



# 2023 – 2024

## Primary Ethical Education Teacher Calendar

All days, weeks and years are linked to relevant sites

**2023**

International Year of Millets

**2024**

International Year of Camelids

Primary Resource Bank

Second-level Resource Bank

### September 2023

International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies

Sept 7

International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer

Sept 16

International Literacy Day

Sept 8

International Day of Peace

Sept 21

International Day of Democracy

Sept 15

International Day of Sign Languages

Autumn Equinox (*Northern Hemisphere*)

Rosh Hashanah (*Judaism*)

Sept 15 - 17

Sept 23

European Week of Sport

Sept 23 - 30

Sukkot (*Judaism*)

Sept 29 – Oct 6

Yom Kippur (*Judaism*)

Sept 24 - 25

International Day of Awareness of  
Food Loss and Waste

Sept 29

Mawlid al-Nabi (*Islam*)

Sept 26 – 27

## October 2023

Black History Month

October (*UK and Ireland*)

World Mental Health Day

Oct 10

International Day of Older Persons

Oct 1

World Migratory Bird Day

Oct 14

World Habitat Day

World Animal Day

Oct 4

Maths Week

Oct 14 - 22

World Space Week

Oct 4 - 10

Navaratri (*Hinduism*)

Oct 15 - 24

World Teachers' Day

Oct 5

World Food Day

Oct 16

EU Code Week

Oct 7 - 22

International Day for the Eradication  
of Poverty

Oct 17

United Nations Day

Oct 24

Halloween / Samhain

World Cities Day

Oct 31

School Holidays: Midterm Break

Oct 30 – Nov 3

## November 2023

International Day against Violence and Bullying at School including Cyber-bullying

Nov 2

World Philosophy Day

Nov 16

World Tsunami Awareness Day

Nov 5

International Day of Islamic Art

Nov 18

World Science Day for Peace and Development

Nov 10

World Toilet Day

*Fighting the Taboo: 2.5 billion people do not have access to proper sanitation with dramatic consequences on human health, dignity, and security*

Nov 19

Science Week

Nov 12 - 19

World Children's Day

Nov 20

Diwali (*Hinduism and Sikhism*)

Nov 12

## December 2023

Antarctica Day

World Aids Day

Dec 1

Bodhi Day (*Buddhism*)

Dec 8

International Day for the Abolition  
of Slavery

Dec 2

Human Rights Day

Dec 10

International Day of Persons with  
Disabilities

Dec 3

International Mountain Day

Dec 11

Advent (*Christianity*)

Dec 3 - 24

International Migrants' Day

Dec 18

World Soil Day

Dec 5

Winter Solstice (*Northern  
Hemisphere*)

Dec 21

Hanukkah (*Judaism*)

Dec 7 - 15

**School Holidays: Winter Break**

**Dec 22 – Jan 7**

Christmas Day (*Christianity*)

Dec 25

## January 2024

World Braille Day

Jan 4

World Logic Day

Jan 14

Young Scientist and Technology  
Exhibition

Jan 10 - 12

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan 15

International Day of Education

Jan 24

Holocaust Memorial Day

Jan 27

## February 2024

St. Brigid's Day (*Christianity*)

Feb 1

International Day of Women and  
Girls in Science

Feb 11

Imbolc (*Irish Festival*)

Feb 1 - 2

Darwin Day

Feb 12

**Bank Holiday**

**Feb 5**

Parinirvana/Nirvana Day (*Buddhism*)

Feb 15

Safer Internet Day

Feb 6

**School Holidays: Midterm**

**Feb 15 - 16**

World Pulses Day

Feb 10

International Mother Language Day

Feb 21

Lunar New Year (*Year of the  
Dragon*)

Feb 10

## March 2024

Traveller Ethnicity Day

March 1

World Wildlife Day

March 3

Engineers' Week

March 2 - 8

Fairtrade Fortnight

March 4 - 17

World Book Day

March 7

World Water Day

March 22

International Women's Day

March 8

School Holidays

March 22 – April 7

Ramadan (*Islam*)

*It is advisable to check the dates  
closer to the time*

March 12 (sunset)

World Meteorological Day

March 23

International Day of Mathematics

March 14

World Tuberculosis Day

March 24

St. Patrick's Day (*Christianity*)

March 17

International Day of Remembrance  
of the Victims of Slavery and the  
Transatlantic Slave Trade

March 24

International Day of Happiness

Spring Equinox (*Northern  
Hemisphere*)

March 20

Holi (*Hinduism*)

March 25

Seachtain na Gaeilge

March 1 - 17

Easter Sunday (*Christianity*)

March 31

International Day for the  
Elimination of Racial Discrimination

World Down Syndrome Day

International Day of Forests

World Poetry Day

March 21

## April 2024

World Autism Awareness Day

April 2

Birth of Guru Nanak (*Sikhism*)

Apr 15

Day of Sport for Development and Peace

April 6

World Art Day

Apr 15

Eid-Al-Fitr (*Islam*)

April 9 - 10

Earth Day

April 22

World Health Day

April 7

Passover/Pesach (*Judaism*)

April 23 - 29

International Day of Human Space Flight

April 12

World Immunisation Week

April 24 – 30

Vaisakhi/Baisakhi (*Sikhism*)

April 13

World Malaria Day

April 25

International Jazz Day

April 30

## May 2024

Bealtaine *Celebration of creativity as we age*

Bealtaine *Ancient Irish Festival*

May

World Tuna Day *Highlighting the need for sustainable fisheries*

May 2

African World Heritage Day

May 5

**Bank Holiday**

**May 6**

**World Bee Day**

**May 20**

**Europe Day**

**May 9**

**World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development**

**May 21**

**World Migratory Bird Day**

*There are now two official WMB days – in October and May.*

**May 13**

**International Day for Biological Diversity**

**May 22**

**International Day of Families**

**May 15**

**Wesak (*Buddhism*)**

**May 23**

**International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia**

**May 17**

**World No Tobacco Day**

**May 31**

## **June 2024**

**World Bicycle Day**

**June 3**

**World Oceans Day**

**June 8**

**World Environment Day**

**June 3**

**World Day Against Child Labour**

**June 12**

**Bank Holiday**

**June 5**

**World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought**

**June 17**



**World Refugee Day**

**June 20**

**International Day of the Tropics**

**June 29**

**World Humanist Day (*Humanism*)**

**Summer Solstice (*Northern Hemisphere*)**

**June 21**