VOTESFORSCHOOLS

2024-25 KEY THEMES

VOTETOPIC CALENDAR



QUICKFIRE FAQS

WHAT IS THIS CALENDAR FOR?

We've allocated one of our 9 Key Themes to each of the VoteTopics you will receive in 2024-25.

HOW WILL THIS HELP?

Where possible, we want to lighten the load for teachers, and we know that a bit of a heads up goes a long way. Pre-planning topics also ensures that voters get to discuss a wide range of issues.

WHAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS IN THE NEWS?

Our lessons will always have topical issues at their heart. Most of the time what's happening in the news aligns with our key themes, so not much will change. On the odd occasion where something major hits the headlines and doesn't match the week's theme, we may change plans around a bit. But don't worry, we'll always let you know.

WHAT ABOUT AWARENESS DAYS?

All the events we will be covering in our lessons are outlined in this calendar. For any others, check out our Awareness Days & Events calendar.

WHAT IS VOTERS' CHOICE?

New for 2024-25, we want to give voters the chance to submit their own ideas for a VoteTopic. We will then select which of these to cover during the designated "Voters' Choice" weeks!

Key Theme 1: Health & wellbeing

Key Theme 2: Equalities & identity

Key Theme 3: Environment & climate change

Key Theme 4: Global issues & politics

Key Theme 5: Science & technology

Key Theme 6: Community & charity

Key Theme 7: Crime, justice & extremism

Key Theme 8: Jobs, economy & education

Key Theme 9: Culture, media & the arts

N/A: Cultural & religious observances



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2024-25 Schools Calendar | Autumn Term

#	VOTING DATES	THEME OF THE WEEK	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
1	02nd-06th September	**Key Theme 9: Culture, media & the arts**	
2	09th-13th September	**Key Theme 8: Jobs, economy & education**	
3	16th-20th September	**Key Theme 5: Science & technology**	
4	23rd-27th September	**Key Theme 3: Environment & climate change**	Secondhand September / Organic September
5	30th Sept-04th October	**Key Theme 2: Equalities & identity**	Black History Month
6	07th-11th October	**Key Theme 7: Crime, justice & extremism**	
7	14th-18th October	**Key Theme 1: Health & wellbeing**	
8	21st-25th October	**Key Theme 4: Global issues & politics**	
	28th October-1st November: October half term		
9	04th-08th November	**Key Theme 6: Community & charity**	
10	11th-15th November	**Key Theme 2: Equalities & identity**	Anti-Bullying Week
11	18th-22nd November	**Key Theme 4: Global issues & politics**	UK Parliament Week

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#	VOTING DATES	THEME OF THE WEEK	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
12	25th-29th November	**Key Theme 3: Environment & climate change**	
13	02nd-06th December	**Key Theme 5: Science & technology**	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
14	09th-13th December	**Voters' choice**	
15	16th-20th December	**Key Theme 6: Community & charity**	

23rd December-03rd January: Christmas break

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#	VOTING DATES	THEME OF THE WEEK	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
16	06th-10th January	**Key Theme 1: Health & wellbeing**	
17	13th-17th January	**Key Theme 9: Culture, media & the arts**	
18	20th-24th January	**Key Theme 8: Jobs, economy & education**	
19	27th-31st January	**Key Theme 7: Crime, justice & extremism**	
20	03rd-07th February	**Key Theme 1: Health & wellbeing**	Children's Mental Health Week
21	10th-14th February	**Key Theme 5: Science & technology**	Safer Internet Day
		17th-21st February: February half term	
22	24th-28th February	**Key Theme 4: Global issues & politics**	
23	03rd-07th March	**Key Theme 8: Jobs, economy & education**	National Careers Week
24	10th-14th March	**Key Theme 6: Community & charity**	
25	17th-21st March	**Key Theme 2: Equalities & identity**	
26	24th-28th March	**Key Theme 7: Crime, justice & extremism**	

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#	VOTING DATES	THEME OF THE WEEK	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
27	31st March-04th April	**Key Theme 9: Culture, media & the arts**	
28	07th-11th April	**Key Theme 3: Environment & climate change**	Earth Day
	14th-25th April: Easter break		

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#	VOTING DATES	THEME OF THE WEEK	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
29	28th April-02nd May	**Key Theme 8: Jobs, economy & education**	
30	05th-09th May	**Key Theme 6: Community & charity**	
31	12th-16th May	**Key Theme 1: Health & wellbeing**	
32	19th-23rd May	**Voters' choice**	
		26th-30th May: May half term	
33	02nd-06th June	**Key Theme 3: Environment & climate change**	World Environment Day / World Oceans Day
34	09th-13th June	**Key Theme 9: Culture, media & the arts**	
35	16th-20th June	**Key Theme 4: Global issues & politics**	Refugee Week
36	23rd-27th June	**Key Theme 2: Equalities & identity**	School Diversity Week
37	30th June-04th July	**Key Theme 6: Community & charity**	
38	07th-11th July	**Key Theme 7: Crime, justice & extremism**	
39	14th-18th July	**Voters' choice | Final VoteTopic of the year**	