

The Fen Rivers Academy Cultural Events and Opportunities

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Autumn Term

| WEEK | | NATIONAL AWARENESS DAYS, RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK | KEY LINKED TEXTS TO CONSIDER USING |
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| 1 | 4-8 Sept | International Literacy Day (8 September) | |
| 2 | 15 Sept | International day of Democracy (15 September) | 15/09/26 – Democracy – Nelson Mandela, Long Walk to Freedom; Who did that? Sasha learns about taking responsibility; |
| 3 | 11-13 Sept | Jeans for Genes (begins 14 September) Rosh Hashanah (18 September) International Day of Peace (21 September) | 11/09/26 – Rosh Hashanah – Is it Rosh Hashanah yet? ; Rosh Hashanah is Coming 21/09/26 – International Day of Peace – Wangari’s Trees of Peace; |
| 4 | 26 Sept | European Day of Languages (26 September) Yom Kippur begins (27 September) | 27/09/26 – Yom Kippur – Yussel’s Prayer; A Year full of Stories; Shira at the Temple; High Holidays and More |

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| 5 | 25-2 October | Black History Month (begins 1-31 October) Sukkot (begins 25-2 October) World Space Week (begins 4 October) World Teachers' Day (5 October) | <p>01/10/26 – Black History Month – The Story of the Windrush; Black History Matters; It's OK to be Different; A children's picture book about Diversity and Kindness; Black History Matters – Civil Rights Movement Heroes; Hidden Figures – Four Black Women and the Space Race; Dancing in the Wings; Herstory;</p> <p>25/09/26-02/10/26 Sukkot – Sammy Spider's First Sukkot; The House on the Roof; The Best Sukkot Pumpkin Ever</p> <p>04/10/26-10/10/26 World Space Week – Vlad and the Space Race; Hidden Figures – Four Black Women and the Space Race; One Giant Leap – The Story of Neil Armstrong; 100 Things to Know About Space;</p> |
| 6 | 5 – 13 October | National Braille Week begins (5 October) World Mental Health Day (10 October) World Homeless Day (10 October) Ada Lovelace Day (13 October) | <p>05/10/26-11/10/26 – Braille Week – Six Dots – A story of Young Louis Braille, Out of Darkness; Who was Louis Braille?</p> <p>10/10/26 – World Mental Health Day – You Should, You Should; The Princess and the Fog; When my Worries get too Big; The Very Cranky Bear; My Many Coloured Days etc</p> <p>10/10/26 – World Homelessness Day - Room for Everyone; The Journey; Fly Away Home, Shoe Box Sam</p> <p>13/10/26 - Ada Lovelace Day – Little People Big Dreams – Ada Lovelace; DK Life Stories Ada Lovelace;</p> |

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| 7 | 16 – 18 October | World Food Day (16 October) International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (17 October) Anti-Slavery Day (18 October) | <p>16/10/26 – World Food Day / Poverty – Poverty and Hunger – (Children in Our World); The Shed that Fed a Million Children</p> <p>18/10/26 Anti-Slavery Day – Born A Crime Trevor Noah; Little People Big Dreams – Martin Luther King Junior</p> |
| HT | 22 October | International Stammering Awareness Day (22 October) | <p>22/10/26 – Stammering Awareness – St..St..St..Stammering Sam; Extract from the Kings Speech Film</p> |

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| 8 | 31 – 5 October | Halloween (31 October) All Saints' Day (1 November) Guy Fawkes Day (5 November) | 05/11/26 – Guy Fawkes – Famous People – Guy Fawkes; Gunpowder Guy – The Story of Guy Fawkes and The Gunpowder Plot |
| 9 | 10 Nov | World Science Day (10 November) | 10/11/26 – World Science Day – Women in Science – 50 Pioneers who changed the world; Inventors: Incredible Stories of the World's Most Ingenious inventions; 365 Science Activities; |

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| 10 | 13 – 20 Nov | Armistice/ Remembrance Day (11 November) Diwali/Deepavali (12 November) World Diabetes Day (14 November) Anti-Bullying Week (begins 16-20 November) Disability History Month (begins 14 November) | <p>11/11/26 – Armistice Day – Where the Poppies Now Grow; Stubby – A true Story of Friendship; One Boy's War; Flo of the Somme; The Christmas Truce; Peace Lily; Vlad and The First World War</p> <p>12/11/26 – Diwali / Deepavali – Rama and Sita, The Story of Diwali; Let's Celebrate Diwali; Festival of Light</p> <p>14/11/26 – World Diabetes Day – I have Diabetes – Little Life Lessons; Year One with Type One</p> <p>16/11/26 – Anti-Bullying – Monty the Manatee; FAB (Friends Against Bullying) Club; Stay Strong – Mindfulness Activities for kids who are experiencing bullying; The No More Bullying Book</p> <p>14/11/26 – Disability Awareness – Rio / Through the Eyes of Me (Autism Awareness); It's Ok to be Different; Wonder; Everybody is Different; The Goldfish Boy (a range of longer stories that can be used as teaching texts)</p> |
| 11 | 16 – 22 Nov | Road Safety Week (begins 16-22 November) World Children's Day (20 November) | 16/11/26 Road Safety – Susie and Sam Learn about Road Safety. ROSPA Road Safety Assembly themes - https://www.rospa.com/rospaweb/docs/advice-services/road-safety/teachers/school_assemblyplans.pdf#:~:text=The%20use%20of%20assemblies%20with%20a%20road%20safety,end%20of%20each%20assembly%20shou,ld%20highlight%20moral%20issues. |
| 12 | 30 – 1 Nov | St Andrew's Day (30 November) Advent (begins 1 December) | <p>30/11/26 – St Andrews Day – https://www.thevintagenews.com/2016/12/19/the-story-of-st-andrew-the-patron-saint-ofscotland/#:~:text=The%20story%20of%20St%20Andrew%2C%20the%20patron%20saint,was%20a%20disciple%20of%20St.%20John%20the%20Baptist.</p> <p>01/12/26 – Advent – https://www.whychristmas.com/customs/advent.shtml</p> |

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| 13 | 18 Nov | International Day for the Abolition of Slavery (18 November) Hanukkah (begins 4 December) International Day of People with Disabilities (3 December) | 18/11/26 – Abolition of Slavery – https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/660/william-wilberforce-and-the-abolition-of-slavery 4/12/26 – Hanukkah – The Story of Hanukkah David Adler; Hanukkah Lights 03/12/26 – Disabilities – 2020 Not All Disabilities are Visible https://idpwd.org/ |
| 14 | 11 – 15 Dec | Human Rights Day (10 December) Jane Austen's birthday (16 December) | 10/12/23 – Human Rights Day – Malala's Magic Pencil; Children who changed the World – Stories about children's rights; The Boy at the Back of the Class; 16/12/23 – Jane Austen's Birthday – https://www.janeausten.org/ |

Spring Term

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| 1 | 8 - 12 January | Epiphany (6 January) | 06/01/27 Epiphany - https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/42565054 |
| 2 | 15 - 19 January | Dr Martin Luther King Jr Day (15 January) World Religion Day (21 January) | 15/01/26 Martin Luther King Day – Little People Big Dreams Series – Martin Luther King 21/01/26 World Religion Day – We can all live in harmony (theme) |
| 3 | 24 - 27 January | Burns Night (25 January) Holocaust Memorial Day (27 January) Tu B'Shevat (Arbor Day) (24 January) | 25/01/26 Burns Night – http://www.bbc.co.uk/arts/robertburns/burns_night_running_order.shtml 27/01/26 Holocaust Memorial Day – https://www.hmd.org.uk/ 24/01/26 Arbor Day - https://www.arborday.org/ |

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| 4 | 29 - 2 January | <p>LGBT+ History Month (starts 1 February)</p> <p>Candlemas (2 February)</p> <p>World Cancer Day (4 February)</p> | <p>01/02/26 – LGBT+ History Month – Educate Against Hate resources - https://educateagainsthate.com/ ; KS2/3 Virtual Inclusion Project - https://educateagainsthate.com/resources/virtual-inclusion-project/; KS3 Stand Up! https://educateagainsthate.com/resources/stand-up/ Tower Hamlets Primary Resources https://educateagainsthate.com/resources/tower-hamlets-primary-resources/</p> <p>02/02/26 Candlemas - http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/holydays/candlemas.shtml</p> <p>04/02/26 World Cancer Day – https://www.childrenwithcancer.org.uk/</p> |
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| 5 | 5 - 9 February | <p>Safer Internet Day (6 February)</p> <p>Charles Dickens' birthday (7 February)</p> <p>Chinese New Year (10 February)</p> | <p>06/02/26 Safer Internet Day - https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/</p> <p>07/02/26 Charles Dickens' Birthday - http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/dickens_charles.shtml</p> <p>10/02/26 Chinese New Year – https://metro.co.uk/2020/01/25/chinese-new-year-2021-animal-12121419/</p> |
| 6 | 12 – 16 February | <p>Darwin Day (12 February)</p> <p>Valentine's Day (14 February)</p> <p>Shrove Tuesday (16 February)</p> <p>Ash Wednesday (Lent begins) (17 February)</p> | <p>12/02/26 Darwin Day – https://darwinday.org/</p> <p>14/02/26 Valentine's Day - https://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day/history-of-valentines-day-2</p> <p>16/02/26 Shrove Tuesday – https://www.britannica.com/topic/Shrove-Tuesday</p> <p>17/02/26 Ash Wednesday (Lent) – https://www.britannica.com/topic/Ash-Wednesday-Christian-holy-day</p> |
| 7 | 1 - 5 March | <p>Women's History Month (starts 1 March)</p> <p>St David's Day (1 March)</p> <p>World Book Day (7 March)</p> | <p>01/03/26 Women's History Month – Vlad and the Florence Nightingale Adventure; Women in Science – 50 Pioneers who changed the world; Harriet Tubman; A History of the world in 21 women; Little Leaders – Bold Women In Black History</p> <p>01/03/26 St David's Day – https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/43240280</p> <p>07/03/26 World Book Day – Maths Stories – Centipede's 100 shoes; The Maths Inspectors – The Case of the Claymore Diamond; Spaghetti and Meatballs for all; Times Fables; One is a Snail, Two is a crab; How many legs;</p> |

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| 8 | 8 -12 March | International Women's Day (8 March) Pi Day (14 March) Mother's Day (10 March) | 08/03/26 International Women's Day – https://www.internationalwomensday.com 14/03/26 World Pi Day – https://www.piday.org/ (maths) 10/03/26 Mother's Day - https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/mothers-day |
| 9 | 15 - 19 March | St Patrick's Day (17 March) World Poetry Day (21 March) | 17/03/26 St Patrick's Day – https://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day/history-of-st-patricks-day 21/03/26 World Poetry Day - https://nationaltoday.com/world-poetry-day |
| 10 | 22 - 26 March | World Water Day (22 March) Purim (26 February) Passover (begins 22-30 March) Palm Sunday (24 March) | 22/03/26 World Water Day – https://www.worldwaterday.org 26/02/26 Purim – The Purim Story – The Story of Queen Esther 22/03/26 Passover – http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/holydays/passover_1.shtml 24/03/26 Palm Sunday - https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52173244 |
| 11 | 29 March - 2 April | | 29/03/26 Holi – https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zh86n39/articles/z4qqy9g 01/04/26 – April Fool's Day – https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/april-fools-day 01/04/26 Maundy Thursday – https://www.gotquestions.org/Maundy-Thursday.html 02/04/26 World Autism Day – https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/world-autism-awareness-week.aspx 29/03/26 Good Friday – https://www.learnreligions.com/what-is-good-friday-p2-700773 31/03/26 Easter Sunday - http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/holydays/easter.shtml 01/04/26 Easter Monday - https://www.newvision.co.ug/news/1451204/easter-monday-about 07/04/26 World Health Day – https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/ 08/04/26 Yom HaShoah - http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/holydays/yomhashoa.shtml 13/04/26 Ramadan - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpdtbkb/articles/zjc2bdm |

Summer Term

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| 2 | 22 - 26 April | Earth Day (22 April) Stephen Lawrence Day (22 April) St George's Day (23 April) Shakespeare's birthday (23 April) | <p>22/04/26 Earth Day – https://www.nationalgeographic.co.uk/earthday</p> <p>22/04/26 Stephen Lawrence Day – https://www.stephenlawrencetrust.org/stephen-lawrence-day/</p> <p>23/04/26 St George's Day – https://www.britain-magazine.com/features/10-facts-about-st-georges-day-2/</p> <p>23/04/26 Shakespeare's Birthday - http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/people/william_shakespeare</p> |
| 3 | 29 - 3 April | World Press Freedom Day (3 May) | <p>03/05/26 World Press Freedom Day - https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/worldpressfreedomday</p> |
| 4 | 6 - 10 May | May Day (6 May) World Asthma Day (7 May) VE Day (8 May) | <p>06/05/26 May Day - https://www.britannica.com/topic/May-Day-international-observance</p> <p>07/05/26 World Asthma Day - www.whathealth.com/awareness/event/worldasthmaday.html</p> <p>08/05/26 VE day - https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48201749</p> |
| 5 | 13 - 17 May | Florence Nightingale's Birthday May) International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia (17 May) | <p>12/05/26 Florence Nightingale – Little People, Big Dreams Series of books – Florence Nightingale</p> <p>17/05/26 International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia (KS3/4) https://whenzilla.com/holidays/international-day-against-homophobia-transphobia-and-biphobia/2021</p> |
| 6 | 20 - 24 May | International Museum Day (18 May) Pentecost (19 May) | <p>18/05/26 International Museum Day – https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52707821</p> <p>19/05/26 Pentecost - http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/holydays/pentecost.shtml</p> |
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| 6 | 3 – 7 June | Gypsy, Roma and traveller History Month begins (1 June) World Environment Day (5 June) Anniversary of D-Day (6 June) | 01/06/26 Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month – https://www.gypsy-traveller.org/heritage/celebratinggypsy-roma-and-traveller-history-month/ 05/06/26 World Environment Day – https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/ 06/06/26 D Day Anniversary - https://www.dday-overlord.com/en/normandy/commemorations/2020 |
| 7 | 10 – 14 June | World Oceans Day (8 June) Millicent Garrett Fawcett's birthday (11 June) | 08/06/26 World Oceans Day – https://worldoceansday.org/ 11/06/26 Millicent Garrett Fawcett - https://www.britannica.com/biography/Millicent-Fawcett |
| 8 | 17 - 21 June | Eid ul-Adha (beginns 17 June) World Refugee Day (20 June) Father's Day (16 June) | 20/07/26 Eid UI-Adha - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpdt5bk/articles/zhjff4j 20/06/26 World Refugee Day – My Name is not Refugee (book) https://www.un.org/en/observances/refugee-day 16/06/26 Fathers' Day - https://ukbankholidaydates.co.uk/fathers-day/ |
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| 9 | 24 - 28 June | Make Music Day (21 June) Windrush Day (22 June) | 21/06/26 Make Music Day – http://www.makemusicday.org/ 22/06/26 Windrush Day - https://www.windrushday.org.uk/ |
| 12 | 15 – 19 July | Emmeline Pankhurst's birthday (14 July) Mandela Day (18 July) | 14/07/26 Emmeline Pankhurst – http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/pankhurst_emmeline.shtml Little People Big Dreams Series – Emmeline Pankhurst 18/07/26 Mandela Day - https://www.mandeladay.com/ |
| 13 | 22 – 23 July | International Day of Friendship (30 July) | 30/07/26 International Day of Friendship - https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/friendship-day |