



# 2024 – 2025

## Ethical Education Calendar

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

Please note that dates are based on the lunar calendar and can vary slightly depending on local observances.

**2024**

International Year of Camelids

Primary Resource Bank

**2025**

International Year of Peace and Trust

Second-level Resource Bank

### September 2024

International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies

Sept 7

International Day of Peace

Sept 21

International Literacy Day

Sept 8

Autumn Equinox (*Northern Hemisphere*)

Sept 22

International Day of Democracy

Sept 15

International Day of Sign Languages

Sept 23

International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer

Sept 16

European Week of Sport

Sept 23 - 30

Mawlid al-Nabi (*Islam*)

Sept 15-16

International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste

Sept 29

# October 2024

Black History Month

October *(UK and Ireland)*

Maths Week

Oct 12 - 20

International Day of Older Persons

Oct 1

EU Code Week

Oct 14 - 27

World Habitat Day

Oct 2

World Food Day

Oct 16

Rosh Hashanah *(Judaism)*

Oct 2 - 4

Sukkot *(Judaism)*

Oct 16 - 23

Navaratri *(Hinduism)*

Oct 3 - 12

International Day for the  
Eradication of Poverty

Oct 17

World Animal Day

Oct 4

United Nations Day

Oct 24

World Space Week

Oct 4 - 10

World Teachers' Day

Oct 5

Educate Together One Day  
Together

Oct 25

World Mental Health Day

Oct 10

**School Holidays: Midterm Break**

**Oct 28 – Nov 1**

Yom Kippur *(Judaism)*

Oct 11 -12

Halloween / Samhain

World Cities Day

World Migratory Bird Day

Oct 12

Oct 31

## November 2024

Diwali (*Hinduism and Sikhism*)

Nov 1

World Diabetes Day

Nov 14

Stand-Up Awareness Week

Nov 4 - 8

Birth of Guru Nanak

Nov 15

World Tsunami Awareness Day

Nov 5

International Day of Islamic Art

Nov 18

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

Nov 7

World Toilet Day - *Fighting the Taboo*

Nov 19

World Science Day for Peace and Development

Nov 10

World Children's Day

Nov 20

Science Week

Nov 10 - 17

World Philosophy Day

Nov 21

## December 2024

Antarctica Day

World Aids Day

Dec 1

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Dec 3

Advent (*Christianity*)

Dec 1 - 24

World Soil Day

Dec 5

International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

Dec 2

Bodhi Day (*Buddhism*)

Dec 8

Human Rights Day

Dec 10

International Mountain Day Dec 11	School Holidays: Winter Break Dec 23 – Jan 3
International Migrants Day Dec 18	Christmas Day ( <i>Christianity</i> ) Dec 25
Winter Solstice ( <i>Northern Hemisphere</i> ) Dec 21	Hanukkah ( <i>Judaism</i> ) Dec 25 – Jan 2

## January 2025

World Braille Day Jan 4	International Day of Education Jan 24
Birth of Guru Gobind Singh ( <i>Sikhism</i> ) Jan 7	International Clean Energy Day Jan 26
Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition Jan 8 - 11	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust Jan 27
World Logic Day Jan 14	Year of the Snake (Lunar New Year) Jan 29
Martin Luther King Jr. Day Jan 15	

## February 2025

St. Brigid's Day ( <i>Christianity</i> ) Feb 1	Bank Holiday Feb 3
Imbolc ( <i>Irish Festival</i> ) Feb 1 - 2	Safer Internet Day Feb 6

International Day of Zero Tolerance  
for Female Genital Mutilation

Feb 6

Parinirvana/Nirvana Day  
(*Buddhism*)

Feb 15

World Pulses Day

Feb 10

**School Holidays: Midterm**

**Feb 17 - 21**

International Day of Women and  
Girls in Science

Feb 11

International Mother Language Day

Feb 21

Darwin Day

Feb 12

Ramadan (*Islam*)

*It is advisable to check dates closer to the  
time as they are determined by the birth of  
the new moon.*

Feb 28 – March 29

## March 2025

Traveller Ethnicity Day

March 1

World Book Day

March 6

Seachtain na Gaeilge

March 1 - 17

International Women's Day

March 8

Engineers' Week

March 1 - 7

International Day of Mathematics

March 14

World Wildlife Day

March 3

Holi (*Hinduism*)

March 14

Fairtrade Fortnight

March 3 – 16

St. Patrick's Day (*Christianity*)

March 17

International Day of Happiness

Spring Equinox (*Northern Hemisphere*)

March 20

World Meteorological Day

March 23

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

World Down Syndrome Day

International Day of Forests

World Poetry Day

March 21

World Tuberculosis Day

March 24

International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade

March 25

World Water Day

March 22

Eid-Al-Fitr (*Islam*)

March 30 - 31

## April 2025

World Autism Awareness Day

April 2

Passover/Pesach (*Judaism*)

April 12 - 20

International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

April 6

Vaisakhi/Baisakhi (*Sikhism*)

April 13

World Health Day

April 7

**School Holidays**

**April 14 - 25**

International Roma Day

April 8

World Art Day

Apr 15

International Day of Human Space Flight

April 12

Easter Sunday (*Christianity*)

April 20

Earth Day

April 22

World Malaria Day

April 25

World Immunisation Week

April 24 – 30

International Jazz Day

April 30

## May 2025

Bealtaine *Celebration of creativity as we age*

Bealtaine *Ancient Irish Festival*

May

Wesak (*Buddhism*)

May 12

International Day of Families

May 15

World Tuna Day

May 2

International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia

May 17

African World Heritage Day

May 5

World Bee Day

May 20

**Bank Holiday**

**May 5**

World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

May 21

Europe Day

May 9

International Day for Biological Diversity

May 22

World Migratory Bird Day

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

May 10

World No Tobacco Day

May 31

## June 2025

World Bicycle Day

June 3

World Day to Combat  
Desertification and Drought

June 17

World Environment Day

June 3

World Refugee Day

June 20

Bank Holiday

June 2

Summer Solstice (*Northern  
Hemisphere*)

June 20

World Oceans Day

June 8

World Humanist Day (*Humanism*)

June 21

World Day Against Child Labour

June 12

International Day of the Tropics

June 29

## Suggestions and Considerations

Using a social justice and human rights approach is strongly encouraged. One such approach may be to select a focus for each month of the school calendar.

The following is a suggested approach focusing on the nine grounds for discrimination:

**September:** Family Status

**October:** Racism

**November:** Ageism

**December:** Disability

**January:** Religious Beliefs

**February:** Membership of the Traveller and Roma Communities

**March:** Gender Equality

**April:** Social Class

**May:** Marital Status

**June:** LGBT+