September 2024

Date	Event	Focus
September 5 th	International Day of Charity	Organised by the UN to highlight the importance of charity and to celebrate and encourage volunteering and philanthropy, while also exploring the benefits of giving to other communities and societies.
September 9 th – 22 nd	Fairtrade Fortnight	Celebrates the significant impact that the Fairtrade Mark has had globally and the farmers and workers who grow the world's food.
September 14 th	International First Aid Day	A day to raise global awareness about the importance of first aid.
September 15 th	International Day of Democracy	Organised by the UN to review the state of democracy in the world and highlight freedom and human rights.
September 15 th	International Dot Day	A day to celebrate creativity, courage and collaboration.
September 16 th – 22 nd	Recycle Week	A week to celebrate recycling and raise awareness of its importance.
September 20 th – October 6 th	British Food Fortnight	A fortnight to celebrate the diverse and delicious food that Britain produces.
September 16 th – 22 th	Jeans for Genes Week	A week to raise awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic disorder and to raise money to fund projects that help.
September 21 st	International Day of Peace	Organised by the UN to encourage peace throughout the world.
September 21st	World Gratitude Day	A day to celebrate and express gratitude and being grateful.
September 23 rd	International Day of Sign Languages	Organised by the UN to support and protect deaf people and users of sign language.
September 26 th	European Day of Languages	A day to encourage the learning of languages.
September 30 th	National Sporting Heritage Day	A day to celebrate sporting heritage and to promote how sport can inspire people.





October 2024

Date	Event	Focus
All month	Black History Month	A month to celebrate the outstanding contributions that Black people have made to British society, whether that be today or historically. It provides great opportunities to highlight key moments in Black British history. It is important to celebrate the contributions of everyone to our society and support the multiculturalism and diversity that helps shape our communities.
All month	The Big Draw Festival	The Big Draw Festival is an annual, worldwide celebration of drawing that takes place throughout October. It promotes drawing as a universal language and a tool for uniting people across all backgrounds, generations and borders.
All month	International Walk to School Month	A month to explore the positive impact of reducing vehicle use and emissions on the environment and climate.
October 2 nd	World Habitat Day	Organised by the United Nations to reflect on the state of our habitats and on the basic right of all to adequate shelter. The day is also intended to remind the world that we all have the power and the responsibility to shape the future of our cities and towns.
October 4 th	World Animal Day	A day to promote the rights of animals and to raise the standard of animal welfare across the world.
October 6 th	World Smile Day	A day to do a simple act of kindness for someone to make them smile and to explore the positive impact this has on emotional and mental wellbeing.
October 10 th	World Homeless Day	A day to draw attention to homeless people's needs locally and provide opportunities for the community to get involved in responding to homelessness.
October 10 th	World Mental Health Day	A day dedicated to promoting the understanding of mental health, education, awareness and advocacy.
October 16 th	World Food Day	A day to promote healthy diets and work towards eradicating hunger issues by 2030.
October 17 th	International Day for Eradication of Poverty	A day organised by the United Nations to consider how we can end persistent poverty, respect all people and the planet.
October 19 th	World Values Day	A day to increase the awareness and practice of values around the world.
October 24 th	<u>United Nations Day</u>	A day organised by the United Nations to reaffirm the purposes and principles of the UN Charter. It is a commemorative celebration of the creation of the United Nations on 24 th October 1945.





November 2024

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November 1 st	World Vegan Day	A day dedicated to celebrating and promoting the vegan lifestyle.
November 5 th	Guy Fawkes Night	This is an annual event held in the UK. It is also known as bonfire night or fireworks night. It commemorates the discovery and prevention of the gunpowder plot.
November 10 th -17 th	Inter Faith Week	This is a week dedicated to celebrating religious diversity in the UK and encouraging positive interfaith relations.
November 11 th	Remembrance Day	This is an annual event, when all the people who have lost their lives while serving in the armed forces are remembered. It's also called Armistice Day or Poppy Day.
November 12 th – 19 th	Inter Faith Week	This is a week dedicated to celebrating religious diversity in the UK and encouraging positive interfaith relations.
November 11 th – 15 th	Anti-Bullying Week	Anti-Bullying Week aims to raise awareness of bullying against children and young people in the UK. It highlights the impact of bullying and ways to prevent it.
November 13 th	Kindness Day UK	A day to show kindness in all forms. This day celebrates the positive impact that kindness can have on all.
November 14 th	World Diabetes Day	This is a global event to create awareness of diabetes.
November 16 th	International Day of Tolerance	A day organised by the United Nations to promote tolerance and respect. The day was inspired by the Declaration of Principles on Tolerance which was adopted in 1995.
November 17 th	Children In Need	Children in Need is the official charity of the BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation). It raises money for disadvantaged children and young people in the UK. The end goal for Children in Need is to make sure that every child has a safe, happy and secure childhood.
November 17 th – 23 rd	Road Safety Week	This week is organised annually to promote all aspects of road safety. This includes safe roads, safe vehicles and safe speeds.
November 18 th – 24 th	UK Parliament Week	This is a week dedicated to creating awareness of Parliament in the UK. It focuses on what parliament is, the work they do and how you can get involved.





December 2024 SMSC Events Calendar 2024/2025



Date	Event	Focus
December 2 nd	International Day for Abolition of Slavery	The focus of this day is on eradicating contemporary forms of slavery.
December 2 nd – 8 th	National Grief Awareness Week	A week to raise awareness of the impact of grief and to help it to become an easier topic to discuss.
December 3 rd	International Day of People with Disabilities	International Day of People with Disabilities (IDPWD) is a day sanctioned by the United Nations which promotes equality for people with disabilities in all areas of society.
December 12 th	Christmas Jumper Day	The festive Christmas Jumper Day is an annual event to raise money for the charity Save the Children and an awareness of the work they do and children's rights.
December 10 th	Human Rights Day	Human Rights Day commemorates the day in 1948 when the United Nations (UN) embraced the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The UN was formed shortly after the Second World War to protect the rights and freedom of people around the world.
December 18 th	International Migrants Day	International Migrants Day began on the 18 th of December 1990, when The International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families was created. It is the aim of the United Nations to make sure that all migrants and their families are looked after properly. They created the convention to try to achieve this aim and ensure that the rights of all migrants and their families are being met.





January 2025



Date	Event	Focus
January 4 th	World Braille Day	World Braille Day is a chance to raise awareness of the issues impacting those who are visually impaired.
January 19 th	World Religion Day	World Religion Day is celebrated every January on the third Sunday of the month. Its aim is to promote understanding and peace between all religions, encouraging people to learn about other faiths and their followers.
January 20 th	Martin Luther King Day	A day to mark the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. who was the leader of the Black civil rights movement.
January 27 th	Holocaust Memorial Day	Holocaust Memorial Day or International Holocaust Remembrance Day takes place to encourage the remembrance of victims of genocide across the world.
January 29 th	RNLI SOS Day	RNLI SOS Day is held to show support for our volunteer lifeboat crew and lifeguards who risk their lives to save others at sea. Also, a great chance to discuss safety at the beach as well as the seaside topic in general. This year marks the 200 th anniversary of the RNLI.





February 2025



Date	Event	Focus
All month	LGBT+ History Month	LGBT+ History Month is an annual celebration and remembrance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history. It looks at the history of gay rights, which is also related to the civil rights movements. The main and overall aims of the month are to promote two things: equality and diversity.
February 6 th	Time to Talk Day	The aim of Time to Talk Day is to raise awareness about mental health and wellbeing by encouraging people to talk about how they feel.
February 3 rd – 9 th	Children's Mental Health Week	Children's mental health charity Place2Be has set up Children's Mental Health Week to highlight the importance of mental health for children and young people.
February 11 th	Safer Internet Day	Safer Internet Day is an event organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre, which aims to promote safe, responsible and positive use of Internet technology.
February 14 th – 20 th	Random Acts of Kindness Week	Random Acts of Kindness Week is dedicated to kindness and taking that extra conscious step to brighten somebody's day.
February 21 st	International Mother Language Day	International Mother Language Day is celebrated every year on 21st February and the purpose of this day is to raise awareness of language, cultural diversity and multilingualism around the world.





March 2025

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March 3 rd	World Wildlife Day	World Wildlife Day celebrates and raises awareness of the world's wild fauna and flora, and recognises the important role of CITES (Convention on International Trade In Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) in ensuring that international trade does not threaten the survival of species.
March 8 th	International Women's Day	International Women's Day is an annual event that celebrates all the amazing things women have achieved. It is a way to show how women have and continue to influence the world. As well as celebrating brilliant women, it's also used as a day to highlight and raise awareness about issues that women still face.
March 16 th	Young Carers Action Day	Young Carers Action Day is a nationwide event, organised by the Carers Trust, aimed at raising awareness of the struggles and the importance of young carers across the country. It helps to raise awareness of young carers who make massive contributions to their communities and families.
March 21st	International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination	The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is a day organised by the United Nations which aims to stop people being discriminated against because of their race.
March 22 nd	World Water Day	A day organised by the United Nations to promote the importance of safely managed water and sanitation globally.





April 2025



Date	Event	Focus
All month	Stress Awareness Month	Held every April to raise awareness of the causes and cures for modern- day stress.
April 2 nd	World Autism Awareness Day	A day organised by the United Nations to increase awareness and acceptance of autism.
April 7 th	World Health Day	World Health Day is an annual event dedicated to promoting the benefits of good health and wellbeing worldwide.
April 15 th	World Art Day	World Art Day is a celebration to promote the development, diffusion and enjoyment of art around the world.
April 22 nd	Earth Day	Earth Day is the annual event dedicated to awareness about the various environmental challenges that face our planet.





May 2025

Date	Event	Focus
All Month	Local and Community History Month	Organised by the Historical Association, activities occur across the country to raise awareness of community and to highlight local history.
May 5 th - 11 th	Deaf Awareness Week	Deaf Awareness Week is all about promoting the positive aspects of living with deafness. This event also aims to raise awareness of the isolation that deaf people can experience, and promote the importance of social inclusion around the deaf community.
May 12 th	International Nurses' Day	Celebrated on 12 th May each year, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. It focuses on the vital contribution of nurses around the world in maintain public health.
May 13 th - 20 th	Mental Health Awareness Week	Mental Health Awareness Week is the UK's national week to raise awareness of mental health and mental health problems. It seeks to inspire action to promote the message of good mental health for everyone.
May 15 th	International Day of Families	Established by the United Nations in 1993 to raise awareness of issues faced by families throughout the world.
May 19 th - 25 th	National Vegetarian Week	An annual event to educate people about the benefits of a meat-free diet.
May 16 th	Endangered Species Day	This day was created to remind us of how fragile the existence of some animals, plants and insects is, and to encourage us to learn about why it is so important to protect these species.
May 20 th	World Bee Day	The goal of World Bee Day is to recognise and acknowledge the impact bees and other pollinators have on our ecosystem.
May 20 th -25 th	Walk to School Week	An annual walking challenge that aims to encourage children to walk as a form of exercise.
May 21 st	World Day for Cultural Diversity	Also known as Diversity Day, this worldwide event is an opportunity to help communities understand the value of cultural diversity and learn how to live together in harmony.
May 28 th	World Hunger Day	A day of raising awareness of global hunger with a goal of ending hunger sustainably by 2030.







Date	Event	Focus
All Month	Pride Month	Pride Month helps raise awareness of issues facing the LGBTQ+ community and provides an opportunity to celebrate the culture of inclusivity, with parades, street parties, community events and more.
All Month	Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month	This event aims to raise awareness and explore the history, culture and language of travelling communities. It aims to challenge myths, tackle prejudice and promote balanced debates about all issues, and celebrate the richness that GRT communities bring to everyday lives.
June 2 nd – 8 th	Volunteers' Week	An annual celebration of the contribution millions of people make across the UK through volunteering.
June 5 th	World Environment Day	World Environment Day is the United Nations Day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action to protect our environment.
June 8 th	World Ocean Day	The purpose of World Ocean Day is to inform the world of the impact of human actions on the ocean, develop a worldwide movement of citizens for the ocean, and mobilise and unite the world's population on a project for the sustainable management of the world's oceans.
June 10 th - 14 th	Healthy Eating Week	Helps with access to reliable information on nutrition.
June 15 th – 21 st	World Refugee Week	Founded in 1998, Refugee Week enables people from different backgrounds to connect beyond labels. Encourages open conversation about why people end up displaced, plus explains the challenges they face when seeking safety.
June 21 st	World Music Day	World Music Day, also known as La Fête de la Musique, celebrates music in all its forms, and the importance of music in people's lives.
June 27 th	RSE Day	RSE Day (which stands for Relationships and Sex Education) is an annual event that occurs on the last Thursday of June and encourages parents, teachers, carers and educators to talk openly about relationships and sex education with their children. RSE Day is about celebrating the role everyone has in relationships and sex education, including schools, families and communities. RSE Day encourages us all to talk about these topics openly.





July 2025



Date	Event	Focus
July 11 th	World Population Day	An annual event created by the United Nations to increase awareness of global population issues.
July 12 th	Malala Yousafzai's Birthday	A day to celebrate Malala Yousafzai who is a female education activist who won the Nobel Peace Prize laureate at the age of 17.
July 14 th	Emmeline Pankhurst Day	A day to celebrate the life of Emmeline Pankhurst and her battle for equal rights for women suffragettes.
July 18 th	Nelson Mandela International Day	Organised by the United Nations as a day to encourage everybody to make a positive difference in their communities.
July 30 th	International Day of Friendship	International Day of Friendship is a day to appreciate and promote friendships from all backgrounds. Celebrated across the globe on 30 th July, the day aims to bridge the gaps between factors, such as race, language and culture.





August 2025

Date	Event	Focus
August 19 th	World Humanitarian Day	World Humanitarian Day is dedicated to recognising humanitarians and those who have lost their lives working for humanitarian causes. It also pays tribute to those who have sacrificed their time and risked their lives in order to support and deliver aid to people worldwide undergoing many humanitarian crises.



