



2020 - 2021

Ethical Education Teacher Calendar

All days, weeks and years are linked to relevant sites

Primary Resource Bank

2020: UN international Year of Plant Health

Second-level Resource Bank

2021: UN International Year of Peace and Trust

International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies

Sept 7

International Day of Sign Languages

Sept 23

International Literacy Day

Sept 8

Yom Kippur
Judaism

Sept 28

International Day of Democracy

Sept 15

International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste

Sept 29

International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer

Sept 16

International Day of Older Persons

Tree Day

Oct 1

Rosh Hashanah

Judaism

Sept 19 - 20

International Day of Peace

Sept 21

Autumn Equinox

Northern Hemisphere

Sept 22

Sukkot

Judaism

Oct 3- 4

European Week of Sport

Celebrated across Ireland

Sept 23 - 30

World Space Week

Oct 4 - 10

World Teachers' Day
World Habitat Day

Oct 5

Halloween / Samhain
World Cities Day

Oct 31

World Migratory Bird Day

There are now two official WMB Days - in Oct and May.

Some of the planet's most amazing athletes are migratory birds.

World Mental Health Day

Oct 10

One Day Together

Educate Together's National Fund-raising Day

TBC

World Tsunami Awareness Day

Nov 5

Maths Week

Oct 10 - 18

Science Week

Nov 8 - 15

World Food Day

Oct 16

World Science Day for Peace and Development

Nov 10

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

Navaratri
Hinduism

Oct 17

Stand-Up LGBT Awareness Week

TBC

United Nations Day

Oct 24

World Diabetes Day

Diwali
Hinduism / Sikhism

Nov 14

School Holidays Oct 26 - 30
(inclusive)

Mawlid al-Nabi
Islam

Oct 29

World Toilet Day

Fighting the taboo – 2.5 billion people do not have access to proper sanitation with dramatic consequences on human health, dignity and security

World Philosophy Day

Nov 19

World Children's Day

Nov 20

Birth of Guru Nanak

Sikhism

Nov 30

**Antarctica Day
World Aids Day**

Dec 1

Advent
Christianity

Dec 1 - 24

**International Day for the Abolition
of Slavery**

Dec 2

**International Day of Persons with
Disabilities**

Dec 3

World Soil Day

Dec 5

Bodhi Day
Buddhism

Dec 8

Human Rights Day

Dec 10

International Mountain Day

Dec 11

Hanukkah
Judaism

Dec 10 - 18

International Migrants Day

Dec 18

Winter Solstice
Northern Hemisphere

Dec 21

**School Holidays Dec 23 - Jan 5
(inclusive)**

Christmas Day
Christianity

Dec 25

World Braille Day

Jan 4

**Young Scientist and Technology
Exhibition**

Jan 6 - 9

Martin Luther King Day

Jan 18

Birth of Guru Gobind Singh
Sikhism

Jan 20

International Day of Education

Jan 24

Holocaust Memorial Day

Jan 27

St Brigid's Day
Christianity

Imbolc
Irish Festival

Traditionally seen as the first day of Spring with links to ancient rites and ceremonies

Feb 1

International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation

Feb 6

International Epilepsy Day

Feb 8

Safer Internet Day

Feb 9

Darwin Day

Chinese New Year
Year of the Ox

Feb 12

Parinirvana / Nirvana Day
Buddhism

Feb 15

World Day of Social Justice

Feb 20

International Mother Language Day

Feb 21

Fairtrade Fortnight

TBC

Lent
Christianity

Feb 17 - April 3

School Holidays Feb 15 - 19 (inclusive)

Engineers' Week

Feb 27 - March 5

Seachtain na Gaeilge

March 1 - 17

World Wildlife Day

March 3

World Book Day

March 4

International Women's Day

March 8

Holi
Hinduism

March 10

Tech Week

March 29th - April 2

St Patrick's Day
Christianity / National Holiday

March 17

Pesach / Passover
Judaism

March 27 - April 4

International Day of Happiness

Spring Equinox
Northern Hemisphere

March 20

Holi
Hinduism

March 29

- International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- World Down Syndrome Day
- International Day of Forests
- World Poetry Day

March 21

School Holidays
March 29 - April 9 (inclusive)

World Autism Awareness Day

April 2

World Water Day

March 22

Easter Sunday
Christianity

April 4

World Meteorological Day

March 23

International Day of Conscience

April 5

World Tuberculosis Day

March 24

International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

April 6

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

March 25

World Health Day

April 7

Wesak
Buddhism

April 8

International Day of Human Space Flight

April 12

Ramadan
Islam

April 13 - May 12

Vaisakhi / Baisakhi
Sikhism

April 14

Earth Day

April 22

World Malaria Day

April 25

International Jazz Day
Highlighting the roots and influences of jazz

April 30

Bealtaine
Celebration of creativity as we age

Whole Month

World Tuna Day

Highlighting the need for sustainable Fisheries

May 2

World Press Freedom Day

May 3

World Migratory Bird Day

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May 8

Europe Day

May 9

Eid Al-Fitr
Islam

May 13

International Day of Families

Celebrating the diversity of families types

May 15

**International Day against
Homophobia and Transphobia**

May 17

World Bee Day

May 20

**International Day for Biological
Diversity**

May 22

National Biodiversity Week

May 22 - 24

World No Tobacco Day

May 31

Traveller Pride Week

*Usually last week in May and first
week in June*

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World Bicycle Day

June 3

World Environment Day

June 5

World Oceans Day

June 8

World Day Against Child Labour

June 12

**World Day to Combat
Desertification and Drought**

June 17

World Refugee Day

June 20

World Humanist Day
Humanism

Summer Solstice
Northern Hemisphere

June 21

International Day of the Tropics

June 29