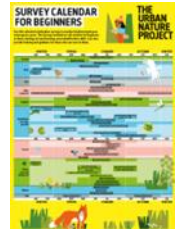






# A Calendar of Themes and Days for Outdoor Learning Sep 2025 - Aug 2026

Here are some events and theme days that can be used to link to outdoor and active learning which we have gathered for 2025/26! (Dates **highlighted** are 2024/25 dates).



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SEPTEMBER 2025		
Date	Event	Links / Resources
1 - 30 Sep	Harvest Festival	<p>Harvest Festival is a British tradition which goes back all the way to pagan times when people would harvest their grains, store food away for later use and begin preparations for winter.</p> <p>It is celebrated on or close to the Sunday of the Harvest Moon - which is the full moon that is closest to the Autumn Equinox (23 September 2023).</p> 
1 - 30 Sep	<a href="#">Organic September</a>	<p><b>ORGANIC SEPTEMBER</b> A way to promote and educate about organic food &amp; farming practices.</p>
2 - 6 Sep	<a href="#">Zero Waste Week</a>	<p>Promoting the reuse of materials, recycling as much as possible, reducing landfill waste, and bringing awareness to the growing environmental problem of waste and pollution.</p>  <p><b>LET'S GO ZERO 2030</b> <small>Schools working together to be zero carbon</small> <a href="#">Let's Go Zero</a> is a national campaign uniting teachers, pupils, parents and their schools as they all work together to be zero carbon by 2030.</p>
12 Sep	<a href="#">Cloud Appreciation Day</a>	<p>An internationally recognised day when people around the world are encouraged to spend a few moments appreciating the beauty of the sky.</p> <p>Use the Cloud Appreciation Society's <a href="#">resources for Primary or Secondary age groups</a>. There are mindfulness aspects to these lessons alongside the STEAM content.</p> 
13 Sep	<a href="#">Roald Dahl Story Day</a>	<p><b>HAPPY ROALD DAHL DAY</b></p> <p>Roald Dahl Story Day is an annual celebration of Roald Dahl's marvellous stories from Matilda to Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. It happens on the date of his birthday.</p> <p>Using natural materials, why not make a marvellous medicine, miniature things for the Minpins or Mr Twit beards out of leaves, sticks and mud?</p>
19 - 28 Sep	<a href="#">Great British Beach Clean</a>	<p>The Great British Beach Clean is a week-long citizen science event run by the Marine Conservation Society. Hundreds of beach cleans take place up and down the UK. See the website for how your school can take part. With every beach clean, a litter survey is conducted recording all the items of rubbish found in a 100m stretch. Explore the <a href="#">MSC's Teaching Resources</a>.</p> 

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Date	Event	Links / Resources
22 Sep	<a href="#">World Car Free Day</a>	<p>All around the world, towns and cities allow people to experience streets free of motor traffic. It's a great chance to re-imagine our streets around people.</p> 
22 Sep	Autumn Equinox	 <p>In the northern hemisphere the date marks the end of summer and beginning of autumn. The autumn equinox also marks Mabon. In Celtic tradition, Mabon typically commemorates the celebration of resting after a long and laborious harvest season.</p> <p><a href="#">Autumn Equinox Activities for children</a></p>
22 Sep - 22 Oct	<a href="#">Seed Gathering Season</a>	<p>Gather seeds, fruits and nuts to grow local trees.</p> <p>Why not go on a <a href="#">seed safari</a>?</p> 
22 - 28 Sept	<a href="#">Recycle Week</a>	<p>Recycle Week celebrates recycling and sustainability and encourages people to recycle more of their waste. This year's campaign theme is <i>Rescue Me</i> on focusing on rescuing recyclable items from the rubbish bin when they could've been recycled.</p> 
26 Sep - 12 Oct	<a href="#">British Food Fortnight</a>	 <p>A celebration of the diverse and delicious food that Britain produces.</p> <p>Use this fortnight to cook British Food outdoors.</p> <p><a href="#">Putting the Ooo back into food: A guide to teaching food within the National Curriculum.</a></p>

OCTOBER 2025		
Date	Event	Links / Resources
1 - 31 Oct	<a href="#">Walktober</a>	 <p>An HCC challenge held each October to celebrate walking to school as part of <a href="#">International Walk to School Month</a>.</p>
2 Oct	<a href="#">National Poetry Day</a>	<p>The theme for National Poetry Day 2024 is <i>Counting</i>.</p> <p>Why not read, write and share poems outside? See our <a href="#">Trailblazer Poetry Outdoors</a> activity sheet for ideas.</p> 
4 Oct	<a href="#">World Animal Day</a>	<p>The mission of World Animal Day is to raise the status of animals in order to improve welfare standards around the globe.</p> 
4 - 10 Oct	<a href="#">World Space Week</a>	 <p>The theme for World Space Week 2024 is <i>Space and Climate Change</i>. This theme emphasizes the critical role of space exploration and technology in understanding and addressing the challenges posed by climate change.</p> <p>Use <a href="#">this pack</a> from Forestry England and hold a star gazing session at your school.</p>
6 Oct	<a href="#">National Badger Day</a>	<p>It's Brocktober - Make space for Badgers!</p> <p>You can join Badger groups all around the country to celebrate just how magnificent and important one of our oldest native species is to the British countryside and its people.</p> <p>Check out the <a href="#">Badger Trust website</a> to watch new short films about badgers, learn how to be a badger champion and how to get involved.</p> 
10 Oct	<a href="#">UK Fungus Day</a>	 <p>Life on Earth would not exist without fungi! Use a <a href="#">Woodland Trust Fantastic Fungi Spotter Sheet</a>. How many fungi can you spot in the woods and around your school grounds?</p> <p>Great children's resources from the <a href="#">British Mycological Society</a>.</p>
10 Oct	<a href="#">World Mental Health Day</a>	<p>The World Health Organisation recognises World Mental Health Day on 10 October each year.</p> <p>The theme of 2025's World Mental Health Day, set by the <a href="#">Mental Health Foundation</a>, is 'Access to Services'.</p> <p><a href="#">Mental Health UK</a></p> <p>Spending time in green space or bringing nature into your everyday life can benefit both mental and physical wellbeing.</p> 





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10 Oct	<a href="#">National Forest School Day</a>	An annual celebration day to connect, share and celebrate everything that is great and wonderful about Forest School. 
13 - 17 Oct	<a href="#">Cycle to School Week</a>	Run by the Bikeability Trust, this is to encourage people up and down the country to use pedal power to get to school.   <a href="#">Bikeability in Hampshire</a>
14 Oct	<a href="#">Bring a Stick to School Day</a>	Use the simple idea of a stick to have fun, imagine and connect with nature.  Plenty of ideas in the <a href="#">The Stick Book: Loads of things you can make or do with a stick.</a>
16 Oct	<a href="#">United Nations World Food Day</a>	 This is a day to commemorate the date of the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945. This year's theme is <i>Hand in Hand for Better Food and a Better Future.</i>
17 Sep - 24 Oct	Sukkot	Sukkot commemorates the 40 years the Jewish people spent in the desert on their way to the Promised Land after escaping slavery in Egypt. Why not create a <a href="#">Sukkah or temporary shelter</a> to mark the festival.
21 Oct	<a href="#">World Earthworm Day</a>	October 21 was chosen as World Earthworm Day because naturalist Charles Darwin published his book 'The Formation of Vegetable Mould through the Action of Worms, with Observations on their Habits' on this day in 1881.   Whilst the online data entry for the <a href="#">OPAL Soil and Earthworm Survey</a> is closed, you can still use the survey to explore soil quality and earthworms in your local area. <a href="#">Earthworm identification guide</a>
21 Oct	<a href="#">Apple Day</a>	A celebration of the apples, the apple harvest and orchards.  Why not use <a href="#">this recipe</a> and bake some apples in your campfire? See <a href="#">Trailblazer Fire Lighting and Cooking Activity Sheet</a>
24 - 31 Oct	<a href="#">Bat Week</a>	 Bat Week is an annual, international celebration of the role of bats in nature. Play the <a href="#">Trailblazer Bat and Moth Game</a> to understand how bats locate their prey. <a href="#">Build a bat box</a> and give a bat a safe place to roost on your school grounds.

**OCTOBER 2025**

Date	Event	Links / Resources
27 Oct	British Summer Time (BST) ends	The clocks go back an hour and the UK is on Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).
31 Oct	Halloween	 <p>Christians celebrated All Saints Day on 1 November, honouring people who had gone to Heaven. All Saints Day could also be called All Hallows Day. Hallow means holy, so the day before All Saints Day was All Hallows Eve, which eventually came to be called Halloween.</p> <p>How about using twigs to create your very own <a href="#">skeleton</a>? This can help children learn the names of the bones and is great fun to create!</p> <p>Go outside and encourage your children write and tell spooky stories. Why not share them around a campfire?</p> <p>See <a href="#">Trailblazer Fire Lighting and Cooking Activity Sheet</a></p>
31 Oct	Samhain	<p>Samhain was one of the four main festivals of the Celtic calendar and marks the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter or the 'darker half' of the year. This is about halfway between the autumnal equinox and winter solstice.</p> <p><a href="#">Ways to celebrate Samhain</a></p>
31 Oct - 1 Nov	Diwali	<p>The Hindu Festival of Lights. Celebrate <a href="#">Diwali outdoors</a> by creating Rangoli patterns on the playground and making <a href="#">Diya clay lamps</a>.</p> 

## NOVEMBER 2025

Date	Event	Links / Resources
2 Nov	Day of the Dead	 <p>The Day of the Dead (<i>Día de los Muertos</i>) combines the ancient Aztec custom of celebrating ancestors with All Souls' Day, a holiday that Spanish invaders brought to Mexico starting in the early 1500s.</p> <p>Use twigs to create <a href="#">skeletons</a> or decorate these <a href="#">skull masks</a> with natural materials.</p>
5 Nov	Bonfire Night	<p>A celebration of the infamous Gunpowder Plot of 1605.</p> <p>Create land artwork by using twigs to make stars and shapes that represent fireworks and then 'colour' the fireworks by using different coloured leaves.</p>  <p>Have a small campfire.</p> <p>See <a href="#">Trailblazer Fire Lighting and Cooking Activity Sheet</a></p>
6 Nov	<a href="#">Outdoor Classroom Day</a>	 <p>Outdoor Classroom Day is a global movement to make time outdoors part of every child's day.</p> <p>A great day for the whole school to take children outdoors to learn and play.</p>
10 - 14 Nov	<a href="#">World Nursery Rhyme Week</a>	 <p>Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood development and education.</p> <p>Sing your nursery rhymes outdoors!</p>
15 - 23 Nov	<a href="#">Maths Week England</a>	<p>A week-long celebration of all things maths!</p>  <p>There are lots of outdoor maths activities on the <a href="#">Trailblazer website</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">Fractions Outdoors</a></p> <p><a href="#">Outdoor Number Activities</a></p> <p><a href="#">Outdoor Times Tables Games and Activities</a></p> <p><a href="#">Outdoor 100 Square Activities</a></p> <p><a href="#">Outdoor Maths Shape and Angles Activities</a></p> <p><a href="#">Size Measurement Activities Outdoors</a></p>
16 - 22 Nov	<a href="#">Road Safety Week</a>	<p>This is an annual event dedicated to promoting road safety awareness and advocating for safer roads and responsible driving behaviour. This year's theme is <i>After the Crash</i>.</p>  <p><a href="#">Hampshire Road Safety for Primary Schools</a></p>
21 Nov	<a href="#">Global Outdoor Learning Day</a>	 <p>Organised by the Institute for Outdoor Learning, Global Outdoor Learning Day brings together educators, organisations, and individuals globally to acknowledge and promote the benefits of outdoor learning. It promotes the belief that learning in natural environments contributes significantly to physical well-being, mental health, and a deeper understanding of the world around us.</p>

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22 - 30 Nov	<a href="#">National Tree Week</a>	 <p>The largest annual tree celebration, marking the start of the winter planting season.</p> <p><a href="#">Trailblazer Tree Activities</a></p>
23 Nov	Fibonacci Day	<p>November 23rd is celebrated as Fibonacci day, because when the date is put into the American mm/dd format (11/23) the digits in the date form a Fibonacci sequence: 1,1,2,3.</p> <p>The Fibonacci Sequence can be found countless places in nature. It has even been called “nature’s numbering system”.</p> <p><a href="#">The Fibonacci sequence and nature activities.</a></p> 
27 Nov	<a href="#">Protecting Our Planet Day</a>	 <p>Protecting Our Planet Day 24 (POP24) is an inspiring, live-streamed event for schools created by STEM Learning. POP24 will feature live link-ups, talks full of inspiration and exciting classroom activities from innovators and experts working to tackle climate change. You can take part with your class or whole school and it is completely free to attend.</p>
30 Nov	St Andrew’s Day	<p>Celebrate the Patron Saint of Scotland with <a href="#">these outdoor activities.</a></p> 









DECEMBER 2025		
Date	Event	Links / Resources
4 Dec	<a href="#">Tree Dressing Day</a>	Tree dressing, in the first week of December, is based on many old customs from all over the world and at different times of the year. Celebrate a special tree in your school grounds, by <a href="#">decorating it</a> . 
5 Dec	<a href="#">United Nations World Soil Day</a>	 The UN World Soil Day is a day to focus attention on the importance of healthy soil and the sustainable management of soil resources. Look at <a href="#">Trailblazer Soil and Mud Activities</a>
21 Dec	<a href="#">National Robin Day</a>	National Robin Day is a chance to show your love and support of songbirds by providing three key things - food, water and shelter. 
21 Dec	Winter Solstice	 The winter solstice marks the exact moment when half of Earth is tilted the farthest away from the sun and marks the change from Autumn to Winter. <a href="#">Winter Solstice and Stonehenge</a> Make a replica Stonehenge outdoors or burn a yule log on your campfire. See <a href="#">Trailblazer Fire Lighting and Cooking Activity Sheet</a>
25 Dec	Christmas	The Christian festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. See Outdoor Christmas Activities in the <a href="#">Trailblazer Winter Activity Sheet</a>
25 Dec - 2 Jan	Hannukah	The 8 day Jewish Festival which celebrates when a day's supply of oil allowed the menorah in the Temple in Jerusalem to remain lit for eight days. Why not make a picture of a Menorah using natural materials? 
31 Dec	New Year's Eve	(Hogmanay in Scotland).








JANUARY 2026		
Date	Event	Links / Resources
1 Jan	New Year	The day at which a new calendar year begins in the Gregorian calendar used by most countries.
7 Jan - 14 Feb	<a href="#">RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch</a>	 <p>The RSPB's Big Schools' Birdwatch is a citizen science project designed for schools across the UK as part of the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. Register for free to request a pack to take part.</p>
18 Jan	Winnie the Pooh Day	Commemorates author A.A. Milne's birth in 1882. Share your favourite Winnie the Pooh stories outside. Why not play 'Pooh Sticks' across a stream or recreate Eeyore's stick home? 
19 Jan	Popcorn Day	 <p>A day copied from the United States. Try making your own <a href="#">popcorn in a sieve</a> over a campfire.</p> <p>Note: Government advice for Early Years is to not give popcorn as a snack. It is considered a choking hazard for children under 4 years.</p>  <p>See <a href="#">Trailblazer Fire Lighting and Cooking Activity Sheet</a></p>
21 Jan	<a href="#">Red Squirrel Appreciation Day</a>	 <p>Our Red Squirrels are a precious and endangered species.</p> <p><a href="#">Red Squirrel Games and Activities for Children.</a></p>
24 - 26 Jan	<a href="#">RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch</a>	Take part in the world's largest garden wildlife survey. 
25 Jan	<a href="#">Burns Night</a>	 <p>This commemorates the life of the Scottish poet Robert Burns, who was born on 25 January 1759.</p> <p>Try the traditional food of Haggis, neeps and tatties cooked over a campfire.</p> <p>See <a href="#">Trailblazer Fire Lighting and Cooking Activity Sheet</a></p>
31 Jan - 8 Feb	<a href="#">National Storytelling Week</a>	 <p>Why not go outside and tell stories or even act them out? <a href="#">We Be Kids</a> also have a whole bank of <a href="#">nature stories for storytelling.</a></p> <p>Other <a href="#">Outdoor Learning Ideas for National Storytelling Week (KS1 and 2).</a></p>

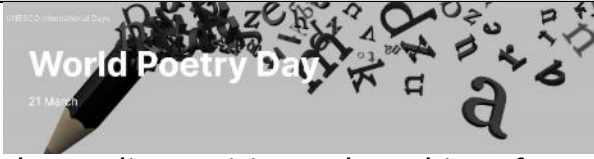




FEBRUARY 2026		
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1 Feb	Imbolc	Based on the Celtic tradition, Imbolc symbolises the halfway point between the winter solstice (Yule) and the spring equinox (Ostara) and marks the beginning of Spring. <a href="#">How To Celebrate Imbolc With Your Children</a> <a href="#">15 Fun Ways To Celebrate Imbolc With Children</a>
2 Feb	<a href="#">World Wetlands Day</a>	 To raise global awareness about the vital role of wetlands for people and our planet.
2 Feb	National Hedgehog Day	 National Hedgehog Day is a Roman tradition preceding the modern 'Groundhog Day' to help predict the end of winter and the coming of spring. If a hedgehog was seen at the start of February it was thought to be a sign of good weather and a promise of warmer days, whereas a no-show from hedgehogs meant winter was sure to continue for several more weeks. <a href="#">Hedgehog activities for schools</a> covering a range of curriculum subjects. Use these resources and become a <a href="#">Hedgehog Friendly School</a> .  
9 - 15 Feb	<a href="#">Children's Mental Health Week</a>	Children's Mental Health Week shines a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health. Being outdoors is linked to physical and mental health benefits, and research shows that feeling connected to nature leads to reduced stress levels, improved concentration and behaviour and better sleep rhythms. 
9 Feb	<a href="#">Pizza Day</a>	 Celebrate the iconic Italian dish and have a go at making and cooking a pizza outdoors or by making a <a href="#">Campfire Camping Pizza</a>
12 Feb	<a href="#">International Darwin Day</a>	International Darwin Day commemorates the birthday of Charles Darwin on 12 February 1809. The day is used to highlight Darwin's contributions to science and to promote science in general. <a href="#">Charles Darwin Day: Resources &amp; CREST Awards</a> . 
13 Feb	Tu B'Shevat	Tu B'Shevat (or Tu Bishvat) is the Jewish New Year of Trees. On Tu B'Shevat, Jews rejoice in the fruit of the tree and the fruit of the vine.








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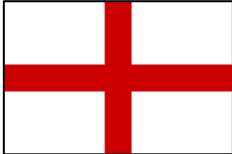


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14 Feb	Saint Valentine's Day	 <p>Make twiggy or <a href="#">willow hearts</a> or <a href="#">twig and yarn hearts</a> or use loose natural materials to create hearts in the playground. Look for heart shapes in nature too.</p>
14 - 21 Feb	<a href="#">National Nestbox Week</a>	<p>Run by the British Trust for Ornithology, World Nestbox Week aims to encourage people to put up nest boxes to help breeding birds.</p> <p>Why not <a href="#">Make Your Own Nest Boxes</a> and put them up around your school grounds?</p> 
17 Feb	Random Acts of Kindness Day	<p>Random Acts of Kindness Day is a day dedicated to promoting kindness and goodwill. Why not be kind to nature today with these ideas: <a href="#">Go Wild on Random Acts of Kindness Day!</a></p>
17 Feb	Chinese New Year / Lunar New Year	<p>This occurs every year on the new moon of the first lunar month. The exact date can fall any time between January 21 and February 21 (inclusive). In 2026, we move into the Year of the Horse.</p> 
21 Feb - 1 Mar	<a href="#">Real Bread Week</a>	<p>An international celebration of real bread. Make <a href="#">bread dampers</a> and cook them on a stick over the campfire. See <a href="#">Trailblazer Fire Lighting and Cooking Activity Sheet</a></p>
26 Feb	Tell a Fairy Tale Day	 <p>This day is all about exploring myths and stories, old and new. What better day to look for fairies, goblins and trolls in the woods! Why not hold a <a href="#">creative writing day</a> in celebration or tell fairy stories outdoors?</p>










MARCH 2026		
Date	Event	Links / Resources
1 Mar	St David's Day	 <p>Celebrate the Patron Saint of Wales with these <a href="#">activities</a>.</p>
3 Mar	<a href="#">United Nations World Wildlife Day</a>	<p>A special day for wildlife. Why not carry out a <a href="#">survey on the wildlife in your school grounds</a>? Can you improve the habitats you have?</p> 
3 Mar	<a href="#">World Hearing Day</a>	 <p>A day to raise awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care across the world. Encourage your class to sit still outdoors and listen. Can they create a <a href="#">sound map</a> of what they hear?</p>
4 Mar	Shrove Tuesday / Pancake Day	 <p>Shrove Tuesday was the last day Christians had to use up their fresh produce like eggs and fats before the fasting of Lent. Pancakes were the ideal recipe to up all of these ingredients that would otherwise spoil.</p> <p>Cook pancakes over your campfire or even <a href="#">cook pancakes over a tin can!</a></p> 
5 Mar	<a href="#">World Book Day</a>	 <p>World Book Day seeks to promote a love of books and shared reading. Why not encourage your children to take photos of themselves reading their favourite books outside in an unusual out-of-the-ordinary place? Take Reading Outdoors using <a href="#">Jigsaw Education's free resources</a>, created in partnership with World Book Day, for inspiration! Here are some other <a href="#">outdoor ideas</a> for World Book Day.</p>
6 - 15 Mar	<a href="#">British Science Week</a>	<p>A ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths. The theme for 2025 is <i>Change and Adapt</i>.</p> 
11 - 17 Mar	<a href="#">The Big Plastic Count</a>	 <p>By counting all the plastic you throw away for a week, the investigation will reveal how much plastic we are throwing away in the UK, and find out what really happens to it afterwards. The dates for the 2026 event are due to be announced soon - <a href="#">schools sign up here</a> for updates and announcements.</p>
13 Mar	Rangwali Holi	<p>This is an ancient Hindu festival celebrating spring, new beginnings, and love. This festival is famous for its bright colours and people throwing coloured powder. Best carried out outdoors!</p>






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14 Mar	Mud Pi Day	 <p>Mud Pi Day celebrates the mathematic constant, pi (<math>\pi</math>). It's celebrated on the 14 March because when the date is put into the American <i>mm/dd</i> format (3/14) the digits in the date correlate with the first three digits of pi, 3.14. <a href="#">Ideas for Pi work outdoors.</a></p>
17 Mar	St Patrick's Day	<p>Celebrate the Patron Saint of Ireland. How many shades of green can you find outdoors? Create a giant Shamrock as land art. Use science and make some <a href="#">Magic Leprechaun Rocks.</a></p> 
18 Mar	<a href="#">Global Recycling day</a>	<p>Global Recycling Day was created to help recognise, and celebrate, the importance recycling plays in preserving our precious primary resources and securing the future of our planet. Take your class to visit your local recycling centre.</p> 
18 Mar	<a href="#">Beep Beep! Day</a>	 <p>A day to teach important road safety basics to children aged 2-7 years.</p>
20 Mar	The Spring or Vernal Equinox	<p>This marks the astronomical first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere. The sun shines directly on the equator and the length of day and night are nearly equal in all parts of the world. A great time to explore why the length of a day varies.</p>
20 Mar	<a href="#">World Sparrow Day</a>	<p>A day designated to raise awareness of the House Sparrow and other common birds to urban environments, and of threats to their populations. How many Sparrows can you spot in your school grounds?</p> 
21 Mar - 6 Apr	<a href="#">The Great Big School Clean</a>	 <p>The Great British Spring Clean and Great Big School Clean are the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaigns. You can also use this activity as Litter Topic evidence when applying for the <a href="#">Eco-Schools'</a> Green Flag.</p>
21 Mar	<a href="#">United Nations International Day of Forests</a>	<p>Celebrating all types of forest worldwide. Spend the day with your class in a forest or woodland. Have a go at <a href="#">Forest Bathing?</a></p> 

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21 Mar	<a href="#">UNESCO World Poetry Day</a>	 <p>World Poetry Day is the occasion to honour poets, revive oral traditions of poetry recitals, promote the reading, writing and teaching of poetry, foster the convergence between poetry and other arts such as theatre, dance, music and painting, and raise the visibility of poetry in the media.</p> <p><a href="#">Trailblazer Poetry Outdoors Activity Sheet</a></p>
21 Mar	<a href="#">Plant Your Pants</a>	<p>The Country Trust asks families, schools and nurseries to bury a pair of cotton pants for a few months and explore the world beneath our feet, engaging people in the science of soil health. Keep an eye out for details of the 2026 event!</p> 
22 Mar	<a href="#">United Nations World Water Day</a>	 <p>World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2.2 billion people living without access to safe water.</p> <p>There are useful resources from Southern Water’s curriculum-linked <a href="#">New Wave</a> education programme.</p> <p>Have a go at cleaning up some water by making a <a href="#">water filter</a>.</p>
23 March	<a href="#">World Meteorological Day</a>	<p>World Meteorological Day commemorates the establishment of the World Meteorological Organization.</p> <p>The theme of World Meteorological Day 2024 is ‘At the frontline of climate action’. Use this day to <a href="#">record and measure the weather</a>.</p>
24 Mar - 1 Apr	<a href="#">Walk Wheel Cycle Trust</a>	 <p>Sustrans has changed its name to the Walk Wheel Cycle Trust. Last year the <a href="#">Sustrans Big Walk And Wheel</a> was the UK’s largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge.</p> <p>It inspired pupils to make active journeys to school to improve air quality as well as inspiring people to take active journeys to school. Keep an eye on the Walk Wheel Cycle Trust’s new website for new, future initiatives!</p>
28 Mar	<a href="#">Earth Hour</a>	 <p>Between 8:30pm and 9.30 pm people across the world switch off all non-essential lights and electrics for an hour to draw public attention to nature loss and the climate crisis. The 60+ logo represents a commitment to add to Earth Hour, a positive act for the planet that goes beyond the hour. <a href="#">WWF Earth Hour Resources</a></p>
30 Mar	Mother’s Day	Mothering Sunday - a day to say thanks to Mums and carers everywhere.
30 Mar	British Summer Time	British Summer Time (BST) begins. The clocks go forward an hour.





APRIL 2026		
Date	Event	Links / Resources
1 - 30 Apr	<a href="#">Stress Awareness Month</a>	Time outdoors been shown to decrease stress, anxiety, heart rate, blood pressure and more. Spend time with your class <a href="#">forest bathing</a> or <a href="#">cloud gazing</a> . These mindful activities can help reduce stress. 
1 - 30 Apr	<a href="#">World Autism Acceptance Month</a>	 <b>National Autistic Society</b> Free resources for all age groups to help your students learn about autism and better understand their classmates. <a href="#">National Autistic Society</a>
3 - 14 Apr	<a href="#">National Parks Fortnight</a>	National Parks Week is dedicated to raising public awareness of Britain's National Parks. <a href="#">National Parks Teaching Resources</a> Explore the 2 National Parks that we have in Hampshire: <a href="#">New Forest Educational Resources</a> <a href="#">South Downs Educational Resources</a> 
5 Apr	Easter	The Christian festival which celebrates Jesus rising from the dead, three days after he was crucified. <a href="#">Outdoor Easter Activities</a>
13 - 20 Apr	<a href="#">International Dark Sky Week</a>	 International Dark Sky Week is marked every year during the week of the new moon in April. It is a week to switch off the lights in the evening and marvel at the infinite grandeur of the night sky.
21 Apr	<a href="#">John Muir Day</a>	John Muir Day offers an annual opportunity to mark John Muir's birthday, 21st April 1838. John Muir (1838 -1914) was the Scots-born founding father of modern conservation and the inspiration behind national parks. Today the <a href="#">John Muir Trust</a> is a conservation charity dedicated to the experience, protection and repair of wild places.   <b>JOHN MUIR AWARD</b> wild places: DISCOVER EXPLORE CONSERVE SHARE <a href="#">The John Muir Award</a> is an environmental award scheme great for upper primary aged children and beyond.
21 Apr	National Tea Day	A day dedicated to honouring tea and the tradition of tea drinking in the UK. Try making <a href="#">pine needle tea</a> or <a href="#">nettle tea</a> . 

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21 - 27 Apr	<a href="#">National Mammal Week</a>	 <p><b>Saving Britain's Wildlife</b></p> <p>A celebration and awareness week of mammals and their conservation in Great Britain.  <a href="#">Mammalweb</a> provides information for schools on buying and setting up camera traps round your school grounds.</p>
22 Apr	<a href="#">Earth Day</a>	<p>A day to remember the environment and to continue to do the little things that help our planet. The 2024 theme is <i>Planet vs. Plastics</i>.</p> <p><a href="#">20 Earth Day activities for children</a></p> 
23 Apr	<a href="#">World Book Night</a>	 <p>The annual celebration of books and reading occurring on Shakespeare's birthday.</p>
23 Apr	St George's Day	<p>Celebrate the Patron Saint of England and slayer of the dragon!</p> <p>Use natural materials to make a 2D dragon on the ground or clay to make <a href="#">clay dragon faces</a> on trees or buildings.</p> 
28 Apr	<a href="#">World Save the Frogs Day</a>	 <p>Save the Frogs Day aims to help raise awareness about the plight of frog species worldwide.  <a href="#">Make a house for frogs and toads</a> in your school grounds, where frogs, toads and newts can find safe lodging through the winter's chill. Here are some <a href="#">froggy ideas</a> to celebrate these amazing amphibians.  <a href="#">41 Fun Frog Games and Activity Ideas for Kids</a></p>
28 Apr - 4 May	<a href="#">National Gardening Week</a>	 <p>The UK's largest celebration of gardening. Keep an eye out for updates on details of the 2026 event.</p>

MAY 2026		
Date	Event	Links / Resources
1 - 31 May	<a href="#">No Mow May</a>	 <p>For the whole month of May, don't mow your lawn to encourage pollinators!</p> <p>Maybe you can set aside part of your school's grass area to not be mown. Use these <a href="#">spotter sheets</a> to identify the plants that may start to grow.</p>
1 - 31 May	<a href="#">National Walking Month</a>	<p>Walking has a whole host of different health benefits and this is the perfect time to get your class outside and go for a nature walk.</p> 
1 - 31 May	Local And Community History Month	 <p><b>Historical Association</b> The voice for history</p> <p>The aim of the month is to increase awareness of local history and promote history in general. See this <a href="#">website</a> for school resources.</p>
1 - 31 May	<a href="#">National Share-a-Story Month</a>	<p>National Share-a-Story Month takes place through the month of May.</p> <p>Share stories outdoors. We Be Kids also have a whole bank of <a href="#">nature stories for storytelling</a>.</p> 
1 May	May Day	<p>An ancient festival of spring. Traditional English May Day celebrations include Morris Dancing, crowning a May Queen and dancing around a Maypole.</p> <p><a href="#">7 Ways to Celebrate May Day</a></p>
1 May	Beltane	 <p>Beltane is the Celtic fire festival that celebrates the coming of summer and the fertility of the coming year.</p> <p><a href="#">Celebrating Beltane with Children</a></p>
3 May	<a href="#">International Dawn Chorus Day</a>	<p>Set your alarm clock to take part and celebrate nature's greatest symphony!</p> 
4 - 10 May	<a href="#">Hedgehog Awareness Week</a>	 <p>The British Hedgehog Preservation Society promote this day to highlight the problems hedgehogs face.</p> <p><a href="#">Hedgehog activities for schools</a> covering a range of curriculum subjects.</p>  <p>Use these resources and become a <a href="#">Hedgehog Friendly School</a>.</p>
5 - 11 May	<a href="#">National Hedgerow Week</a>	 <p>Celebrate the Spring hedgerows.</p> <p>Why not carry out a biodiversity survey on your school or local hedges? Whilst the online data entry for the <a href="#">OPAL Biodiversity Survey</a> is closed, you can still use the survey to explore hedgerows in your local area.</p>

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11 - 17 May	<a href="#">Mental Health Awareness Week</a>	 <p>Mental Health Awareness Week is about starting conversations about mental health and the things in our daily lives that can affect it. Interacting with nature can be not just enjoyable, but also beneficial to our mental health and wellbeing,</p>
12 May	Wesak Day (Buddha's birthday)	<p>Wesak or Vesak is the celebration of the birth, enlightenment and passing away of Gautama Buddha, the founder of Buddhism. Use the <a href="#">outdoors to explore practices from the Buddhist faith</a> which promote mindfulness and meditation.</p>
14 - 25 May	<a href="#">Be Nice to Nettles Week</a> (and other weeds you can eat)	<p>Celebrating the diverse range of benefits and positive impacts nettles can have on everyday life. <a href="#">Trailblazer Nettle Activity Sheet</a></p> <p>Harvest some nettles and make some <a href="#">nettle soup</a>. Here is a great <a href="#">ID chart</a> for insects living &amp; feeding on nettles.</p> 
17 - 25 May	<a href="#">World Orienteering Week</a>	 <p>World Orienteering Week is all about increasing the visibility, accessibility and participation of young people in orienteering.</p> <p>Why not create an orienteering course on your school grounds?</p> <p><a href="#">Trailblazer Orienteering Skills Years 1-6 and Beyond</a></p>
19- 23 May	<a href="#">Walk to School Week</a>	<p>The fun and engaging week-long activity for primary schools that enables pupils to experience first-hand the importance of walking to school.</p> <p>If you wish to buy the <b>Living Streets W2SW</b> resources to enhance your week, they are available to purchase <a href="#">here</a> and you are able to put your <b>Sports Premium Funding</b> towards this.</p> 
19 - 23 May	<a href="#">Walk with Wheels Week</a>	<p>Walk with Wheels Week takes place during National Walking Month each May to encourage pre-school children, parents, carers and staff to walk, wheel, scoot or cycle, all or part of their journey, each day they attend their setting.</p>  <p>Open to all Hampshire nurseries, pre-schools, playgroups and childminders, there will be competitions to enter with some fantastic prizes to be won. Registration is free and settings will receive all the resources they need to promote the event and encourage families to have fun travelling actively through the week.</p>




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20 May	<a href="#">United Nations World Bee Day</a>	 <p>A day to raise awareness on the essential role bees and other pollinators play in keeping people and the planet healthy, and on the many challenges they face today.</p> <p><a href="#">Keeping bees in school</a> <a href="#">Bee Spotter Sheet</a></p>
20 - 31 May	<a href="#">National Nature Reserves Week</a>	<p>National Nature Reserves are green spaces which increase biodiversity and help fight climate change through carbon sequestration. Hampshire County Council's <a href="#">Countryside Service</a>, manage over 3,000 hectares of Hampshire countryside, including Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), five National Nature Reserves (NNR), 31 Local Nature Reserves, and Special Areas of Conservation (SAC).</p> 
21 May	<a href="#">National Numeracy Day</a>	 <p>National Numeracy Day is to celebrate numbers and how we use them in everyday life. Take a number walk and see how many places you spot them!</p> <p>Use some of the maths resources on the <a href="#">Trailblazer</a> website to take your maths outdoors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Fractions Outdoors</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Outdoor Number Activities</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Outdoor Times Tables Games and Activities</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Outdoor 100 Square Activities</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Outdoor Maths Shape and Angles Activities</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Size Measurement Activities Outdoors</a></li> </ul>
22 May	<a href="#">International Day for Biological Diversity</a>	 <p>This day seeks to raise awareness of the vital importance of preserving biodiversity.</p> <p>Why not carry out a biodiversity survey of your school grounds? <a href="#">This guide</a> also includes instructions on how to how to create a digital biodiversity map of your patch / school grounds. Then look at ways to <a href="#">increase biodiversity</a>.</p>

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23 May	<a href="#">Outdoor Classroom Day</a>	 <p>Outdoor Classroom Day is a global movement to make time outdoors part of every child's day. On two days of action each year, teachers take children outdoors to play and learn.</p>
24 May	National Scavenger Hunt Day	<p>The annual celebration of hunting for items or a list of items, or solving a series of clues to "win" the game. Lots of ideas on our Trailblazer website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Trailblazer Exploring Outdoor Activities</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Trailblazer Blackbird's Lunch Scavenger Hunt</a></li> </ul>
23 - 31 May	<a href="#">National Children's Gardening Week</a>	 <p>National Children's Gardening Week aims to encourage children to enjoy and learn about gardening.</p>
25 - 31 May	<a href="#">National Garden Wildlife Week</a>	<p>The week aims to raise awareness of the role that wildlife plays in keeping the environment healthy and to encourage people to create safe habitats for them in their gardens.</p> 

JUNE 2026		
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1 - 30 Jun	<a href="#">National Festival of Fieldwork</a>	<p>The National Festival of Fieldwork is designed to provide a focal point to encourage you to take your classes outside, whether in the school grounds, the local area or further afield.</p> <p>For ideas, see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Trailblazer Beach Studies Fieldwork and Follow-Up Activities</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Trailblazer River Studies Fieldwork and Follow-Up Activities</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Trailblazer Roadside Air Quality and Nature Survey</a></li> </ul> 
1 - 30 Jun	<a href="#">Thirty Days Wild</a>	 <p>The Wildlife Trusts' annual nature challenge to do one 'random act of wildness' every day, for 30 days in June. See also a <a href="#">multilingual version of 30 Days Wild</a>, suitable both for children growing up multilingual, and for those learning another language at school. Each day brings an idea for an activity, and encourages multilingualism and language learning.</p>
3-9 June	National Map Reading Week	<p>See these <a href="#">map reading guides</a> for improving your map reading skills.</p> 
2 - 13 Jun	<a href="#">Farming Fortnight</a>  <a href="#">Get Involved</a>	<p>Farming Fortnight encourages schools from all over the UK to have a fortnight focus on British Farming and food production.</p> <p><b>FARMING FORTNIGHT</b> <a href="#">Farm visits for pupils</a>. Why not visit a farm and see first-hand all that farmers do and the impact their work has on all our lives?</p>
5 June	<a href="#">World Environment Day</a>	<p>World Environment Day puts a global spotlight on the pressing environmental challenges of our times.</p> 
7 - 10 Jun	<a href="#">Great UK Water Blitz</a>	 <p>Over the weekend of 7-10 June, people across the UK are being asked to go out and measure the water quality of their local rivers. With this data we can build a snapshot of the health of our rivers throughout the country.</p> <p><a href="#">Freshwater Watch</a> is a global citizen science project run by <a href="#">Earthwatch Europe</a>. Help scientists, organisations and governments understand how our fresh water and the life it supports is faring.</p>
7 Jun	<a href="#">Open Farm Sunday</a>	<p>A celebration of British farming.</p> <p><a href="#">Farm visits for pupils</a>. Why not visit a farm and see first-hand all that farmers do and the impact their work has on all our lives?</p> 
8 Jun	<a href="#">World Oceans Day</a>	 <p>This day is to celebrate our world's shared ocean and our personal connection to the sea, as well as to raise awareness about the crucial role the ocean plays in our lives and the important ways people can help protect it.</p>

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6- 14 Jun	<a href="#">The Great Big Green Week</a>	The UK's celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. 
10 - 14 Jun	<a href="#">Healthy Eating Week</a>	 The British Nutrition Foundation's Healthy Eating Week. Try some of their recipes cooked on a campfire.
11 Jun	<a href="#">International Day of Play</a>	Play is a fundamental right; it builds resilience, instils confidence and helps children develop. Celebrate this day by playing outdoors. 
13 - 20 Jun	<a href="#">Drowning Prevention Week</a>	 Drowning Prevention Week aims to equip everybody across the UK with the skills and knowledge, to make the right decisions about water safety. See these great resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Royal Life Saving Society UK Water Safety Education Resources</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Water Smart Schools</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">RNLI Water Safety Resources</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">HCC Stay Afloat</a> - Aimed at KS3 pupils</li> </ul>
15 Jun	<a href="#">Global Wind Day</a>	A day for discovering wind energy and its power. <a href="#">Wind experiments</a> for children. How to <a href="#">make a kite</a> . 
16 Jun	Den Day	 Den Day started off on the 16th June as a Save the Children fundraising campaign. Create a den at school using this <a href="#">STEM challenge</a> , which links to geography and D & T.
16 - 20 Jun	<a href="#">Clean Air Challenge</a>	Clean Air Challenge Week to encourage pupils to walk, wheel, scoot and cycle to school. 
19 June	<a href="#">Brake's Kids Walk</a>	 This is a great way to engage children with road safety issues, promote the benefits of walking and raise awareness among parents, carers and the wider community about the need to protect children on roads. Sign up to receive a free action pack of teaching resources.

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19 Jun	<a href="#">Clean Air Day</a>	 <p>Clean Air Day is a great opportunity to raise awareness about air pollution and make the air that we breathe cleaner and healthier.</p> <p>See:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Trailblazer Roadside Air Quality and Nature Survey</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Trailblazer Planting for Clean Air at Your School</a></li> </ul>
21 Jun	Summer Solstice	<p>The longest day of the year. In the Northern Hemisphere, the summer solstice occurs when the Sun reaches its highest and northernmost points in the sky.</p> <p>At <a href="#">Stonehenge</a>, the sun rises behind the Heel Stone in the north-east part of the horizon and its first rays shine into the heart of Stonehenge.</p> 
21 Jun	Fathers' Day	A day to say thanks to Dads and carers everywhere.
22 Jun	<a href="#">World Rainforest Day</a>	 <p>world rainforest day</p> <p>To raise awareness and encourage action to protect the world's rainforests.</p> <p>Why not create your own <a href="#">rainforest in a jar?</a></p>
22 - 28 Jun	<a href="#">Insect Week</a>	<p>Insect Week encourages people of all ages to learn more about insects.</p> <p><a href="#">Trailblazer Mini-beasts Activity Sheet</a></p> <p><a href="#">INSTAR - Magazine for Young Entomologists</a></p> 
23- 27 Jun	<a href="#">School Diversity Week</a>	 <p>just like us THE LGBT+ YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHARITY</p> <p>The UK-wide celebration of LGBT+ equality in primary and secondary schools.</p> <p>Explore the diversity in nature and create a create a colourful rainbow from natural objects.</p>
29 Jun	<a href="#">International Mud Day</a>	<p>Celebrating glorious mud!</p> <p><a href="#">Trailblazer Mud and Soil Activities</a></p> <p><a href="#">Muddy Faces Activities</a></p>  <p>JUNE 29</p>

## JULY 2026

Date	Event	Links / Resources
1 - 31 Jun	<a href="#">Plastic Free July</a>	<p>An annual campaign to encourage people to stop using single use plastics.</p> <p>Inspire people at your school to participate in Plastic Free July and refuse to use single-use plastic.</p> 
19 Jul - 3 Aug	<a href="#">Festival of Archaeology</a>	 <p>The Council of British Archaeology's annual celebration of archaeology. This year the theme will be <i>Archaeology and Community</i>.</p> <p>Use this <a href="#">guide from Reading Museum</a> to recreate a mini archaeological dig.</p> <p>Have you thought about setting up your own <a href="#">After School Young Archaeologists Club</a>?</p>
18 July - 10 Aug	<a href="#">Big Butterfly Count</a>	<p>A UK-wide citizen science survey aimed at assessing the health of our environment simply by counting the amount and type of butterflies (and some day-flying moths).</p>  <p><a href="#">Butterfly ID chart</a></p>
16 Jul	<a href="#">World Snake Day</a>	<p>World Snake Day was created to help people learn more about these animals and how much they contribute to the world.</p>  <p>Why not take part in an outreach session from the <a href="#">Amphibian and Reptile Conservation</a> (ARC)?</p> <p>You could get arty and create a <a href="#">rock snake</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">How to Celebrate World Snake Day</a></p>
19 - 27 Jul	<a href="#">National Moth Week</a>	<p>National Moth Week is held annually worldwide during the last full week of July and celebrates the beauty, life cycles, and habitats of moths around the world.</p>  <p>Why not make and set up a <a href="#">simple moth trap</a> at school and see what moths it attracts?</p> <p><a href="#">Moth Spotter Sheet</a></p>
26 Jul - 10 Aug	<a href="#">National Marine Week</a>	 <p>A chance to celebrate the wonderful wildlife found in the seas around the UK.</p> <p>Take your class down to one of Hampshire's beaches and carry out some beach fieldwork:</p> <p><a href="#">Trailblazer Beach Studies Fieldwork and Follow-Up Activities Sheet</a></p> <p><a href="#">Trailblazer Beach Activities Activity Sheet</a></p>
25 Jul - 3 Aug	<a href="#">Love Parks Week</a>	<p>Celebrating parks and local green spaces.</p> 

AUGUST 2026		
Date	Event	Links / Resources
1 Aug	Lammas	<p>Lammas (also called Lughnasadh) is the ancient Celtic festival of harvesting grains. Traditionally, communities baked loaves to share at this special festival or made corn dollies.</p> <p><a href="#">Celebrating Lammas</a> <a href="#">6 Ways To Celebrate Lammas</a></p> 
6 Aug	<a href="#">Play Day</a>	 <p>A day to highlight the importance of giving children and teenagers the freedom to play and have everyday adventures.</p> <p><a href="http://www.playday.org.uk">http://www.playday.org.uk</a></p>
30 Aug	National Toasted Marshmallow Day	<p>National Toasted Marshmallow Day originated in the USA, celebrating toasting a marshmallow over a campfire with family and friends.</p> 