

Various Religious Festivals for Different World Faiths 2024/25

	Christianity	Judaism	Hinduism	Sikhism	Islam	Buddhism	Jainism	Other
Sept			6th Ganesh Chaturthi God Ganesh's Birthday		15th Mawlid un Nabi Birthday of Prophet Muhammed		8th Samvatsari The day of forgiveness	5 th International Day of Charity 21 st International Day of Peace
Oct		2nd Rosh Hashanah Jewish New Year – start of 10 days of Repentance 11th Yom Kippur Holiest day of the Jewish calendar 16th Sukkot Feast of Booths 23rd Shemini Atzeret 8 th Day of Solemn Assembly 24th Simchat Torah Celebration & conclusion of the annual cycle Torah reading	2nd Mahalaya Beginning of Navratri & Durga Puja 3rd Navratri Nine nights of ceremonies 12th Durga Puja-Dussehra End of Navratri	20th First reading of Guru Granth Sahib Sikh scripture is installed at the Golden Temple for the first time				4 th Harvest Fast Day 4 th World Smile Day 10 th World Mental Health Day 24 th United Nations Day
Nov	1st All Saints Day Honours all saints in Christian history 2nd All Souls Day Commemorates the faithful departed, family members and friends of those who have died 24th Christ the King		1st Diwali Festival of lights symbolising the victory of light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance. 1st Lakshmi Puja Most important day of Diwali devoted to Goddess Lakshmi	1st Bandi Chhor Divas Commemorates the peaceful release of 52 kings and princes by the 6 th Guru 24th Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Commemorates the 9 th Guru		15th Shichi-Go-San Festival celebrating the growth and wellbeing of young children		5 th Guy Fawkes Night 11 th Remembrance Day 13 th World Kindness Day

	<p>Celebrate the honour of Jesus Christ as Lord over all creation</p> <p>30th St Andrew's Day</p> <p>Celebrating the patron saint of Scotland</p>			<p>27th Guru Nanak Gurpurab</p> <p>Celebrating the birth of the first Guru</p>				
Dec	<p>1st First Sunday of Advent</p> <p>8th Second Sunday of Advent</p> <p>8th Immaculate Conception</p> <p>15th Third Sunday of Advent</p> <p>22nd Fourth Sunday of Advent</p> <p>25th Christmas Day</p>	<p>25th Hanukkah</p> <p>The rededication of Jerusalem's second temple and the miracle of its menorah</p>	<p>11th Geeta Jayanti</p> <p>Birthday of Bhagavad Gita the sacred text of Hinduism</p>			<p>8th Bodhi Day</p> <p>The day that Buddha experienced enlightenment</p>		
Jan	<p>6th Epiphany</p> <p>Celebrates the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus</p>		<p>12th Birthday of Swami Vivekananda</p> <p>Celebrates the birth of the most celebrated spiritual leaders of India</p> <p>14th Makar Sankranti</p> <p>Celebrates the transition of the sun from the zodiac Sagittarius (Dhanu) to Capricorn (Makara)</p>	<p>13th Maghi/ Lohri</p> <p>Celebrates the sacrifice of the 40 Sikhs who fought for Guru Gobind</p> <p>17th Birth of Guru Gobind Singh</p> <p>10th Guru (the last in human form) founded the Khalsa</p>	<p>27th Isra and Mi'raj</p> <p>Commemorates the prophet Muhammed's journey from Mecca to Jerusalem and his ascent into heaven</p>	<p>29th Lunar New Year</p> <p>Year of the snake</p>		<p>18th World Religion Day</p> <p>24th International Day of Education</p> <p>25th Burn's Night</p> <p>29th Lunar New Year</p> <p>Year of the Snake</p>

			14 th – 17 th Pongal Hindu harvest festival					
Feb	2 nd Candlemas The presentation of the baby Jesus in the temple	12 th /13 th Tu B'Shevat Beginning of the New Year for trees	2 nd Saraswanti Puja Celebrating the Goddess Saraswati 26 th /27 th Mahashivratri Celebration of Lord Shiva		28 th -30 th March Ramadan The most significant month. A period of daily fasting from dawn to sunset.	12 th Magha Puja Full moon day commemorating the life of Buddha 15 th Parinirvana Celebration to mark the final passing of the Buddha		7 th Safer Internet Day 11 th Promise Day 14 th St Valentine's Day 22 nd World Thinking Day
Mar	1 st St David's Day Commemorates the patron saint of Wales 4 th Shrove Tuesday Day of preparation for Lent 5 th Ash Wednesday The start of Lent 17 th St Patrick's Day Commemorates the patron saint of Ireland	13 th -14 th Purim Celebration of Jewish deliverance as told in the book of Esther	14 th Holi Festival of Colour – marks the end of winter 15 th Birthday of Sri Ramakrishna Celebration of the birth of the Hindu incarnation of God 25 th Birthday of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu Celebrating the birth of the mystic and saint 30 th Mar – 7 th April Chaitri Navratri Commemorates Goddess Durga's birth of the cosmos and all living things within it		27 th Laylat al-qadr Marks the night the Qur'an was first revealed 30 th /31 st Eid al-Fitr The end of Ramadhan			20 th International Day of Happiness 30 th Mother's Day
Apr	13 th Palm Sunday	12 th -20 th Passover	12 th -13 th Hanuman Jayanti	6 th Ram Navami		8 th Hanamatsuri	10 th Mahavir Jayanti	7 th World Health Day

	<p>The first day of Holy Week 17th Maundy Thursday Commemorates the last supper 18th Good Friday Commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus 20th Easter Sunday Celebrating the resurrection of Jesus 23rd St George's Day Commemorating the patron saint of England</p>	<p>Celebrates the Exodus, the freedom from slavery of the Children of Israel from Ancient Egypt 23rd/24th Yom Hashoah A day of Remembrance for those who perished in the Shoah (Holocaust)</p>	<p>Celebrating the birth of Hanuman 30th Akshaya Tritiya An auspicious day that signifies 'the third day of unending prosperity'</p>	<p>Celebrates the founding of the Khalsa, the Brotherhood of the Pure 14th Vaisakhi Marks the birth of the Khalsa</p>		<p>Flower festival celebrating the birthday of Shakyamuni, whose teachings are the basis of Buddhism</p>	<p>Celebrates the birth of the Lord Mahavira, the last Tirthankara (saviour)</p>	
May	<p>29th Ascension Day Marks the ascension of Jesus Christ to Heaven</p>	<p>15th/16th Lag B'Omer Occurs on the 33rd day of the Omer, the 49-day period between Passover and Shavuot</p>				<p>12th Wesak Celebration of Buddha's enlightenment</p>		<p>1st May Day</p>
Jun	<p>8th Pentecost Marks the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples 19th Corpus Christi Celebration of the Most Sacred Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ 29th Feast of St Peter and St Paul</p>	<p>1st-3rd Shavuot Celebrates the giving of the Torah, the first harvest and the ripening of the first fruits</p>	<p>27th Jagannath Rath Yatra Public procession and chariot festival</p>		<p>4th – 9th the Hajj Once in a lifetime pilgrimage to Makkah – the largest gathering of Muslims anywhere in the world 5th Yawm Arafat 2nd of Hajj – day</p>			<p>5th World Environment Day 6th D-Day Anniversary 15th Father's Day 20th World Refugee Day</p>

	Honours the martyrdom of two saints				of repentance. The holiest day in Islam 6 th -10 th Eid al-Adha Marks the sacrifice made by Prophet Abraham 25 th Al-Hijra Start of Islamic New Year			
Jul			10 th Guru Purnima Day Festival dedicated to spiritual and academic teachers		10 th Ashura Marks the 10 th day of Muharram – the day Allah saved Moses from the Pharaoh.	10 th Asalha-Dharma Day Commemorates Buddha’s first teaching		
Aug	15 th The Blessed Virgin Mary Celebration of the mother of Jesus	2 nd -3 rd Tisha B’Av Anniversary of the destruction of the Temple of Solomon	9 th Raksha Bandhan Celebrates the love and duty between brothers and sisters 16 th Janmashtami Celebrates the birthday of the Lord Krishna			13 th -15 th Obon Festival of the Souls		