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**DIVERSITY
CALENDAR**

24/25



Religion and Culture

1st - Paryushana Parvarambha begins - Jain

7th - Ganesh Chaturthi - Hindu

7th - Samvatsari - Jain

8th - Feast of the birth of the Virgin Mary - Christian

14th - Feast of the cross - Christian

15th-16th - Mawlid al-Nabi - Islam

16th - Anant Chaturdashi - Hindu

21st - Nativity of the Theotokos - Orthodox Christian

21st - Feast of Saint Matthew - Christian

22nd - Mabon - Wicca and Pagan

27th - Meskel - Ethiopian Orthodox Christian

29th - Feast of Saint Michael and all angels - Christian



SEPTEMBER



Sickle Cell Awareness Month

Parents and Carers Month

East and Southeast Asian Heritage Month

Blood Cancer Awareness Month

10th

World Suicide Prevention Day

15th

World Afro Day

18th

International equal pay day

23rd

Bi visibility day

23rd

International Day of Sign Languages

Religion and Culture

2nd - Feast of the guardian angels - Catholic Christian

3rd-12th - Sharada Navaratri - Hindu

2nd-4th - Rosh Hashanah - Judaism

4th - Feast of St Francis of Assisi - Christian

6th - Fast of Gedaliah - Judaism

9th - Birthday of Guru Ram Das - Sikh

11th-12th - Yom Kippur - Judaism

12th - Dussehra - Hindu

16th-23rd - Sukkot - Judaism

18th - Feast of Saint Luke - Christian

20th - Birthday of Guru Granth - Sikh

23rd-25th - Shemini Atzeret - Judaism

24th-25th - Simchat Torah - Judaism

28th - Feast of Saints Simon and Jude - Christian

31st - All Hallows' Eve - Christian

31st - Reformation day - Protestant Christian

31st - Samhain - Wicca and Pagan



OCTOBER



Black history month

Down syndrome awareness month

World menopause month

1st

International day of older persons

8th

World Dyslexia day

9th-15th

Baby loss awareness week

11th

National Coming Out Day

16th

International Pronouns day

18th

Show Racism the Red Card's wear red day

26th

Intersex awareness day

Religion and Culture

1st - Diwali - Hindu, Sikh, Jain

1st - All Saints Day - Christian

2nd - Birth of the Báb - Baha'i

2nd - All souls' day - Christian

2nd - Coronation of Emperor Haile Selassie I - Rastafari

3rd - Birth of Baha'u'llah - Baha'i

5th - Chhath Puja - Hindu

9th - Feast of the dedication of the Archbasilica - Catholic

15th-24th - Nativity fast begins - Orthodox Christian

21st - Presentation of the Theotokos - Orthodox Christian

24th - Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur - Sikh

24th - Feast of Christ the King - Christian

24th-25th - Day of the Covenant - Baha'i

26th-27th - Ascension of Abdu'l-Bahá - Baha'i

27th - Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev - Sikh

30th - Saint Andrew's day - Christian



NOVEMBER



Islamophobia awareness month

Lung cancer awareness month

Movember - Men's health awareness month

Disability history month (14th Nov - 14th Dec)

10th	Remembrance Sunday
10th-17th	Interfaith week
11th	Armistice day
14th	World Diabetes day
19th	International Men's day
20th	Transgender day of remembrance
25th	International day for the elimination of violence against women

Religion and Culture

- 1st - Advent Sunday - Christian
- 6th - Feast of Saint Nicholas
- 8th - Feast of the immaculate conception - Catholic
- 8th - Rohatsu (Bodhi day) - Buddhist
- 11th - Gita Jayanti - Hindu
- 15th - Dhanu Sankranti - Hindu
- 21st - Yule - Wicca and Pagan
- 24th - Christmas eve - Christian
- 25th - Hanukkah begins - Judaism
- 25th - Christmas day - Christian
- 25th - Feast of the nativity of our lord - Orthodox Christian
- 26th - Feast of Saint Stephen - Christian
- 26th - Zarathosht diso - Zoroastrian
- 28th - Holy innocents' day - Christian
- 29th - Feast of the holy family - Catholic Christian
- 31st - Watch night Christian



DECEMBER



Universal Month for Human Rights

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Disability Confident Month

1st	World AIDS Day
2nd	International day for the abolition of slavery
3rd	International day of persons with disabilities
10th	Human rights day
18th	International Migrants day

Religion and Culture

- 1st - Mary, Mother of God - Catholic Christian
- 1st - Gantan-sai (New Year) - Shinto
- 5th - Twelfth Night - Christian
- 5th - Birthday of Guru Gobindh Singh - Sikh
- 6th - Epiphany - Christian
- 6th - Feast of the Theophany - Orthodox Christian
- 7th - Feast of the Nativity - Orthodox Christian
- 7th - Christmas Day - Rastafarian
- 12th - Baptism of the Lord Jesus - Christian
- 13th - Seijin no hi (Coming of Age Day) - Shinto
- 13th - Lohri/Maghi - Hindu, Sikh
- 14th - Old New Year - Orthodox Christian
- 14th - Makar Sankranti - Hindu
- 14th - Mahayana New Year Begins - Buddhist
- 14th-17th - Pongal - Hindu
- 18th - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Christian
- 24th-25th - Tu BiShvat - Judaism
- 25th - Conversion of Saint Paul - Christian
- 27th - Lailat al Miraj - Islam
- 29th - Chinese New Year - Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist



JANUARY



Cervical Health Awareness Month

Alcohol Concern - Dry January

Thyroid Awareness Month

4th	World Braille Day
19th	World Religions Day
20th	Martin Luther King Jr Day
27th	Holocaust Memorial Day

Religion and Culture

- 2nd - Imbolc - Wicca/Pagan
- 2nd - Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple) - Christian
- 2nd - Zacchaeus Sunday - Orthodox Christian
- 3rd - Setsubun-sai - Shinto
- 9th - Triodion begins - Orthodox Christian
- 11th - Thaipusam - Hindu
- 12th - Magha Puja (Sangha Day) - Buddhist
- 12th-15th - Timkat - Ethiopian Orthodox Christian
- 13th-14th - Lailat al Bara'ah - Islam
- 14th - Saint Valentines Day - Christian
- 15th - Parinirvana Day/Nirvana Day - Buddhist
- 16th - Sunday of the Prodigal Son - Orthodox Christian
- 23rd - Meatfare Sunday - Orthodox Christian
- 25th-28th - Intercalary Days - Baha'i
- 26th - Maha Shivratri - Hindu
- 28th - Ramadan begins - Islam
- 28th - Nineteen Day Fast begins - Baha'i



FEBRUARY



LGBT+ History Month

UK National Heart Month

1st	World Hijab Day
4th	World Cancer Day
6th	Time to talk Day
6th	International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM
11th	International Day of Women and Girls in Science
20th	World day of Social Justice
28th	Eating Disorder Awareness Week Begins

Religion and Culture

- 1st - Saint David's Day - Christian
- 2nd - Cheesefare Sunday - Orthodox Christian
- 3rd- Great Lent begins - Clean Monday - Orthodox Christian
- 4th - Shrove Tuesday - Christian
- 5th - Ash Wednesday - Christian
- 13th - Holika Dahan - Hindu
- 13th-14th - Purim - Judaism
- 14th - Holi - Hindu
- 14th-16th - Hola Mohalla - Sikh
- 17th - Saint Patrick's Day - Christian
- 19th - Saint Joseph's Day - Christian
- 20th - Ostara -Wicca/Pagan
- 19th-20th - Naw-Rúz (New Year) - Baha'i
- 21st - Nowruz (New Year) - Persian/Zoroastrian
- 25th - The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary - Christian
- 25th - Annunciation to the Theotokos - Orthodox Christian
- 27th - Laylat al-Qadr - Islam
- 30th-31st - Eid al Fitr - Islam



MARCH



UK Marie Curie Cancer Care Great Daffodil Appeal Month

Women's History Month

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

1st	International Wheelchair Day
3rd	World Hearing Day
8th	International Women's Day
17th-23rd	Neurodiversity Celebration Week
21st	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
25th	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
30th	World Bipolar Day
31st	International Trans Day of Visibility

Religion and Culture

- 6th - Rama Navami - Hindu
- 10th - Mahavir Jayanti - Jain
- 12th-20th - Passover - Judaism
- 12th - Lazarus Saturday - Orthodox Christian
- 12th- Hanuman Jayanti - Hindu
- 13th - Theravada New Year - Buddhist
- 13th - Palm Sunday - Christian
- 13th-15th - Songkran (Thai New Year) - Buddhist
- 14th - Birth of the Khalsa (Vaisakhi) - Sikh
- 14th - Tamil New Year
- 17th - Maundy Thursday - Christian
- 18th - Good Friday - Christian
- 18th - Birthday of Guru Angad Dev - Sikh
- 20th - Pascha (Easter) - Orthodox Christian
- 20th- Easter Sunday - Christian
- 21st - Easter Monday - Christian
- 21st - First Day of Ridvan - Baha'I
- 23rd - Saint George's Day - Christian
- 23rd-24th - Yom HaShoah - Judaism
- 25th - Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist- Christian
- 28th-29th - Ninth Day of Ridvan - Baha'i
- 30th - Twelfth Day of Ridvan - Baha'i
- 29th-30th- Yom HaZikaron - Judaism
- 30th April- 1st May - Yom Ha'Atzmaut - Judaism



APRIL



Autism Acceptance Month
 Stress Awareness Month
 Parkinson's Awareness Month

2nd	Autism Awareness Day
6th	International Asexuality Day
7th	World Health Day
8th	International Romani day
22nd	Stephen Lawrence Day
28th April	Lesbian Visibility Week

Religion and Culture

3rd - Feast of Saints Philip and James - Catholic Christian

9th - Whit Monday - Orthodox Christian

12th - Vesak - Buddhist

19th - Corpus Christi - Catholic Christian

22nd-23rd - Declaration of the Báb - Baha'I

15th-16th - Lag BaOmer - Judaism

29th - Ascension of the Lord - Orthodox Christian

15th - Trinity Sunday - Christian

25th-26th - Yom Yerushalayim - Judaism

27th-28th - Ascension of Baha'u'llah - Baha'i

29th - Ascension Day - Christian



MAY



Action on Stroke Month

Coeliac Awareness Month

5th-11th

Deaf Awareness Week

12th-18th

Mental Health Awareness Week

12th-18th

Dementia Action Week

15th

Global Accessibility Awareness Day

17th

International day against homophobia,
transphobia and biphobia

24th

Pansexual visibility day

Religion and Culture

1st-3rd - Shavuot - Judaism

4th-9th - Hajj - Islam

7th-10th - Eid Al Adha - Islam

8th - Pentecost - Orthodox Christian

8th - Race Unity Day - Baha'i

20th - Litha - Wicca/Pagan

24th - Nativity of Saint John the Baptist - Christian

26th - Hijra - Islam

27th - Feast of the Sacred Heart - Catholic Christian

29th - Feast of Saints Peter and Paul - Christian



JUNE



Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month

LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Motor Neurone Disease Awareness Month

9th-15th

Men's Health Week

15th-21st

Refugee Week

22nd

Windrush Day



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