Christian)**
Kwanzaa (26th Dec-1st Jan; Interfaith, USA)
Zarathosht Diso (Death of Prophet. Zarathushtra—Zoroastrian)
St. Stephen's Day (Christian/Western Church)
- 27 St. Stephen's Day (Orthodox Christian)
Cold Moon* (Pagan)
- 28 The Holy Innocents (Christian)
- 31 Watch Night (Christian)

December 2023

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UK public holidays:

Winter begins* - 22 December

25 December Christmas Day | 26 December Boxing Day* (days off on 26 & 27 December)

December is UK Disability History Month*(22 November-22 December)

National Anger awareness week: 1 –7 December

 New moon  First quarter  Full moon  Third quarter

Special Days



- 1 **World AIDS Day (UN)**
Dominican Republic Independence Day
Iceland Independence Day
Restoration of Portuguese Independence
Great Union Day (Ziua Marii Uniri) - Romania
- 2 **International Day for the Abolition of Slavery (UN)**
United Arab Emirates Independence Day
Laos National Day
- 3 Internat. Day of Persons with Disabilities (UN)
Fuel Poverty Awareness Day* (UK)
- 4 Santa's List Day (Worldwide)
- 5 World Soil Day (UN)
International Volunteer Day for Economic & Social Development (UN)
- 6 Finland Independence Day
- 7 International Civil Aviation Day (UN)
- 8 Pretend to be a time traveller day
- 9 International Anti-Corruption Day (UN)
Tanzania Day (Independence of Tanganyika)
- 10 **Human Rights Day (UN)**
- 11 International Mountain Day (UN)
- 12 Kenya Independence Day
- 14 Monkey Day
- 16 Kazakhstan Independence Day
- 18 International Migrants Day (UN)
Qatar Independence Day
Arabic Language Day (UN)
- 20 International Human Solidarity Day (UN)
- 22 **Winter Solstice***
- 24 Libya Independence Day
- 25 **Christmas Day***
Orange Day (UN) - a **day** to raise awareness and take action against violence against women and girls
- 26 **Boxing Day***
Slovenia Independence and Unity Day
- 27 **Public holiday**
- 29 Mongolia Independence Day
- 31 **New Year's Eve**

