



VOTESFORSCHOOLS

**2026-27 VOTETOPIC
CALENDAR**

QUICKFIRE FAQs

WHAT IS THIS CALENDAR FOR?

We've planned out a series of VoteTopics for 2026-27 to help you prepare for the year ahead. The chosen topics are based on the events and subject areas we know schools most like to talk about.

HOW WILL THIS HELP?

Where possible, we want to lighten the load for teachers, and we know that a bit of a heads up goes a long way. Pre-planning topics also ensures that voters get to discuss issues alongside the wider public as part of national events or initiatives.

WHAT ABOUT AWARENESS DAYS?

All the events we will definitely be covering with a weekly VoteTopic are outlined in this calendar. For any others, check out our Awareness Days & Events calendar. We will also signpost relevant resources in our weekly emails.

WHAT IF THE TOPIC IS SENSITIVE OR HARD-HITTING?

We don't shy away from tricky topics that we know young people are keen to discuss. However, we also know that this can present a challenge for educators. So, where possible, we will give you advanced warning about any especially sensitive subjects coming up.

WHAT IS A "HEADLINE TOPIC"?

Headline topics are news-led. If there is a big story in the press or an issue everyone is talking about, we will ask young people about it.

WHAT IS "VOTERS' CHOICE"?

We want to give voters the chance to submit their own ideas for a topic. We will then cover one of their suggestions during Voters' Choice week at the end of the year!

OUR 9 KEY THEMES

Find out more about the key themes [here](#).

**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**

2026-27 CALENDAR | HOLIDAYS

HOLIDAY	DATES	NEXT VOTETOPIC PUBLISHED (VIA EMAIL)
October half term	26th-30th October	VT9 Thursday 29th October
Christmas	21st December-1st January	VT16 Thursday 31st December
February half term	15th-19th February	VT22 Thursday 18th February
Easter	29th March-9th April	VT27 Thursday 8th April
May half term	31st May-4th June	VT34 Thursday 3rd June
Summer	19th July onwards	---

2026-27 CALENDAR | AUTUMN TERM I

#	VOTING DATES	THEME OF THE WEEK	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
1	31st August-4th September	Headline topic	
2	7th-11th September	Headline topic	
3	14th-18th September	Headline topic	
4	21st-25th September	Headline topic	
5	28th September-2nd October	Headline topic	
6	5th-9th October	Key theme 2: Equalities & identity	Black History Month
7	12th-16th October	Headline topic	
8	19th-23rd October	Headline topic	

2026-27 CALENDAR | AUTUMN TERM II

#	VOTING DATES	THEME OF THE WEEK	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
9	2nd-6th November	Headline topic	
10	9th-13th November	Headline topic	
11	16th-20th November	Key theme 6: Community & charity	Anti-Bullying Week
12	23rd-27th November	Headline topic	
13	30th November-4th December	Headline topic	
14	7th-11th December	Headline topic	
15	14th-18th December	Headline topic	

2026-27 CALENDAR | SPRING TERM I

#	VOTING DATES	THEME OF THE WEEK	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
16	4th-8th January	Headline topic	
17	11th-15th January	Headline topic	
18	18th-22nd January	Headline topic	
19	25th-29th January	Headline topic	
20	1st-5th February	Key theme 1: Health & wellbeing	Children's Mental Health Week
21	8th-12th February	Key theme 5: Science & technology	Safer Internet Day

2026-27 CALENDAR | SPRING TERM II

#	VOTING DATES	THEME OF THE WEEK	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
22	22nd-26th February	Headline topic	
23	1st-5th March	Headline topic	
24	8th-12th March	Headline topic	
25	15th-19th March	Headline topic	
26	22nd-26th March	Headline topic	

2026-27 CALENDAR | SUMMER TERM I

#	VOTING DATES	THEME OF THE WEEK	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
27	12th-16th April	Headline topic	
28	19th-23rd April	Key theme 3: Environment & climate change	Earth Day
29	26th-30th April	Headline topic	
30	3rd-7th May	Headline topic	
31	10th-14th May	Headline topic	
32	17th-21st May	Headline topic	
33	24th-28th May	Headline topic	

2026-27 CALENDAR | SUMMER TERM II

#	VOTING DATES	THEME OF THE WEEK	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
34	7th-11th June	Headline topic	
35	14th-18th June	Headline topic	
36	21st-25th June	Headline topic	
37	28th June-2nd July	Headline topic	
38	5th-9th July	Headline topic	
39	12th-16th July	Voters' Choice	

