

Equality, Diversity
and Inclusion

Lancaster
University



Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Calendar

**UK and international recognition
and awareness dates from
September 2026 to August 2027**

How to use this calendar

Lancaster University's Equality Diversity and Inclusion Calendar of Events runs from September to August. For each month we have included 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 are related 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) as identified in the Equality Act 2010.

Please note that these dates are not exhaustive, but rather have been selected to reflect the communities of Lancaster University.

Some dates, particularly those towards the end of the calendar may not be truly accurate, due to organisations not announcing them until after finalisation of this calendar. Please take time to check date accuracy if you are planning to deliver any events.

What events are taking place alongside this calendar?

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

You can find all the University's event listings on the New and Events page, at: www.lancaster.ac.uk/events.

Alternatively, you can find out about events organised by the EDI Team through our EDI Stakeholders Teams group.

Alternate Formats

Our EDI Calendar of Events webpage provides multiple formats of the calendar, for use across the University including the option to download high quality, large images for printing, and to request a hard-copy of the calendar (subject to availability) for physical working and social spaces.

An .ics file download is also available, enabling staff to add all calendar dates to their Outlook calendar, in a non-intrusive way.

www.lancaster.ac.uk/edi/engagement/edi-calendar

Our EDI and Chartermark Teams

The extended EDI Team at Lancaster University manages the University's submissions and action plans for our various equality chartermarks. Contact details for the relevant teams are available below.



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Religious dates

For major religious holidays or festivals, dates and some brief information if given on each month's header page. The icons below are used on the visual calendars to identify these observances. For religious dates spanning multiple days or weeks, only the first day is indicated on the visual calendar.



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

Getting involved at Lancaster University as Staff

At Lancaster University we have a range of Equality Staff Networks that allow peer-to-peer support, advice and knowledge sharing as well as acting as points of consultation and feedback. The Equality Networks below are all supported by our EDI Team, and are run by teams of staff volunteers, who are always looking for new people to get involved in all manner of roles.

For more information on each of these networks, including their contact or access information, visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/edi/staff-networks.

Lancaster University
Black, Asian and
Ethnic Minority
Staff Network



The 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.



The Disabled Employee Network (DEN+) supports staff who identify as disabled or have long-term conditions, including mental health conditions. They deliver a programme of activities, including informal social events, formal meetings to explore improvements to working conditions, and open talks to encourage discussion on disability-related topics.



The Lancaster University LGBT+ Staff Network is an inclusive space for staff who identify as LGBTQIA+. Staff can contact the LGBT+ Staff Network for confidential support and advice on LGBTQIA+ issues. The network also serves as an informal contact point and can signpost individuals to relevant University services.



The Lancaster University Parents' and Carers' Network (PCN) supports staff who identify as parents or carers. Established and run by its members, it provides opportunities to share experiences, offer mutual support, and discuss relevant issues. The network can raise concerns with University management via the EDI Committee and signposts useful resources for its members.



The Lancaster University Women's + Network was established to support Women at Lancaster University by providing a forum for empowerment, discussion and individual development as well as a platform for debate, awareness raising and to facilitate action for change.



The Lancaster University Young Staff Network supports a culture of professional development for early-career, younger staff and those new to HE. Open to staff and PGR students who identify with this group, it provides a peer-led space to share experiences, learn from others, and access useful resources, as well as opportunities to connect and socialise.

Lancaster University's multi-faith Chaplaincy is also open to all staff and students, with a team of representatives for all of the major world religions. The space is also open to those without faith, as a mindfulness and community hub. You can find out more at www.lancaster.ac.uk/chaplaincy.

Getting involved at Lancaster University as a Student

At Lancaster University we have a range of Student Liberation groups that allow peer-to-peer support, advice and knowledge sharing as well as acting as points of consultation and feedback. The Liberation groups below are all supported by LUSU, and are run by teams of student volunteers, who are always looking for new people to get involved in all manner of roles.

For more information on each of these groups, including their contact or access information, visit lancastersu.co.uk/what-is-liberation.

Accessibility Community ❤️

LGBTQ+ Community ❤️

BAME Committee ❤️

Womens+ Network ❤️

International Students' Forum ❤️



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Our Senior Sponsors

At Lancaster University, we pursue academic excellence with a clear sense of purpose, underpinned by a deep and sustained commitment to inclusive practice. Our position as a globally engaged yet regionally embedded institution requires more than aspiration; it demands that our principles are consistently enacted through our leadership, decision-making, and institutional culture.

We advance this ambition through the provision of high-quality, accessible education; the generation of rigorous, internationally recognised research; and meaningful collaboration with partners across civic, cultural, and professional spheres. In doing so, we equip our academic community not only to interrogate existing boundaries but to contribute thoughtfully and responsibly to societal progress. The tangible outcomes of this work across economic, social, and environmental domains speak to both the strength of our community and the clarity of our institutional ethos.

Looking ahead, the maintenance of our standing and the integrity of our impact will depend upon a sustained, institution-wide commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion, principles that must remain integral to both our strategic ambitions and our everyday practice.

**Professor Rebecca
Lingwood**
Deputy Vice-Chancellor



Cultivating an inclusive and equitable university community is central to Lancaster University's wider mission and sense of purpose. This is not the work of any single department or team, but a collective endeavour shaped by the insight, experience, and aspirations of colleagues and students across our institution.

As Dean for Culture and Inclusion, I view inclusion as the fundamental enabler through which diversity is meaningfully realised and equity advanced. It is by embedding inclusive principles in our structures, practices, and relationships that we create an environment in which individuals are both recognised and empowered to succeed.

Whether through the ongoing development of an inclusive curriculum, the strengthening of external partnerships, or targeted initiatives that foreground under-represented perspectives, we are actively fostering a culture characterised by mutual respect, thoughtful engagement, and open, constructive dialogue. Through this shared commitment, we are well positioned to shape a university that more fully reflects, and contributes to, the diverse and evolving society we serve.

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



September 2026

Religious Dates and Festivals

Hinduism

4th: Krishan Janmashtami

Commemorating the birth of the Hindu God Krishna, considered to be the eighth avatar of Vishnu.

15th: Ganesh Chaturthi

Celebrating the birthday of the Hindu God Ganesh, who has the head of an elephant and is known as the remover of obstacles.

26th Sept to 10 Oct: Pitru Paksha

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

Judaism

11th to 13th: 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.

20th to 21st: Yom Kippur

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

25th Sept to 2nd Oct: 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.

Paganism

23rd: Mabon

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. Also known as the Autumnal Equinox.

Religious Icons Key:



Key Awareness Dates

East and Southeast Asian Heritage Month

World Alzheimer's & Dementia Awareness Month

14th - 20th: National Inclusion Week

10th: World Suicide Prevention Day

15th: Pension Awareness Day

23rd: BiVisibility Day

25th: Mid-Autumn Festival

September 2026

East and Southeast Asian Heritage Month; World Alzheimer's & Dementia Awareness Month;
beginning of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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7	8	9	10 World Suicide Prevention Day	11 ✡	12	13
14 National Inclusion Week begins	15 ॐ	16	17	18	19	20 ✡
21	22	23 BiVisibility Day ✡	24	25 Mid-Autumn Festival ✡	26 ॐ	27
28	29	30				

October 2026

Religious Dates and Festivals

Hinduism

20th: Dussehra

The final day of a 10-day Hindu festival (Navaratri) that honours Asuj Navratrasc celebrating the triumph of good over evil.

Sikhism

20th: Conferment of Guruship to Guru Granth Sahib

Celebrating Guru Gobind Singh Ji's declaration in 1708 CE that, instead of having another human Guru, from now on Sikhs would regard the scripture, the Guru Granth Sahib, as their Guru.

Buddhism

25th: Kathina

Theravadan Buddhist festival which comes at the end of the three-month rainy season retreat (Vassa). It is a time where the laity express gratitude to the monks and nuns by offering them new robes and other necessities. Also, a time for Buddhists to give money to the poor or needy, called giving alms.

Paganism

31st Oct to 1st Nov: 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

5th - 11th: Dyslexia Awareness Week

9th - 15th: Baby Loss Awareness Week

1st: Anniversary of the Introduction of the Equality Act 2010

10th: World Mental Health Day

11th: National Coming Out Day

18th: World Menopause Day

21st: International Pronouns Day

22nd: International Stuttering Awareness Day

Religious Icons Key:



October 2026

Black History Month; Global Diversity Month

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18 World Menopause Day
19	20 	21 International Pronouns Day	22 International Stuttering Awareness Day	23	24	25 
26	27	28	29	30	31 	

November 2026

Religious Dates and Festivals

Christianity

1st: All Saints 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 canonisation in the Catholic Church.

Hinduism & Sikhism

8th: 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.

Sikhism

24th: 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 (19th Nov - 19th Dec)

8th - 15th: Interfaith Week

13th - 19th: Transgender Awareness Week

4th: Supporting Male Victims of Domestic Abuse Day

14th: World Diabetes Day

19th: International Men's Day

19th: Carers' Rights Day

20th: Transgender Day of Remembrance

25th: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women & White Ribbon Day

Religious Icons Key:



November 2026

Islamophobia Awareness Month; Disability History Month begins (19th)

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23	24	25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women White Ribbon Day	26	27	28	29
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December 2026

Religious Dates and Festivals

Judaism

4th to 12th: Hanukkah

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.

Buddhism

8th: Secular Bodhi Day

Bodhi Day marks the moment at which Siddhartha Gautama attained enlightenment, becoming the Buddha or 'awakened one'. Rejecting the life of a prince, Siddhartha spent years as a poor holy person. At last he gained the insight that Buddhists say allowed him to make sense of death and suffering and to transcend them.

Paganism

21st Dec to 1st Jan: Yule

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.

Key Awareness Dates

Disability History Month continues (19th Nov - 19th 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

10th: International Human Rights Day

Religious Icons Key:



December 2026

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 	9	10 International Human Rights Day	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28 <i>UK Bank Holiday</i>	29	30	31			

January 2027

Religious Dates and Festivals

Islam

5th to 6th: Lailat al Miraj

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

Sikhism

5th: 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.

15th: 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.

Hinduism

15th to 18th: Pongal/Lohri

A four-day harvest festival celebrated by Tamil people in India and Sri Lanka, dedicated to the Hindu Sun God Surya, thanking Surya for agricultural abundance.

Judaism

22nd to 23rd: Tu Bishvat

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

Key Awareness Dates

4th: World Braille Day/ Louis Braille's Birthday

24th: International Day of Education

27th: Holocaust Memorial Day

Religious Icons Key:



January 2027

Beginning of the Gregorian new year

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

February 2027

Religious Dates and 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.

Islam

7th Feb to 8th Mar: Ramadan

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

NB - date is lunar based, so the exact date changes nearer the time.

Christianity

10th Feb to 25th Mar: Lent

Lent is the period of 40 days (not including Sundays) which comes before Easter, traditionally a time of fasting and reflection. The 40 days represents the time Jesus spent in the desert overcoming temptation by Satan. In Western Christianity, it begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Maundy Thursday.

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.

Religious Icons Key:



Key Awareness Dates

LGBT+ History Month

1st - 7th: Race Equality Week

8th - 14th: National Apprenticeship Week

1st: World Hijab Day

4th: World Cancer Day

6th: International Day Against FGM

6th: Lunar New Year

11th: International Day of Women and Girls in Science

20th: World Day of Social Justice

February 2027

LGBT History Month and beginning of the lunar calendar year

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

March 2027

Religious Dates and Festivals

Hinduism

6th to 7th: Maha Shivaratri

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

22nd: Holi

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

Islam

9th to 10th: Eid al Fitr

The end of Ramadan; celebration after a month of fasting. NB - date is lunar based, may change nearer the time.

Paganism

20th: Ostara

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.

Judaism

22nd to 23rd: Purim

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

Sikhism

22nd to 24th: 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.

Christianity

28th: Easter Sunday

Celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead

Religious Icons Key:



Key Awareness Dates

Women's History Month

Endometriosis Awareness Month

8th: International Women's 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 2027

Women's History Month; Endometriosis Awareness Month

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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8 International Women's Day	9 	10	11	12	13	14
15 International Day to Combat Islamophobia	16	17	18	19	20 	21
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29 <i>UK Bank Holiday</i>	30 World Bipolar Day	31 International Transgender Day of Visibility				

April 2027

Religious Dates and Festivals

Sikhism

14th: Vaisakhi

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

Buddhism

20th: Theravada

Theravada New Year is celebrated for three days from the first full moon day in April, in Theravadin countries like Thailand, Burma, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, and Lao.

Judaism

21st to 29th: Passover

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

Key Awareness Dates

Autism Acceptance Month

20th - 26th: MS Awareness Week

25th Apr - 1st May: Lesbian Visibility Week

6th: International Asexuality Day

8th: International Romani Day

Religious Icons Key:



April 2027

Autism Acceptance Month; beginning of Punjabi and Theravada new years

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

May 2027

Religious Dates and 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.

Christianity

2nd: Pascha (Orthodox Easter)

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.

6th: Ascension Day

Celebrating that Jesus ascended into heaven.

16th: Pentecost

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

23rd: Trinity Sunday

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

Islam

14th to 19th: 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.

16th to 20th: Eid ul Adha

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

Buddhism

20th: Vesak

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

Religious Icons Key:



Buddhism



Christianity



Hinduism



Islam



Judaism



Paganism



Sikhism

Key Awareness Dates

12th: National Day of Staff Networks

15th: International Day of Families

17th: International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia

20th: Global Accessibility Awareness Day

21st: World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

25th: Africa Day

May 2027

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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3 <i>UK Bank Holiday</i>	4	5	6 	7	8	9
10	11	12 National Day of Staff Networks	13	14 	15 International Day of Families	16  
17 International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia	18	19	20  Global Accessibility Awareness Day	21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	22	23 
24	25 Africa Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 <i>UK Bank Holiday</i>						

June 2027

Religious Dates and Festivals

Islam

5th to 6th: Hijra

Hijra commemorates the journey that Muhammad made from Mecca to Medina in 622 CE to flee persecution and set up the first Muslim community founded on Islamic principles. Also signifies the becoming of the Islamic New Year.

14th to 15th: 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.

Judaism

10th to 12th: Shavuot

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

Sikhism

16th: Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib

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

Paganism

21st: Litha

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

14th - 20th: National Carers' Week

14th - 20th: Men's Health Week

14th - 20th: Refugee Week

14th - 20th: Learning Disability Week

1st: Global Day of Parents

18th: Autistic Pride Day

20th: World Refugee Day

22nd: UK Windrush Day

Religious Icons Key:



June 2027

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Month; LGBT Pride Month; beginning of the Islamic new year

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 Global Day of Parents	2	3	4	5 	6
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14  National Carers' Week, Men's Health Week, Refugee Week, Learning Disability Week begin	15	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 2027

Religious Dates and Festivals

Buddhism

20th: Dharma Day/Asalha Puja

This date commemorates the Buddha's first teaching and is recognised as the beginning of Buddhism and the monastic community of monks and nuns (Sangha).

Islam

24th to 25th: Arbaeen

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

Key Awareness Dates

Disability Pride Month

South Asian Heritage Month

14th: International Non-Binary Peoples' Day

Religious Icons Key:



July 2027

Disability Pride Month; South Asian Heritage Month

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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August 2027

Religious Dates and Festivals

Paganism

1st: Lammaz/Lughnasadh

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

Judaism

11th to 12th: 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.

Islam

14th to 15th: Mawlid

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

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

16th: Ullambana

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

25th: Krishna Janmashtami

Commemorating the birth of the Hindu God Krishna, considered to be the eighth avatar of Vishnu.

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

Religious Icons Key:



August 2027

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1 World Breastfeeding Awareness Week begins
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 
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30 UK Bank Holiday	31					