



# DIVERSITY EVENTS CALENDAR 2023



# JANUARY 2023 KEY DATES

- 1st New Year's Day
- 2nd New Year's Day (substitute day)
- 3rd Fast of Tevet (Jewish)
- 4th World Braille Day
- 5th Twelfth Night  
Guru Gobind Singh Birthday
- 6th Epiphany (Christian)
- 7th Christmas Day (Orthodox Christian)  
Mahayana New Year (Buddhist)
- 13th Lohri-Maghi (Sikh)
- 14th New Year (Orthodox Christians)
- 15th Makar Sankranti (Hindu)
- 16th Martin Luther King Jnr Day
- 18th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (until 25th)
- 22nd Lunar New Year (Year of the Rabbit)  
World Leprosy Day
- 25th Burns Night
- 26th Vasant Panchami (Hindu)
- 27th Holocaust Memorial Day



## JANUARY 22ND IS LUNAR NEW YEAR

Lunar New Year officially begins on 22nd January this year and ends on 1st February. 2023's zodiac animal is the rabbit. Our Race Equality & Cultural Heritage staff network marked the occasion last year by gifting every department in MFRS an orange tree and a red packet with money in, known as 'lucky money'.



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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· New Year's Day</li> </ul> <b>01</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· New Year's Day (substitute)</li> </ul> <b>02</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Fast of Tevet</li> </ul> <b>03</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· World Braille Day</li> </ul> <b>04</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Twelfth Night</li> <li>· Guru Gobind Singh Birthday</li> </ul> <b>05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Epiphany (Christian)</li> </ul> <b>06</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Christmas Day (Orthodox Christian)</li> <li>· Mahayana New Year (Buddhist)</li> </ul> <b>07</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Makar Sankranti (Hindu)</li> </ul> <b>08</b>
<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Lohri-Maghi (Sikh)</li> </ul> <b>13</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· New Year (Orthodox Christians)</li> </ul> <b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Martin Luther King Jnr Day</li> </ul> <b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (until 25th)</li> </ul> <b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Lunar New Year (Year of the Rabbit)</li> <li>· World Leprosy Day</li> </ul> <b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Burns Night</li> </ul> <b>25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Vasant Panchami (Hindu)</li> </ul> <b>26</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Holocaust Memorial Day</li> </ul> <b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

# FEBRUARY 2023 KEY DATES

1st	Dignity Action Day World Interfaith Harmony Week Imbolc (Pagan)
2nd	Candlemas (Christian)
4th	World Cancer Day
5th	Thaipusam (Hindu)
6th	International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation
7th	Safer Internet Day
9th	World Kidney Day
11th	International Day of Women and Girls in Science World Day of the Sick (Catholic)
12th	Darwin Day (Humanism)
13th	International Epilepsy Day
14th	Valentine's Day
15th	Nirvana Day (Buddhist) International Childhood Cancer Day
17th	Lailat al Miraj (Islamic) starts in the evening
18th	Maha Shivaratri (Hindu) Lailat al Miraj (Islamic) ends the evening
20th	World Day of Social Justice
21st	Shrove Tuesday (Christian) International Mother Language Day
25th	Intercalary Days Begin (Baha'i) (ends 1st March)
27th	Anosmia Awareness Day
28th	Rare Disease Day



## FEBRUARY IS LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH

It is important to recognise LGBTQ+ History Month every February, ahead of LGBTQ+ Pride Month in June. The two events work together to educate people on historic LGBTQ+ events, celebrate quality milestones and improve LGBTQ+ equality. In the UK, the event is honoured in February to coincide with the abolition of Section 28 of the Local Government Act in 2003, which prohibited the “promotion” of homosexuality.



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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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Candlemas (Christian)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· World Cancer Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Thaipusam (Hindu)</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Safer Internet Day</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· World Kidney Day</li> </ul>		<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Darwin Day (Humanism)</li> </ul>
<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· International Epilepsy Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Valentine's Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Nirvana Day (Buddhist)</li> <li>· International Childhood Cancer Day</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Lailat al Miraj (Islamic) starts in the evening</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)</li> <li>· Lailat al Miraj (Islamic) ends the evening</li> </ul>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· World Day of Social Justice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Shrove Tuesday (Christian)</li> <li>· International Mother Language Day</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Intercalary Days Begin (Baha'i) (ends 1st March)</li> </ul>	
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Anosmia Awareness Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Rare Disease Day</li> </ul>					
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>					

# MARCH 2023 KEY DATES

- 1st St David's Day (Christian)  
Self-injury Awareness Day  
Zero Discrimination Day
- 2nd World Book Day  
Month of Fasting (Baha'i) (ends 20th March)
- 3rd World Wildlife Day  
Women's World Day of Prayer
- 6th Purim (Jewish) begins at sunset  
Magha Puja (Buddhist)
- 7th Purim(Jewish) ends at nightfall  
Holi (Sikh)  
Lailat al Bara'ah (Islamic )  
Holika Dahan (Hindu)
- 8th International Women's Day  
Hola Mohalla (Sikh)  
Holi (Hindu)
- 10th Avalokitesvara Birthday (Buddhist)
- 13th Commonwealth Day
- 17th St Patrick's Day
- 18th National Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day
- 19th Mother's Day
- 20th International Day of Happiness  
Spring Equinox (Pagan)
- 21st Naw-Rúz (Bahá'í New Year)  
International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination  
World Down's Syndrome Day
- 22nd Ash Wednesday (Christian)  
Hindi New Year (Hindu)



- 23rd Ramadan Begins\* (Islamic)
- 24th World Tuberculosis Day  
International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims
- 25th International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
- 26th National Epilepsy Awareness Day
- 26th Daylight Saving (clocks go forward)
- 30th Ramanavami (Hindu)
- 31st 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. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. IWD has occurred for well over a century, with the first IWD gathering in 1911 supported by over a million people. The theme for 2023 is #EmbraceEquity.



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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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· World Book Day</li> <li>· Month of Fasting (Baha'i) (ends 20th March)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· World Wildlife Day</li> <li>· Women's World Day of Prayer</li> </ul>		
		<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Purim (Jewish)</li> <li>· Magha Puja (Buddhist)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Holi (Sikh)</li> <li>· Lailat al Bara'ah (Islamic)</li> <li>· Holika Dahan (Hindu)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· International Women's Day</li> <li>· Hola Mohalla (Sikh)</li> <li>· Holi (Hindu)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Avalokitesvara Birthday (Buddhist)</li> </ul>		
<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Commonwealth Day</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· St Patrick's Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· National Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Mother's Day</li> </ul>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· International Day of Happiness</li> <li>· Spring Equinox (Pagan)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Naw-Rúz (Bahá'í New Year)</li> <li>· World Down's Syndrome Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Ash Wednesday (Christian)</li> <li>· Hindi New Year (Hindu)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Ramadan Begins* (Islamic)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· World Tuberculosis Day</li> </ul>		
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# APRIL 2023 KEY DATES

- 2nd Palm Sunday (Christian)  
World Autism Awareness Day
- 5th Erev Pesach (Jewish)  
Pesach I (first day of Passover) (Jewish)
- 6th Pesach II (Passover) (Jewish)  
World Health Day  
Theravada New Year (Buddhist)  
Maundy Thursday (Christian)  
Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu)
- 7th Good Friday (Christian)  
International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda
- 8th International Roma Day  
Holy Saturday (Christian)
- 9th Easter Sunday (Christian)
- 10th Easter Monday (Christian)
- 11th World Parkinson's Day
- 12th Pesach (Passover) (Jewish)
- 13th Pesach VIII (last day of Passover) (Jewish)  
Songkran (Begins) (Buddhist)
- 14th Vaisakhi/Baisakhi (Sikh) (Hindu)  
Tamil New Year (Hindu)  
Good Friday (Orthodox Christian)
- 5th Bengali New Year (Hindu)  
Songkran (Ends) (Buddhist)
- 16th Easter Sunday (Orthodox Christian)
- 17th World Haemophilia Day  
Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial) (Jewish) starts  
Easter Monday (Orthodox Christian)



- 18th Birthday of Guru Angad Dev (Sikh)  
Lailat al Qadr (Night of Power) (Islamic)  
Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial) (Jewish) ends
- 20th Allergy Awareness Week (until 25th April)
- 21st First Day of Ridvan Festival (Baha'i)
- 22nd Akshaya Tritiya (Hindu)  
Eid-ul-Fitr\* begins at sunset (End of Ramadan) (Islamic)  
Earth Day  
Stephen Lawrence Day
- 23rd St George's Day (Christian)  
English Language Day  
Shakespeare Day
- 25th World Malaria Day  
Yom Ha'atzmaut (Jewish) starts
- 26th Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Memorial) (Jewish)end  
Lesbian Day of Visibility
- 28th World Day for Safety and Health at Work
- 29th Ninth Day of Riddan Festival (Baha'i)

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING Network**

## 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 last three years have been the most challenging many people have faced. 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.

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Palm Sunday (Christian)</li> <li>· World Autism Awareness Day</li> </ul>
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<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Erev Pesach (Jewish)</li> <li>· <b>Pesach I (first day of Passover) (Jewish)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Pesach II (Passover) (Jewish)</b></li> <li>· Theravada New Year (Buddhist)</li> <li>· Maundy Thursday (Christian)</li> <li>· Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Good Friday (Christian)</li> <li>· International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· International Roma Day</li> <li>· Holy Saturday (Christian)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Easter Sunday (Christian)</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Easter Monday (Christian)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· World Parkinson's Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Pesach (Passover) (Jewish)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Pesach VIII (last day of Passover) (Jewish)</b></li> <li>· Songkran begins (Buddhist)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Vaisakhi/Baisakhi (Sikh) (Hindu)</li> <li>· Tamil New Year (Hindu)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Bengali New Year (Hindu)</li> <li>· Songkran ends (Buddhist)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Easter Sunday (Orthodox Christian)</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· World Haemophilia Day</li> <li>· Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial) (Jewish) starts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Birthday of Guru Angad Dev (Sikh)</li> <li>· Lailat al Qadr (Night of Power) (Islamic)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Allergy Awareness Week (until 25th April)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>First Day of Ridvan Festival (Baha'i)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Akshaya Tritiya (Hindu)</li> <li>· Eid-ul-Fitr* begins at sunset (End of Ramadan) (Islamic)</li> <li>· Stephen Lawrence Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· St George's Day (Christian)</li> <li>· English Language Day</li> <li>· Shakespeare Day</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· World Malaria Day</li> <li>· Yom Ha'atzmaut (Jewish) starts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Memorial) (Jewish) end</li> <li>· Lesbian Day of Visibility</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· World Day for Safety and Health at Work</li> </ul>		

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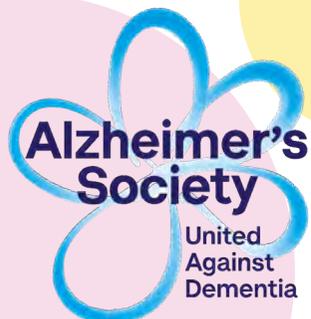
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# MAY 2023 KEY DATES

- 1st Bank Holiday  
Deaf Awareness Week (until 8th)
- 2nd Last Day of the Ridvan Festival (Baha'i)  
World Asthma Day
- 3rd World Press Freedom Day
- 4th Firefighter Memorial Day
- 5th Pesach Sheni (Second Passover) (Jewish)
- 8th Bank Holiday King Charles III Coronation  
Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives During the Second World War Starts  
Lag B'Omer (Jewish) begins at sunset  
Asexual Visibility Day
- 9th Lag B'Omer (Jewish)  
Liberation Day (Channel Islands)
- 10th World Lupus Day  
National Day for Staff Networks
- 12th International Awareness Day for Chronic Immunological and Neurological Diseases (CIND)
- 15th Mental Health Awareness Week  
International Day of Families  
Dementia Action Week (until 21st)
- 17th International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia & Transphobia (IDAHOBIT Day)
- 18th Ascension Day (Christian)
- 19th Savitri Pooja (Hindu)  
Vesak – Buddha Day (Buddhist)



- 21st World Day of Cultural Diversity for Dialogue & Development
- 24th Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i)  
Pansexual & Panromantic Visibility Day
- 25th Erev Shavuot (Festival of Weeks) (Jewish)  
Shavuot (Festival of Weeks) (Jewish) begins at sunset
- 26th Shavuot (Festival of Weeks) (Jewish)
- 27th Shavuot (Festival of Weeks) (Jewish) ends at nightfall
- 28th International Day of Women's Health  
Pentecost (Christian)  
Whit Sunday (Christian)
- 29th Spring Bank Holiday  
Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)



## MAY 15TH - 21ST 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 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bank Holiday</li> <li>Deaf Awareness Week (until 8th)</li> </ul> <p><b>01</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last Day of the Ridvan Festival (Baha'i)</li> <li>World Asthma Day</li> </ul> <p><b>02</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Press Freedom Day</li> </ul> <p><b>03</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Firefighter Memorial Day</li> </ul> <p><b>04</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pesach Sheni (Second Passover) (Jewish)</li> </ul> <p><b>05</b></p>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bank Holiday King Charles III Coronation</li> <li>Lag B'Omer (Jewish)</li> <li>Asexual Visibility Day</li> </ul> <p><b>08</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lag B'Omer (Jewish)</li> <li>Liberation Day (Channel Islands)</li> </ul> <p><b>09</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Lupus Day</li> <li>National Day for Staff Networks</li> </ul> <p><b>10</b></p>	<b>11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Awareness Day for CIND</li> </ul> <p><b>12</b></p>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mental Health Awareness Week</li> <li>International Day of Families</li> </ul> <p><b>15</b></p>	<b>16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IDAHOBIT Day</li> </ul> <p><b>17</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ascension Day (Christian)</li> </ul> <p><b>18</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Savitri Pooja (Hindu)</li> <li>Vesak – Buddha Day (Buddhist)</li> </ul> <p><b>19</b></p>	<b>20</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Day of Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development</li> </ul> <p><b>21</b></p>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i)</li> <li>Pansexual &amp; Panromantic Visibility Day</li> </ul> <p><b>24</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erev Shavuot (Festival of Weeks) (Jewish)</li> <li>Shavuot (festival of Weeks) (Jewish) begins at sunset</li> </ul> <p><b>25</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shavuot (festival of Weeks) (Jewish)</li> </ul> <p><b>26</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shavuot (festival of Weeks) (Jewish) ends at nightfall</li> </ul> <p><b>27</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of Women's Health</li> <li>Pentecost (Christian)</li> <li>Whit Sunday (Christian)</li> </ul> <p><b>28</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spring Bank Holiday</li> <li>Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)</li> </ul> <p><b>29</b></p>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

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## JUNE 2023 KEY DATES

1st	Global Day of Parents
4th	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression Trinity Sunday
5th	HIV Long-Term Survivor's Awareness Day
12th	World Day Against Child Labour
14th	World Blood Donor Day
15th	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
16th	International Day of Family Remittance Martyrdom of Guru Arjan (Sikh)
18th	Father's Day
19th	International day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict
20th	World Refugee Day Puri Rath Yatra (Hindu)
21st	World Humanist Day
22nd	Windrush Day
23rd	United Nations Public Service Day International Widow's' Day
24th	Armed Forces Day Summer Solstice or Midsummer (Pagan)
25th	Day of the Seafarer
26th	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture First day of Hajj*(Islamic)



28th	Stonewall Riots Anniversary Waqf al Arafa (Islamic) Birth of Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava) (Buddhist)
29th	World Scleroderma Awareness Day Eid-ul-Adha (Islamic)*

## 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 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global Day of Parents</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression</li> <li>Trinity Sunday</li> </ul>
			01	02	03	04
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HIV Long-Term Survivor's Awareness Day</li> </ul>						
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Day Against Child Labour</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Blood Donor Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Elder Abuse Awareness Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of Family Remittance</li> <li>Martyrdom of Guru Arjan (Sikh)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Father's Day</li> </ul>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Refugee Day</li> <li>Puri Rath Yatra (Hindu)</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>Armed Forces Day</li> <li>Summer Solstice or Midsummer (Pagan)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Day of the Seafarer</li> </ul>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking</li> <li>First day of Hajj*(Islamic)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stonewall Riots Anniversary</li> <li>Waqf al Arafa (Islamic)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Scleroderma Awareness Day</li> <li>Eid-ul-Adha (Islamic)*</li> </ul>			
26	27	28	29	30		

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

# JULY 2023 KEY DATES

- 1st Hajj (ends)\* (Islamic)
- 3th Guru Purnima (Hindu)  
Asala - Dharma Day (Buddhist)
- 6th Eid-ul-Ghadeer (Islamic)\*  
Omnisexual Visibility Day  
The Three Weeks (Jewish)  
Tammuz (Jewish)
- 7th Eid-ul-Ghadeer (Islamic)\*
- 9th **Martyrdom of the Bab (Baha'i)**
- 10th Non-Binary Awareness Week (10th – 17th)
- 11th World Population Day
- 14th International Non-Binary Peoples Day
- 15th World Youth Skills Day  
St Swithin's Day
- 16th International Drag Day
- 18th Nelson Mandela International Day
- 19th Al- Hijra - Islamic New Year \*
- 26th Erve Tisha B'av (Jewish)
- 27th The Three Weeks (ends) (Jewish)  
Fast of Tisha B'Av (Jewish)  
Day of Ashura/Muharram (Islamic)
- 28th World Hepatitis Day
- 29th **Pride – Liverpool (TBC)**
- 30th International Day of Friendship  
World Day Against Trafficking in Persons



## JULY 29TH 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 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					· Hajj (ends)* (Islamic)	
					<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>
· Guru Purnima (Hindu) · Asala - Dharma Day (Buddhist)			· Eid-ul-Ghadeer (Islamic)* · Omnisexual Visibility Day · Tammuz (Jewish)	· Eid-ul-Ghadeer (Islamic)*		· Martyrdom of the Bab (Baha'i)
<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>
· Non-Binary Awareness Week	· World Population Day			· International Non-Binary Peoples Day	· World Youth Skills Day · St Swithin's Day	· International Drag Day
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
	· Nelson Mandela International Day	· Al- Hijra - Islamic New Year *				
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
		· Erve Tisha B'av (Jewish)	· Fast of Tisha B'Av (Jewish) · Day of Ashura/Muharram (Islamic)	· World Hepatitis Day	· Pride – Liverpool (TBC)	· International Day of Friendship · World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>						

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.

# AUGUST 2023 KEY DATES

- 1st Gyre of Maltreya ( Maidari-Khural) (Buddhist)  
Commemorated of Arhats (Naidani Khural) (Buddist)
- 2nd The 15th of Av (Jewish)
- 7th The Three Weeks (Jewish) Ends
- 9th International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
- 12th International Youth Day
- 13th The Festival of the Tooth (Esala Perahera) (Buddhist)  
Obon (Buddhist)
- 15th Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Christian)
- 19th World Humanitarian Day
- 21st Nag Panchami (Hindu)
- 23rd International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave  
Trade and its Abolition
- 25th Varalakshmi Vrat (Hindu)  
Manchester Pride (25th – 28th)
- 28th Bank Holiday
- 29th Onam (Hindu)
- 30th International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances  
Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)  
Ghost Festival (Buddhist)



## 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 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Gyre of Maltreya ( Maidari-Khural) (Buddhist)</li> <li>· Commemorated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· The 15th of Av (Jewish)</li> </ul>				
	<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· The Three Weeks (Jewish) Ends</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· International Youth Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· The Festival of the Tooth (Esala Perahera) (Buddhist)</li> <li>· Obon (Buddhist)</li> </ul>
<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Christian)</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· World Humanitarian Day</li> </ul>	
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Nag Panchami (Hindu)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Varalakshmi Vrat (Hindu)</li> <li>· Manchester Pride (25th – 28th)</li> </ul>		
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Bank Holiday</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Onam (Hindu)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances</li> </ul>				
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

# SEPTEMBER 2023 KEY DATES

- 5th International Day of Charity
- 6th Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu) Starts
- 8th International Literacy Day
- 10th World Suicide Prevention Day
- 15th Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) begins at sunset  
International Day of Democracy
- 16th Rosh Hashana (New Year) (Jewish)  
Bisexual Awareness Week (16th – 23rd )
- 17th Vishwakarma Puja (Hindu)  
Rosh Hashana (New Year) (Jewish) ends at nightfall
- 19th Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)
- 21st International Day of Peace  
World Alzheimer's Day
- 23rd Autumn Equinox (Pagan)
- 24th Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) (Jewish) begins at sunset
- 25th Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) (Jewish)
- 26th European Day of Languages
- 27th World Tourism Day  
Mawlid un-Nab (Islamic)\*
- 28th World Maritime Day
- 29th Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish) begins at sunset  
Michaelmas (Christian)  
World Heart Day  
Pavarana Day (Buddhist)  
Mid-Autumn Festival (Moon Festival/Mooncake Festival)
- 30th Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish)



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## 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 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				01	02	03
04	· International Day of Charity	· Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu) Starts		· International Literacy Day		· World Suicide Prevention Day
	05	06	07	08	09	10
11				· Rosh Hashanah (New Year Jewish) begins at sunset International Day of	· Rosh Hashana (New Year) (Jewish) Bisexual Awareness	· Vishwakarma Puja (Hindu) Rosh Hashana (New Year) (Jewish) ends at
	12	13	14	15	16	17
	· Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)		· International Day of Peace World Alzheimer's Day		· Autumn Equinox (Pagan)	· Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) (Jewish) begins at sunset
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
· Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) (Jewish)	· European Day of Languages	· World Tourism Day · Mawlid un-Nab (Islamic)*	· World Maritime Day	· Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish) begins at sunset · Michaelmas	· Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish)	
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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

# OCTOBER 2023 KEY DATES

- 1st International Day of Older Persons  
Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish)
- 2nd International Day of Non-violence  
Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish)  
World Habitat Day  
World Dyslexia Awareness Week (starts)
- 3rd Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish)
- 4th Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish)
- 5th Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish)
- 6th Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish)  
Shmini Atzeret & Simchat Torah (Jewish) begins  
World Cerebral Palsy Day  
World Smile Day
- 7th Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah (Jewish) ends at sunset
- 8th World Dyslexia Awareness Day
- 10th World Mental Health Day
- 11th International Day of the Girl Child  
National Coming Out Day
- 12th World Sight Day
- 13th Ancestor Day (Ulambana) (Buddhist/Shinto)  
International Day for Disaster Reduction
- 14th Mahalaya Amavasya (Hindu)
- 15th Navaratri (begins) (Hindu)  
International Day of Rural Women
- 16th Restart a Heart Day  
World Food Day
- 17th International Day for the Eradication of Poverty



**International Control Room Week**  
23rd - 29th October



**World Food Day**  
16th October

- 18th Menopause Awareness Day  
Anti-Slavery Day
- 19th International Pronoun Day
- 20th Birth of Guru Granth (Sikh)
- 23rd International Control Room Week
- 24th Navaratri (ends) (Hindu)  
United Nations Day  
Dussehra (Hindu)
- 26th Birth of the Bab (Baha'i)  
Intersex Awareness Day
- 27th Birth of Bahá'u'lláh (Baha'i)  
National Mentoring Day
- 28th Shared Purnima (Hindu)  
Kathina (begins) (Buddhist)
- 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 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of Older Persons</li> <li>Sukkot (feast of</li> </ul> <b>01</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of Non-violence</li> <li>Sukkot (feast of</li> </ul> <b>02</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish)</li> </ul> <b>03</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish)</li> </ul> <b>04</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish)</li> </ul> <b>05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) (Jewish)</li> <li>Shmini Atzeret</li> </ul> <b>06</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shmini Atzeret &amp; Simchat Torah (Jewish) ends at sunset</li> </ul> <b>07</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Dyslexia Awareness Day</li> </ul> <b>08</b>
<b>09</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Mental Health Day</li> </ul> <b>10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of the Girl Child</li> <li>National Coming</li> </ul> <b>11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Sight Day</li> </ul> <b>12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ancestor Day (Ulambana) (Buddhist/Shinto)</li> <li>International Day</li> </ul> <b>13</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mahalaya Amavasya (Hindu)</li> </ul> <b>14</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navaratri (begins) (Hindu)</li> <li>International Day of Rural Women</li> </ul> <b>15</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restart a Heart Day</li> <li>World Food Day</li> </ul> <b>16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day for the Eradication of Poverty</li> </ul> <b>17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> </ul> <b>19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Birth of Guru Granth (Sikh)</li> </ul> <b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Control Room Week (TBC)</li> <li>Navaratri (ends)</li> </ul> <b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Birth of the Bab (Baha'i)</li> <li>Intersex Awareness Day</li> </ul> <b>26</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Birth of Bahá'u'lláh (Baha'i)</li> <li>National Mentoring Day</li> </ul> <b>27</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared Purnima (Hindu)</li> <li>Kathina (begins) (Buddhist)</li> </ul> <b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Halloween</li> <li>Samhain (Pagan)</li> <li>World Cities Day</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 2023 KEY DATES

- 1st All Saints Day (Christian)  
Samhain (Pagan)  
Karwa Chauth (Hindu)
- 2nd All Souls Day (Christian)
- 5th Bonfire Night
- 6th Transgender Parents Day
- 8th Intersex Day of Remembrance
- 10th Dhan Teras (Hindu)
- 11th Armistice Day
- 12th World Kindness Day  
Remembrance Sunday  
Diwali (Hindu) (Deepavali) (Sikh)
- 13th Interfaith Week (until 19th)  
Trans Awareness Week (until 19th)
- 14th World Diabetes Day  
Bhai Dooj (Hindu)
- 16th International Day for Tolerance
- 19th International Men's Day  
Chhath Puja (Hindu)  
World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims
- 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)
- 26th Day of the Covenant (Baha'i)



**Armistice Day**  
11th November

- 27th Guru Nanak Birthday (Sikh)  
Kartik Poornima (Hindu)  
Kathina (Ends) (Buddhist)
- 28th Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha (Baha'i)  
Loy Krathong (Buddhist)
- 30th St Andrew's 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 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· All Saints Day (Christian)</li> <li>· Samhain (Pagan)</li> <li>· Karwa Chauth (Hindu)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· All Souls Day (Christian)</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Bonfire Night</li> </ul>
		<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Transgender Parents Day</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Intersex Day of Remembrance</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Dhan Teras (Hindu)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Armistice Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· World Kindness Day</li> <li>· Remembrance Sunday</li> <li>· Diwali (Hindu) (Deepavali) (Sikh)</li> </ul>
<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Trans Awareness Week</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>· International Day for Tolerance</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· International Men's Day</li> <li>· Chhath Puja (Hindu)</li> </ul>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Transgender Day of Remembrance</li> <li>· Universal Children's Day</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib (Sikh)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· White Ribbon Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Day of the Covenant (Baha'i)</li> </ul>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Guru Nanak Birthday (Sikh)</li> <li>· Kartik Poornima (Hindu)</li> <li>· Kathina ends (Buddhist)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha (Baha'i)</li> <li>· Loy Krathong (Buddhist)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· St Andrew's Day</li> <li>· Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare</li> </ul>			
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			

# DECEMBER 2023 KEY DATES

1st	World AIDS Day
2nd	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
3rd	First Sunday of Advent (Christian) International Day of Persons with Disabilities
5th	International Volunteers Day
7th	First Day of Chanukah: candle 1 (Festival of Lights) (Jewish)
8th	Chanukah 2nd Candle (Festival of Lights) (Jewish) 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 Chanukah 4th Candle (Festival of Lights) (Jewish)
12th	Chanukah 6th Candle (Festival of Lights) (Jewish)
14th	Chanukah 8th Day (Festival of Lights) (Jewish)
16th	Dhanu Sankranti (Hindu)
18th	International Migrants Day
20th	International Human Solidarity Day
22nd	Winter Solstice – Yule (Pagan) Fast of Tevet 10 (Jewish) Geeta Jayanti (Hindu)
24th	Christmas Eve
25th	Christmas Day
26th	Boxing Day
27th	Bank Holiday (Substitute for Christmas Day)
31st	New Year's Eve



## 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.

# DECEMBER 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World AIDS Day</li> </ul> <p><b>01</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day for the Abolition of Slavery</li> </ul> <p><b>02</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Sunday of Advent (Christian)</li> <li>International Day of Persons with Disabilities</li> </ul> <p><b>03</b></p>
<p><b>04</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Volunteers Day</li> </ul> <p><b>05</b></p>	<p><b>06</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Day of Hanukkah : candle 1 (Festival of Lights) (Jewish)</li> </ul> <p><b>07</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hanukkah 2nd Candle (Festival of Lights) (Jewish)</li> <li>Bodhi Day (Buddhist)</li> </ul> <p><b>08</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of Commemoration &amp; Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime</li> </ul> <p><b>09</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Human Rights Day</li> <li>Hanukkah 4th Candle (Festival of Lights) (Jewish)</li> </ul> <p><b>10</b></p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hanukkah 6th Candle (Festival of Lights) (Jewish)</li> </ul> <p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hanukkah 8th Day (Festival of Lights) (Jewish)</li> </ul> <p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dhanu Sankranti (Hindu)</li> </ul> <p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Migrants Day</li> </ul> <p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Human Solidarity Day</li> </ul> <p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winter Solstice – Yule (Pagan)</li> <li>Fast of Tevet 10 (Jewish)</li> <li>Geeta Jayanti (Hindu)</li> </ul> <p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Eve</li> </ul> <p><b>24</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Day</li> </ul> <p><b>25</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boxing Day</li> </ul> <p><b>26</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bank Holiday (Substitute for Christmas Day)</li> </ul> <p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Year's Eve</li> </ul> <p><b>31</b></p>



# DIVERSITY EVENTS CALENDAR 2023

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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