

DIVERSITY CALENDAR 2023



The world is changing. 2023 brings new challenges as well as many wonderful opportunities.

Like these gorgeous feathered creatures portrayed in our 2023 calendar, let's continue to be curious, have fun, be adventurous and let our dreams take flight.

As we celebrate our global diversity and value difference, I hope this calendar with key dates of cultural, religious, social, and historical significance, will support you in your plans and all that you do to further your ambitions towards a more inclusive world.

2023 will be a year to be bold, have courage, **spread those wings and embark on new journeys.** Whether we do it on our own or with others, we all play a role in appreciating, preserving and valuing our collective identities.

Here's to working together for a better tomorrow for our generation and the ones to come.

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JANUARY

MONTH OF: CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS | CELEBRATION OF LIFE | THYROID AWARENESS |
ALCOHOL CONCERN DRY JANUARY

1	Mary, Mother of God – Catholic Christian	7	Feast of the Nativity – Orthodox Christian	19	Timkat – Ethiopian Orthodox Christian
	Gantan-sai (New Year) – Shinto	8	Baptism of the Lord Jesus – Christian	22	Chinese New Year - Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist
	Global Family Day	9	Seijin no hi (Coming of Age Day) – Shinto	24	International Day of Education
	New Year's Day/Hogmanay	13	Lohri/Maghi – Hindu, Sikh	25	Conversion of Saint Paul – Christian
2	Bank Holiday – England, Wales, Northern Ireland and ROI	14	Makar Sankranti – Hindu		Robert Burns Night (Burns Night)
3	Bank Holiday – Scotland		Old New Year – Orthodox Christian	26	Vasant Panchami – Hindu
4	World Braille Day	15	Pongal – Hindu	27	Holocaust Memorial Day
5	Twelfth Night – Christian		World Religion Day	28	Data Privacy Day
	Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh – Sikh	16	Blue Monday	29	Zacchaeus Sunday – Orthodox Christian
6	Epiphany – Christian		Martin Luther King Jnr. Day	31	Birthday of Guru Har Rai – Sikh
	Feast of the Theophany – Orthodox Christian	18	18 – 25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Christian		
7	Mahayana New Year – Buddhist (7-9)				



FEBRUARY

MONTH OF: UK NATIONAL HEART MONTH | LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL TRANS HISTORY MONTH |
RAYNAUD'S AND SCLERODERMA AWARENESS MONTH

1	World Hijab Day	7	Safer Internet Day	19	Meatfare Sunday – Orthodox Christian
	World Interfaith Harmony Week (1-7)	11	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	20	World Day of Social Justice
	Imbolc – Lughnassadh – Wicca/ Pagan Northern and Southern hemispheres		World Day of the Sick	21	Shrove Tuesday – Christian
2	Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple) – Christian	12	Sunday of the Prodigal Son – Orthodox Christian		Ramakrishna Jayanti - Hindu
	Time to Talk Day		Autism Sunday	22	Ash Wednesday – Christian
3	Setsubun-sai – Shinto		Red Hand Day for Child Soldiers	24	International STAND UP to Bullying Day
4	World Cancer Day	14	Saint Valentine's Day	26	Intercalary Days begin - Baha'i
5	Thaipusam – Hindu	15	International Childhood Cancer Day		Cheese fare Sunday – Orthodox Christian
	Triodion begins – Orthodox Christian		Parinirvana Day/Nirvana Day – Buddhist	27	Great Lent begins – Clean Monday – Orthodox Christian
6	Tu B'Shvat – Judaism	17	World Human Spirit Day		
	Bank Holiday - ROI	18	Maha Shivaratri – Hindu		
	UK Race Equality Week (6-12)		Lailat al Miraj – Islam		

MARCH

MONTH OF: PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS | OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS |
UK MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE GREAT DAFFODIL APPEAL MONTH

1	Intercalary Days (end) - Baha'i	8	International Women's Day	21	Norooz (New Year) - Persian/ Zoroastrian
	Saint David's Day - Christian	9	Hola Mohalla - Sikh		International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
	International Wheelchair Day	14	Nanakshahi (New Year) - Sikh		World Down Syndrome Day
	Self-Injury Awareness Day (SIAD)	15	International Day to Combat Islamophobia	22	Ramayana begins - Hindu
	Zero Discrimination Day	17	Saint Patrick's Day - Christian		Ugadi/Telugu New Year - Hindu
2	Nineteen Day Fast begins - Baha'i		Bank Holiday - Northern Ireland and ROI	23	Ramadan begins - Islam
	University Mental Health Day	18	Global Recycling Day	26	Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zarathushtra) - Zoroastrian
3	World Hearing Day	19	Saint Joseph's Day - Christian		Purple Day
5	Sunday of Orthodoxy - Orthodox Christian		Mothering Sunday		British Summer Time begins
6	Magha Puja (Sangha Day) - Buddhist	20	Ostara - Mabon - Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern hemispheres	30	Rama Navami - Hindu
7	Holika Dahan - Hindu		International Day of Happiness		World Bipolar Day
	Lailat al Bara'ah - Islam		Spring Equinox	31	International Transgender Day of Visibility
	Purim - Judaism	21	Naw-Rúz (New Year) - Baha'i		
8	Holi - Hindu				



APRIL

MONTH OF: AUTISM AWARENESS | STRESS AWARENESS | BOWEL CANCER AWARENESS | PARKINSON'S AWARENESS

1	April Fool's Day	8	Lazarus Saturday – Orthodox Christian	18	Birthday of Guru Angad Dev – Sikh
2	Palm Sunday – Christian		International Romani Day		Birthday of Guru Tegh Bahadur – Sikh
	World Autism Awareness Day	9	Easter Sunday – Christian	21	First Day of Ridvan – Baha'i
4	Mahavir Jayanti – Jain		Palm Sunday – Orthodox Christian		Eid al Fitr – Islam
	Lord's Evening Meal – Jehovah's Witness	10	Easter Monday – Christian	22	Akshaya Tritiya – Hindu, Jain
6	Theravada New Year – Buddhist		Bank Holiday – England, Wales, Northern Ireland and ROI		Earth Day
	Maundy Thursday – Christian	13	Songkran (Thai New Year) – Buddhist	23	Saint George's Day – Christian
	Hanuman Jayanti – Hindu	14	Holy Friday – Orthodox Christian	25	Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist – Christian
	Passover – Judaism		Birth of the Khalsa (Vaisakhi) – Sikh		Yom HaZikaron – Judaism
	International Asexuality Day		Tamil New Year	26	Yom Ha'Atzmaut – Judaism
7	Good Friday – Christian	16	Pascha (Easter) – Orthodox Christian		Lesbian Visibility Day
	World Health Day	18	Lailat al-Qadr – Islam	28	World Day for Health & Safety at Work
	Bank Holiday – England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland		Yom HaShoah – Judaism	29	Ninth Day of Ridvan – Baha'i

MAY

MONTH OF: ACTION ON STROKE | MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS | HEPATITIS AWARENESS |
UK NATIONAL WALKING | CELIAC AWARENESS

1	Beltane – Samhain – Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern hemispheres	9	Lag BaOmer – Judaism	24	Declaration of the Báb - Baha’i
	Bank Holiday – England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and ROI	10	UK National Day for Staff Networks	25	Ascension of the Lord – Orthodox Christian
2	Twelfth Day of Ridvan - Baha’i	12	International Nurses Day	26	Shavuot – Judaism
	Birthday of Guru Arjan Dev – Sikh	15	International Day of Families	27	Shavuot – Judaism
3	Feast of Saints Philip and James – Catholic Christian	17	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia	28	Pentecost – Christian
	World Press Freedom Day	18	Ascension Day – Christian	29	Ascension of Baha’u’llah - Baha’i
4	International Firefighters Day		Global Accessibility Awareness Day		International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers
5	Vesak/Visakha Puja - Buddhist	19	Yom Yerushalayim – Judaism		Bank Holiday – England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland
8	World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day	21	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	31	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Catholic Christian
8	Coronation Bank Holiday - England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland	22	International Day for Biological Diversity		World No Tobacco Day
		23	Birthday of Guru Amar Das – Sikh		



JUNE

MONTH OF: MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE AWARENESS | STILLBIRTH & NEONATAL DEATH AWARENESS |
LGBT PRIDE | MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS | GYPSY, ROMA AND TRAVELLER HISTORY

1	Global Day of Parents	14	World Blood Donor Day	21	World Humanist Day
4	Trinity Sunday – Christian	15	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	22	UK Windrush Day
	Pentecost – Christian	16	Sacred Heart of Jesus – Catholic Christian	24	Nativity of Saint John the Baptist – Christian
	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression		Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev – Sikh	26	Hajj - Islam
5	World Environment Day		Neurodiversity Pride Day	27	Waqf al Arafa - Islam
	Bank Holiday – ROI	17	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	28	Eid al Adha – Islam
8	Corpus Christi – Catholic Christian	18	Autistic Pride Day	29	Feast of Saints Peter and Paul – Christian
10	Global Wellness Day		Father's Day		
11	Race Unity Day - Baha'i	20	World Refugee Day		
	All Saints Day – Orthodox Christian	21	Summer Solstice		
12	The Fast of the Holy Apostles – Orthodox Christian		Litha - Yule - Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern hemispheres		
	World Day against Child Labour				

JULY

MONTH OF: UV SAFETY | MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO CHILDREN | GROUP B STREP AWARENESS |
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN WITH ALOPECIA

3	Asalha Puja (Dharma Day) – Buddhist	17	World Day for International Justice	27	Tish'a B'av – Judaism
4	US Independence Day	18	Nelson Mandela International Day	28	Ashura – Islam
5	Birthday of Guru Hargobind – Sikh		South Asian Heritage Month begins	28	World Hepatitis Day
10	Martyrdom of the Báb - Baha'í	19	Al-Hijra/Muharram – New Year – Islam	30	International Day of Friendship
11	World Population Day	22	Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene – Christian		World Day against Trafficking Persons
12	Orangemen's Day	23	Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie – Rastafari		
	Bank Holiday – Northern Ireland		Birthday of Guru Har Krishan – Sikh		
14	International Non-Binary People's Day	24	Pioneer Day – Mormon Christian		
15	Saint Vladimir the Great Day – Orthodox Christian	25	Saint James the Great Day – Christian		
	World Youth Skills Day				

AUGUST

MONTH OF: HEALTH & SAFETY | CHILDREN'S EYE HEALTH & SAFETY | PSORIASIS AWARENESS |
US BLACK BUSINESS | MEDICALERT AWARENESS

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| 1 | Lammas – Christian | 15 | Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary – Catholic Christian | 24 | Feast of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle - Christian |
| | Fast in honour of Holy Mother of Lord Jesus – Orthodox Christian | | Dormition of the Theotokos – Orthodox Christian | 28 | Summer Bank Holiday – England, Wales and Northern Ireland |
| | Lughnasadh – Imbolc – Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern hemispheres | 19 | World Humanitarian Day | 29 | Beheading of Saint John the Baptist – Christian |
| 6 | Feast of Transfiguration of Our Lord – Christian | 22 | Queenship of Mary – Catholic Christian | 30 | Raksha Bandhan – Hindu |
| | Transfiguration of the Lord – Orthodox Christian | | International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence based on Religion or Belief | | |
| 7 | Summer Bank Holiday – Scotland and ROI | 23 | International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition | | |
| 9 | International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples | | | | |
| 10 | Feast of Saint Lawrence - Christian | | | | |
| 12 | International Youth Day | | | | |

SEPTEMBER

MONTH OF: SICKLE CELL AWARENESS | WORLD ALZHEIMER'S | CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS |
BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS | WORLD DEMENTIA AWARENESS

5	International Day of Charity	17	Rosh Hashanah – Judaism	24	World Deaf Day
6	Krishna Janmashtami – Hindu		World Patient Safety Day	25	Yom Kippur – Judaism
	Colour Blind Awareness Day	18	Fast of Gedaliah - Judaism		UK National Inclusion Week (25/9-1/10)
8	Nativity of Virgin Mary – Christian		International Equal Pay Day	27	Meskel – Ethiopian Orthodox Christian
	Nativity of the Theotokos – Orthodox Christian	19	Ganesh Chaturthi – Hindu		Mawlid al-Nabi – Islam
	International Literacy Day	21	Feast of Saint Matthew - Christian	28	Anant Chaturdashi – Hindu
10	World Suicide Prevention Day		International Day of Peace		International Right to Know Day
11	Paryushana Parvarambha begins – Jain		World Alzheimer's Day	29	Michaelmas – Saint Michael and All Angels – Christian
14	Triumph of the Cross – Christian	23	Autumn Equinox		World Heart Day
	Exaltation of the Cross – Orthodox Christian		Mabon – Ostara - Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern hemispheres	30	Sukkot begins – Judaism
15	International Day of Democracy		Bi Visibility Day		
16	Rosh Hashanah – Judaism		International Day of Sign Languages		



OCTOBER

MONTH OF: BREAST CANCER AWARENESS | DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS | BLACK HISTORY (UK) | LUPUS AWARENESS | GLOBAL DIVERSITY AWARENESS | MENOPAUSE AWARENESS

1	International Day of Older Persons	11	International Day of the Girl Child	24	United Nations Day
2	Feast of the Guardian Angels – Christian	12	World Sight Day	26	Intersex Awareness Day
	International Day of Non-Violence	15	Sharad Navaratri begins – Hindu	28	Feast of Saints Simon and Jude – Christian
4	Blessing of the Animals – Christian		International Day of Rural Women	29	World Stroke Day
	Saint Francis’ Day – Christian	16	Birth of the Báb – Baha’i		British Summer Time ends
6	World Cerebral Palsy Day		World Food Day	30	Bank Holiday – ROI
7	Shemini Atzeret – Judaism	17	Birth of Baha’u’llah – Baha’i	31	All Hallows’ Eve – Christian
8	Simchat Torah – Judaism		International Day for the Eradication of Poverty		Reformation Day – Protestant Christian
	International Lesbian Day	18	Feast of Saint Luke – Christian		Samhain (Halloween) – Beltane – Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern hemispheres
9	Birthday of Guru Ram Das – Sikh		International Pronouns Day		
10	World Homeless Day		World Menopause Day		
	World Mental Health Day	24	Dussehra – Dasara – Hindu		

NOVEMBER

MONTH OF: LUNG CANCER AWARENESS | PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS | COPD AWARENESS |
MOUTH CANCER ACTION | MOVEMBER MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS | ISLAMOPHOBIA AWARENESS

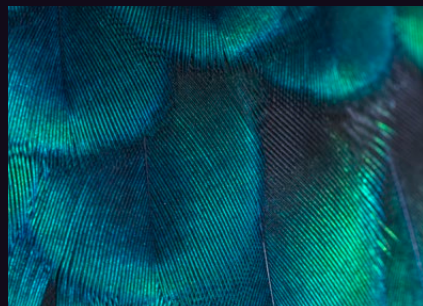
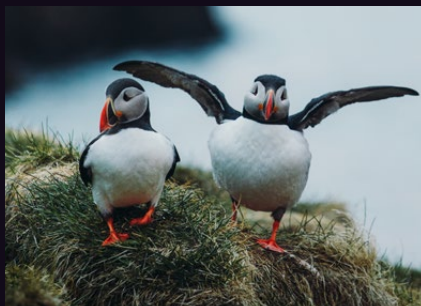
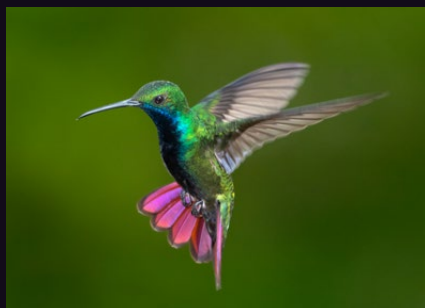
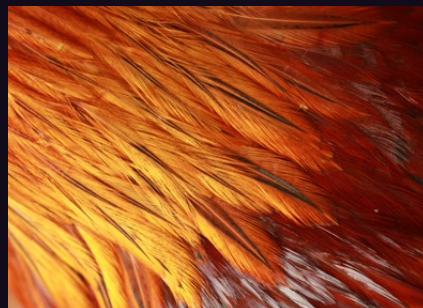
1	All Saints' Day – Christian	15	Nativity Fast begins – Orthodox Christian	25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
2	All Souls' Day – Christian	16	International Day for Tolerance	26	Day of the Covenant - Baha'i
	Anniversary of the Crowning of Haile Selassie – Rastafari	17	International STAND UP to Bullying Day		Feast of Christ the King – Christian
8	Intersex Day of Solidarity		International Students' Day	27	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev – Sikh
9	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Catholic Christian	19	International Men's Day	28	Ascension of Abdu'l-Bahá - Baha'i
11	Armistice Day	20	Transgender Day of Remembrance	30	Saint Andrew's Day – Christian
12	Diwali – Deepavali – Hindu, Sikh, Jain		Universal Children's Day		Bank Holiday – Scotland
	Bandi Chhor Divas – Sikh	23	US Thanksgiving		
	Remembrance Sunday	24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur – Sikh		
	UK Interfaith Week (13-20)				
13	World Kindness Day				
14	World Diabetes Day				



DECEMBER

MONTH OF: UNIVERSAL MONTH FOR HUMAN RIGHTS | AIDS AWARENESS | DECEMBEARD | SPIRITUAL LITERACY

1	World AIDS Day	18	International Migrants Day	26	Boxing Day
2	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	20	International Human Solidarity Day		Kwanzaa begins
3	Advent Sunday – Christian	22	Winter Solstice		Bank Holiday – England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and ROI
	International Day of Persons with Disabilities		Yule – Litha - Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern hemispheres	28	Holy Innocents – Christian
5	International Volunteer Day	24	Christmas Eve – Christian	31	Feast of the Holy Family – Catholic Christian
8	Rohatsu (Bodhi Day) – Buddhist	25	Christmas Day – Christian		Watch Night – Christian
	Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Christian		Feast of the Nativity – Orthodox Christian		New Year's Eve/Hogmanay
	Chanukah begins – Judaism		Bank Holiday – England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and ROI		
10	Human Rights Day	26	Saint Stephen's Day – Christian		
12	International Universal Health Coverage Day		Zarathosht Diso (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra) – Zoroastrian		



Left to right: Pink Flamingo , Bluethroat, Rooster, Black-throated Mango Hummingbird, Golden Pheasant, Lilac Breasted Roller, Macaw, Puffins, Peacock, Kingfisher, Guinea fowl and a Downy Woodpecker.

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