



# DIVERSITY EVENTS CALENDAR 2024



# JANUARY 2024 KEY DATES

1st	New Year's Day
4th	World Braille Day
5th	Twelfth Night
6th	Epiphany (Christian)
8th	Christmas Day (Orthodox Christian)
13th	Lohri-Maghi (Sikh)
14th	New Year (Orthodox Christians)
15th	Martin Luther King Jnr Day Makar Sankranti (Hindu)
17th	Guru Gobind Singh Birthday
18th	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (until 25th) Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
21st	World Religion Day (Baha'i)
24th	Tu Bishvat (Jewish) begins
25th	Mahayana New Year (Buddhist) Tu Bishvat (Jewish) Burns Night 15 Shevat (Jewish) Thaipusam (Hindu)
27th	Holocaust Memorial Day
28th	World Leprosy Day



Firefighter Recruit Training



## JANUARY 27TH IS **HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY**

Holocaust Memorial Day on the 27th of January, remembers the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, alongside the millions of other people killed under Nazi persecution and in the genocides that followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. The 27th of January also marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp in 1945.

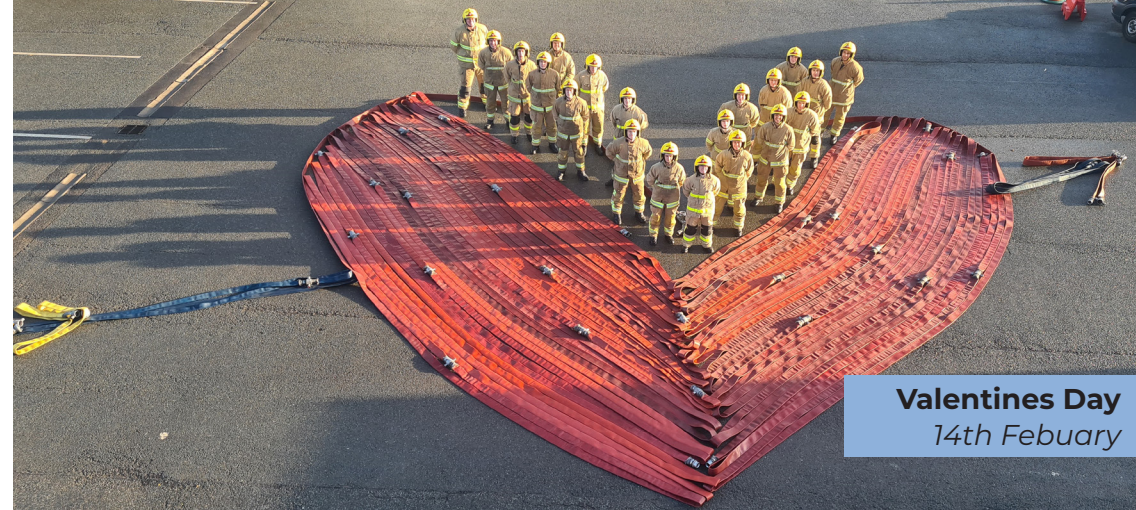
# JANUARY 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<div>• New Year's Day</div> <div>01</div>	<div>02</div>	<div>03</div>	<div>• World Braille Day</div> <div>04</div>	<div>• Twelfth Night</div> <div>05</div>	<div>• Epiphany (Christian)</div> <div>06</div>	<div>07</div>
<div>• Christmas Day (Orthodox Christian)</div> <div>08</div>	<div>09</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div>	<div>12</div>	<div>• Lohri-Maghi (Sikh)</div> <div>13</div>	<div>• New Year (Orthodox Christians)</div> <div>14</div>
<div>• Martin Luther King Jnr Day</div> <div>• Makar Sankranti (Hindu)</div> <div>15</div>	<div>16</div>	<div>• Guru Gobind Singh Birthday</div> <div>17</div>	<div>• Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (until 25th)</div> <div>• Bodhi Day (Buddhist)</div> <div>18</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>• World Religion Day (Baha'i)</div> <div>21</div>
<div>22</div>	<div>23</div>	<div>• Tu Bishvat (Jewish) begins</div> <div>24</div>	<div>• Mahayana New Year (Buddhist)</div> <div>• Tu Bishvat (Jewish)</div> <div>• Burns Night</div> <div>• 15 Shevat (Jewish)</div> <div>• Thaipusam (Hindu)</div> <div>25</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>• Holocaust Memorial Day</div> <div>27</div>	<div>• World Leprosy Day</div> <div>28</div>
<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>31</div>				



# FEBRUARY 2024 KEY DATES

- 1st Dignity Action Day  
World Interfaith Harmony Week (ends 7th)  
Imbolc (Pagan)
- 2nd Candlemas (Christian)
- 4th World Cancer Day
- 6th International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation  
Lailat al Miraj (Islamic) Starts in the Evening  
Safer Internet Day
- 7th Lailat al Miraj (Islamic) Ends the evening
- 10th Lunar New Year (Year of the Dragon)
- 11th International Day of Women and Girls in Science  
World Day of the Sick (Catholic)
- 12th Darwin Day (Humanism)  
International Epilepsy Day
- 13th Shrove Tuesday (Christian)
- 14th Ash Wednesday (Christian)  
Valentine's Day
- Vasant Panchami (Hindu)
- 15th Nirvana Day (Buddhist)  
International Childhood Cancer Day
- 20th World Day of Social Justice
- 21st International Mother Language Day
- 24th Lailat al Bara'ah (Islamic ) Begins at sunset  
Mayha Piya (Buddhist)
- 25th Lailat al Bara'ah (Islamic )
- 26th Intercalary Days Begin (Baha'i)
- 27th Anosmia Awareness Day
- 29th Intercalary Days ends (Baha'i)  
Rare Disease Day



**Valentines Day**  
14th February



## FEBRUARY 10TH IS LUNAR NEW YEAR

Lunar New Year officially begins on 10th February. 2024 zodiac animal is the dragon. Our Race Equality and Cultural Heritage staff network marked the occasion last year by gifting every department in MFRS with auspicious gifts of sweets and oranges.





# FEBRUARY 2024

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dignity Action Day</li> <li>• World Interfaith Harmony Week</li> <li>• Imbolc (Pagan)</li> </ul> 01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candlemas (Christian)</li> </ul> 02	03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Cancer Day</li> </ul> 04
05 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Darwin Day (Humanism)</li> <li>• International Epilepsy Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation</li> <li>• Lailat al Miraj (Islamic) Starts in the Evening</li> <li>• Safer Internet Day</li> </ul> 06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lailat al Miraj (Islamic) Ends the evening</li> </ul> 07	08	09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunar New Year (Year of the Dragon)</li> </ul> 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Day of Women and Girls in Science</li> <li>• World Day of the Sick (Catholic)</li> </ul> 11
12	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ash Wednesday (Christian)</li> <li>• Valentine's Day</li> <li>• Vasant Panchami (Hindu)</li> </ul> 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nirvana Day (Buddhist)</li> <li>• International Childhood Cancer Day</li> </ul> 15	16	17	18
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Day of Social Justice</li> </ul> 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Mother Language Day</li> </ul> 21	22	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lailat al Bara'ah (Islamic) Begins at sunset</li> <li>• Mayha Piya (Buddhist)</li> </ul> 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lailat al Bara'ah (Islamic)</li> </ul> 25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intercalary Days Begin (Baha'i)</li> </ul> 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anosmia Awareness Day</li> </ul> 27	28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intercalary Days ends (Baha'i)</li> <li>• Rare Disease Day</li> </ul> 29			

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# MARCH 2024 KEY DATES

1st	St David's Day (Christian) Self-injury Awareness Day Zero Discrimination Day Month of Fasting (Baha'i) Women's World Day of Prayer
3rd	World Wildlife Day
7th	World Book Day
8th	International Women's Day Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)
10th	Mother's Day
11th	Ramadan Begins* (Islamic) (begins at Sunset) Commonwealth Day
14th	World Kidney Day
17th	St Patrick's Day
18th	National Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day
19th	Month of Fasting (Baha'i) (ends) Now-Rúz (Bahá'í New Year) Starts in the evening
20th	International Day of Happiness Naw-Rúz (Bahá'í New Year) Hindi New Year (Hindu) Spring Equinox (Pagan)
21st	Ta'anit Esther (Jewish) International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination World Down's Syndrome Day
23rd	Purim (Jewish) Begins at Sunset
24th	Palm Sunday (Christian) Purim(Jewish) Ends at Nightfall World Tuberculosis Day

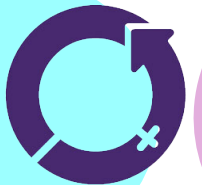


	Holika Dahan (Hindu) International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims Shubham Purin (Jewish) Begins at Sunset
25th	Shubham Purin (Jewish) Ends at Nightfall International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade Holi (Sikh) Holi (Hindu)
26th	National Epilepsy Awareness Day
27th	Hola Mohalla (Sikh)
28th	Maundy Thursday (Christian)
29th	Good Friday
31st	Daylight Saving, (clocks go forward) Easter Sunday International Transgender Day of Visibility



## MARCH 8TH IS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Imagine a gender equal world. A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated. Together we can forge women's equality. The theme for 2024 is #InspireInclusion.



International  
Women's Day



# MARCH 2024

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St David's Day (Christian)</li> <li>• Self-injury Awareness Day</li> <li>• Zero Discrimination Day</li> <li>• Month of Fasting (Baha'i)</li> <li>• Women's World Day of Prayer</li> </ul> <b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Wildlife Day</li> </ul> <b>03</b>
<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Book Day</li> </ul> <b>07</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Women's Day</li> <li>• Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)</li> </ul> <b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mother's Day</li> </ul> <b>10</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ramadan Begins* (Islamic) (begins at Sunset)</li> <li>• Commonwealth Day</li> </ul> <b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Kidney Day</li> </ul> <b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Patrick's Day</li> </ul> <b>17</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day</li> </ul> <b>18</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Month of Fasting (Baha'i) (ends)</li> <li>• Now-Rúz (Bahá'í New Year) Starts in the evening</li> </ul> <b>19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Day of Happiness</li> <li>• Naw-Rúz (Bahá'í New Year)</li> <li>• Hindi New Year (Hindu)</li> <li>• Spring Equinox (Pagan)</li> </ul> <b>20</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ta'anit Esther (Jewish)</li> <li>• International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</li> <li>• World Down's Syndrome Day</li> </ul> <b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purim (Jewish) Begins at Sunset</li> </ul> <b>23</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palm Sunday (Christian)</li> <li>• Purim(Jewish)</li> <li>• World Tuberculosis Day</li> <li>• Holika Dahan (Hindu)</li> <li>• International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims</li> <li>• Shubham Purin (Jewish)</li> </ul> <b>24</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shubham Purin (Jewish)</li> <li>• International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade</li> <li>• Holi (Sikh)</li> <li>• Holi (Hindu)</li> </ul> <b>25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Epilepsy Awareness Day</li> </ul> <b>26</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hola Mohalla (Sikh)</li> </ul> <b>27</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maundy Thursday (Christian)</li> </ul> <b>28</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good Friday</li> </ul> <b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daylight Saving, (clocks go forward)</li> <li>• Easter Sunday</li> <li>• International Transgender Day of Visibility</li> </ul> <b>31</b>

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# APRIL 2024 KEY DATES

1st	Easter Monday Stress Awareness Month
2nd	World Autism Awareness Day
5th	Lailat al Qadr (Night of Power) (Islamic)
7th	International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda World Health Day
8th	International Roma Day
9th	Eid-ul-Fitr* (begins, at sunset) (End of Ramadan) (Islamic)
10th	Eid-ul-Fitr* (ends) (Islamic)
11th	World Parkinson's Day
13th	Songkran (Begins) (Buddhist) Vaisakhi/Baisakhi (Sikh) (Hindu)
14th	Tamil New Year (Hindu) Bengali New Year (Hindu)
15th	Songkran (Ends) (Buddhist)
17th	Ram navami (Hindu)
18th	Birthday of Guru Angad Dev (Sikh)
21st	First Day of Ridvan Festival (Baha'i) World Haemophilia Day
22nd	Pesach (Passover) (Jewish) (begins) Earth Day Stephen Lawrence Day
23rd	Pesach I (first day of Passover) (Jewish) St George's Day (Christian) Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu) begins at sunrise English Language Day Shakespeare Day



**Easter Monday**  
1st April

24th	Pesach II (Passover) (Jewish) Allergy Awareness Week (until 28th April) Theravada New Year (Buddhist) Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu) ends at sunrise
25th	World Malaria Day
26th	Lesbian Day of Visibility Allergy awareness week (ends)
28th	World Day for Safety and Health at Work Ninth Day of Ridvan Festival (Baha'i) Pesach VII (Passover) (Jewish)
29th	Pesach VIII (last day of Passover) (Jewish) ends after nightfall



## APRIL IS STRESS AWARENESS MONTH

Stress Awareness Month has been held every April since 1992 to raise awareness of the causes and cures for our modern stress epidemic. The most crucial thing you can do when you are stressed or anxious is to make sure you are continuing to look after yourself. Make time to relax when you need to and learn to say no to requests that are too much for you.



# APRIL 2024

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter Monday</li> <li>• Stress Awareness Month</li> </ul> <b>01</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Autism Awareness Day</li> </ul> <b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lailat al Qadr (Night of Power) (Islamic)</li> </ul> <b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda</li> <li>• World Health Day</li> </ul> <b>07</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Roma Day</li> </ul> <b>08</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eid-ul-Fitr* (begins, at sunset) (End of Ramadan) (Islamic)</li> </ul> <b>09</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eid-ul-Fitr* (ends) (Islamic)</li> </ul> <b>10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Parkinson's Day</li> </ul> <b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Songkran (Begins) (Buddhist)</li> <li>• Vaisakhi/Baisakhi (Sikh) (Hindu)</li> </ul> <b>13</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tamil New Year (Hindu)</li> <li>• Bengali New Year (Hindu)</li> </ul> <b>14</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Songkran (Ends) (Buddhist)</li> </ul> <b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ram navami (Hindu)</li> </ul> <b>17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birthday of Guru Angad Dev (Sikh)</li> </ul> <b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Day of Ridvan Festival (Baha'i)</li> <li>• World Haemophilia Day</li> </ul> <b>21</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pesach (Passover) (Jewish) (begins)</li> <li>• Earth Day</li> <li>• Stephen Lawrence Day</li> </ul> <b>22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pesach I (first day of Passover) (Jewish)</li> <li>• St George's Day (Christian)</li> <li>• Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu) begins at sunrise</li> <li>• English Language Day</li> <li>• Shakespeare Day</li> </ul> <b>23</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pesach II (Passover) (Jewish)</li> <li>• Allergy Awareness Week (until 28th April)</li> <li>• Theravada New Year (Buddhist)</li> <li>• Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu)</li> </ul> <b>24</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Malaria Day</li> </ul> <b>25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesbian Day of Visibility</li> <li>• Allergy awareness week (ends)</li> </ul> <b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Day for Safety and Health at Work</li> <li>• Ninth Day of Rivdan Festival (Baha'i)</li> <li>• Pesach VII (Passover) (Jewish)</li> </ul> <b>28</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pesach VIII (last day of Passover) (Jewish) ends after nightfall</li> </ul> <b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					

Jewish Holy days - when people of the Jewish faith are required to refrain from work.

Baha'i Faith - Holy days, on which Baha'is do not work and this is considered a sacrifice.

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# MAY 2024 KEY DATES

- 1st Beltane (Pagan)
- 2nd Last day of the Ridvan Festival (Baha'i)
- 3rd World Press Freedom Day  
Good Friday (Orthodox Christian)
- 4th Firefighter Memorial Day
- 5th Easter Sunday (Orthodox Christian)  
Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial) (starts at Sunset) (Jewish)
- 6th Bank Holiday  
Deaf Awareness Week (until 12th)  
Easter Monday (Orthodox Christian)  
Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial) (Jewish) ends  
Asexual Visibility Day
- 7th World Asthma Day
- 8th Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for those who lost their  
lives during the Second World War Starts  
National Day for Staff Networks
- 9th Ascension Day (Christian)  
Liberation Day (Channel Islands)  
Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for those who lost their  
lives during the Second World War Ends
- 10th Akshaya Tritiya (Hindu)  
World Lupus Day
- 12th International Awareness Day for Chronic Immunological and and  
Neurological Diseases (CIND)  
Yom Ha'atzmaut (Jewish) start in the evening
- 14th Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israeli Memorial) (Jewish) (ends at sunset)
- 15th International Day of Families  
Mental Health Awareness Week (Until 21st)



- 17th International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia & Transphobia  
(IDAHOBIT Day)
- 19th Pentecost (Christian)  
Whit Sunday (Christian)
- 20th Dementia Awareness Week (until 26th)
- 21st World Day of Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development  
Pesach Sheni (Second Passover) (Jewish) (begins at Sunset)
- 22nd Pesach Sheni (Second Passover) (Jewish)
- 23rd Vesak – Buddha Day (Buddhist)  
**Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i) beings in the evening**
- 24th Pansexual & Panromantic Visibility Day
- 25th Pesach Sheni (Second Passover) (Jewish) (ends at sunset)  
Lag B'Omer (Jewish) begins at sunset
- 26th Lag B'Omer (Jewish)  
Trinity Sunday (Christian)
- 27th Spring Bank Holiday  
**Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i) beings in the evening**
- 28th **Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)**



## MAY 20TH - 26TH IS DEMENTIA ACTION WEEK

There are 850,000 people in the UK who are affected by dementia, and it does not just affect the elderly. 40,000 people in the UK under the age of 65 suffer from early onset dementia. It is believed that by 2051, the number of people who have dementia in the UK will have risen to 2 million.



# MAY 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beltane (Pagan)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last day of the Ridvan Festival (Baha'i)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Press Freedom Day</li> <li>• Good Friday (Orthodox Christian)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Firefighter Memorial Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter Sunday (Orthodox Christian)</li> <li>• Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial) (starts at Sunset) (Jewish)</li> </ul>
		01	02	03	04	05
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank Holiday</li> <li>• Deaf Awareness Week (until 12th)</li> <li>• Easter Monday (Orthodox Christian)</li> <li>• Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial) (Jewish) ends</li> <li>• Asexual Visibility Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Asthma Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for those who lost their lives during the Second World War Starts</li> <li>• National Day for Staff Networks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ascension Day (Christian)</li> <li>• Liberation Day (Channel Islands)</li> <li>• Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for those who lost their lives during the Second World War Ends</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Akshaya Tritiya (Hindu)</li> <li>• World Lupus Day</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Awareness Day for Chronic Immunological and and Neurological Diseases (CIND)</li> <li>• Yom Ha'atzmaut (Jewish) start in the evening</li> </ul>
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israeli Memorial) (Jewish) (ends at sunset)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Day of Families</li> <li>• Mental Health Awareness Week (Until 21st)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia &amp; Transphobia (IDAHOBIT Day)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pentecost (Christian)</li> <li>• Whit Sunday (Christian)</li> </ul>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dementia Awareness Week (until 26th)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Day of Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development</li> <li>• Pesach Sheni (Second Passover) (Jewish) (Begins at sunset)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pesach Sheni (Second Passover) (Jewish)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vesak – Buddha Day (Buddhist)</li> <li>• Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i) begins in the evening</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pansexual &amp; Panromantic Visibility Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pesach Sheni (Second Passover) (Jewish) (ends at sunset)</li> <li>• Lag B'Omer (Jewish) begins at sunset</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lag B'Omer (Jewish)</li> <li>• Trinity Sunday (Christian)</li> </ul>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring Bank Holiday</li> <li>• Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i) begins in the evening</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)</li> </ul>					
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 Baha'i Faith - Holy days, on which Baha'is do not work and this is considered a sacrifice.

# JUNE 2024 KEY DATES

4th	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
5th	HIV Long-Term Survivor's Awareness Day
6th	Savitri Amavasya (Hindu)
8th	Global Day of Parents
10th	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib(Sikh)
11th	Shavuot (festival of Weeks) (Jewish) begins at sunset
12th	Shavuot (festival of Weeks) (Jewish) World Day Against Child Labour
13th	Shavuot (festival of Weeks) (Jewish) ends at Nightfall
14th	The Hajj (Islamic) (until 19th) World Blood Donor Day
15th	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Waqf al Arafa Hajj*(Islamic) (begins at Sunset)
16th	Waqf al Arafa Hajj*(Islamic) International Day of Family Remittance Eid-ul-Adha (Islamic)* (at the sighting of the crescent moon,)
16th	Father's Day Birth of Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava) (Buddhist)
17th	Eid-ul-Adha (Islamic)*
19th	International day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict Hajj (ends)* (Islamic) Eid-ul-Adha (Islamic)* (ends at sunset)
20th	World Refugee Day
21st	World Humanist Day



Marine Rescue Unit

22nd	Windrush Day
23rd	United Nations Public Service Day International Widow's' Day 24th
25th	Day of the Seafarer Eid-ul-Ghadeer (Islamic )* beings in the evening
26th	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
28th	Stonewall Riots Anniversary
29th	World Scleroderma Awareness Day Armed Forces Day

## JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH

Pride Month is dedicated to celebrating LGBTQ+ communities all around the world. It celebrates people in all their diversity, raises awareness, and combats prejudice with education. The reason Pride Month takes place in June is to mark the police raid that prompted the Stonewall riots which in turn led to the establishment of LGBTQ+ rights.





# JUNE 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					01	02
03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HIV Long-Term Survivor's Awareness Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Savitri Amavasya (Hindu)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global Day of Parents</li> </ul>	09
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib(Sikh)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shavuot (festival of Weeks) (Jewish) begins at sunset</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shavuot (festival of Weeks) (Jewish)</li> <li>World Day Against Child Labour</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shavuot (festival of Weeks) (Jewish) ends at Nightfall</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Hajj (Islamic) (until 19th)</li> <li>World Blood Donor Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Elder Abuse Awareness Day</li> <li>Waqf al Arafah Hajj*(Islamic) (begins at Sunset)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waqf al Arafah Hajj*(Islamic)</li> <li>International Day of Family Remittance</li> <li>Eid-ul-Adha (Islamic)* (at the sighting of the crescent moon,)</li> <li>Father's Day</li> <li>Birth of Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava) (Buddhist)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eid-ul-Adha (Islamic)*</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict</li> <li>Hajj (ends)* (Islamic)</li> <li>Eid-ul-Adha (Islamic)* (ends at sunset)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Refugee Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Humanist Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Windrush Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>United Nations Public Service Day</li> <li>International Widow's' Day</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eid-ul-Ghadeer (Islamic)*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Day of the Seafarer</li> <li>Eid-ul-Ghadeer (Islamic )* begins in the evening</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking United Nations</li> <li>International Day in Support of Victims of Torture</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stonewall Riots Anniversary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Scleroderma Awareness Day</li> <li>Armed Forces Day</li> </ul>	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

# JULY 2024 KEY DATES

6th	Omnisexual Visibility Day Al- Hijra - Islamic New Year *
7th	Puri Rath Yatra (Hindu)
8th	Martyrdom of the Bab (Baha'i)
11th	World Population Day Non-Binary awareness week (until 17th)
14th	International Non-Binary Peoples Day
15th	World Youth Skills Day St Swithin's Day
16th	Day of Ashura/Muharram (Islamic) beings in the evening International Drag Day Day of Ashura/Muharram (Islamic)
18th	Nelson Mandela International Day
21st	Guru Purnima (Hindu) Asala - Dharma Day (Buddhist) Asalha Puja (Buddhists)
23rd	The Three Weeks (Jewish) until 13th August Tammuz (Jewish)
27th	Pride – Liverpool (TBC)
28th	World Hepatitis Day
30th	International Day of Friendship World Day against Trafficking in Persons



## JULY 27TH IS LIVERPOOL PRIDE

Every year, staff from across all areas of MFRS join together to show their support for our LGBTQ+ colleagues and the LGBTQ+ community of Merseyside by taking part in the annual march in Liverpool City Centre. MFRS is fully committed to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender equality, and through our visible presence at such events, we hope to send a strong message that discrimination has no place within our organisation or in society as a whole.

# JULY 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
01	02	03	04	05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Omnisexual Visibility Day</li> <li>• Al- Hijra - Islamic New Year *</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Puri Rath Yatra (Hindu)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Martyrdom of the Bab (Baha'i)</li> </ul>	08	09	10	11	12	13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Youth Skills Day</li> <li>• St Swithin's Day</li> </ul>	15	16	17	18	19	20
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

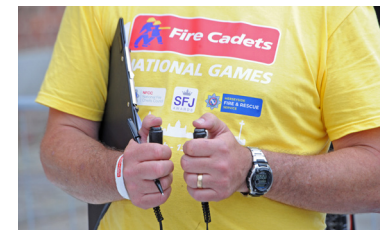
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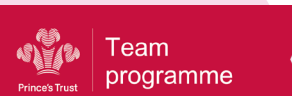


# AUGUST 2024 KEY DATES

- 9th International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples  
Nag Panchami (Hindu)
- 11th The Festival of the Tooth (Esala Perahera) (Buddhist) (to 21st)
- 12th International Youth Day  
Erve Tisha B'av (Jewish)
- 13th Fast of Tisha B'Av (Jewish)  
The Three Weeks (ends) (Jewish)  
Obon (Buddhist)
- 15th Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Christian)
- 16th Varalakshmi Vrat (Hindu)
- 18th Ghost Festival (Buddhist)  
The 15th of Av (Jewish) begin at sunset
- 19th World Humanitarian Day  
The 15th of Av (Jewish) ends at nightfall  
Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)
- 23rd International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade  
and its abolition.  
Manchester Pride (23rd – 26th)
- 26th Bank Holiday  
Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu) Starts
- 27th Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu) Ends
- 30th International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances



Fire Cadet Games



## AUGUST 12TH IS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

International Youth Day is commemorated every year on 12th August, bringing youth issues to the attention of the international community and celebrating the potential of youth as partners in today's global society.

# AUGUST 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			01	02	03	04
				<div><div>• International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples</div><div>• Nag Panchami (Hindu)</div></div>		<div><div>• The Festival of the Tooth (Esala Perahera) (Buddhist) (to 21st)</div></div>
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
<div><div>• International Youth Day</div><div>• Erve Tisha B'av (Jewish)</div></div>	<div><div>• Fast of Tisha B'Av (Jewish)</div><div>• The Three Weeks (ends) (Jewish)</div><div>• Obon (Buddhist)</div></div>		<div><div>• Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Christian)</div></div>	<div><div>• Varalakshmi Vrat (Hindu)</div></div>		<div><div>• Ghost Festival (Buddhist)</div><div>• The 15th of Av (Jewish) begin at sunset</div></div>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<div><div>• World Humanitarian Day</div><div>• The 15th of Av (Jewish) ends at nightfall</div><div>• Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)</div></div>	<div><div>• Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu) Ends</div></div>			<div><div>• International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition</div><div>• Manchester Pride (23rd – 26th)</div></div>		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<div><div>• Bank Holiday</div><div>• Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu) Starts</div></div>				<div><div>• International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances</div></div>		
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## SEPTEMBER 2024 KEY DATES

5th	Onam (Hindu) begins International Day of Charity
6th	Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)
8th	International Literacy Day
10th	World Suicide Prevention Day
15th	International Day of Democracy Mawlid un-Nab (Islamic)*(begins at Sunset)
16th	Bisexual Awareness Week (16th – 23rd ) Mawlid un-Nabi (Islamic) Vishwakarma Puja (Hindu)
17th	Onam (Hindu) ends Mid-Autumn Festival (Moon Festival or Mooncake Festival)
21st	International Day of Peace World Alzheimer's Day
22nd	Autumn Equinox (Pagan)
26th	World Maritime Day
27th	World Tourism Day
29th	Michaelmas (Christian) World Heart Day
30th	National Inclusion Week (ends 6th October)



UKISAR Search and  
Rescue dog Vesper



### SEPTEMBER 10TH IS **WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY**

Every year, organisations and communities around the world come together to raise awareness of how we can create a world where fewer people die by suicide. If you are struggling, know that you are not alone and there is support available to you. Whatever you're going through, call the Samaritans free at any time, from any phone on 116 123. Lines are open 24/7, 365 days a year. Or text SHOUT to 85258 for free, confidential and anonymous text support service.



# SEPTEMBER 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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02	03	04	05 • Onam (Hindu) begins • International Day of Charity	06	07	08 • International Literacy Day
09	10 • World Suicide Prevention Day	11	12	13	14	15 • International Day of Democracy • Mawlid un-Nab (Islamic)* (begins at Sunset)
16 • Bisexual Awareness Week (16th – 23rd) • Mawlid un-Nabi (Islamic) • Vishwakarma Puja (Hindu)	17 • Onam (Hindu) ends • Mid-Autumn Festival (Moon Festival or Mooncake Festival)	18	19	20	21 • International Day of Peace • World Alzheimer's Day	22 • Autumn Equinox (Pagan)
23	24	25	26 • World Maritime Day	27 • World Tourism Day	28	29 • Michaelmas (Christian) • World Heart Day
30 • National Inclusion Week (ends 6th October)						

# OCTOBER 2024 KEY DATES

1st	International Day of Older Persons
2nd	International Day of Non-violence Mahalaya Amavasya (Hindu) Rosh Hashana (New Year) (Jewish) (begins at sunset)
3rd	Navaratri (begins) (Hindu) Rosh Hashana (New Year) (Jewish)
4th	Rosh Hashana (New Year) (Jewish) Ends at nightfall
4th	World Smile Day
6th	World Cerebral Palsy Day
7th	World Habitat Day World Dyslexia Awareness Week
8th	International Lesbian Day
10th	World Mental Health Day World Dyslexia Awareness Day World Sight Day
11th	International Day of the Girl Child National Coming Out Day Navaratri (ends) (Hindu) Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) (Jewish) Begins at Sunset)
12th	Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) (Jewish)
12th	Dussehra (Hindu)
13th	International Day for Disaster Reduction
15th	International Day of Rural Women
16th	Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish) (begins at Sunset) Restart a Heart Day World Food Day Shared Purnima (Hindu)



Diaspora Event



International Control Room Week

17th	Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish) International Day for the Eradication of Poverty Kathina (Begins) (Buddhist) (ends 15th Nov)
18th	Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish) Menopause Awareness Day Anti-Slavery Day
19th	International Pronoun Day Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish)
20th	Birth of Guru Granth (Sikh) Karwa Chauth (Hindu) Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish)
21st	International Control room week (21st -27th TBC)
22nd	Hoshanah Rabbah (Jewish)

23rd	Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah (Jewish) begins at Sunset Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish) Ends Hoshanah Rabbah (Jewish)
24th	United Nations Day
25th	Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah (Jewish) Ends at Sunset
26th	Intersex Awareness Day
27th	National Mentoring Day
29th	Dhan Teras (Hindu)
31st	Halloween Samhain (Pagan)
31st	World Cities Day



## OCTOBER IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The first Black History Month officially recognised by the US government took place in 1976, with the event first celebrated in the UK in 1987. When Black History Month first started in the UK, there was a big focus on black American history. Over time there has been more attention on black British history and key black figures from the UK.

OCTOBER IS ALSO MENOPAUSE AWARENESS & BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

# OCTOBER 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of Older Persons</li> </ul> <b>01</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of Non-violence</li> <li>Mahalaya Amavasya (Hindu)</li> <li>Rosh Hashana (New Year) (Jewish) (begins at sunset)</li> </ul> <b>02</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navaratri (begins) (Hindu)</li> <li>Rosh Hashana (New Year) (Jewish)</li> </ul> <b>03</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rosh Hashana (New Year) (Jewish) Ends at nightfall</li> <li>World Smile Day</li> </ul> <b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Cerebral Palsy Day</li> </ul> <b>06</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Habitat Day</li> <li>World Dyslexia Awareness Week</li> </ul> <b>07</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Lesbian Day</li> </ul> <b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Mental Health Day</li> <li>World Dyslexia Awareness Day</li> <li>World Sight Day</li> </ul> <b>10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of the Girl Child</li> <li>National Coming Out Day</li> <li>Navaratri (ends) (Hindu)</li> <li>Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) (Jewish) Begins at Sunset</li> </ul> <b>11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) (Jewish)</li> <li>Dussehra (Hindu)</li> </ul> <b>12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day for Disaster Reduction</li> </ul> <b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of Rural Women</li> </ul> <b>15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish) (begins at Sunset)</li> <li>Restart a Heart Day</li> <li>World Food Day</li> <li>Shared Purnima (Hindu)</li> </ul> <b>16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish)</li> <li>International Day for the Eradication of Poverty</li> <li>Kathina (Begins) (Buddhist)</li> </ul> <b>17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish)</li> <li>Menopause Awareness Day</li> <li>Anti-Slavery Day</li> </ul> <b>18</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Pronoun Day</li> <li>Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish)</li> </ul> <b>19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Birth of Guru Granth (Sikh)</li> <li>Karwa Chauth (Hindu)</li> <li>Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish)</li> </ul> <b>20</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Control room week (21st -27th TBC)</li> </ul> <b>21</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hoshanah Rabbah (Jewish)</li> </ul> <b>22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shemini Atzeret &amp; Simchat Torah (Jewish) begins at Sunset</li> <li>Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish) Ends</li> <li>Hoshanah Rabbah (Jewish)</li> </ul> <b>23</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>United Nations Day</li> </ul> <b>24</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shemini Atzeret &amp; Simchat Torah (Jewish) Ends at Sunset</li> </ul> <b>25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intersex Awareness Day</li> </ul> <b>26</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Mentoring Day</li> </ul> <b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dhan Teras (Hindu)</li> </ul> <b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Halloween</li> <li>Samhain (Pagan)</li> <li>World Cities Day</li> <li>Diwali (Deepavali) (Sikh)</li> <li>Diwali (Hindu)</li> </ul> <b>31</b>			

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Baha'i Faith - Holy days, on which Baha'is do not work and this is considered a sacrifice.

\* Islamic Holidays - all are approximate and might change by 1 or 2 days as most of the Islamic holidays follow the Lunar Calendar.



# NOVEMBER 2024 KEY DATES

- 1st All Saints Day (Christian)  
Transgender Parents Day  
Samhain (Pagan)
- 2nd All Souls Day (Christian)  
Birth of the Bab (Baha'i)
- 3rd Birth of Bahá'u'lláh (Baha'i)  
Bhai Dooj (Hindu)
- 4th Diwali (Deepavali) (Sikh) ends  
Diwali (Hindu) ends
- 5th Bonfire night
- 7th Chhath Puja (Hindu)
- 8th Intersex Day of Remembrance
- 10th Remembrance Sunday  
Interfaith Week (until 17th)
- 11th Armistice Day
- 13th World Kindness Day
- 13th Trans Awareness Week (13th – 19th)
- 14th World Diabetes Day
- 15th Guru Nanak Birthday (Sikh)  
Kathina (Ends) (Buddhist)  
Kartik Purnima (Hindu)  
Loy Krathong (Buddhist)
- 16th International Day for Tolerance
- 17th World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims
- 19th International Men's Day
- 20th Transgender Day of Remembrance  
Universal Children's Day



- 24th Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib (Sikh)
- 25th International day of the elimination of violence against women (White Ribbon Day)  
Day of the Covenant (Baha'i)
- 27th Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha (Baha'i)
- 30th St Andrews Day  
Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare

## NOVEMBER 20TH IS TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Transgender Day of Remembrance was founded by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil to honor Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in 1998. The vigil commemorated all the transgender people lost to violence that year and began the world-wide observance that has become the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance.



# NOVEMBER 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Saints Day (Christian)</li> <li>• Samhain (Pagan)</li> <li>• Transgender Parents Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Souls Day (Christian)</li> <li>• Birth of the Bab (Baha'i)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birth of Bahá'u'lláh (Baha'i)</li> <li>• Bhai Dooj (Hindu)</li> </ul>
				01	02	03
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diwali (Deepavali) (Sikh) ends</li> <li>• Diwali (Hindu) ends</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bonfire night</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chhath Puja (Hindu)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intersex Day of Remembrance</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remembrance Sunday</li> <li>• Interfaith Week (until 17th)</li> </ul>
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Armistice Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Diabetes Day</li> <li>• Bhai Dooj (Hindu)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trans Awareness Week (13th – 19th)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Diabetes Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guru Nanak Birthday (Sikh)</li> <li>• Kathina (Ends) (Buddhist)</li> <li>• Kartik Purnima (Hindu)</li> <li>• Loy Krathong (Buddhist)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Day for Tolerance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims</li> </ul>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Men's Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transgender Day of Remembrance</li> <li>• Universal Children's Day</li> </ul>	21	22	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib (Sikh)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International day of the elimination of violence against women (White Ribbon Day)</li> <li>• Day of the Covenant (Baha'i)</li> </ul>	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha (Baha'i)</li> </ul>	28	29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Andrew's Day</li> <li>• Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare</li> </ul>	
25		27			30	

Baha'i Faith - Holy days, on which Baha'is do not work and this is considered a sacrifice.



# DECEMBER 2024 KEY DATES

1st	World AIDS Day First Sunday of Advent (Christian)
2nd	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
3rd	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
5th	International Volunteers Day
8th	Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
9th	International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime
10th	Human Rights Day
11th	Geeta Jayanti (Hindu)
15th	Dhanu Sankranti (Hindu)
18th	International Migrants Day
20th	International Human Solidarity Day
21st	Yule (Pagan) ends 1st January Winter Solstice – Yule (Pagan)
24th	Christmas Eve
25th	Christmas Day First Day of Hanukkah : candle 1 (Festival of Light) (Jewish) (ends on 2nd January)
26th	Boxing Day Chanukkah 2nd Candle (Festival of Light) (Jewish)
28th	Chanukkah 4th Candle (Festival of Light) (Jewish)
31st	New Year's Eve Hanukkah 6th Candle (Festival of Light) (Jewish)



## DECEMBER 7TH - 14TH IS **CHANUKAH - FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, involves lighting one candle on a nine-branched Menorah over eight nights. The Menorah celebrates a miracle whereby a holy temple light (the Ner Tamid), which is never meant to go out, remained alight for eight days, on only one day's supply of oil. The eight candles of the Menorah commemorate this. Symbolic foods such as doughnuts and latkes cooked in oil are abundant during Chanuka to commemorate the miracle of the oil.



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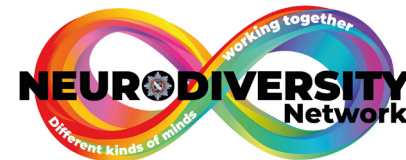
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						<div><div>• World AIDS Day</div><div>• First Sunday of Advent (Christian)</div></div> <div>01</div>
<div><div>• International Day for the Abolition of Slavery</div></div> <div>02</div>	<div><div>• International Day of Persons with Disabilities</div></div> <div>03</div>	<div><div>• Geeta Jayanti (Hindu)</div></div> <div>04</div>	<div><div>• International Volunteers Day</div></div> <div>05</div>	<div><div>• International Human Solidarity Day</div></div> <div>06</div>	<div><div>• Yule (Pagan) ends 1st January</div><div>• Winter Solstice – Yule (Pagan)</div></div> <div>07</div>	<div><div>• Bodhi Day (Buddhist)</div></div> <div>08</div>
<div><div>• International Day of Commemoration &amp; Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime</div></div> <div>09</div>	<div><div>• Human Rights Day</div></div> <div>10</div>	<div><div>• International Migrants Day</div></div> <div>11</div>	<div><div>• Boxing Day</div><div>• Chanukkah 2nd Candle (Festival of Light) (Jewish)</div></div> <div>12</div>	<div><div>• Christmas Day</div><div>• First Day of Chanukkah : candle 1 (Festival of Light (Jewish) (ends on 2nd January)</div></div> <div>13</div>	<div><div>• Chanukkah 4th Candle (Festival of Light) (Jewish)</div></div> <div>14</div>	<div><div>• Dhanu Sankranti (Hindu)</div></div> <div>15</div>
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# DIVERSITY EVENTS CALENDAR 2024

The calendar is an important resource for emergency services across Merseyside, particularly in terms of helping staff to understand the communities we serve and the people in them.

It will also help raise awareness of equality and diversity and wellbeing issues.





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