



Community Calendar



What is coming up over the next few months?

Take a look at the days and events coming up this half term that are important to the staff and families from our schools. Please let us know if anything is coming up that you think we should add

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FEBRUARY 2024

WHEN	WHAT	FURTHER INFORMATION
1-2nd	Imbolc	<i>Imbolc is a pagan festival of returning light and the beginning of Spring, celebrated on or around 1st February. It is also known as Candlemas.</i>
6th	National Colours Day – Grenada	<i>“Celebrating independence from British rule. People in Grenada wear colours to reflect the flag”.</i>
10th	Lunar New Year	<i>Lunar New Year is a celebration of the arrival of spring and the beginning of a new year on the lunisolar calendar. It is a major festival celebrated in several Asian countries including China, Japan and Korea.</i>
10 th & 11 th	AFC Asian Cup Final Jordan v Qatar	African Nations Cup Final Nigeria v Ivory Coast
9-14th	Carnival (Brazil)	<i>Carnival - happens in February all over Brazil in February and in the Lord Mayor's Parade in July in Norwich!</i>
17-24 th	Norwich Science Festival	<i>Norwich Science Festival is a celebration of science and technology. Information and listings here.</i>
19-23rd	School holidays	<i>Back to school on the 26th.</i>
21 st	International Mother Language Day	<i>We have more than 40 languages represented in our family of schools!</i>

MARCH 2024

WHEN	WHAT	FURTHER INFORMATION
11th	Ramadan begins (depending on the moon)	<i>The Islamic holy month. Explore Ramadan with your child here.</i>
17th	St Patrick's Day	<i>A Christian festival that is also a celebration of Irish culture with parades, special foods, music, dancing, drinking and a whole lot of green.</i>
20th	Nowruz (Persian New Year) Spring Equinox	<i>"Nowruz is the first day of the New Year, which is celebrated every year in 21 countries on March 20 or 21." Mrs Aryan</i>
23-24th	Purim	<i>Purim is celebrated among Jews by exchanging gifts of food and drink, known as mishloach manot.</i>
24th	Palm Sunday	<i>Palm Sunday marks the first day of Holy Week in Western Christianity.</i>
31st	Easter (Orthodox Easter is 5th May)	<i>Easter is a Christian festival and cultural holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.</i>
19-23rd	Ostara	<i>Ostara is a Pagan solar holiday honouring the spring's warmth, light from the sun, and the awakening of the earth.</i>

APRIL 2024

WHEN	WHAT	FURTHER INFORMATION
10 th	Eid al-Fitr	<i>The Muslim festival marking the end of the fast of Ramadan.</i>
14th	Sinhala and Tamil New Year	<i>Sinhalese New Year, generally known as Aluth Avurudda in Sri Lanka, is a Sri Lankan holiday that celebrates the traditional New Year of the Sinhalese people and Tamil population of Sri Lanka.</i>
22-30th	Passover	<i>Passover is a celebration of the story of Exodus. During Passover, Jews remember how their ancestors left slavery behind them when they were led out of Egypt by Moses.</i>
30 th – 1 st May	Beltane	<i>Beltane is a Pagan religious festival which marks the beginning of summer, and is associated with the lighting of ritual fires as well as fertility.</i>

As a Jewish family, we mark most of the major festivals. We consider these as cultural, rather than traditionally religious. Our favourite holidays include Purim (when we bake hamantaschen), Passover (when we have a Seder), Rosh Hashanah (when we usually share foods including apples and honey) and Hanukkah (when we light our menorah, eat lots of chocolate gelt and give gifts). We celebrate Christmas as a gift giving holiday in addition, but don't mark any other Christian festivals.

We are Atheopagan and celebrate the 8 sabats of the wheel of the year. At Imbolc, we may notice the plans or ideas for positive change that we have incubated over the winter like seeds in the soil, starting to come to life, and set intentions for the growth of these, and to support each others' intentions).