






# CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS AND COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

## Summer Term 2022

2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Eid – <i>when Muslims mark the end of Ramadan, a month of fasting, spiritual reflection and prayer</i>	
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Europe Day and VE Day – <i>Europe Day celebrates peace and unity in Europe, while VE Day commemorates the Victory of Europe in 1945</i>	
9 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Mental Health Awareness Week	
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Walk to School Week	
June	Pride Month – <i>dedicated to celebrating LGBTQ+ communities around the world</i>	
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Chinese Children's Day	
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – <i>celebrating 70 years of Queen Elizabeth II's reign</i>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Dragon Boat Festival	
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Pentecost – <i>the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, also known as Whitsun</i>	
4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Shavuot – Jewish Festival of Weeks. <i>Shavuot commemorates the spring harvest and the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai</i>	

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12 <sup>th</sup> June	Trinity Sunday	
20 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Learning Disability Week	
20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> June	School Diversity Week	
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Humanist Day – <i>a coming together of organisations and individuals which value science and rationalism over divinity and the supernatural</i>	
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Ascension Day – <i>a Christian festival commemorating Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven</i>	
4 <sup>th</sup> July	US Independence Day – <i>a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1776</i>	
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Eid Al adha - <i>the Muslim festival marking the culmination of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca and commemorating the sacrifice of Abraham</i>	

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31 <sup>st</sup> August	Ganesh Chaturthi - <i>festival marking the birth of the elephant-headed deity Ganesha, the god of prosperity and wisdom</i>
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