



National / International Awareness Days and Festivals

2017/18

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 Theme: Kindness and Charitable Giving KS2 Theme: Kindness and Charitable Giving
		International Primate Day, Animal Defenders International	KS2 Animals that help each other
		Organic Awareness Month, The Soil Association	
		Eid-ul-Adha (Islam)	
	4 th	National Puppy Awareness Week, The Kennel Club 4 th -7 th	KS1 Caring for Pets KS2 Animal Care: Creature Kindness
	8 th	Zero Waste Week	KS1 Theme: Environmental Issues KS2 Theme: Environmental Issues
		International Day of Charity, UN	KS2 Charitable Giving Through History
		International Literacy Day	KS2 The Right to Education
	11 th	Lymphatic Cancer Awareness Week, Lymphoma Association 11 th - 17 th	KS2 Understanding Cancer
Know Your Numbers Week, Blood Pressure 11 th - 17 th			

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	12 th	World First Aid Day, International Red Cross	KS1 Theme: Keeping Safe & Making Choices KS2 Theme: Environmental Issues
	15 th	International Day of Democracy, UN	KS2 Political and Economic Issues KS2 Democracy
		Battle of Britain Day, TBBMT	
		Clean Up The World Weekend 15-17 th	KS1 The Picnic
		Beachwatch Big Weekend, Marine Conservation Society 15 – 18 th	
September (cont.)	16 th	National Eczema Week, National Eczema 16 th -24 th	
		European Mobility Week, EC 16 th – 22 nd	
		International Day for Preservation of the Ozone Layer, UN	
		Stepfamily Day	
	21 st	International Day Of Peace, UN	KS2 Working for Peace KS2 Gandhi: Great Peace
		World Gratitude Day	
		Islamic New Year	
		Rosh Hashanah (Jewish) 21 st – 29 th	KS1 Chicken Soup
	22 nd	World Carfree Day	KS2 Pollution: Cleaning Up Our Air
		Autumn Equinox	
		Jeans For Genes Day, Genetic Disorders UK	
	26 th	European Day Of Languages, EU	
Durga Puja (Hindu)			

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	27 th	World Tourism Day, UN	
	29 th	World Heart Day, World Heart Foundation	
		World's Biggest Coffee Morning, Macmillan Cancer Support	KS2 Understanding Cancer
		Yom Kippur (Jewish)	
October	1 st	Black History Month	KS1 Diversity KS2 Diversity Africa Nelson Mandela Martin Luther King: Sacrificing All For The Dream Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale: Pioneering Nurses Freedom Bird and the Arb Uprisings Mali Rights and Responsibilities: Freedom! Going for Goals: Mo Farah Golden Girl: Jessica Ennis-Hill
		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	
	Navratri (Hindu)		

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	2 nd	International Day Of Non Violence, UN	KS2 Knife Crime: Shielding from Harm Riot of Summer 2011 Should Adults be Allowed to Smack Children?
		Gandhi's Birthday	KS2 Gandhi: Great Soul
		Dyslexia Awareness Week 2 - 8 th	
	4 th	World Habitat Day, UNESCO	KS2 Saving the Rainforest
		Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival World Animal Day	KS1 Caring For Pets Animal that help each other KS2 Animal Care: Creature Kindness
October (Cont.)		World Space Week, UN 4 – 10 th	
		Sukkot (Jewish) 4 th – 11 th	KS1 Essential, Desirable, Non-essential KS2 There's No Place Like Home
	5 th	World Teachers' Day	
	6 th	World Smile Day	
	10 th	World Mental Health Day	KS2 Stressed Out KS2 Global Dimension
	11 th	International Day Of The Girl Child, UN	
	12 th	World Sight Day	KS1 Rio Meets Callum KS2 The Gift of Sight
	13 th	International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction, UN	
	16 th	World Food Day, UN	KS2 What Kind of Farming? KS2 The Food Shortage KS2 Fairtrade: Have A Banana
National Adoption Week 16 th – 22 nd		KS2 Children's Needs: Roots and Wings	

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	17 th	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, UN	
	18 th	Anti-Slavery Day, Act of Parliament	KS2 Rights and Responsibilities: Freedom! Child Slavery: All For Profit
	19 th	International Conflict Resolution Day	KS1 Bullying: I Won't Be Made to Feel Bad KS2 Meditation: Resolving Conflict
		Diwali (Hinduism)	
	20 th	Wear It Pink, Breast Cancer Awareness	KS2 Understanding Cancer
	22 nd	One World Week 22 nd -29 th	KS1 Our Community
	24 th	World Development Information Day, UN	
	28 th	Make A Difference Day, CSV	KS2 You Can't Buy Anything With A Penny
31 st	Halloween	KS1 Who's Afraid	
	Day of the Dead / Dia de los Muertos		
November	1 st	All Saint's Day (Christian)	
		World Vegan Day	
		Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, Pancreatic Cancer Action	KS2 Understanding Cancer
		Lung Cancer Awareness Month, Lung Cancer Alliance	
		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	
Remembrance Sunday, Royal British Legion & Armistice Day		KS2 Mediation: Resolving Conflict KS2 Working For Peace KS2 The War in Afghanistan	

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		Interfaith Week (England, Wales & NI) 12 th - 19 th	KS2 The Golden Rule: Multi-Faith Values
	13 th	Anti-Bullying Week, Anti Bullying Alliance 13 th - 17 th	KS1 Anti-Bullying KS2 Anti-Bullying
		International Education Week, British 13 th - 17 th	
		World Kindness Day, Random Acts of Kindness Foundation	KS1 The Selfish Little Red Hen KS2 Chopsticks
		Alcohol Awareness Week, Alcohol Concern 13 th - 19 th	
	14 th	World Diabetes Day, International Diabetes Federation	
	16 th	International Day for Tolerance, UN	
		World Philosophy Day, UNESCO	
18 th	European Week for Waste Reduction, EWWR 18 th - 26 th		
November (Cont.)	19 th	International Men's Day	
		World Toilet Day, UN	
	20 th	Universal Children's Day	KS2 Children's Needs: Roots and Wings KS2 Child Slavery: All For Profit
		Road Safety Week, Brake 20 th – 26 th	KS2 Peer Pressure: It's Your Choice
	21 st	World Hello Day	
		World Television Day, UN	
	24 th	Carers Rights Day, Carers UK	KS2 Schools Are For Learning
		Buy Nothing Day	
25 th	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (White Ribbon Day), UN		
29 th	International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, UN		

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	30 th	St Andrew's Day (Scotland)	KS1 Diversity in Britain: 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 KS2 Rights and Responsibilities: Freedom!
	2 nd	Tree Dressing Day, Common Ground	
	3 rd	International Day of Persons with Disabilities, UN 2 nd – 3 rd	
	5 th	International Volunteer Day, UN	KS2 Inspiring stories: young fundraisers and campaigners
		World Soil Day, UN	
	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! KS2 Rights and Responsibilities: Getting The Balance Right
		Animal Rights Day, Uncaged	KS1 Caring for Pets KS2 Animal Care: Creatures Kindness
	11 th	International Mountain Day, UN	
	12 th	Hanukkah (Jewish)	
	18 th	International Migrants Day, UN	
	20 th	International Human Solidarity Day, UN	
21 st	Winter Solstice		
25 th	Christmas	KS1 Christmas with the Go-Givers	
	1 st	New Year's Day	KS2 Gifts and opportunities
	4 th	World Braille Day, World Blind Union	
	6 th	Epiphany (Christian)	

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January	12 th	Obesity Forum (TBC)	
	15 th	Martin Luther King Day	
	21 st	World Religion Day	
	27 th	National Story Telling Week, Society for Storytelling 27 th – 3 rd	
	28 th	Homelessness Sunday, Housing Justice	
February	1 st	LGBT History Month	KS2 Homophobia: Respecting All Our Differences
		National Heart Month, British Heart Foundation	
		Dignity Action Day, Dignity In Care	
		World Interfaith Harmony Week, UN 1 st -7 th	KS2 The Golden Rule: Multi-Faith Values KS2 Scapegoat
	2 nd	World Wetlands Day, UN	
	4 th	World Cancer Day	KS2 Understanding Cancer
February	4 th	Eating Disorder Awareness Week 4 th - 10 th	
	6 th	Safer Internet Day	
	11 th	International day of Women and Girls in Science, UN	KS2 Keeping Safe in Cyberspace
	12 th	Red Hand Day for Child Soldiers	
	13 th	World Radio Day, UN	KS2 Talent: It's A Wind-Up
		Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)	
	14 th	St Valentine's Day	KS2 Valentine's Day
Ash Wednesday (Christian)			

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	17 th	Random Acts of Kindness Day	
	20 th	World Day of Social Justice, UN	
	21 st	International Mother Language Day, UN	
	22 nd	World Thinking Day, Girl Guides	
	26 th	Fairtrade Fortnight, Fairtrade Foundation 26 th – 12 th	KS2 Fairtrade: Have A Banana
	28 th	Rare Disease Day, Eurordis	
March	1 st	Women's History Month	KS2 Mary Seacole & Florence Nightingale: Pioneering Nurses KS2 Equal Opportunities KS2 Democracy
		St David's Day	
		Zero Discrimination Day, UN	
		Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month	
		National Bed Month, Sleep Council	
		Self-injury Awareness Day	
		World Book & Copyright Day, UNESCO	
	3 rd	World Wildlife Day, UN	
	8 th	International Women's Day	KS2 Mary Seacole & Florence Nightingale: Pioneering Nurses KS2 Equal Opportunities KS2 Democracy
		World Kidney Day, IFKF	
	9 th	British Science Week 9 th – 18 th	
	11 th	National No Smoking Day, BHF	
		Purim (Jewish)	
Mother's Day			

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March	13 th	Commonwealth Day	
		Holi (Hindu)	
	15 th	International School Meals Day	
	17 th	St Patrick's Day	
	18 th	Sport Relief (TBC)	KS2 Inspiring stories: young fundraisers and campaigners
	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 Our Rainforest	
22 nd	World Water Day, UN	KS2 Water: Our Most Precious Resource	
23 rd	World Meteorological Day		
	World Tuberculosis Day, WHO		
24 th	International Day For the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations & for the Dignity of Victims, UN		
	Earth Hour	KS1: Saving Energy KS2: The Earth In Our Hands	
25 th	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery & the Transatlantic Slave Trade, UN	KS1 Rights & Responsibilities: Freedom	

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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 Medicines and Drugs: Get Better Soon KS2 Healthcare: Improving Life Chances
	10 th	World Homeopathy Awareness Week 10 th -16 th	
	11 th	Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoach)	KS2 Moral Values: When is Enough Enough?
	12 th	International Day for Street Children, UN	
		International Day of Human Space Flight, UN	
	14 th	Vaisakhi/Baisakhi (Sikh New Year) (TBC)	
	15 th	Volunteers' Week 15 th -22 nd	KS2 Charitable Giving Through History
	16 th	World Voice Day	
18 th	International Day for Monuments & Sites, UN		
21 st	The Queen's Birthday	KS2 Our Queen's Diamond Jubilee	
22 nd	International Mother Earth Day, UN	KS1 Environmental Issues	

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April			KS2 Environmental Issues
	23 rd	Shakespeare Day	
		St George's Day	KS1 Diversity in Britain: Save Our Jack KS2 Moral Values: When is Enough Enough?
	25 th	World Malaria Day, UN	
	29 th	World Wish Day, Make-A-Wish Foundation UK	KS2 Inspiring stories: young fundraisers and campaigners
		Chemical Warfare Remembrance Day, UN	
		Maundy Thursday (Christian)	
	30 th	International Jazz Day UN	
		Good Friday (Christianity)	
Passover / Pesach (Jewish) 30 th - 6 th			
May	1 st	Local & Community History Month, The Historical Association	
		Hepatitis Awareness Month	
		Viral Meningitis Awareness Week, Meningitis Now (TBC)	
	3 rd	World Press Freedom Day, UNESCO	KS2 It's A Good News Day!
	5 th	International Midwives Day, UN	
		Save Lives Clean Your Hands, WHO (TBC)	KS2 Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale: Pioneering Nurses KS2 Microorganisms
	7 th	Early May Bank Holiday (England & Wales)	
		May Day	
International Workers' Day			

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May		Red Cross Week, British Red Cross (TBC)	KS2 Disaster: Quake Emergency Tsunami
	8 th	World Red Cross & Red Crescent Day	
		Action for Brain Injury Week, Headway	
	9 th	Europe Day	
	12 th	International Nurses' Day	KS2 Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale: Pioneering Nurses
		12th World Migratory Bird Day, UN	
		M.E. Awareness Week, Action for M.E.	
	13 th	World Fair Trade Day, WFTO	KS2 Fairtrade: Have A Banana
		Christian Aid Week, Christian Aid 13 th - 19 th	
	14 th	National Epilepsy Week, Epilepsy Action	
		Walk to School Week	
	15 th	National Vegetarian Week, The Vegetarian Society	
		Dementia Awareness Week, Alzheimer's Society	KS2 Care for the Elderly: The Grey Years
		International Day of Families, UN	Family relationships: It's a Dog's Life KS1 Family Break-Up: My mum doesn't live here anymore
		National Smile Month 15 th – June 15 th	
Ramadan (Islam)			
16 th	Mental Health Awareness Week, Mental Health Foundation 16 th - 28 th	KS2 Stressed Out	
17 th	International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia	KS2 Homophobia: Respecting All Our Differences	

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May	20 th	Pentecost / Whit Sunday	
	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
	28 th	World Hunger Day, The Hunger Project UK	KS2 The Food Shortage
		Spring Bank Holiday (England & Wales)	
	29 th	International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, UN	KS2 Working for Peace
31 st	World No Tobacco Day (WHO)		
June	1 st	Gypsy Roma and Traveller History Month	KS2 Culture: The Roma
		Global Day of Parents, UN	
	4 th	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression, UN	
	5 th	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
		November Recycle Week, Recycle Now 12 th – 18 th	KS1 Litter: The Picnic KS2 Sustainable Development
	14 th	World Blood Donor Day, WHO	
	17 th	World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought, UN	KS2 Climate and Farming
		Fathers' Day	
20 th	World Refugee Day, UN	KS1 Refugees: The Stranger	
21 st	Summer Solstice		

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June	23 rd	United Nations Public Service Day	
		International Widows Day, UN	
	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	
	30 th	Armed Forces Day	KS2 The War in Afghanistan
July	7 th	International Day of Co-operatives, UN	
	11 th	World Population Day, UN	
	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			