



**VOTES FOR SCHOOLS**

**2025-26 VOTETOPIC**

**CALENDAR**



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## WHAT IS THIS CALENDAR FOR?

We've planned out a series of VoteTopics for 2025-26 to help you prepare for the year ahead. The chosen topics are based on the events and subject areas we know schools most like to talk about.

## 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 THE TOPIC IS SENSITIVE OR HARD-HITTING?

We don't shy away from tricky topics that we know young people are keen to cover. However, we also know that this can present a challenge for teachers. So, where possible, we will give you advanced warning about any especially sensitive subjects coming up.

## WHAT ABOUT AWARENESS DAYS?

All the events we will definitely be covering in our lessons are outlined in this calendar. For any others, check out our Awareness Days & Events calendar. We will also signpost relevant resources in our weekly emails.

## WHAT IS A HEADLINE TOPIC?

If there is a big story in the news or an issue everyone is talking about, we want young people's views on it. Expect all things current to be covered by these topics.

## WHAT IS VOTERS' CHOICE?

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" week at the end of the year!

**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**

A collection of various keys, including a large key with a circular head, a key with a square head, and several smaller keys, all set against a purple background.

# OUR 9 KEY THEMES

*Find out more [here](#)*

#	VOTING DATES	THEME OF THE WEEK	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
<b>1</b>	01st-05th September	<b>Headline topic</b>	
<b>2</b>	08th-12th September	<b>Key Theme 7: Jobs, economy &amp; education</b>	Collaboration with SEC Newgate
<b>3</b>	15th-19th September	<b>Headline topic</b>	
<b>4</b>	22nd-26th September	<b>Headline topic</b>	
<b>5</b>	29th Sept-03rd October	<b>Key Theme 9: Culture, media &amp; the arts</b>	Black History Month
<b>6</b>	06th-10th October	<b>Headline topic</b>	
<b>7</b>	13th-17th October	<b>Key Theme 3: Environment &amp; climate change</b>	COP30; collaboration with UNICEF UK
<b>8</b>	20th-24th October	<b>Headline topic</b>	
<b>27th-31st October: October half term</b>			
<b>9</b>	03rd-07th November	<b>Headline topic</b>	
<b>10</b>	10th-14th November	<b>Key Theme 2: Equalities &amp; identity</b>	Anti-Bullying Week

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<b>11</b>	17th-21st November	<b>Headline topic</b>	
<b>12</b>	24th-28th November	<b>Headline topic</b>	
<b>13</b>	01st-05th December	<b>Key Theme 4: Global issues &amp; politics</b>	<b>International Day of Persons with Disabilities / UK Disability History Month</b>
<b>14</b>	08th-12th December	<b>Headline topic</b>	
<b>15</b>	15th-19th December	<b>Headline topic</b>	
<b>22nd December-05th January: Christmas break</b>			

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<b>16</b>	05th-09th January	Headline topic	
<b>17</b>	12th-16th January	Headline topic	
<b>18</b>	19th-23rd January	Headline topic	
<b>19</b>	26th-30th January	Headline topic	
<b>20</b>	02nd-06th February	Headline topic	
<b>21</b>	09th-13th February	<b>Key Theme 5: Science &amp; technology</b>	Safer Internet Day
<b>16th-20th February: February half term</b>			
<b>22</b>	23rd-27th February	Headline topic	
<b>23</b>	02nd-06th March	Headline topic	
<b>24</b>	09th-13th March	Headline topic	
<b>25</b>	16th-20th March	Headline topic	

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<b>26</b>	23rd-27th March	Headline topic	
<b>27</b>	30th March-03rd April	Headline topic	
			06th-17th April: Easter break

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<b>28</b>	20th-24th April	Headline topic	
<b>29</b>	27th April-01st May	Headline topic	
<b>30</b>	04th-08th May	Headline topic	
<b>31</b>	11th-15th May	Key Theme 1: Health & wellbeing	Mental Health Awareness Week
<b>32</b>	18th-22nd May	Key Theme 7: Crime, justice & extremism	Knife Crime Awareness Week
<b>25th-29th May: May half term</b>			
<b>33</b>	01st-05th June	Key Theme 6: Community & charity	Pride Month
<b>34</b>	08th-12th June	Headline topic	
<b>35</b>	15th-19th June	Headline topic	
<b>36</b>	22nd-26th June	Headline topic	
<b>37</b>	29th June-03rd July	Headline topic	

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<b>38</b>	06th-10th July	<b>Headline topic</b>	
<b>39</b>	13th-17th July	<b>Key Theme TBC</b>	Voters' choice   Final VoteTopic of the year

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