

## Multifaith Dates

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**1 September -**

**Religious year begins (Orthodox Christian)**

**Installation of the Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh)**

**Harvest Festival (Christian)**

**1-4 Sept - Hajj / Eid al Adha (Islam)**

**4 Sept—Fravardin Mah Parab (Zoroastrian)**

**5 Sept—Festival of Hungry Ghosts (Buddhist)**

**11 Sept - Ethiopian New Year (Rastafari)**

**15 Sept—Zhongqijie (Chinese)**

Celebrates the Moon's birthday

**20—26 Sept—Higan (Japanese) - Autumn Equinox**

**21-22 Sept - Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)**

**21-29 Sept—Navaratri (Hindu)**

**22 Sept -**

**Autumn Equinox (Wiccan Pagan)** day and night are of equal duration.

**Islamic New Year 1438**

**29 Sept - Michaelmas (Christian)**

The Feast of Archangel Michael and All Angels.

**30 Sept—**

**Yom Kippur (Jewish)**

**Dussehra (Hindu)**

Useful link: [www.reonline.org.uk/supporting/festivals-calendar/](http://www.reonline.org.uk/supporting/festivals-calendar/)

## Equality & Diversity Calendar



**22 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](http://www.jeansforgenesday.org)



**Great British Beach Clean 16 - 19 September**

More than half of litter found is plastic and since the weekend was launched these items have increased by a whopping 135%! What's more dog poo in plastic bags on our beaches has increased by 11% in just one year!

Useful link: [www.mcsuk.org/beachwatch/](http://www.mcsuk.org/beachwatch/)

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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

Talk Like a Pirate Day...

Useful link: [www.national-awareness-days.com](http://www.national-awareness-days.com)



SEPTEMBER 2017

## Multifaith Dates

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**1 October - Ashura - Islamic New Year**

**1-9 October - Navaratri (Hindu)**

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

**5-11 Oct—Sukkot—(Jewish)**

**9 October—**

**Chongyangjie (double ninth) (Chinese, Taoist)**

**Thanksgiving—Canada (Interfaith)**

**13 Oct—Simchat Torah (Jewish)**

**16 October—InterFaith Week of Prayer**

**19 Oct—Diwali (Hindu, Sikh, Jain) Festival of Light**

**20 Oct -**

**Guru Granth Sahib declared Guru for all time (Sikh)**

**Anniversary of the Birth of the Bab (Baha'i)**

**New Year (Jain)**

**24 October—Pavarana (Buddhist)**

Last day of the Rains Retreat

**28 Oct—Picnic in a High Place (Chinese)**

**31 October -**

- **Halloween (Secular) (Heathen)**

- **All Hallows' Eve (Christian)**

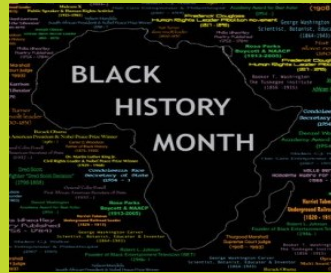
- **Samhain (Wiccan Pagan) Samhuinn (Druid)**

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/>

## Equality & Diversity Calendar



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](http://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](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 mth

Vegetarian Day

Chocolate Week

UK Older People Day...

Useful link: [www.national-awareness-days.com](http://www.national-awareness-days.com)



TOTTON COLLEGE

OCTOBER 2017

## Multifaith Dates

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**1 November -**

**All Saints' Day / Hallowmas / All Hallows' (Christian)**

**Anapasati Day (Buddhist)**

**2 November -**

**All Souls' Day - (Christian)**

**Anniversary of 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 Bahá'í faith.

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

A festival to give thanks for children.

**23 November—Thanksgiving USA (Interfaith)**

**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.

**26 November—**

**Christ the King (Christian)**

**Day of the Covenant (Bahá'í)**

**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/>

## Equality & Diversity Calendar



### World Kindness Day

Mark Twain summarised kindness : "the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see".

Wordsworth said; "the best bits of a man's life are the simple, random acts of kindness and love".

Useful link: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World\\_Kindness\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Kindness_Day)



Breaking the speed limit or travelling too fast for conditions is recorded by police at crash scenes as a contributory factor in one in four (23%) fatal crashes in Great Britain

Useful link: [www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk](http://www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk)

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### Also in November:

Anti-Bullying Week

Alcohol Awareness Week

Universal Children's Day

Buy Nothing Day

Blog Posting Month

Stress Awareness

Diabetics week

Useful link: [www.national-awareness-days.com](http://www.national-awareness-days.com)



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NOVEMBER 2017

## Multifaith Dates -

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### 3-24 December—Advent (Christian)

8 December -

Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Christian, Catholic)

Bodhi Day (Buddhist)

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

13 December—Hanukah (Jewish) - Festival of Lights

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.

26 December -

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

Boxing Day (Secular) , St Stephen's Day (Christian)

31 December—celebrates the new year

Omisoka (Japanese), Hogmanay (Secular), Watch Night (Christian)

Useful Link:

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

## Equality & Diversity Calendar



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](http://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](http://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

Animal Rights Day

Tree Dressing Day

Useful link: [www.national-awareness-days.com](http://www.national-awareness-days.com)



DECEMBER 2017

## Multifaith Dates

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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

**2-4 January—Mahayana New Year (Buddhist)**

**5 January -**

**Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh (Sikh)** - 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.

**13 January—**

**Maghi/Basant (Sikh)**

**Makar Sankranti (Hindu)**

**25 January— Honen Memorial Day (Buddhist)**

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

**31 January—Tu BiShvat (Jewish)**

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

## Equality & Diversity Calendar

### 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: children, adults, elderly people - and all with different reasons for why they are stuck on the streets.

Useful link: [www.actionweek.org.uk](http://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](http://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](http://www.national-awareness-days.com)



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JANUARY 2018

## Multifaith Dates

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**1 February -**

**Vasant Panchami (Hindu)**

**Basant (Punjabi)(Hindu)(Sikh)** Festival of Spring and 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—Jain ) February—Parinirvana / Nirvana Day (Buddhist) (Sikh)**

**11 February—**

**Lantern Festival (Chinese)(Confucian)(Daoist)(Buddhist)**

**Tu BiShvat (Jewish)** Festival of Trees

**13 February - Shrove Tuesday / Mardi Gras (Christian)**

**14 February -**

**St Valentine's Day (Christian) (Secular)**

**Ash Wednesday—Lent begins (Christian)**

**16 Feb—Chinese New Year / Tibetan New Year**

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

**26 February—1 March—Intercalary days (Baha'i)**

Useful link:

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

## Equality & Diversity Calendar



**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

Working with Fairtrade is a great way to show your support for farmers and producers around the world. We do this by changing the way trade works through better prices, decent working conditions and a fair deal for farmers and workers in developing countries.

With Fairtrade you have the power to change the world every day.

Useful link: <http://www.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](http://www.national-awareness-days.com)



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FEBRUARY 2018

## Multifaith Dates

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**1 March -**

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

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

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

**11 March—Mothering Sunday (Christian)**

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

**18 March—Hindu New Year**

**18-26 March —Ramayana (Hindu)**

**21 March -**

**Naw-Ruz (Bahai), Jamshedi Noruz (Fasli), Norooz (Zoroastrian) & Ugadi (Yugadi) New Year's Day.**  
**Ostara-Mabon (Wicca/Pagan) Equinox**

**25 March—Palm Sunday (Christian)**

**26 March - Ramanavami (Hindu)**

**28 March—Khordad Sal (Zoroastrian)**

**30 March—Good Friday (Christian)**

**30 March-7 April Passover or Pesach (Jewish)**

**31 March—**

**Lazarus Saturday (Orthodox Christian),**  
**Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu),**  
**Lord's Evening Meal (Jehovah's Witness),**  
**Magha Puja Day (Buddhist)**

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## Equality & Diversity Calendar



### 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](http://www.unwater.org)



### NO SMOKING DAY

Quitting smoking is the single best thing you can do for your heart health.

Stopping smoking has huge benefits and it's never too late to give up.

Useful link: [www.nosmokingday.org.uk](http://www.nosmokingday.org.uk)

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### Also in March:

British Science week

Puppy, Pig, Pi and Pie Day

International Women's Day

Skipping Day

Downs Syndrome Awareness Week

Clear Your Clutter Day

Useful Link: [www.national-awareness-days.com](http://www.national-awareness-days.com)



MARCH 2018

## Multifaith Dates

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- 1 April—Easter Sunday (Christian)**
- 3 April - Mahavir Jayanti (Jains)**
- 8 April—Pascha—Easter (Orthodox Christian)**
- 10 April—Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu)**
- 12 April—Yom HaShoah (Jewish)**
- 13 April—Lailat al Miraj (Islam)**
- 14 April- Vaisakhi (Sikh) New Year**
- 15 April - Rama Navami (Hindu) celebrates the birth of Lord Rama**
- 19 April—Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Jewish)**
- 21 April -  
Ridván (Bahá'í)**
- Anniversary of Haile Selassie's visit to Jamaica (Rastafari)**
- 22 April—Adar Mah Parab (Zoroastrian) Birthday of Fire**
- 23 April - St George's Day (Christian) Patron Saint of England.**
- 29 April—  
Ninth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)**
- Visakha Puja—Buddha Day (Buddhist)**
- 20 April—St James the Great Day (Orthodox Christian)**
- 30 April-2 May—Theravadin New Year (Buddhist)**

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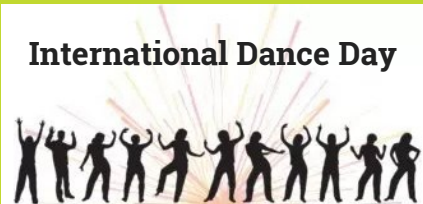
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## Equality & Diversity Calendar



WHO + you = the key to living longer  
**World Health Day** gives all of us a worldwide opportunity to focus on key public health issues that affect the international community.

Useful link: <http://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2017/en/>



The day was first established by UNESCO in 1982 and it is held every 29 April, as this is the birthdate of Jean-Georges Noverre (1727-1810), creator of modern ballet. It's a great expression of our cultures – from ceilidh dancing in Scotland to bollywood dance in India.

Useful link: [www.international-dance-day.org](http://www.international-dance-day.org)

### 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](http://www.national-awareness-days.com)

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APRIL 2018



## Multifaith Dates

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**1 May -**

**Beltane / Samhain (Wicca / Pagan)**

**Lailat al Bara'ah (Islam)**

**2 May—Last Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)**

**3 May -**

**Saints Philip & James (Christian)**

**National Day of Prayer (Interfaith)**

**Lag B'Omer (Jewish)**

**10 May—Ascension Day (Christian)**

**14-20 May—Christian Aid Week (Christian)**

**16 May-15 June—Ramadan (Islam)**

**17 May—Ascension of Jesus (Orthodox Christian)**

**20 May—Shavuot (Jewish), Pentecost (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 -**

**Pentecost (Orthodox Christian)**

**Trinity Sunday (Christian)**

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

**31 May—Corpus Christi (Catholic Christian)**

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## Equality & Diversity Calendar



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

Oak Apple Day

Useful Link: [www.national-awareness-days.com](http://www.national-awareness-days.com)



MAY 2018

## Multifaith Dates

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**2 June—All Saints (Orthodox Christian)**

**8 June—Sacred Heart of Jesus (Catholic Christian)**

**9 June—St. Columba of Iona (Celtic Christian)**

**11 June—Laylat al Kadr (Islam)**

**15 June -**

**Saint Vladimir Day (Christian)**

**Eid al Fitr (Islam)** end of the fast of Ramadan and start of a feast

**16 June - Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev (Sikh)**

**19 June—New Church Day (Swedenborgian Christian)**

**20 June Waqf al Arafa—Hajj Day (Islam)**

**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.

**First Nations Day (Canadian Native People)**

**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:

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

## Equality & Diversity Calendar



Refugee Week takes place every year across the world in the week around World Refugee Day on the **20 June**. In the UK, Refugee Week is a nationwide programme of arts, cultural and educational events that celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK, and encourages a better understanding between communities.

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



**UNODC**

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

### World Drug Day

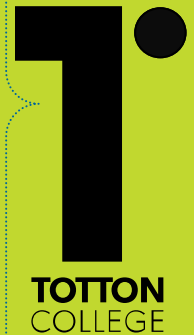
The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is a global leader in the fight against illicit drugs and international crime.

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

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

### Blue Heart Campaign

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



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### Also in June:

- Armed Forces Day
- Tampon Alert Day
- Mens Health Week
- Bug Busting Day
- Flip Flop day
- Recycle week
- National Fish & Chip Day
- Useful Link: [www.national-awareness-days.com](http://www.national-awareness-days.com)

JUNE 2018

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**9 July - Martyrdom of the Báb (Bahá'í)**

**11 July—St Benedict Day (Catholic Christian)**

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

**14 July Ratha Yatra (Hindu)** Chariot Festival

**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)**

**22 July -**

**Saint 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.

**Tish'a B'av (Jewish)**

**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.

**25 July—St James the Great Day (Christian)**

**27 July—Asalha Puja Day (Buddhist)**

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

## Equality & Diversity Calendar

### 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](http://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](http://www.national-awareness-days.com)



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## Multifaith Dates

Regional variations possible, based on the Western calendar, not an exhaustive list



**1 August - Lammas - (Christian)**

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

**6 August - Transfiguration of the Lord (Orthodox Christian)**

**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.

**Dormition of the Theotokos (Orthodox Christian)**

**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**

**22-25 August—Eid al Adha (Islam)**

**25 August - Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)**

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

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](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Lefthanders_Day)

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### Also in August:

Friendship Day

Bat Night

Homeless Animal Day

Allotment Week

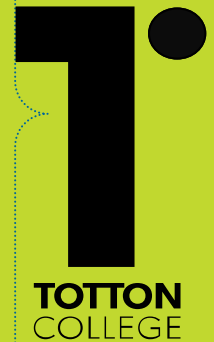
Road Victim Month

Playday

Breastfeeding Week

Useful Link:

[www.national-awareness-days.com](http://www.national-awareness-days.com)



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