

Multifaith Dates

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1 September - Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh)

Celebration of the installation of the Sikh Scripture in the Golden Temple in Amritsar in 1604

3-13 September - Dhul-Hijjah (Muslim)

These days encompass the Hajj and first day of Eid-ul-Adha

4 September—Fravardin Mah Parab (Zoroastrian)

Zoroastrians participate in a Jashan ceremony.

5 September—Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)

Birthday of Ganesh

11 September- Ethiopian New Year (Rastafari)

15 September—Zhongqiujie (Chinese)

Celebrates the Moon's birthday

17-24 September - Sukkot (Jewish)

The Feast of Tabernacles

20 September—Higan (Japanese) - Autumn Equinox

22 September- Autumn Equinox (Wiccan Pagan)

This day is celebrated when day and night are of equal duration.

29 Sept - Michaelmas (Christian)

The Feast of Archangel Michael and All Angels.

September—Harvest Festival (Christian)

Useful link:

www.reonline.org.uk/supporting/festivals-calendar/

Equality & Diversity Calendar



23 September - Jeans for Genes Day

Do something extraordinary in jeans! The money raised on Jeans for Genes Day funds a range of initiatives that improve the quality of life of children affected by genetic disorders.

Useful link: www.jeansforgenesday.org

International Day of Peace - 21 September

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September.

First celebrated in 1981.

Useful link: www.un.org

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Also in September:

Day of Languages

Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning

National Cup Cake Day

Roald Dahl Day

Suicide Prevention Day

Sexual Health Week

Useful link: www.national-awareness-days.com



SEPTEMBER 2016

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1-9 October - Navaratri (Hindu)

Nine day festival of music and dance when Hindus worship the female expression of the devine

3-4 October—Rosh Hashanah—Jewish New Year

3 October - Al-Hijra - Islamic New Year

9 October—Chongyangjie (Chinese)

Climb a high mountain festival

12 October—Yom Kippur—Day of Atonement (Jewish)

16 October—InterFaith Week of Prayer

20 October - Guru Granth Sahib declared Guru for all time (Sikh)

20 October—Anniversary of the Birth of the Bab (Baha'i)

23 October - Ashura (Islam) - A solemn day of mourning.

24 October—Pavarana (Buddhist)

Last day of the Rains Retreat

30 October—Diwali (Hindu) (Sikh) (Jain)

Festival of Light

31 October -

- Halloween (Secular) (Heathen)

- All Hallows' Eve (Christian)

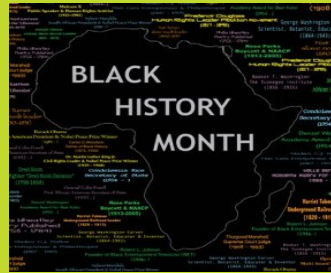
- Samhain (Wiccan Pagan) Samhuinn (Druid)

It was celebrated as a Christian festival by the 8th C. Its origins date back over 2000 years to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain which marks the Feast of the Dead. Many Pagans also celebrate it as the old Celtic New Year.

Useful link:

<http://www.reonline.org.uk/supporting/festivals-calendar/>

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Since 1987 Black History Month has been celebrated every October in the United Kingdom. The event is formally recognised by the Government and highlights the contributions Africa and African peoples make to the economic, social and political landscape of London and the wider UK.

Useful link: www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk



The United Nations has designated the first Monday of October of every year as World Habitat Day. The purpose of World Habitat Day is to reflect on the state of our towns and cities, and on the basic right of all to adequate shelter. It is also intended to remind the world that we all have the power and the responsibility to shape the future of our cities and towns.

Useful link: http://urbanoctober.org/index_1.asp?pcd=2

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Also in October:

Smile Day

Knitting & Wool Week

Anti Slavery Day

Apple Day

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

UK Older People Day...

Useful link: www.national-awareness-days.com



TOTTON COLLEGE

OCTOBER 2016

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1 November - All Saints' Day (Hallowmas, All Hallows') (Christian)

1 November—Anapasati Day (Buddhist)

Cloth is presented to the Sangha by lay community.

2 November - All Souls' Day - (Christian)

When Christians pray for the souls of the dead.

2 November—Anniversary of the Crowning of Haile Selassie I (Rastafarian)

11 November - Armistice Day (Secular)

To remember the dead of the two world wars.

12 November - Birth of the Baha'u'llah (Bahá'í)

Founder of the Baha'l faith.

15 November - Shichigosan (7-5-3 festival) (Japanese)

A festival to give thanks for children.

24 November - Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur (Sikh)

He sacrificed his head rather than his faith for the religious freedom of those of a different religious persuasion.

27 November - Advent Sunday (Christian)

The beginning of the ecclesiastical year.

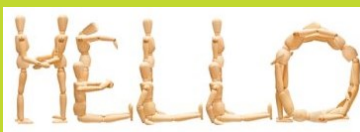
30 November - St Andrew's Day (Christian)

Saint Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland, Greece and Russia.

Useful link:

<http://www.reonline.org.uk/supporting/festivals-calendar/>

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Useful link: <http://www.worldhelloday.org/>

Anyone can participate in World Hello Day simply by greeting ten people. This demonstrates the importance of personal communication for preserving peace.



Useful link: www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk

In this year's Road Safety Week we're asking everyone to Make the Brake Pledge:



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Also in November:

Bullying Week

Alcohol Awareness

Universal Children's Day

Buy Nothing Day

Blog Posting Month

Stress Awareness

Diabetics week

Useful link: www.national-awareness-days.com



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NOVEMBER 2016

Multifaith Dates -

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8 December - Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Christian - Roman Catholic)

8 December - Bodhi Day (Buddhist)

12 or 17 December—Prophet Muhammad's Birthday (Muslim—Sunni or Muslim—Shi'a)

21 December - Yule / Winter Solstice (Pagan / Druid)

This marks the shortest day of the year & rebirth of the sun.

24 December - Christmas Eve (Christian)

25 December Christmas Day (Christian) the birth of Jesus Christ.

Hanukah (Jewish) - Festival of Lights

26 December -

Zarathosht Diso (Zoroastrianism) Anniversary of the death of Prophet Zarathushtra.

Boxing Day (Secular)

St Stephen's Day (Christian) the first Christian martyr.

31 December—celebrates the new year

Omisoka (Japanese)

Hogmanay (Secular)

Useful Link:

<http://www.reonline.org.uk/supporting/festivals-calendar/>

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Every **1 December** it's **World AIDS Day**, the day that promotes talking about HIV and attempts to spread information about the disease. By talking about HIV it is hoped that the secrecy surrounding it is eradicated. Greater understanding about HIV and AIDS means less prejudice and better prevention.

Useful link: www.worldaidsday.org



The UN General Assembly proclaimed **10 December** as **Human Rights Day** in 1950, to bring to the attention 'of the peoples of the world' the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as the common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations.

Useful link: www.un.org

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Also in December:

Festival of Winter Walks

Day of the Ninja

Anti-Corruption Day

Anger Awareness Week

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

National Mutt Day

Useful link:

www.national-awareness-days.com



DECEMBER 2016

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1 January -

New Year's Day (Secular) start of the Western calendar year

Oshogatsu or Shogatsu or Ganjitsu (Shinto) (Japanese)
New Year's day

5 January -

Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh (Sikh)

Guru Gobind Singh (1666-1708) was the tenth and last of the Sikh Gurus.

Twelfth Night (Christian)

6 January- Epiphany (Christian)

The end of the Christmas season for Western Christians.

**6/7 January—Christmas Eve & Day (Rastafarian)
(Orthodox Christians)**

The Orthodox churches celebrate this day because they use the Julian calendar, Western churches use the Gregorian calendar.

12-15 January—Mahayana New Year (Buddhist)

25 January— Honen Memorial Day (Buddhist)

28 January—Chinese New Year

30 January—Jashn-E Sadeh (Zoroastrian) mid winter festival

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poverty & homelessness action week

While we're snuggled up in bed at night, there are people using the pavements as their pillow.

There are many different types of people who are homeless: homeless children, adults, elderly people - and all with different reasons for why they are stuck on the streets.

Useful link: www.actionweek.org.uk



How can life go on? is the theme for **Holocaust Memorial Day 2017**. The aftermath of the Holocaust and of subsequent genocides continues to raise challenging questions for individuals, communities and nations.

Useful link: www.hmd.org.uk

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Also in January:

Winnie the Pooh Day

World Religion Day

World Leprosy Day

STIQ Day

Global Belly Laugh Day

SOS Radio Week

Useful Link:

www.national-awareness-days.com



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JANUARY 2017

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1 February -

Vasant Panchami (Hindu) dedicated to the Goddess Saraswati

Basant (Punjabi) (Hindu) (Sikh)

Festival of Spring also Festival of Kites

2 February -

Candlemas (Christian) Lighted candles are held.

Imbolc (Pagan) Celebrated midway between the winter solstice and spring equinox

3 February - Rissun (Setsubun) (Shinto / Japanese)

Division between Winter and Spring, celebrated with beans.

8 (or 15) February—Parinirvana / Nirvana Day (Buddhist) (Jain) (Sikh)

11 February—

Lantern Festival (Chinese)

Tu BiShvat (Jewish)

14 February - St Valentine's Day (Christian) (Secular)

25 February—Maha Shavaratri (Hindu) convergence of Shiva & Shakti

26 February -1 March—Intercalary (Baha'i) Ayyam-i-Ha

27 February—Losar (Buddhist) Tibetan New Year

28 February - Shrove Tuesday / Mardi Gras (Christian)

Day before Lent to allow for the ritual of shiriving

Useful link:

<http://www.reonline.org.uk/supporting/festivals-calendar/>

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Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans History Month celebrates the lives and achievements of the LGBT community. LGBT HM is celebrated in February in the UK but the work to challenge homophobia, biphobia and transphobia continues throughout the year. Education is especially important to achieving this so much of the work focuses on schools.

Useful link: <http://lgbthistorymonth.org.uk/>



Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade provides a vital safety net for farmers and workers.

We ensure that farmers receive a minimum price for their produce, to cover the costs of sustainable production and an additional premium, which they choose to either invest in community projects like schools and hospitals, or in their business.

Useful link: <http://foncho.fairtrade.org.uk/>

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Also in February:

Think about Sex Day
British Yorkshire Pudding Day

Go Green Week

National Heart Month

Rock up in Red

Safer Internet Day

Useful Link: www.national-awareness-days.com



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FEBRUARY 2017

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1 March -

St David's Day (Christian) Patron Saint of Wales.

Ash Wednesday (Christian) The first day of Lent

1 March—13 April - Lent (Christian)

The season marking the time Jesus spent in the wilderness

2-20 March - The Nineteen Day Fast (Bahá'í)

The last month in the Bahá'í calendar

3 March - Hina-matsuri - Festival of Dolls (Shinto)

17 March- St Patrick's Day (Christian) Patron Saint of Ireland.

20 March—Ostara (Wicca/Pagan) Spring Equinox

21 March - Naw-Ruz (Bahai), Jamshedi Noruz (Fasli) (Zoroastrian) & Ugadi (Yugadi) (Hindu) New Year's Day.

23 March—Magha Puja (Buddhist)

24 March - Purim (Jewish)

Celebrates the events told in the book of Esther in the Hebrew Bible.

26 March - Mothering Sunday (Christian)

28 March—

Hindu New Year

Khordad Sal (Zoroastrian) Birth of Prophet Zaranthusra

28 March - 5 April—Ramayana (Hindu)

Useful link:

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World Water Day

is observed each year on 22 March. The day, which was established by the United Nations was first celebrated in 1993 to celebrate the importance of freshwater around the globe. Over 45% of the world's land surface is covered by river basins, and over 75% of all countries have their boundaries within shared river basins. All around the world events will be held to celebrate freshwater and promote its sustainability.

Useful link: www.unwater.org



NO SMOKING DAY

No Smoking Day is on March 11 but you can quit on any day of the year. You can find the

tools and support you need to start your quit journey on the useful link:

www.nosmokingday.org.uk

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Also in March:

British Science week

Puppy, Pig, Pi and Skipping Day (s)

International Women's Day

British Pie Week

Downs Syndrome Awareness Week

Useful Link: www.national-awareness-days.com



MARCH 2017

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8 April - Mahavir Jayanti (Jains) celebrates the birth of Mahavira.

10 April—Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu) birth of Hanuman

11-18 Passover (Jewish) liberation of the Children of Israel and their Exodus from slavery in Egypt

14 April - Good Friday (Christian)

It commemorates the execution of Jesus by crucifixion.

14 April- Vaisakhi (Sikh) New Year

15 April - Rama Navami (Hindu) celebrates the birth of Lord Rama

16 March - Easter Sunday (Western) (Christian)

Commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The most important Christian festival.

20 April - 2 May - Ridván (Bahá'í) Bahá'ís remember the 12 days Bahá'u'lláh spent in the Garden of Ridván.

21 April -

Anniversary of Haile Selassie's visit to Jamaica (Rastafari)

Rastas believe Haile Selassie is God, and that he will return to Africa members of the black community who are living in exile.

22 April—Adar Mah Parab (Zoroastrian) Birthday of Fire

23 April -

St George's Day (Christian) Patron Saint of England.

Yom HaShoah (Jewish) Holocaust Memorial Day

24 April—Lailat al Miraj (Islam) commemorates the Prophet Muhammad's journey from Mecca to Jerusalem

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Save the Children

Last year, we reached a record 15.4 million children with food, water, shelter, education and life-saving healthcare. Together

we made a real difference to lives of children around the world and here at home.

Useful link: www.savethechildren.org.uk/

Bowel Cancer Awareness Month

Someone dies from bowel cancer in the UK every thirty minutes, it is the second most common cause of cancer death in the UK. But here is hope: if treated early there is a very good chance of recovery. The only problem is that only 9% of patients are diagnosed at the early stage. And that's where you come in ...

Useful link: www.bowelcanceruk.org.uk



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Also in April:

Allergy Awareness Week

International Carrot Day

Pillow Fight Day

Stress Awareness Month

Autism Awareness Day

Drive It Day

Earth Day

Useful Link: www.national-awareness-days.com



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APRIL 2017

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1 May -

Beltane (Wicca / Pagan)

A fire Festival which celebrates the arrival of summer and the fertility of the coming year.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Jewish)

2 May—Twelfth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)

5 May - Ascension Day (Christian)

Ascension Day marks the last earthly appearance of Christ after his resurrection. It is celebrated 40 days after Easter.

10 May - Vesak (Buddhist) - Buddha Day

12 May - Lailat al Bara'a (Islam) Night of Forgiveness

14 May—Lag B'Omer (Jewish) a break from mourning during the Omer

14-20 May—Christian Aid Week (Christian)

23 May - Anniversary of Declaration of the Báb (Bahá'í)

25 May - St Bede the Venerable (Christian) - Feast Day

The great Anglo-Saxon saint and scholar from Jarrow.

27 May—Ramadan (Islam) holiest month of the year.

29 May—Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)

31 May-1 June—Shavout (Jewish) Torah given by G-d

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Division for Social Policy and Development
Family

International Day of Families was brought about by the United Nations Programme on

the Family and will stress the importance of having healthy and happy relationships with your relatives. But every family life is different and the UN Family Programme recognises this.

Useful link: <http://undesadspd.org/Family/InternationalObservances/InternationalDayofFamilies.aspx>



Let's Nourish Our World—Good nutrition – an adequate and well-balanced diet – is a cornerstone of good health. Better nutrition is related to improved infant child and maternal health, stronger immune systems and safer pregnancy and childbirth. People with adequate nutrition are more productive and can create opportunities to break the cycles of poverty and hunger. Experts agree that tackling malnutrition is not only the right thing to do, but it also makes economic sense.

Useful link: <http://www.worldhungerday.org/>

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Also in May:

Star Wars Day

Deaf Awareness Week

British Sandwich Week

Dawn Chorus Day

Walk to School Week

World Fair Trade Day

Be Nice to Nettles Week

Useful Link:

www.national-awareness-days.com



MAY 2017

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4 June Pentecost (Christian)

11 June - Trinity Sunday (Christian)

Celebration of the belief of three aspects of the one God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

15 June - Corpus Christi - (Christian)

Christians celebrate the Eucharist

16 June - Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev (Sikh)

Guru Arjan Dev was the fifth Sikh Guru and the first Sikh martyr.

21 June -

Summer Solstice or Midsummer Day (Wicca / Pagan) (Druid) (Secular) The longest day of the year.

World Humanist Day—spreading awareness of Humanism as a philosophical life stance.

22 June—Laylat al Kadr (Islam) night of power/honour/ dignity

25 June—Ratha Yatra (Hindu) Chariot Festival

26-28 June—Eid al Fitr (Islam) end of the fast of Ramadan and start of a feast

29 June - St Peter and St Paul's Day (Christian)

The martyrdoms of both these saints are observed by Roman Catholic, Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, and Lutheran churches. One of the oldest saints' days.

Useful link:

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Gypsy Roma Traveller

HISTORY MONTH



One of the aims of GRTHM is to counter-balance the widespread ignorance of Traveller communities that often leads to hatred and

conflict. Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month celebrates our culture and history by tackling the negative stereotyping and prejudices that have led to this situation.

Useful links: <http://grthm.natt.org.uk/index.php> <http://travellerstimes.org.uk/>



UNODC

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Blue Heart Campaign

An awareness raising initiative to fight human trafficking and its impact on society. And

World Drug Day

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is a global leader in the fight against illicit drugs and international crime.

Useful links: <http://www.unodc.org/blueheart/en/about-us.html>

<http://events.recoveryplusdb.com/wdd2017/>

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Also in June:

Armed Forces Day

Tampon Alert Day

Mens Health Week

Bug Busting Day

Flip Flop day

Recycle week

Refugee week

Useful Link: www.national-awareness-days.com



JUNE 2017

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9 July -

Martyrdom of the Báb (Bahá'í)

Anniversary of the Báb's execution in 1850 in Tabriz, Iran.

Asalha Puja Day (Buddhist) Buddha's first sermon after his enlightenment on Vesak

13 July—Ulambana / Obon / Ghost Festival (Buddhist) (Chinese) (Taoists) (Shinto) to help the needy and honour the dead/spirits of ones ancestors

15 July -

St Swithin's Day (Christian)

Legend has it the weather on his feast day will determine the weather for the next 40 days.

St Vladimir the Great Day (Orthodox Christian) a heathen prince

22 July - St Mary Magdalene (Christian)

Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran and Eastern Orthodox churches consider the first person to see Jesus at his resurrection a saint. She is also important in the Bahá'í faith.

23 July - Birthday of Haile Selassie I (Rastafari)

24 July - Pioneer Day (Mormon)

Commemorates the arrival in 1847 of the first Latter Day Saints pioneers in Salt Lake Valley.

Useful Link:

<http://www.reonline.org.uk/supporting/festivals-calendar/>

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NATIONAL PARKS Britain's breathing spaces

There are 15 members of the National Parks family, beautiful areas of mountains, meadows, moorlands, woods and wetlands. They are areas of protected countryside that everyone can visit, and where people live, work and shape the landscape.

Useful link: www.nationalparks.gov.uk/home



World Population Day - 11 July

Do you know what one of the biggest achievements of all the time has been? Decreasing mortality rates all over the world. So what is the world population? Just over a whopping 7 billion people. Which means that every single person has to count to their government.

Useful link: <http://www.un.org/en/events/populationday/>

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Also in July:

Disability Awareness Day

Shed Week

Reggae Day

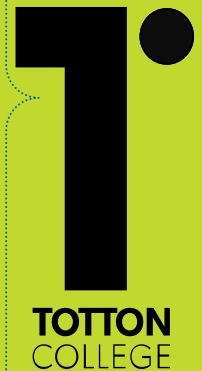
Kissing Day

World Hepatitis Day

National Marine Week

National Cherry Day

Useful Link: www.national-awareness-days.com



JULY 2017

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1 August -

Lughnasadh—(Wicca / Pagan) Pagan festival of Celtic origin which split the year into four

Lammas - (Christian) Harvest Festival

Tish'a B'av (Jewish) Full day of fast.

6 August - Transfiguration (Orthodox Christian)

Feast commemorating the sudden emanation of radiance from the person of Jesus that occurred on the mountain.

7 August—Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)

15 August - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Christian)

A largely Roman Catholic festival celebrating their belief that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken body and soul into heaven.

17 August -

Birthday of Marcus Garvey (Rastafari)

Commemorates the Birthday of Marcus Garvey, the Jamaican politician born in 1887 who predicted the crowning of a King in Africa, and instigated the 'Back to Africa' movement

Navroze (Zoroastrian) New Year's Day

25 August - Janmashtami (Hindu)

Celebration of the birth of Lord Krishna.

26 August - 4 September - Paryushan (Jain)

Most important Jain festival of the year.

29 August—Beheading of St John the Baptist (Christian)

31 August—Waqf al Arafah—Hajj Day (Islam) annual pilgrimage to Mecca

Useful link:

<http://www.reonline.org.uk/supporting/festivals-calendar/>

Equality & Diversity Calendar



12 August was designated as **International Youth Day** by the UN General Assembly in 1999. To achieve the 2030

Agenda for Sustainable Development focus is on the leading role of young people in ensuring poverty eradication and achieving sustainable development through sustainable production and

consumption. .

Useful link: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/>



The things right handed people take for granted, like your computer mouse or scissors, can be more difficult for left handed people to use.

Useful links: <http://www.lefthandersday.com/> or

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Lefthanders_Day

August						
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Also in August:

Friendship Day

Bat Night

Homeless Animal Day

Allotment Week

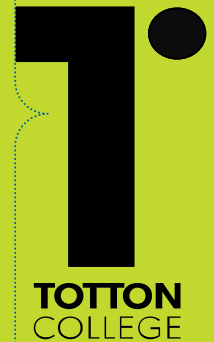
Road Victim Month

Playday

Breastfeeding Week

Useful Link:

www.national-awareness-days.com



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