



Employee Volunteering Events and activities Calendar 2026



Sanctuary Care
enriching lives

Events and activities calendar 2026

January

- **6 January:**
National Shortbread Day
- **18 January:**
Winnie-the-Pooh Day
- **25 January:**
Robert Burns Night
- **27 January:**
Chocolate Cake Day
- **29 January:**
National Puzzle Day
- **31 Jan – 8 Feb:**
National Storytelling Week

February

- **6 February:**
Time to Talk Day
- **2 – 8 February:**
Race Equality Week
- **9 February:**
National Pizza Day
- **9 – 15 February:**
Student Volunteering Week
- **14 February:**
Valentine's Day
- **17 Feb – 3 March:**
Chinese New Year
(Year of the Horse)
- **17 February:**
Random Act of Kindness Day
- **17 February:**
Mardi Gras
- **17 February:**
Pancake day
- **17 Feb – 18 March:**
Ramadan Start
- **20 February:**
Love Your Pet Day

March

- **1 March:**
St David's Day
- **5 March:**
World Book Day
- **8 March:**
National Day of Reflection
- **12 March:**
Popcorn Lovers Day
- **15 March:**
Mother's Day
- **17 March:**
St Patrick's Day
- **18 March:**
End of Ramadan
- **20 March:**
International Day of
Happiness
- **20 March – 5 April:**
Great British Spring Clean
- **25 March:**
International Waffle Day

April

- **1 April:**
April Fool's Day
- **3 April:**
Good Friday
- **6 April:**
Easter Monday
- **7 April:**
World Health Day
- **11 April:**
National Pet Day
- **21 April:**
National Tea Day
- **22 April:**
Earth Day
- **23 April:**
St George's Day

May

- **Move More in May**
- **13 May:**
World Cocktail Day
- **11 – 17 May:**
Mental Health Awareness
Week
- **21 May:**
World Day for Cultural
Diversity
- **29 May:**
National Biscuit Day

June

- **Pride Month**
- **1 – 7 June:**
Volunteers' Week
- **21 June:**
Father's Day
- **22 June:**
UK Windrush Day
- **29 June – 12 July:**
Start of Wimbledon

Other events

- **January to December:**
Painting and decorating internal walls.
- **January to December:** Befriending and activities
- **February to October:**
Gardening projects (planting, weeding, tidying up,
varnishing, painting, and crafting garden hats)
- **June to September:** Summer Fayre (BBQ)

July

- **South Asian Heritage Month**
- **7 July:**
World Chocolate Day
- **30 July:**
International Day
of Friendship

August

- **7 August:**
International Beer Day
- **9 August:**
Book Lovers Day
- **19 August:**
World Photography Day
- **27 August:**
National Burger Day
- **29 – 31 August:**
Notting Hill Carnival

September

- **6 September:**
Read a Book Day
- **12 September:**
National Chocolate
Milkshake Day
- **15 – 21 September:**
National Inclusion Week
- **25 September:**
Macmillan Coffee Morning

October

- **Black History Month**
- **1 October:**
International Coffee Day
- **10 October:**
World Mental Health Day
- **26 October:**
National Pumpkin Day
- **31 October:**
Halloween

November

- **Decorating for Christmas**
- **Movember (Men's Health
Awareness Month)**
- **5 November:**
Guy Fawkes Night
- **9 November:** Diwali
- **11 November:**
Armistice Day
- **13 November:**
World Kindness Day
- **30 November:**
St Andrew's Day

December

- **1st and 2nd
Week of December:**
Christmas Fayre
- **1 December:**
Advent starts
- **10 December:**
Human Rights day and
Christmas Jumper Day