

Equality, Diversity  
and Inclusion

Lancaster  
University



# Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Calendar

**UK and International Recognition  
and Awareness Dates from  
September 2025 - August 2026**



# September 2025 to August 2026

**At Lancaster University, our mission is firmly rooted in academic excellence, meaningful engagement, and an enduring commitment to inclusion. We take pride in being a global institution with a local heartbeat, where our core values underpin every initiative and decision.**

**Through inclusive teaching, innovative research, and active collaboration across communities, we empower staff and students to challenge boundaries and enrich society. The transformative impact we achieve - economically, culturally, and environmentally - is a testament to the talent we cultivate and the values we uphold.**

**Sustaining this success demands an unwavering dedication to equity, diversity, and inclusion in all we do.**



**Professor Rebecca Lingwood  
Deputy Vice Chancellor**

# Lancaster University's EDI Commitment

**At Lancaster University, our commitment to fostering an inclusive culture is a shared expedition, driven by the experiences, expertise and aspirations of our entire community.**

**As Dean for Culture and Inclusion, I believe inclusion to be the first step towards embracing diversity, championing equity, and creating environments where everyone feels seen, valued, and inspired to thrive.**

**From curriculum transformation to community partnerships, and initiatives that elevate underrepresented perspectives, we are cultivating a culture grounded in care, collaboration and courageous dialogue. Together, we can reimagine a university that better reflects the world we want to live in.**



**Professor Kendi Guantai  
Dean for Culture and Inclusion**

# How to use this calendar

The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Calendar of Events runs from September to August. For each month, you'll see a header page, with all awareness dates and religious dates in a list format, followed by a traditional, visual calendar grid.

## What events are included?

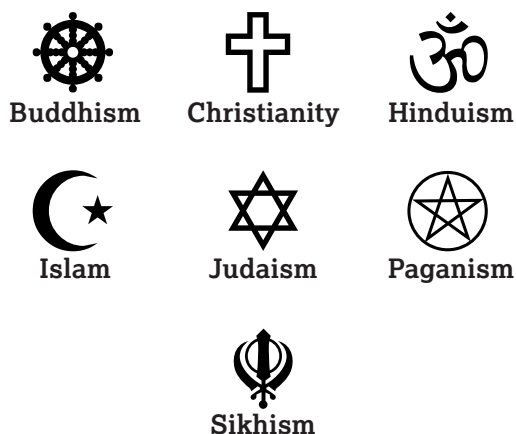
The events included in this calendar all relate to one or more of the nine protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation) identified in the Equality Act 2010.

Please note that these dates are not exhaustive. We have selected those that reflect our community at Lancaster University.

## Religious Dates

For major religious holidays or festivals, dates\* and some brief information is given to each month's header page's right.

On the visual calendar page, the following symbols are used to identify dates, in the top right corner of each date block.



For religious dates spanning multiple days or weeks, only the first day will be identified.

*\* Some religious dates are dependent on the lunar calendar, so dates may change.*

## What's already being planned?

Celebrations and events for some of the dates in this planner will be co-ordinated by the EDI Team or elsewhere around the University.

You can find all the University's events listing on the News and Events page, at: [www.lancaster.ac.uk/events/](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/events/)

Alternatively, you can access the EDI Team's LibCal calendar at: [lancaster-uk.libcal.com/calendar/edi\\_events](http://lancaster-uk.libcal.com/calendar/edi_events)

Download an .ics file of all this year's events to your Outlook calendar from the EDI webpages at: [www.lancaster.ac.uk/edi/engagement/edi-calendar](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/edi/engagement/edi-calendar)

If you are a member of staff or a student at the University with an event you'd like us to support you in listing or promoting, you can contact our EDI Team at [edi@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:edi@lancaster.ac.uk), or our Chartermarks teams below:



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# Getting Involved at Lancaster University - Staff

At Lancaster University we have a range of staff networks that are open to all staff. The equality networks featured below provide spaces for staff from under-represented or disadvantaged communities to join together and share support, resources and opportunities.

For more information on these groups go to: [Staff Networks | Lancaster University](#) or click the logos below.

Lancaster University

Black, Asian and  
Ethnic Minority  
Staff Network



The Lancaster University Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority Staff Network exists to contribute to the development of an anti-racist culture at Lancaster University and to promote the enhancement of levels of inclusion experienced by staff from Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority backgrounds.

**DEN+**

Disabled Employees Network

The Disabled Employee Network (DEN+) is a confidential staff network that supports employees with disabilities, neurodivergences, or long-term conditions, including mental health, by providing a discussion platform for working conditions and information sharing.



The LGBT+ Staff Network at the University supports and empowers LGBT+ staff and postgraduate students, providing an inclusive and welcoming space for those who identify as part of the community. The network also offers confidential assistance in finding relevant services available within the University.



The Lancaster University Parents' and Carers' Network is a support group for staff and students who are parents or carers of children or adults. It offers a platform to share experiences and provide mutual support.



The Lancaster University Women's Network offers a forum for women to support each other, discuss, and develop individually. It serves as a platform for debate, raising awareness, and taking action for change.



The LU Young Staff network is available to LU staff and PGR students who consider themselves in the younger staff or early career category. It promotes continuous professional development and offers support for its members through social and networking events.

# Getting Involved at Lancaster University - Students

Lancaster University Students' Union has a range of liberation groups directly related to Equality, Diversity & Inclusion. The bodies featured here are each led by student leaders, has a seat on Union Assembly, and forms an important part of the Students' Union's provision.

For more information on these groups go to: [Liberation @ LUSU](#) or click the logos below.

**Accessibility Community** ❤️

**BAME Committee** ❤️

**LGBTQ+ Community** ❤️

**Womens+ Network** ❤️

**International Students' Forum** ❤️



With over 160 societies, clubs and sport groups combined, you're sure to find your thing at LUSU!

Check out our clubs & societies by clicking the LUSU logo.



# September 2025

## Religious Festivals

### Islam

#### Evening of 4th to 5th: Mawlid

The celebration of the birth of the Prophet Muhammad in the Islamic faith.

### Buddhism

#### 6th: Ullambana Day

Also known as the "Ghost Festival," a day during which people of the Buddhist faith celebrate their dead loved ones, as it is believed that their spirits return to the land of the living for a day.

### Hinduism

#### 7th - 21st: Pitru Paksha

A period when members of the Hindu faith pay homage to their ancestors.

### Paganism

#### 22nd: Mabon (Autumnal Equinox)

A time for Pagans to reflect on the past season, Mabon is celebrated when day and night is of equal duration before descending into increasing darkness.

### Judaism

#### 22nd - 24th: Rosh Hashanah

A celebration of the creation of the world and marks making a fresh start. It is a holy day on which Jewish people are not expected to work. Instead, it is a time for them to reflect on the past year and to ask for forgiveness for anything wrong they feel they have done.

## Key Awareness Dates

[East and South East Asian Heritage Month](#)

[World Alzheimer's & Dementia Awareness Month](#)

**15th - 21st:** [National Inclusion Week](#)

**10th:** [World Suicide Prevention Day](#)

**23rd:** [BiVisiblity Day](#)

# September 2025

East and South East Asian Heritage Month; World Alzheimer’s & Dementia Awareness Month; Beginning of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4 	5	6 	7 
8	9	10 World Suicide Prevention Day	11	12	13	14
15 National Inclusion Week begins	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 	23 BiVisibility Day	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



# October 2025

## Religious Festivals

### Judaism

#### Evening of 1st to 2nd: Yom Kippur

The day of atonement; a day of fasting and prayer.

#### Evening of 6th to 13th: Sukkot

Sukkot is one of three pilgrimage festivals, and always takes place five days after Yom Kippur. During the seven days of the holiday, people celebrate by having meals in the Sukkah, volunteering, inviting guests over and more.

### Hinduism

#### 2nd: Dussehra

The final day of a 10-day Hindu festival that honours Asuj Navratras celebrating the triumph of good over evil.

### Hinduism & Sikhism

#### 20th: Diwali/Divali

The festival of Diwali is celebrated by most communities in India, as Hindus celebrate it as the return of Lord Rama to Ayodhya after 14 years of exile.

Similarly, Sikhs celebrate this day to mark the return of their sixth Guru, Guru Gobind Sahib Ji, from Gwalior Fort.

### Paganism

#### 31st: Samhain

Festival of the Dead. The veil between worlds is believed to be thinnest at this point, and the dead may mix more freely with the living.

## Key Awareness Dates

[Black History Month](#)

[Global Diversity Month](#)

**6th - 13th:** [Dyslexia Awareness Week](#)

**9th - 15th:** [Baby Loss Awareness Week](#)

**1st:** [Anniversary of the introduction of the Equality Act](#)

**6th:** [Mid-Autumn Festival](#)

**10th:** [World Mental Health Day](#)

**15th:** [International Pronouns Day](#)

**18th:** [World Menopause Day](#)

**22nd:** [International Stuttering Awareness Day](#)

# October 2025

Black History Month; Global Diversity Month

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 <div>✡</div> <div>Anniversary of introduction of the Equality Act</div>	2 <div>ॐ</div>	3	4	5
6 <div>✡</div> <div>Mid-Autumn Festival</div> <div>Dyslexia Awareness Week begins</div>	7	8	9 <div>Baby Loss Awareness Week begins</div>	10 <div>World Mental Health Day</div>	11	12
13	14	15 <div>International Pronouns Day</div>	16	17	18 <div>World Menopause Day</div>	19
20 <div>ॐ</div> <div>✧</div>	21	22 <div>International Stuttering Awareness Day</div>	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 <div>✧</div>		

# November 2025

## Religious Festivals

### Christianity

#### 1st: All Saint's Day

A day to honour all holy men and women who have been canonized in the Catholic Church.

#### 30th: St Andrew's Feast Day

St. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland, Greece, Russia, Ukraine, Barbados, and Romania. This day honours him, his good works, and his canonization in the Catholic Church.

### Sikhism

#### 5th: Gurmurb

Celebrates the birth of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism and the first of the Sikh gurus.

## Key Awareness Dates

[Islamophobia Awareness Month](#)

[Disability History Month](#) begins (14th Nov - 20th Dec)

**13th - 19th:** [Transgender Awareness Week](#)

**4th:** [Supporting Male Victims of Domestic Abuse Day](#)

**14th:** [World Diabetes Day](#)

**19th:** [International Men's Day](#)

**20th:** [Transgender Day of Remembrance](#)

**21st:** [Carers' Rights Day](#)

**25th:** [International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women](#) / [White Ribbon Day](#)

# November 2025

Islamophobia Awareness Month; Disability History Month begins (14th Nov - 20th Dec)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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3	4 <b>Supporting Male Victims of Domestic Abuse Day</b>	5 	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 <b>Transgender Awareness Week begins</b>	14 <b>World Diabetes Day</b> <b>Disability History Month begins</b>	15	16
17	18	19 <b>International Men's Day</b>	20 <b>Transgender Day of Remembrance</b>	21 <b>Carers' Rights Day</b>	22	23
24	25 <b>International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women / White Ribbon Day</b>	26	27	28	29	30 



# December 2025

## Religious Festivals

### Buddhism

#### 8th: Bodhi Day

Bodhi Day marks the moment at which Siddhartha Gautama attained enlightenment, becoming the Buddha or 'awakened one'.

### Judaism

#### 14th - 22nd: Hannukah

Festival of light lasting eight evenings. For the eight evenings of the festival, candles are lit from right to left in a hanukkah, a nine-branched menorah – one candle for each evening. The ninth candle is the shamash (the servant candle) from which the other candles are lit.

### Paganism

#### 21st - 1st Jan: Yule (Winter Solstice)

A Pagan and Wiccan holiday that celebrates the winter solstice.

### Christianity

#### 25th: Christmas Day

Christmas Day is traditionally a celebration of the birth of Jesus

#### 26th: St Stephen's Feast Day

The day commemorating St. Stephen's life and service as he became the first Christian to die for the faith.

### Sikhism

#### 27th: Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti

This celebration marks the birth anniversary of their tenth Sikh leader, Guru Gobind Singh. The day is observed in honour and remembrance of the great warrior, poet, philosopher and spiritual master.

## Key Awareness Dates

Disability History Month continues (14th Nov - 20th Dec)

**2nd - 8th:** [National Grief Awareness Week](#)

**1st:** [World AIDS Day](#)

**2nd:** [International Day for the Abolition of Slavery](#)

**3rd:** [International Day for People with Disabilities](#)

**8th:** [Pansexual Pride Day](#)

**10th:** [International Human Rights Day](#)

# December 2025

Disability History Month continues (14th Nov - 20th Dec)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1  World AIDS Day	2  National Grief Awareness week begins  International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	3  International Day for People with Disabilities	4	5	6	7
8  Pansexual Pride Day	9	10  International Human Rights Day	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

# January 2026

## Religious Festivals

### Sikhism

#### 14th: Maghi

A community gathering to commemorate the martyrdom of forty Sikhs (Chalis Mukte) who died while fighting the Mughal Empire army led by Wazir Khan in 1705.

Sikhs make a pilgrimage to the site of the war, and take a holy dip in the sacred water pond of Gurudwara Tuti Gandhi Sahib in Muktsar.

### Islam

#### Evening of 15th - 16th: Lailat al Miraj

This Muslim holy day celebrates Muhammad's pilgrimage from Mecca to Jerusalem. When Muhammad arrived, he ascended into Heaven.

## Key Awareness Dates

**4th:** [World Braille Day / Louis Braille's Birthday](#)

**24th:** [International Day of Education](#)

**27th:** [Holocaust Memorial Day](#)

# January 2026

Beginning of the Gregorian and Japanese new years

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 New Year's Day (UK Bank Holiday)	2	3	4 World Braille Day/ Louis Braille's Birthday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 International Day of Education	25
26	27 Holocaust Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	



# February 2026

## Religious Festivals

### Paganism

#### 1st: Imbolc

This Pagan and Wiccan festival serves as the halfway point between the winter solstice and spring equinox, celebrating fire, light, and the return of life.

### Judaism

#### Evening of 1st to 2nd: Tu Bishvat

In Judaism, this holiday is an ancient and authentic environmental holiday, reminding Jews of the importance of caring for the natural world.

### Buddhism

#### 15th: Parinirvana Day

In Mahāyāna Buddhism, this date is also known as Nirvana Day. It commemorates Buddha's death and attainment of final nirvana.

### Hinduism

#### 15th - 16th: Maha Shivaratri

The Great Night of Shiva, when Shiva performs the heavenly dance of creation, preservation and destruction.

### Islam

#### 17th Feb - 18th Mar: Ramadan

The beginning of a month long fast. For Muslims, Ramadan is a period of introspection, communal prayer (ṣalāt) in the mosque, and reading of the Qur'ān.

### Christianity

#### 18th: Ash Wednesday

The beginning of the 40 days of Lent, a time of repentance, prayer and fasting before Easter.

## Key Awareness Dates

### [LGBT+ History Month](#)

### 2nd - 8th: [UK Race Equality Week](#)

### 7th - 13th: [National Apprenticeship Week](#)

### 1st: [World Hijab Day](#)

### 4th: [World Cancer Day](#)

### 6th: [International Day against FGM](#)

### 6th: [Time to Talk Day](#)

### 11th: [International Day of Women and Girls in Science](#)

### 17th: [Lunar New Year](#)

### 20th: [World Day of Social Justice](#)

# February 2026

LGBT+ History Month; Beginning of the Lunar new year

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1   World Hijab Day
2  UK Race Equality Week begins	3	4  World Cancer Day	5	6  International Day Against FGM Time to Talk Day	7  National Apprenticeship Week begins	8
9	10	11  International Day of Women and Girls in Science	12	13	14	15  
16	17    Lunar New Year	18  	19	20  World Day of Social Justice	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

# March 2026

## Religious Festivals

### Judaism

#### Evening of 2nd to 3rd: Purim

Also known as the "Feast of Lots," this festival celebrates the survival of Jews who were marked for death by Persian rulers.

### Sikhism

#### 4th - 6th: Hola Mohalla

Hola Mohalla is a 3-day festival dedicated in showcasing the valour, strength and military skills of the Sikha. Observed at Takht Sri Keshgarh Sahib in Anandpur, located in the Rupnagar district of Punjab, Hola Mohalla holds immense religious significance for Sikhs.

### Hinduism

#### 4th: Holi

Festival of colour. Welcoming spring, new beginnings. Celebrated with festive clothing, coloured body paints and powders

### Islam

#### Evening of 19th to 20th: Eid al Fitr

The end of Ramadan; celebration after a month of fasting.

### Paganism

#### 20th: Ostara (Spring Equinox)

This Pagan and Wiccan holiday is one of their eight Sabbats. It celebrates the spring equinox. The word Ostara comes from the Anglo-Saxon goddess name, Eostre. Eostre represented spring and new beginnings.

## Key Awareness Dates

### Women's History Month

**8th:** International Women's Day

**12th:** University Mental Health Day

**15th:** International Day to Combat Islamophobia

**21st:** International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

**25th:** International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade

**30th:** World Bipolar Day

**31st:** International Transgender Day of Visibility

# March 2026

Women's History Month; beginning of the Iranian new year

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2 	3	4 	5	6	7	1/8  <b>International Women's Day</b>
9	10	11	12  <b>University Mental Health Day</b>	13	14	15  <b>International Day to Combat Islamophobia</b>
16	17	18	19 	20 	21  <b>International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</b>	22
23	24	25  <b>International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade</b>	26	27	28	29
30  <b>World Bipolar Day</b>	31  <b>International Transgender Day of Visibility</b>					



# April 2026

## Religious Festivals

### Judaism

#### 1st to 9th: Passover

An eight day festival when Jewish people commemorate the Exodus from their slavery in Egypt.

### Christianity

#### 5th: Easter Sunday

#### 12th: Pascha (Orthodox Easter)

Celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The date for Orthodox Easter comes from following the Julian calendar, which differs from the Gregorian calendar used by most Western countries and Christian denominations.

### Sikhism

#### 14th: Vaisakhi

Punjabi new year, harvest festival, and celebrates the day that Sikhism as a faith began.

## Key Awareness Dates

### [Autism Acceptance Month](#)

**28th Apr - 4th May:** [Multiple Sclerosis \(MS\) Awareness Week](#)

**2nd:** [Autism Acceptance Day](#)

**6th:** [International Asexuality Day](#)

**8th:** [International Romani Day](#)

**26th:** [Lesbian Visibility Day](#)

# April 2026

Autism Acceptance Month; Beginning of the Punjabi new year

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 ✡	2  Autism Acceptance Day	3	4	5 ✝
6  International Asexuality Day	7	8  International Romani Day	9	10	11	12 ✝
13	14 ☞	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26  Lesbian Visibility Day
27	28  MS Awareness Week begins	29	30			

# May 2026

## Religious Festivals

### Paganism

#### 1st: Beltane

Fire Festival honouring the Celtic deity Bel. When spring is at its height and summer is about to begin, earth energy is at its strongest; celebrating vitality and joy.

### Buddhism

#### 1st: Vesak

The birthday festival of the Buddha; some cultures celebrate the birth, enlightenment, and death of the Buddha all in this festival.

### Christianity

#### 14th: Ascension Day

Celebrating that Jesus ascended into heaven.

#### 24th: Pentecost

Celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church.

#### 31st: Trinity Sunday

A Sunday that centers on the doctrine in the Christian church that God is three in one — the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

### Judaism

#### 21st - 23rd: Shavuot

Celebrates the harvest and the giving of the law (the Torah).

### Islam

#### 24th - 29th: Hajj

The hajj is a pillar of Islam, required of all Muslims once in a lifetime. It is a physically demanding journey that Muslims believe offers a chance to wipe clean past sins and start anew before God.

#### 26th - 10th: Eid ul Adha

The feast of sacrifice, commemorating when Allah commanded Ibrahim to sacrifice his son Ismail, but Allah provided a ram instead.

## Key Awareness Dates

**4th - 10th:** [Trans+ History Week](#)

**4th - 10th:** [D/deaf Awareness Week](#)

**11th - 15th:** [Mental Health Awareness Week](#)

**13th:** [National Day of Staff Networks](#)







**15th:** [International Day of Families](#)

**17th:** [International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia](#)

**21st:** [Global Accessibility Awareness Day](#)

**21st:** [World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development](#)

# May 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 	2	3
4 <b>Trans+ History Week begins</b> <b>D/deaf Awareness Week begins</b>	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 <b>Mental Health Awareness Week begins</b>	12	13 <b>National Day of Staff Networks</b>	14 	15 <b>International Day of Families</b>	16	17 <b>International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia</b>
18	19	20	21  <b>Global Accessibility Awareness Day</b> <b>World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development</b>	22	23	24 
25	26 	27	28	29	30	31 



# June 2026

## Religious Festivals

### Islam

#### Evening of 16th to 17th: Islamic New Year

This holiday begins the Islamic lunar calendar. It begins when the crescent moon is spotted.

#### Evening of 25th to 26th: Ashura

The 10th day of Muharram (the first month of the Islamic calendar).

For Sunni Muslims, this day marks the day God delivered the Israelites, led by the Prophet Musa (Moses), from the tyranny of Egypt's Pharaoh by parting the Red Sea, thus allowing them to cross safely.

In contrast, for Shia Muslims, this is a day of mourning the death of Husayn ibn Ali, grandson of the Islamic prophet Muhammad, and the massacre of his family and followers and the Battle of Karbala in 680 CE.

### Sikhism

#### 18th: Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib

A day observed by Sikhs to celebrate the first martyr in their faith.

### Paganism

#### 20th: Litha (Summer Solstice)

A Pagan and Wiccan festival that starts on the summer solstice and celebrates midsummer.

## Key Awareness Dates

[Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month](#)

[LGBT+ Pride Month](#)

**8th - 14th:** [Men's Health Week](#)

**8th - 14th:** [National Carers' Week](#)

**14th - 20th:** [Refugee Week](#)

**15th - 21st:** [Learning Disability Week](#)

**1st:** [Global Day of Parents](#)





**18th:** [Autistic Pride Day](#)

**20th:** [World Refugee Day](#)

**22nd:** [UK Windrush Day](#)

# June 2026

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month; LGBT+ Pride Month

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1  Global Day of Parents	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Men's Health week begins National Carers' Week begins	9	10	11	12	13	14  Refugee Week begins
15  Learning Disability Week begins	16 	17	18   Autistic Pride Day	19	20   World Refugee Day	21
22  UK Windrush Day	23	24	25 	26	27	28
29	30					

# July 2026

## Religious Festivals

### Judaism

#### Evening of 22nd to 23rd: Tisha B'Av

A holiday in the Jewish faith that commemorates the destruction of the Jewish temple that occurred once in 586 BCE and once in 70 CE in Jerusalem.

## Key Awareness Dates


[Disability Pride Month](#)

[South Asian Heritage Month](#) begins (18th Jul - 18th Aug)

**14th:** [International Non-Binary People's Day](#)

# July 2026

Disability Pride Month; South Asian Heritage Month begins (18th Jul - 18th Aug)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 International Non-Binary People's Day	15	16	17	18 South Asian Heritage Month begins	19
20	21	22 	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

# August 2026

## Religious Festivals

### Paganism

#### 1st: Lammas/Lughnasadh

Harvest festival, giving thanks for food and bounty of the earth.

### Islam

#### Evening of the 7th to 8th: Arbaeen

The day marking the end of the 40-day mourning period after the Day of Ashura for Muslims.

### Christianity

#### 15th: Feast of the Assumption

This is a holy day in the Catholic faith when Mary, the mother of Jesus, was assumed (body and soul) into Heaven.

### Buddhism

#### 27th: Ullambana Day

Also known as the "Ghost Festival," a day during which people of the Buddhist faith celebrate their dead loved ones, as it is believed that their spirits return to the land of the living for a day.

### Hinduism

#### 4th September: Krishna Janmashtami\*

Divine birth, celebrating the birth of the god Lord Krishna.

*\* This event takes place outside of the dates of this calendar, due to varying annual dates of celebration, but is recognised here as a key date in the Hindu calendar.*

## Key Awareness Dates

**1st - 7th:** [World Breastfeeding Awareness Week](#)

**19th:** [World Humanitarian Day](#)

**21st:** [International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism](#)

**22nd:** [International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence based on Religion or Belief](#)

# August 2026

South Asian Heritage Month continues (18th Jul - 18th Aug)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1  <b>World Breastfeeding Awareness Week begins</b>	2
3	4	5	6	7 	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 	16
17	18	19 <b>World Humanitarian Day</b>	20	21 <b>International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism</b>	22 <b>International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence based on Religion or Belief</b>	23
24/31	25	26	27 	28	29	30