



Academic Year 2023 / 2024

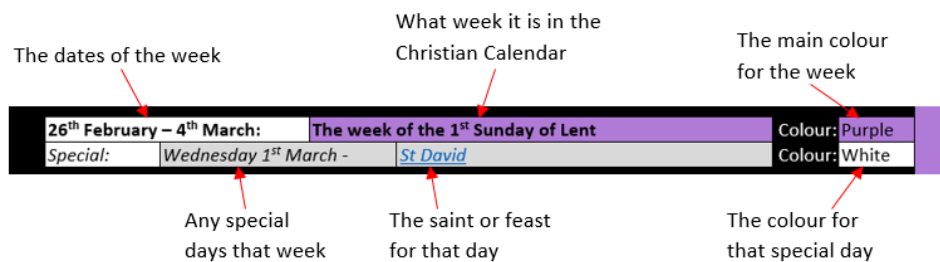
Liturgical Calendar for Church of England Schools



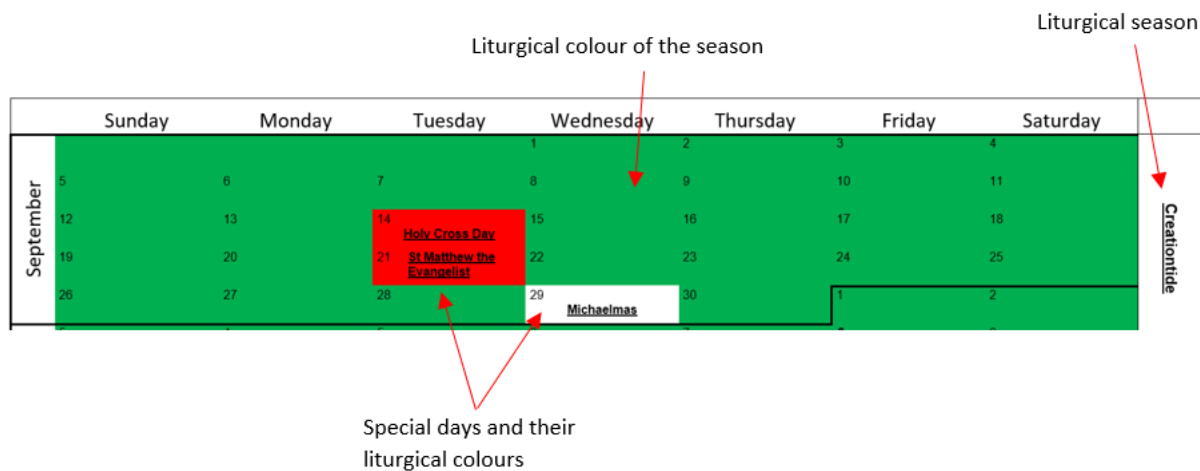
The Anglican Calendar

The liturgical calendar indicates the festivals and seasons of the Anglican Church. This calendar runs for the academic year. It shows the major festivals and saints' days. The festivals for some notable saints for our region are also included (*marked with **). You can click on each item to find out more about it. This year, the calendar comes in two formats, the Diary Layout, as introduced last year, and the old Calendar Layout, as used previously. The information in both formats is the same.

Diary Layout








Calendar Layout



Seasons of the Anglican Year

The Christian Year is made up of seasons. The year starts in early winter with the season of Advent, building towards the celebration of Christmas. After Christmas comes the season of Epiphany. This is followed by a period of 'Ordinary Time', the name for parts of the year which are in no particular season. From Ash Wednesday, we are in the season of Lent, preparing Christians for their most important feast of Easter. The season of Easter actually lasts for seven weeks, up to the celebration of Pentecost. Following this is a long period of Ordinary Time. This can be broken up with a season called Creationtide in early autumn.

For more try: <https://christianity.org.uk/article/seasons-in-the-church>

Liturgical Colours & What They Mean				
Purple	Red	Green	Gold	White
				
Penance & Preparation Used during Advent and Lent	Sacrifice Used during Passion Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost and for the Apostles and martyrs	Hope, Life & Growth Used throughout Ordinary Time	Joy & Celebration Used for special days of celebration, such as Easter Sunday and Christmas day	Purity Used in the seasons of Easter & Christmas, and for saints who were not martyrs

Liturgical Colours

The liturgical colours for each festival and season are shown. As the table illustrates, the liturgical colours indicate the mood and focus of the season. For example, the purple of Lent shows that it is a time of preparation before Easter, whereas the red of many saint's days highlights their sacrifice.

Using season and colours in your worship

The liturgical colours have been used for centuries to help congregations understand and track the seasons of the church year. They can play the same role within your school's collective worship. For some schools, taking time to note with pupils when the colour changes is an opportunity to talk about the new season and what it means to Christians. Others might think of integrating the seasons and colours into their daily words of liturgy. For example, as part of the Gathering phase of worship, the leader or a pupil could say, ***"Today, we are in the season of Lent. Its colour is purple showing us that it is a quieter season of reflection and preparation."*** or, ***"Today is the feast of St Andrew. The colour is red to remind us of his sacrifice."***

Are there other ways you can adapt the mood and content of worship to reflect the season of the church year? Could it influence your choice of songs and music or the extent to which you use quiet reflection time?

World Faiths other than Christianity

In addition, on the final page, you will find a table with some key festivals of world religions other than Christianity. Again you can find out more about each item by clicking on it.



The Anglican Liturgical Calendar for C of E Schools - Academic Year 2023/2024

SEPTEMBER 2023	3 rd – 9 th September:	The week of the 14 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green	CREATION TIME
	10 th – 16 th September:	The week of the 15 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green	
	Special:	Thursday 14 th September - Holy Cross Day	Colour: Red	
	17 th – 23 rd September:	The week of the 16 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green	
Special:	Thursday 21 st September - St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	Colour: Red		
24 th – 30 th September:	The week of the 17 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green	ALL SAINTS TO ADVENT	
Special:	Friday 29 th September - Michael & All Angels (Michaelmas)	Colour: White		
1 st – 7 th October:	The week of the 18 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green		
8 th – 14 th October:	The week of the 19 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green		
Special:	Tuesday 10 th October - St Paulinus*	Colour: White		
Special:	Thursday 12 th October - St Wilfred*	Colour: White		
15 th – 21 st October:	The week of the 20 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green		
Special:	Wednesday 18 th October - St Luke the Evangelist	Colour: Red		
22 nd – 28 th October:	The week of the 21 st Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green		
Special:	Saturday 28 th October - St Simon & St Jude	Colour: Red		
OCTOBER	29 th October – 4 th November:	The week of the last Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green	ADVENT
	Special:	Wednesday 1 st November - All Saints' Day	Colour: Gold	
	Special:	Thursday 2 nd November - All Souls' Day	Colour: Purple	
	5 th – 11 th November:	The week of the 4 th Sunday before Advent	Colour: Green	
	12 th – 18 th November:	The week of the 3 rd Sunday before Advent	Colour: Green	
	Special:	Sunday 12 th November - Remembrance Sunday	Colour: Red	
	19 th – 25 th November:	The week of the 2 nd Sunday before Advent	Colour: Green	
	Special:	Sunday 19 th November - St Hilda*	Colour: White	
	26 th November – 2 nd December:	The week of the next Sunday before Advent	Colour: Green	
	Special:	Sunday 26 th November - Christ the King	Colour: White	
Special:	Thursday 30 th November - St Andrew the Apostle	Colour: Red		
NOVEMBER	3 rd – 9 th December:	The week of the 1 st Sunday of Advent	Colour: Purple	CHRISTMAS
	10 th – 16 th December:	The week of the 2 nd Sunday of Advent	Colour: Purple	
	17 th – 23 rd December:	The week of the 3 rd Sunday of Advent	Colour: Purple	
	24 th – 30 th December:	The week of the 4 th Sunday of Advent	Colour: Purple	
	Special:	Monday 25 th December - CHRISTMAS DAY	Colour: Gold	
	Special:	Tuesday 26 th December - St Stephen	Colour: Red	
	Special:	Wednesday 27 th December - St John, Apostle & Evangelist	Colour: White	
	Special:	Thursday 28 th December - The Holy Innocents	Colour: Red	
	31 st December – 6 th January:	The week of the 1 st Sunday of Christmas	Colour: White	
	Special:	Monday 1 st January - The Naming of Christ	Colour: White	
Special:	Saturday 6 th January - Epiphany	Colour: Gold		
DECEMBER	7 th – 13 th January:	The week of the 1 st Sunday of Epiphany	Colour: White	EPIPHANY
	Special:	Sunday 7 th January - The Baptism of Christ	Colour: Gold	
	14 th – 20 th January:	The week of the 2 nd Sunday of Epiphany	Colour: White	
	21 st – 27 th January:	The week of the 3 rd Sunday of Epiphany	Colour: White	
Special:	Thursday 25 th January - The Conversion of St Paul	Colour: White		
JANUARY 2024				

FEBRUARY	28th January – 3rd February:	The week of the 4th Sunday of Epiphany	Colour: White	ORDINARY TIME	
	<i>Special:</i>	Friday 2 nd February -	The Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)		Colour: Gold
	<i>Special:</i>	From Saturday 3 rd February	Ordinary Time		Colour: Green
4th – 10th February:	The week of the 2nd Sunday before Lent	Colour: Green			
11th – 17th February:	The week of the next Sunday before Lent	Colour: Green			
<i>Special:</i>	Tuesday 21 st February -	Shrove Tuesday	Green		
<i>Special:</i>	Wednesday 22 nd February -	ASH WEDNESDAY	Purple		
<i>Special:</i>	From Thursday 23 rd February -	Lent	Purple		
18th – 24th February:	The week of the 1st Sunday of Lent	Colour: Purple			
25th February – 2nd March:	The week of the 2nd Sunday of Lent	Colour: Purple			
<i>Special:</i>	Friday 1 st March -	St David	Colour: White		
3rd – 9th March:	The week of the 3rd Sunday of Lent	Colour: Purple			
<i>Special:</i>	Sunday 10 th March -	Mothering Sunday	Colour: Purple		
MARCH	10th – 16th March:	The week of the 4th Sunday of Lent	Colour: Purple		
	17th – 23rd March:	The week of the 5th Sunday of Lent	Colour: Purple		
	<i>Special:</i>	Sunday 17 th March -	St Patrick	Colour: White	
	<i>Special:</i>	Tuesday 19 th March -	Joseph of Nazareth	Colour: White	
	<i>Special:</i>	Wednesday 20 th March -	St Cuthbert *	Colour: White	
	24th – 30th March:	Holy Week	Colour: Red		
	<i>Special:</i>	Sunday 24 th March -	Palm Sunday	Red	
<i>Special:</i>	Monday 25 th March -	The Annunciation of Mary	Gold		
<i>Special:</i>	Thursday 28 th March -	Maundy Thursday	White		
<i>Special:</i>	Friday 29 th March -	Good Friday	None		
<i>Special:</i>	Saturday 30 th March -	Holy Saturday	None		
APRIL	31st March – 6th April:	Easter Week	Colour: White	EASTER TIME	
	<i>Special:</i>	Sunday 31 st March -	EASTER DAY		Colour: Gold
	7th – 13th April:	The week of the 2nd Sunday of Easter	Colour: White		
	15th – 20th April:	The week of the 3rd Sunday of Easter	Colour: White		
	21st – 27th April:	The week of the 4th Sunday of Easter	Colour: White		
	<i>Special:</i>	Tuesday 23 rd April -	St George		Colour: White
	<i>Special:</i>	Thursday 25 th April -	St Mark the Evangelist		Colour: Red
	28th April – 4th May:	The week of the 5th Sunday of Easter	Colour: White		
	<i>Special:</i>	Wednesday 1 st May -	St Philip & St James		Colour: Red
	5th – 11th May:	The week of the 6th Sunday of Easter	Colour: White		
<i>Special:</i>	Thursday 9 th May -	ASCENSION DAY	Gold		
MAY	12th – 18th May:	The week of the 7th Sunday of Easter	Colour: White	ORDINARY	
	<i>Special:</i>	Tuesday 14 th May -	St Matthias the Apostle		Colour: Red
	19th – 25th May:	The week of Pentecost	Colour: Green		
	<i>Special:</i>	Sunday 19 th May -	PENTECOST		Colour: Red
	<i>Special:</i>	Saturday 25 th May -	The Venerable Bede *		Colour: White
	26th May – 1st June:	The week of Trinity Sunday	Colour: Green		
	<i>Special:</i>	Sunday 26 th May -	Trinity Sunday		Colour: Gold
<i>Special:</i>	Thursday 30 th May -	Corpus Christi	Colour: Gold		
<i>Special:</i>	Friday 31 st May -	Mary visits Elisabeth	Colour: White		
2nd – 8th June:	The week of the 1st Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green			

JUNE	9th – 15th June:	The week of the 2nd Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green	ORDINARY TIME	
	Special:	Tuesday 11 th June -	St Barnabas		Colour: Red
	16th – 22nd June:	The week of the 3rd Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green		
	23rd – 29th June:	The week of the 4th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green		
Special:	Monday 24 th June -	Birth of John the Baptist	Colour: White		
Special:	Saturday 29 th June -	St Peter & St Paul	Colour: Red		
30th June – 6th July:	The week of the 5th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green			
Special:	Wednesday 3 rd July -	St Thomas the Apostle	Colour: Red		
JULY	7th – 13th July:	The week of the 6th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green		
	15th – 20th July:	The week of the 7th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green		
	21st – 27th July:	The week of the 8th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green		
	Special:	Monday 22 nd July -	Mary Magdalene		Colour: White
Special:	Thursday 25 th July -	St James the Apostle	Colour: Red		
28th July – 3rd August:	The week of the 9th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green			
4th – 10th August:	The week of the 10th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green			
Special:	Saturday 5 th August -	St Oswald *	Colour: White		
Special:	Tuesday 6 th August -	Transfiguration	Colour: Gold		
AUGUST	11th – 17th August:	The week of the 11th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green		
	Special:	Thursday 15 th August -	The Blessed Virgin Mary	Colour: Gold	
	18th – 24th August:	The week of the 12th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green		
	Special:	Saturday 24 th August -	St Bartholomew	Colour: Red	
25th – 31st August:	The week of the 13th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green			
Special:	Saturday 31 st August -	St Aidan *	Colour: White		

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	2023
						1	2	Creationtide
September	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	10	11	12	13	14 <u>Holy Cross Day</u>	15	16	
	17	18	19	20	21 <u>St Matthew the Evangelist</u>	22	23	
	24	25	26	27	28	29 <u>Michaelmas</u>	30	
October	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Ordinary Time
	8	9	10 <u>St Paulinus *</u>	11	12 <u>St Wilfrid *</u>	13	15	
	15	16	17	18 <u>St Luke the Evangelist</u>	19	20	21	
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28 <u>St Simon & St Jude</u>	
	29	30	31	1 <u>All Saints' Day</u>	2 <u>All Sexes' Day</u>	3	4	
November	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	All Saints to Advent
	12 <u>Remembrance Sunday</u>	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	19 <u>St Hilary *</u>	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	26 <u>Christ the King</u>	17	18	29	30 <u>St Andrew</u>	1	2	
December	3 <u>1st Sunday in Advent</u>	4	5	6	7	8	9	Advent
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	24	25 <u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u>	26 <u>St Stephen</u>	27 <u>St John the Evangelist</u>	28 <u>Holy Innocents</u>	29	30	

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	2024
January	31	1 Naming of Christ	2	3	4	5	6 Epiphany	Epiphany
	7	8	9	10 Baptism of Christ	11	12	13	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	21	22	23	24	25 Conversion of St Paul	26	27	
	28	29	30	31	1	2 Presentation of Christ	3	
February	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Ordinary Time
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
	18	19	20 Shrove Tuesday	21 ASH WEDNESDAY	22	23	24	
March	25	26	27	28	29	1 St David	2	Lent
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	10 Mothering Sunday	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	17 St Patrick	18	19 Joseph of Nazareth	20 St Cuthbert *	21	22	23	
	24 Palm Sunday	25 Annunciation of Mary	26	27	28 Maundy Thursday	29 Good Friday	30	
31 EASTER DAY	1	2	3	4	5	6	Holy Week	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
21	22	23	24 St George	25 St Mark the Evangelist	26	27		
28	29	30						
April								Easteride
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	21	22	23	24	25 St Mark the Evangelist	26	27	
28	29	30						

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	2024
May				1 <u>St Philip & St James</u>	2	3	4	<u>Easteride</u>
	5	6	7	8	9 <u>ASCENSION DAY</u>	10	11	
	12	13	14 <u>St Matthias the Apostle</u>	15	16	17	18	
	19 <u>PENTECOST</u>	20	21	22	23	24 <u>The Venerable Bede *</u>	25	
	26 <u>Trinity Sunday</u>	27	28	29	30 <u>Corpus Christi</u>	31 <u>Mary visits Elizabeth</u>	1	
June	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	<u>Ordinary Time</u>
	9	10	11 <u>St Barnabas</u>	12	13	14	15	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	23	24 <u>Birth of John the Baptist</u>	25	26	27	28	29 <u>St Peter & St Paul</u>	
	30	1	2	3 <u>St Thomas the Apostle</u>	4	5	6	
July	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	21	22 <u>Mary Magdalene</u>	23	24	25 <u>St James the Apostle</u>	26	27	
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	
August	4	5 <u>St Oswald *</u>	6 <u>The Transfiguration</u>	7	8	9	10	
	11	12	13	14	15 <u>Blessed Virgin Mary</u>	16	17	
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24 <u>St Bartholomew</u>	
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31 <u>St Andrew *</u>	

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Some Major Festivals of World Religions – Academic Year 2023/2024

2023			
Sep	Judaism	Friday 15 th – Sunday 17 th September:	<u>Rosh Hashanah</u>
	Judaism	Sunday 24 th - Monday 25 th September:	<u>Yom Kippur</u>
	Judaism	Friday 29 th September – Friday 6 th October:	<u>Sukkot</u>
Oct	Hinduism	Sunday 15 th – Tuesday 24 th October:	<u>Navaratri</u>
	Hinduism	Tuesday 24 th October:	<u>Vijayadashami</u>
Nov	Hinduism	Sunday 12 th November:	<u>Diwali</u>
	Sikhism	Sunday 12 th November:	<u>Diwali</u>
	Sikhism	Monday 27 th November:	<u>Guru Nanak Gurburab</u>
Dec	Judaism	Thursday 7 th – Friday 15 th December :	<u>Hanukkah</u>
2024			
Jan	Orthodox	Sunday 7 th January:	Christmas
Feb	Chinese	Sunday 10 th February	<u>New Year (The Year of the Dragon)</u>
	Buddhism	Sunday 15 th February:	<u>Parinirvana</u>
	Buddhism	Saturday 24 th February:	<u>Magha Puja</u>
Mar	Islam	Predicted Sunday 10 th March – Tuesday 9 th April:	<u>Ramadan</u>
	Hinduism	Monday 25 th March:	<u>Holi</u>
	Sikhism	Monday 25 th – Wednesday 27 th March:	<u>Hola Mohalla</u>
Apr	Islam	Predicted Tuesday 9 th April:	<u>Eid al-Fitr</u>
	Sikhism	Saturday 13 th April	<u>Vaisakhi</u>
	Judaism	Monday 22 nd – Tuesday 30 th April:	<u>Pesach (Passover)</u>
May	Orthodox	Sunday May 5 th :	Easter
	Buddhism	Thursday 23 rd May:	<u>Vesak</u>
Jun	Judaism	Tuesday 11 th – Thursday 13 th June:	<u>Shavuot</u>
	Islam	Predicted Sunday 16 th – Wednesday 19 th June:	<u>Eid al-Adha</u>
Jul	Buddhism	Sunday 21 st July:	<u>Asalha Puja</u>