



**2026-27 AWARENESS DAYS
& EVENTS CALENDAR**

QUICKFIRE FAQs

WHAT IS THIS CALENDAR FOR?

All the notable awareness days & events taking place during the 2026-27 academic year.

WILL THERE BE NEW VOTETOPICS FOR ALL OF THESE EVENTS?

There won't be a new VoteTopic for each event, but we will signpost you to any relevant resources in our weekly emails.

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT IS COMING UP?

You can find all our pre-planned VoteTopics in our 2026-27 VoteTopic Calendar.

HOW DO I USE THIS CALENDAR?

However you see fit: print it, share it on your staff portal, or send it home to parents. Set each month as your desktop background if you really want to...

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE AWARENESS DAYS & EVENTS?

With the exception of religious & cultural observances, all the events in this calendar are hyperlinked, so you can click each one to visit the relevant webpage!

OUR 9 KEY THEMES

Find out more about the key themes [here](#). Cultural & religious observances are denoted in **light yellow**.

**Key Theme 1:
Health & wellbeing**

**Key Theme 2:
Equalities & identity**

**Key Theme 3:
Environment & climate
change**

**Key Theme 4:
Global issues & politics**

**Key Theme 5:
Science & technology**

**Key Theme 6:
Community & charity**

**Key Theme 7:
Crime, justice & extremism**

**Key Theme 8:
Jobs, economy &
education**

**Key Theme 9:
Culture, media & the arts**

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2026-27 CALENDAR | SEPTEMBER 2026

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
1st-30th September	Second Hand September
1st-30th September	Organic September
1st-30th September	World Alzheimer's Month
1st September	Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth
7th-13th September	Zero Waste Week
8th September	International Literacy Day
10th September	World Suicide Prevention Day
12th September	End Digital Poverty Day

2026-27 CALENDAR | SEPTEMBER 2026

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
15th September	International Day of Democracy
15th September	World Afro Day
16th September	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
21st September-4th October	Fairtrade Fortnight
TBC 21st-27th September	Recycle Week
21st September	International Day of Peace
22nd September	Autumn Equinox / Mabon
22nd September	World Car Free Day

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DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
26th September	European Day of Languages
28th September	International Day for Universal Access to Information

2026-27 CALENDAR | OCTOBER 2026

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
1st-31st October	Black History Month
1st-31st October	ADHD Awareness Month
1st-31st October	Breast Cancer Awareness Month
1st-31st October	Unblocktober
1st October	International Day of Older Persons
1st October	National Poetry Day
4th-10th October	World Space Week
4th October	World Animal Day

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DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
5th October	World Teachers' Day
10th-17th October	National Hate Crime Awareness Week
10th October	World Mental Health Day
11th October	International Day of the Girl
15th October	Global Handwashing Day
16th October	World Food Day
17th October	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
18th-24th October	Invisible Disabilities Week

2026-27 CALENDAR | OCTOBER 2026

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
18th October	Anti-Slavery Day
21st October	International Pronouns Day
22nd October	International Stammering Awareness Day
24th-31st October	Global Media & Information Literacy Week
24th October	UN Day
31st October	Halloween
31st October	World Cities Day

2026-27 CALENDAR | NOVEMBER 2026

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
1st-30th November	November (Men's Health Awareness Month)
1st-30th November	Islamophobia Awareness Month
1st November	All Saints Day
1st November	World Vegan Day
2nd November	All Souls Day
2nd November	El Día de los Muertos
5th November	Guy Fawkes / Bonfire Night
6th November	International Day Against Violence & Bullying at School

2026-27 CALENDAR | NOVEMBER 2026

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
8th November	Diwali
8th November	World Town Planning Day
9th-20th November	UNFCCC COP31
10th November	World Science Day for Peace & Development
11th November	Armistice Day
12th November	World Pneumonia Day
13th November	World Kindness Day
14th November	King Charles III's Birthday

2026-27 CALENDAR | NOVEMBER 2026

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
14th November	World Diabetes Day
15th-21st November	Road Safety Week
16th-20th November	Anti-Bullying Week
16th-20th November	Sceptre Week
16th November	International Day for Tolerance
19th November	International Men's Day
19th November	World Toilet Day
20th November	Transgender Day of Remembrance

2026-27 CALENDAR | NOVEMBER 2026

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
20th November	World Children's Day
20th November	Children in Need
21st-29th November	National Tree Week
23rd-29th November	UK Parliament Week
25th November	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
29th November-24th December	Advent
30th November	St Andrew's Day
30th November	Remembrance Day for Lost Species

2026-27 CALENDAR | DECEMBER 2026

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
1st December	World AIDS Day
2nd December	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
3rd December	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
4th-12th December	Hannukah
5th December	International Volunteer Day
5th December	World Soil Day
6th December	St Nicholas Day
8th November	Secular Bodhi Day

2026-27 CALENDAR | DECEMBER 2026

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
10th December	Human Rights Day
11th December	International Mountain Day
16th December	Dhanu Sankranti
18th December	International Migrants Day
20th December	International Human Solidarity Day
21st December	Winter Solstice
24th December	Christmas Eve
25th December	Christmas Day

2026-27 CALENDAR | DECEMBER 2026

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
26th December	Boxing Day
28th December	Holy Innocents
31st December	New Year's Eve / Hogmanay

2026-27 CALENDAR | JANUARY 2027

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
1st-31st January	Veganuary
1st January	New Year's Day
4th January	World Braille Day
TBC 4th January-22nd February	Big Schools Birdwatch
5th January	Twelfth Night
6th January	Epiphany
14th January	Maghi
16th January	Birthday of Guru Har Rai

2026-27 CALENDAR | JANUARY 2027

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
17th January	World Religion Day
18th January	Martin Luther King Day
24th January	International Day of Education
25th January	Dydd Santes Dwynwen
25th January	Burns Night
27th January	Holocaust Memorial Day

2026-27 CALENDAR | FEBRUARY 2027

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
1st-28th February	LGBT+ History Month
1st-28th February	Heart Month
1st-7th February	Children's Mental Health Week
1st-7th February	World Interfaith Harmony Week
1st February	World Hijab Day
2nd February	Candlemas
2nd February	World Wetlands Day
4th February	Time to Talk Day

2026-27 CALENDAR | FEBRUARY 2027

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
4th February	Rosa Parks' Birthday
4th February	World Cancer Day
6th February	Chinese New Year
9th February	Shrove Tuesday
9th February	Safer Internet Day
11th February	International Day of Women & Girls in Science
12th February	Red Hand Day for Child Soldiers
13th February	World Radio Day

2026-27 CALENDAR | FEBRUARY 2027

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
14th February	Valentine's Day
15th February	International Childhood Cancer Day
20th February	World Day of Social Justice
21st February	International Mother Language Day
22nd February	World Thinking Day

2026-27 CALENDAR | MARCH 2027

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
1st-31st March	Women's History Month
1st-31st March	Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
1st-6th March	National Careers Week
1st March	St David's Day
1st March	Self-Injury Awareness Day
1st March	Zero Discrimination Day
3rd March	World Wildlife Day
4th March	World Book Day

2026-27 CALENDAR | MARCH 2027

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
5th-14th March	British Science Week
8th-12th March	Empathy Week
8th March	International Women's Day
9th/10th March	Eid al-Fitr
9th March	Commonwealth Day
10th March	Young Carers Action Day
11th March	World Kidney Day
15th-19th March	Neurodiversity Celebration Week

2026-27 CALENDAR | MARCH 2027

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
TBC 15th-19th March	Sign Language Week
17th March	St Patrick's Day
18th March	Global Recycling Day
18th March	Stop Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day
20th March	Spring / Vernal Equinox
20th March	International Day of Happiness
20th March	World Oral Health Day
21st March	World Poetry Day

2026-27 CALENDAR | MARCH 2027

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
21st March	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
21st March	World Down Syndrome Day
21st March	International Day of Forests
22nd March	World Water Day
23rd March	World Meteorological Day
25th March	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery & the Transatlantic Slave Trade
26th March	Good Friday
26th March	Purple Day

2026-27 CALENDAR | MARCH 2027

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
28th March	Easter Sunday
29th March	Easter Monday
30th March	World Bipolar Day
31st March	International Transgender Day of Visibility

2026-27 CALENDAR | APRIL 2027

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
1st-30th April	Stress Awareness Month
1st-30th April	National Pet Month
1st April	April Fools' Day
2nd April	World Autism Awareness Day
7th April	Day of Remembrance for the Victims of the Rwanda Genocide
7th April	World Health Day
10th April	Siblings Day
14th April	Vaisakhi / Baisakhi

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DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
18th April	International Day for Monuments & Sites
21st-29th April	Passover
21st-27th April	Shakespeare Week
22nd April	Earth Day
22nd April	Stephen Lawrence Day
23rd April	St George's Day
25th April	World Malaria Day

2026-27 CALENDAR | MAY 2027

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
1st-31st May	Local Community & History Month
1st-31st May	National Share a Story Month
1st-31st May	National Walking Month
1st May	International Workers' Day
2nd May	World Press Freedom Day
5th May	World Hand Hygiene Day
8th May	VE Day
8th May	World Red Cross Day

2026-27 CALENDAR | MAY 2027

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
9th May	Europe Day
TBC 10th-16th May	Mental Health Awareness Week
12th May	ME Awareness Day
15th May	International Day of Families
16th/17th May	Eid al-Adha
16th May	International Boys' Day
17th May	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia & Biphobia
TBC 18th-24th May	Knife Crime Awareness Week

2026-27 CALENDAR | MAY 2027

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
21st May	World Meditation Day
22nd May	International Day for Biological Diversity
25th May	Africa Day
28th May	Menstrual Hygiene Day
28th May	World Hunger Day
31st May	World No Tobacco Day

2026-27 CALENDAR | JUNE 2027

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
1st-30th June	Pride Month
1st-30th June	Gypsy, Roma & Traveller History Month
1st June	Global Day of Parents
5th June	World Environment Day
8th June	World Oceans Day
12th June	Trooping the Colour
12th June	World Day Against Child Labour
14th-20th June	Refugee Week

2026-27 CALENDAR | JUNE 2027

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
14th June	World Blood Donor Day
17th June	World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought
18th June	Clean Air Day
20th June	World Refugee Day
21st-27th June	School Diversity Week
21st June	Summer Solstice
21st June	World Humanist Day
22nd June	Windrush Day

2026-27 CALENDAR | JULY 2027

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
1st July	Plastic Free July
4th July	American Independence Day
11th July	World Population Day
11th July	Srebrenica Memorial Day
18th July-15th August	South Asian Heritage Month
18th July	Nelson Mandela Day
24th July	Samaritans Awareness Day
30th July	International Day of Friendship

2026-27 CALENDAR | AUGUST 2027

DATE(S)	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
12th August	International Youth Day
13th August	Obon
15th August	Victory over Japan (VJ) Day
24th August	Independence Day of Ukraine

