

MONTH		MAJOR EVENTS		OTHER DATES	
January	27	Holocaust Memorial Day	International day to remember the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, other people killed under Nazi persecution and in genocides that followed. This year's theme is Ordinary People.	22	Chinese New Year
				28-5	National Storytelling Week
February		February is LGBT+ History Month		6-12	Children's Mental Health Week
	7	Safer Internet Day	Promotes the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. This year's theme is: 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'.	21	Mother Language Day
March		March is Women's History Month		2	World Book Day
	8	International Women's Day	Global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women.	10-19	British Science Week
				20-26	Shakespeare Week
				27-2	World Autism Acceptance Week
April	22	Stephen Lawrence Day	Opportunity for children and young people to have their voices heard and create a society that treats everyone with fairness and respect.	2	International Children's Book Day
				23	World Book Night
May		May is Local and Community History Month		1-7	Deaf Awareness Week
	15-21	Dementia Action Week	Alzheimer's Society's biggest and longest running awareness campaign, encouraging people to 'act on dementia'.	15-21	Mental Health Awareness Week
June		June is Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month and National Crime Reading Month		5-18	Hi-Vis Fortnight
	8	Empathy Day	Empathy Day aims to help everyone understand and experience the transformational power of empathy through stories. Libraries across the UK take part, supported by downloadable toolkits.	5-11	Carers Week
				12-16	Loneliness Awareness Week
				19-25	Refugee Week
July		July is Disability Pride Month		3-9	Health Information Week
	10	Summer Reading Challenge launches	The Summer Reading Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency, encourages children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure over the summer holidays.	15-30	Festival of Archaeology
August	2	National Playday	Playday is the national day for play in the UK, a day of activities for children and young people.	1-7	World Breastfeeding Week
				12	International Youth Day
September	8	International Literacy Day	Since 1967, International Literacy Day celebrations have taken place annually around the world to remind the public of the importance of literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights.	9-18	Heritage Open Days
				13	Roald Dahl Story Day
				18-2	National Coding Week
October		October is Black History Month		2-8	Libraries Week
	6-8	Fun Palaces Weekend	'Fun Palaces' are events made by local people for their own communities, bringing together activities in the arts and sciences, crafts, tech and digital.	5	National Poetry Day
				10	World Mental Health Day
				14-29	Family Learning Festival
				16-22	Get Online Week
November		November is National Novel Writing Month and November		6-10	Talk Money Week
	13-17	World Nursery Rhyme Week	World Nursery Rhyme Week is a free, world-wide initiative celebrating the importance of nursery rhymes in early childhood development.		
December	1	Winter Mini Challenge launches	The Winter Mini Challenge, led by The Reading Agency, encourages children to keep up their reading habits over the winter holidays.	1	World AIDS Day
				1-7	National Grief Awareness Week
				18	International Migrants Day