



Citizenship Foundation

National/International Awareness Days and Festivals 2016/17

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Month	Date (s)	Awareness Days / Festivals	Relevant Go-Givers lessons	
September	1 st	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, CLIC Sargent	KS2 Understanding Cancer	
		Friendship Month	KS1 Theme: Feelings and Managing Change	
			KS2 Theme: Kindness and Charitable Giving	
		International Primate Day, Animal Defenders International	KS2 You Scratch My Back	
	Organic Awareness Month, The Soil Association			
	5 th	Zero Waste Week	KS1 Theme: Environmental Issues	
		International Day of Charity, UN	KS2 Theme: Environmental Issues	
	8 th	International Literacy Day	KS2 Charitable Giving Through History	
	10 th	International Literacy Day	KS2 The Right to Education	
	10 th	World First Aid Day, International Red Cross	KS1 Theme: Keeping Safe & Making Choices	
			KS2 Theme: Disasters	
	12 th	Lymphatic Cancer Awareness Week, Lymphoma Association	KS2 Understanding Cancer	
			National Puppy Awareness Week, The Kennel Club	KS1 Caring for Pets
				KS2 Animal Care: Creature Kindness
	13 th	Know Your Numbers Week, Blood Pressure UK		
Eid-ul-Adha (Islam)				
13 th	National Eczema Week, National Eczema Society			
14 th	Know Your Numbers Week, Blood Pressure UK			
15 th	International Day of Democracy, UN	KS2 Political and Economic Issues		
		KS2 Democracy		
	Battle of Britain Day, TBBMT			
Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival				

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September (cont.)	16 th	International Day for Preservation of the Ozone Layer, UN	
		European Mobility Week, EC	
		Stepfamily Day	
		Clean Up The World Weekend	KS1 The Picnic
		Harvest Festival	
		Beachwatch Big Weekend, Marine Conservation Society	
	21 st	International Day Of Peace, UN	KS2 Working for Peace Gandhi: Great Soul
		World Gratitude Day	
	22 nd	World Carfree Day	KS2 Pollution: Cleaning Up Our Air
		Autumn Equinox	
	23 rd	Jeans For Genes Day, Genetic Disorders UK	
	26 th	European Day Of Languages, EU	
	27 th	World Tourism Day, UN	
29 th	World Heart Day, World Heart Foundation		
30 th	World's Biggest Coffee Morning, Macmillan Cancer Support	KS2 Understanding Cancer	
October	1 st	Black History Month	KS1 Diversity KS2 Diversity
			KS1 Africa Golden Girl - Jessica Ennis KS2 Freedom Bird and the Arab Uprisings Mali Nelson Mandela Martin Luther King: Sacrificing All For The Dream Rights and Responsibilities: Freedom! Mo Farah Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale: Pioneering Nurses

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October (cont.)		International Walk To School Month, Living Streets	
		International Day for Older Persons, UN	KS2 Care for the Elderly: The Grey Years
		Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Breast Cancer Care	KS2 Understanding Cancer
		International Music Day, International Music Council	
		Islamic New Year	
		Navratri (Hindu)	
	2 nd	Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)	KS1 Chicken Soup
		International Day Of Non Violence, UN	KS2 Knife Crime: Shielding from Harm Riots of Summer 2011 Should Adults be Allowed to Smack Children?
		Gandhi's birthday	KS2 Gandhi: Great Soul
	3 rd	Dyslexia Awareness Week	
		World Habitat Day, UNESCO	KS2 Saving the Rainforest
	4 th	World Animal Day	KS1 Caring For Pets You Scratch My Back KS2 Animal Care: Creature Kindness
		World Space Week, UN	
	5 th	World Teachers' Day	
	7 th	World Smile Day	
	10 th	World Mental Health Day	KS2 Stressed Out
		Durga Puja (Hindu)	KS2 Global Dimension
	11 th	Yom Kippur (Jewish)	
		International Day Of The Girl Child, UN	
	12 th	Youth Against Cancer Week, Laura Crane Youth Cancer Trust (TBC)	KS2 Understanding Cancer
	13 th	World Sight Day	KS1 Rio Meets Callum KS2 The Gift of Sight
		International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction, UN	

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October (cont.)	16 th	Sukkot (Jewish)	KS1 Essential, Desirable, Non-essential KS2 There's No Place Like Home
		World Food Day, UN	KS2 What Kind of Farming? The Food Shortage Fairtrade: Have A Banana
	17 th	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, UN	
National Adoption Week		KS2 Children's Needs: Roots and Wings	
October (cont.)	18 th	Anti Slavery Day, Act of Parliament	KS2 Rights and Responsibilities: Freedom! Child Slavery: All For Profit
	20 th	International Conflict Resolution Day	KS1 Bullying: I Won't Be Made to Feel Bad KS2 Mediation: Resolving Conflict
	21 st	Wear It Pink, Breast Cancer Awareness	KS2 Understanding Cancer
	22 nd	Make A Difference Day, CSV	KS2 You Can't Buy Anything With A Penny
	23 rd	One World Week	KS1 Our Community
	24 th	World Development Information Day, UN	
	30 th	Diwali (Hinduism)	
	31 st	Day of the Dead / Dia de los Muertos	KS1 Who's Afraid?
		Hallowe'en	
		All Saint's Day (Christian)	
World Vegan Day			
Movember, Movember Foundation		KS2 Understanding Cancer	
Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, Pancreatic Cancer Action Lung Cancer Awareness Month, Lung Cancer Alliance		KS2 Understanding Cancer	
	2 nd	National Stress Awareness Day, ISMA	KS2 Stressed Out!
	5 th	Guy Fawkes Night (Bonfire Night)	
	10 th	World Science Day For Peace & Development, UN	
	12 th	World Pneumonia Day	
	13 th	World Kindness Day, Random Acts of Kindness Foundation	KS1 The Selfish Little Red Hen (KS1) KS2 Chopsticks (KS2)

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November		BBC Children in Need	
		Remembrance Sunday, Royal British Legion & Armistice Day	KS2 Mediation: Resolving Conflict Working For Peace The War in Afghanistan
		Interfaith Week (England, Wales & NI)	KS2 The Golden Rule
		World Diabetes Day, International Diabetes Federation	
		Anti-Bullying Week, Anti Bullying Alliance	KS1 Anti-Bullying KS2 Anti-Bullying
		International Education Week, British Council	
	14 th	Alcohol Awareness Week, Alcohol Concern	
	16 th	International Day for Tolerance, UN	
	17 th	World Philosophy Day, UNESCO	
	19 th	World Toilet Day, UN	
		International Men's Day	
		European Week for Waste Reduction, EWWR	
	20 th	Universal Children's Day Learn to Fingerspell Day	KS2 Children's Needs: Roots and Wings Child Slavery: All For Profit
November (cont.)	21 st	World Hello Day	
		World Television Day, UN	
		Road Safety Week, Brake	KS2 Peer Pressure: It's Your Choice
	25 th	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (White Ribbon Day), UN	
		Carers Rights Day, Carers UK	KS2 Schools Are For Learning
27 th	Buy Nothing Day		
29 th	Advent Sunday (Christianity)		
	International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, UN		
30 th	St Andrew's Day (Scotland)	KS1 Save Our Jack	
December	1 st	World AIDS Day, UN	KS2 Healthcare: Improving Life Chances
	2 nd	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, UN	KS2 Child Slavery: All For Profit Rights and Responsibilities: Freedom!
	3 rd	International Day of Persons with Disabilities,	

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		UN Tree Dressing Day, Common Ground		
	5 th	International Volunteer Day, UN World Soil Day, UN	KS2 You Can't Buy Anything With a Penny	
	8 th	Bodhi Day (Buddhist)		
	9 th	International Anti-Corruption Day, UN		
	10 th	Human Rights Day, UN	KS1 Essential, Desirable, Non-essential KS2 Rights and Responsibilities: Freedom! Rights and Responsibilities: Getting The Balance Right	
		Animal Rights Day, Uncaged	KS1 Caring For Pets KS2 Animal Care: Creature Kindness	
	11 th	International Mountain Day, UN		
	18 th	International Migrants Day, UN		
	20 th	International Human Solidarity Day, UN		
	21 st	Winter Solstice		
	24 th	Hanukkah (Jewish)		
	25 th	Christmas	KS1 Christmas with the Go-Givers	
	January	1 st	New Year's Day	KS2 Gifts and Opportunities
		4 th	World Braille Day, World Blind Union	
6 th		Epiphany (Christian)		
12 th		National Obesity Awareness Week, National Obesity Forum (TBC)		
15 th		World Religion Day	KS2 The Golden Rule	
16 th		Martin Luther King Day	KS2 Martin Luther King: Sacrificing All for the Dream	
22 nd		Homelessness Sunday, Housing Justice	KS2 There's No Place Like Home	
28 th		Chinese New Year		
30 th		National Story Telling Week, Society for Storytelling		
	1 st	LGBT History Month	KS2 Homophobia: Respecting All Our Differences	

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February		National Heart Month, British Heart Foundation Dignity Action Day, Dignity In Care	
		World Interfaith Harmony Week, UN	KS2 The Golden Rule Scapegoat
	2 nd	World Wetlands Day, UN	
	4 th	World Cancer Day	KS2 Understanding Cancer
	5 th	Wear it, Bear it, British Heart Foundation	
		National Doodle Day, Epilepsy Action (TBC)	
	6 th	Day for Change, UNICEF	KS2 To Give Is To Receive Schools Are For Learning
	7 th	Safer Internet Day	KS2 Keeping Safe in Cyberspace
	11 th	International day of Women and Girls in Science, UN	
	12 th	Red Hand Day for Child Soldiers	
	13 th	World Radio Day, UN	KS2 Using Talents: It's A Wind-Up
	13 th	Go Green Week	KS1 Environmental Issues KS2 Environmental Issues
	14 th	St Valentine's Day	KS2 Valentine's Day
	February (cont.)	17 th	Random Acts of Kindness Day
20 th		World Day of Social Justice, UN	
21 st		International Mother Language Day, UN	
22 nd		Eating Disorder Awareness Week, B-Eat ^h	
		World Thinking Day, Girl Guides	
27 th		Fairtrade Fortnight, Fairtrade Foundation	KS2 Fairtrade: Have A Banana
28 th		Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)	
		Rare Disease Day, Eurordis	
	1 st	Women's History Month	KS2 Mary Seacole & Florence Nightingale: Pioneering Nurses Equal Opportunities Democracy
		St David's Day	
		Zero Discrimination Day, UN	
		Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month	

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March		National Bed Month, Sleep Council		
		Ash Wednesday (Christian)		
		Self-injury Awareness Day		
	2 nd		Climate Week TBC	
			World Book Day	
			International School Meals Day	
	3 rd		World Wildlife Day, UN	
			Keep Britain Tidy	KS1 Go Givers Park Litter: The Picnic KS2 The Earth in Our Hands
	6 th	National Careers Week		
	8 th	International Women's Day	KS2 Mary Seacole & Florence Nightingale: Pioneering Nurses Equal Opportunities Democracy	
	9 th	World Kidney Day, IFKF		
	10 th		British Science Week	KS2 Using Talents: It's a Wind-Up
			Salt Awareness Week, WASH (TBC)	
11 th		National No Smoking Day, BHF		
		Purim (Jewish)		
13 th		Commonwealth Day		
		Holi (Hindu)		
17 th	St Patrick's Day			
18 th	Sport Relief (TBC)	KS2 You Can't Buy Anything With a Penny		
20 th		Spring / Vernal Equinox		
		Palm Sunday (Christian)		
		International Day of Happiness, UN		
21 st		International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	KS1 Diversity KS2 Diversity	
		World Poetry Day, UN		
		World Down Syndrome Day, UN		
		International Day of Forests, UN	KS2 Saving the Rainforest	
22 nd	World Water Day, UN	KS2 Water: Our Most Precious Resource		
March (cont.)				

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	23 rd	World Meteorological Day		
	24 th	World Tuberculosis Day, WHO		
		International Day For the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations & for the Dignity of Victims, UN		
	25 th	Earth Hour	KS1 Saving Energy KS2 The Earth In Our Hands	
		International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery & the Transatlantic Slave Trade, UN Mother's Day	KS2 Rights & Responsibilities: Freedom	
April	1 st	April Fool's Day		
		National Pet Month	KS1 Caring for Pets KS2 Animal Care: Creature Kindness	
		Bowel Cancer Awareness Month, Bowel Cancer UK	KS2 Understanding Cancer	
	2 nd	International Children's Book Day		
		World Autism Awareness Day, UN		
	4 th	International Mine Awareness Day, UN		
	6 th	International Day of Sport Development & Peace, UNESCO		
	7 th	Day of Remembrance for the Victims of the Rwanda Genocide, UN		
		World Health Day, UN	KS1 Get Better Soon KS2 Healthcare: Improving Life Chances	
	10 th	Passover / Pesach (Jewish)		
		World Homeopathy Awareness Week		
	12 th	International Day for Street Children, UN		
		International Day of Human Space Flight, UN		
	13 th	Maundy Thursday (Christian)		
	14 th	Vaisakhi/Baisakhi (Sikh New Year) (TBC)		
		Good Friday (Christianity)		
	April (cont.)	16 th	World Voice Day	
			Easter Sunday (Christian)	
17 th		Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)		
18 th		International Day for Monuments & Sites, UN		

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	21 st	The Queen's Birthday	KS2 Our Queen's Diamond Jubilee KS2 The Queen: A Life of Giving
	22 nd	International Mother Earth Day, UN	KS1 Environmental Issues KS2 Environmental Issues
	23 rd	Shakespeare Day	
		World Book & Copyright Day, UNESCO	
		St George's Day	KS1 Save Our Jack KS2 Immigration: Coming to Britain
		Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoach)	KS2 Moral Values: When Is Enough Enough?
	25 th	World Malaria Day, UN	
	27 th	Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week, MS Trust (TBC)	
	29 th	World Wish Day, Make-A-Wish Foundation UK	KS2 You Can't Buy Anything with a Penny
		Chemical Warfare Remembrance Day, UN	
RSPCA Week		KS1 Caring for Pets KS2 Animal Care: Creature Kindness	
30 th	International Jazz Day UN		
May	1 st	International Workers' Day	
		Local & Community History Month, The Historical Association	
		Hepatitis Awareness Month	
		Early May Bank Holiday (England & Wales)	
		May Day	
	3 rd	Vesakha Puja / Wesak / Buddha Day (Buddhist)	
		World Press Freedom Day, UNESCO	KS2 It's A Good News Day!
	4 th	Global Road Safety Week, UN/WHO (TBC)	KS2 Peer Pressure: it's Your Choice
		Viral Meningitis Awareness Week, Meningitis Now (TBC)	
	5 th	International Midwives Day, UN	
		Save Lives Clean Your Hands, WHO (TBC)	KS2 Mary Seacole & Florence Nightingale: Pioneering Nurses KS2 Microorganisms
		Red Cross Week, British Red Cross (TBC)	

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May (cont.)	8 th	World Red Cross & Red Crescent Day	KS2 Disaster: Quake Emergency Tsunami
		Action for Brain Injury Week, Headway	
	9 th	Europe Day	
	11 th	M.E. Awareness Week, Action for M.E.	
	12 th	International Nurses' Day	KS2 Mary Seacole & Florence Nightingale: Pioneering Nurses
	13 th	World Migratory Bird Day, UN	
		World Fair Trade Day, WFTO	KS2 Fairtrade: Have a Banana
	14 th	Christian Aid Week, Christian Aid	
	15 th	Walk to School Week	
		National Epilepsy Week, Epilepsy Action	
		National Vegetarian Week, The Vegetarian Society	
		Dementia Awareness Week, Alzheimer's Society	KS2 Care for the Elderly: The Grey Years It's a Dog's Life
		International Day of Families, UN	KS1 Family Break-Up: My mum doesn't live here anymore
	16 th	Mental Health Awareness Week, Mental Health Foundation (TBC)	KS2 Stressed Out
		National Smile Month (TBC)	
	17 th	International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia	KS2 Homophobia: Respecting All our Differences
	21 st	World Day for Cultural Diversity Dialogue & Development, UN	KS1 Diversity KS2 Diversity
	22 nd	International Day for Biological Diversity, UN	KS2 Saving the Rainforest
	23 rd	World Turtle Day, ATR	
	25 th	Africa Day, AU	KS1 Africa
27 th	Ramadan (Islam)		
28 th	World Hunger Day, The Hunger Project UK	KS2 The Food Shortage	
29 th	International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, UN	KS2 Working for Peace	

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June		Spring Bank Holiday (England & Wales)	
	31 st	World No Tobacco Day (WHO)	
	1 st	Gypsy Roma and Traveller History Month	KS2 Culture: The Roma
		Global Day of Parents, UN	
	4 th	Volunteers' Week	KS2 Charitable Giving Through History
		Pentecost / Whit Sunday	
	5 th	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression, UN	
		World Environment Day, UN	KS1 Environmental Issues KS2 Environmental Issues
	8 th	World Oceans Day	KS2 Water: Our Most Precious Resource
	12 th	World Day Against Child Labour, UN	KS2 Child Slavery: All for Profit
	14 th	World Blood Donor Day, WHO	
	17 th	World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought, UN	KS2 Climate and Farming
		Recycle Week, Recycle Now (TBC)	KS1 Litter: The Picnic KS2 Sustainable Development
	18 th	Fathers' Day	
	20 th	World Refugee Day, UN	KS1 Refugees: The Stranger
21 st	Summer Solstice		
	Global Awareness Day for Motor Neurone Disease		
23 rd	United Nations Public Service Day		
	International Widows Day, UN		
24 th	Armed Forces Day	KS2 The War in Afghanistan	
June (cont.)	25 th	International Day of the Seafarer, International Maritime Rescue	KS2 Water: Our Most Precious Resource
	26 th	International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking, UN	
July	1 st	International Day of Cooperatives, UN	
	7 th	Water Week (Oxfam) (TBC)	KS2 Water: Our Most Precious Resource
	11 th	World Population Day, UN	
	12 th	Disability Awareness Day (TBC)	KS1 Disability: Stairs KS2 Go-Givers Bear Hunt Equal Opportunities

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			Rio Meets Callum The Paralympic Games
	14 th	Emmeline Pankhurst Day	KS2 Democracy
	18 th	Nelson Mandela Day, UN	KS1 Africa KS2 Nelson Mandela
	28 th	World Hepatitis Day, WHO	
	30 th	International Day of Friendship, UN	KS1 Feelings and Managing Change KS1 Kindness and Charitable Giving KS2 Kindness and Charitable Giving
		World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, UN	