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INCLUSIVE DURHAM CALENDAR 2026-27

KEY TO HIGHLIGHTED DATES.

Throughout the calendar, selected dates have been highlighted to mark key religious and belief observances that may impact the learning, teaching and working experiences of students and staff across the University. This is intended to encourage greater awareness when scheduling activities and events, supporting faith and belief inclusion and fostering positive relations within our community. Further information can be found in the [Guide to Major Religious Observances](#), developed by Durham University's Chaplaincy Network.

Dates in Red Font.

High impact religious observances.

The observance has a major working/learning impact on staff and students observing it. Whenever possible, scheduling of University work and learning activities should be avoided on these dates. If it is not possible to avoid these dates, reasonable considerations should be made for individuals impacted by the observance.

Dates in Blue Font.

Moderate impact religious observances.

If it is necessary to schedule University work or learning activities on these festival dates, alternative arrangements may be required for some people.

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DU specific dates.

(Disclaimer – High/Moderate impact refers to impact of specific religious observances on Durham University).



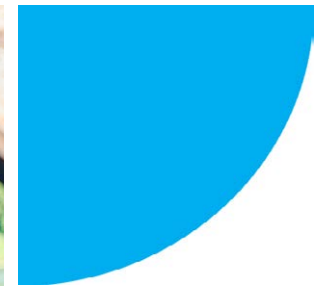
SPECIAL NOTES.

Jewish and Islamic holidays start at sundown on the day before the date shown therefore, on high impact dates, University work and learning activities should not be scheduled for the late afternoon or evening of the day before.

Saturday every week is Sabbat (Jewish Sabbath) and is considered a high impact religious observance. It commences at sundown each Friday until nightfall on Saturday. Please note that sundown occurs earlier in the winter months than in the summer and may have a more significant impact on university activity.

In the UK the clocks go forward 1 hour at 1am on the last Sunday in March, and back 1 hour at 2am on the last Sunday in October. These dates are marked on this calendar. The period when the clocks are 1 hour ahead is called British Summer Time (BST). When the clocks go back, the UK is on Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

There are several dates planned for EDI Training throughout the year, please search [Student Community Induction](#) or [EDI Staff Learning and Development](#) on SharePoint.





WELCOME

Learning and Learning

Matriculation – 29 and 30 September

September 2026

Message from Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Skills).

"Welcome to a new academic year at Durham University.

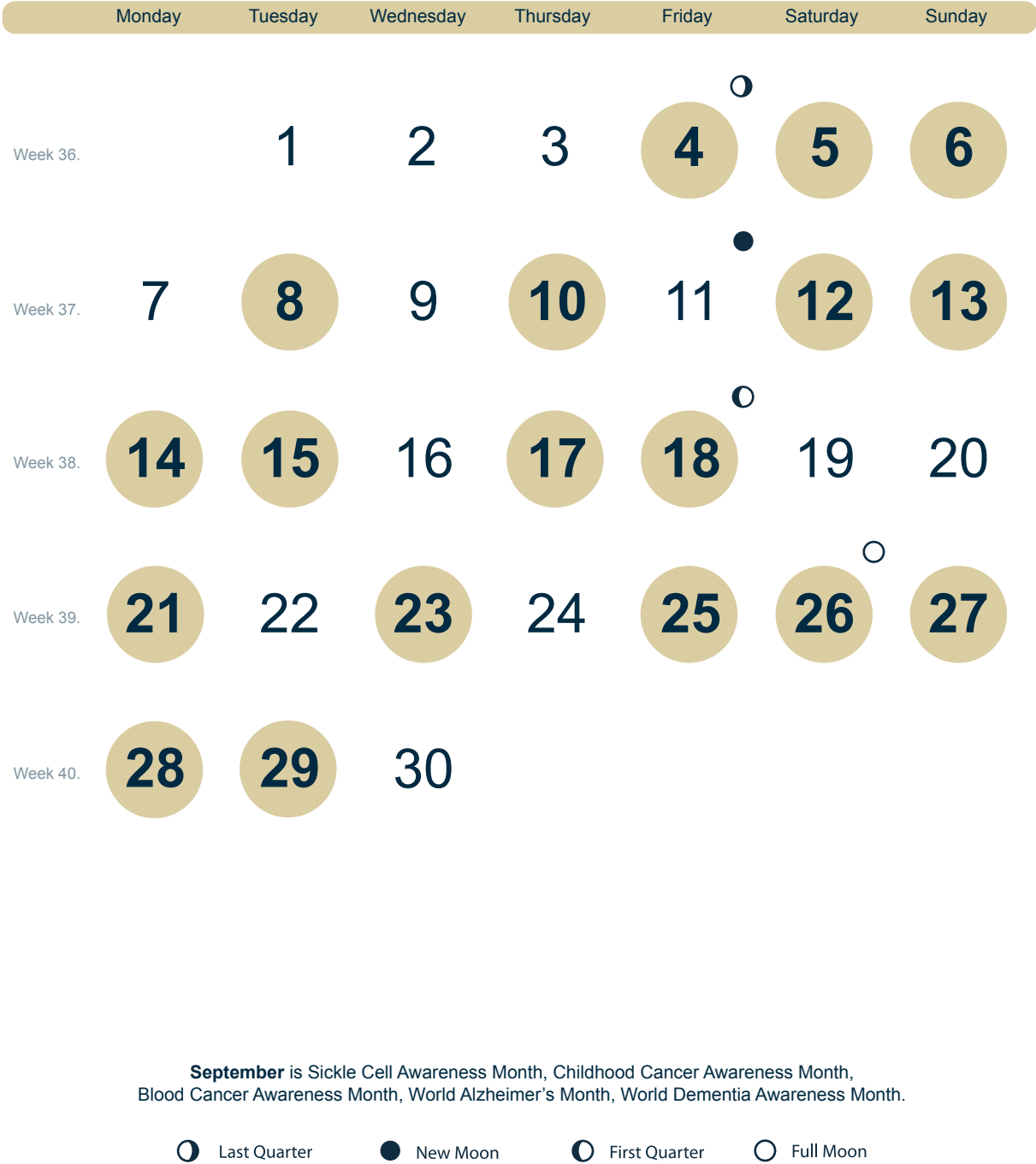
Every year brings new voices, ideas, and opportunities to strengthen our community. Our diversity is a source of pride, and by listening, learning, and working together, we create a university where everyone feels they belong.

Equality, diversity, and inclusion are values reflected in our everyday actions and interactions. This calendar highlights events and initiatives that celebrate our community and encourage participation throughout the year.

Learn more by visiting the [Inclusive Durham Roadmap](#)."



Dr Shaid Mahmood, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Skills).



Special Days

- 4th Krishna Janmashtami – Hindu.
- 5th International Day of Charity.
- 6th Colour Blind Awareness Day.
- 8th Nativity of Virgin Mary – Christian, Paryushana Parvarambha – Jain, Nativity of the Theotokos – Orthodox Christian, International Literacy Day.
- 10th World Suicide Prevention Day.
- 12th Rosh Hashanah – Judaism.
- 13th Rosh Hashanah – Judaism.
- 14th Triumph of the Cross – Christian, Ganesh Chaturthi – Hindu, Fast of Gedaliah – Judaism, Exaltation of the Cross – Orthodox Christian, UK National Inclusion Week begins.
- 15th Samvatsari – Jain, International Day of Democracy.
- 17th World Patient Safety Day.
- 18th International Equal Pay Day.
- 21st Feast of Saint Matthew – Christian, Yom Kippur – Judaism, International Day of Peace, World Alzheimer’s Day.
- 23rd Mabon/Ostara – Pagan, Autumn Equinox, Bi Visibility Day, International Day of Sign Languages.
- 25th Anant Chaturdashi – Hindu, Jain.
- 26th Sukkot begins – Judaism.
- 27th Meskel – Ethiopian Orthodox Christian, World Deaf Day.
- 28th Induction Week begins.
- 29th Michaelmas – Saint Michael and All Angels – Christian, World Heart Day.



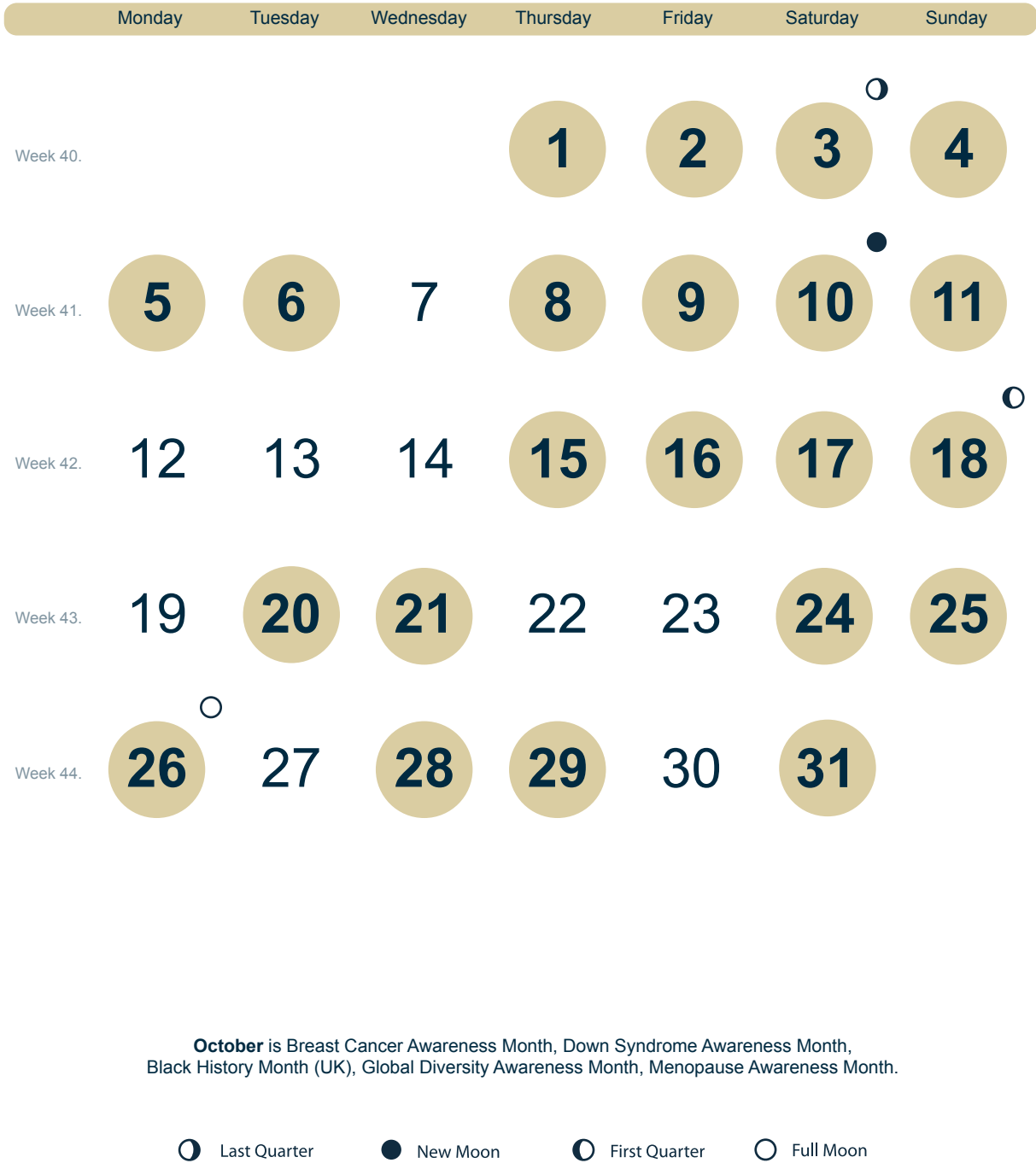
October – Black History Month

October 2026

Black History Month.

Black History Month is a time to celebrate the histories, cultures, achievements and contributions of Black communities while promoting equality, challenging racism and fostering inclusion.

At Durham University, we are committed to creating an environment where Black students and staff feel supported, represented and empowered to thrive through the Inclusive Durham Framework, the [Race Equality Charter](#) and wider [Equality, Diversity and Inclusion](#) initiatives. We encourage our community to engage with events, learn from diverse perspectives and help build a university where everyone feels they belong.



Special Days

- 1st International Day of Older Persons,
- 2nd Feast of the Guardian Angels – Christian, International Day of Non-Violence.
- 3rd Shemini Atzeret – Judaism.
- 4th Saint Francis’ Day – Christian, Simchat Torah – Judaism.
- 5th World Teachers’ Day, Michaelmas Term begins.
- 6th World Cerebral Palsy Day.
- 8th International Lesbian Day, World Sight Day.
- 9th Birthday of Guru Ram Das – Sikh.
- 10th World Homeless Day, World Mental Health Day, National Hate Crime Awareness Week begins.
- 11th Sharad Navratri begins – Hindu, International Day of the Girl Child.
- 15th International Day of Rural Women.
- 16th World Food Day.
- 17th International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.
- 18th Feast of Saint Luke – Christian, World Menopause Day.
- 20th Dussehra – Hindu.
- 21st International Pronouns Day.
- 24th United Nations Day.
- 25th Clocks go back – BST ends.
- 26th Intersex Awareness Day, Bank Holiday – ROI.
- 28th Feast of Saints Simon and Jude – Christian.
- 29th World Stroke Day.
- 31st All Hallows’ Eve – Christian, Reformation Day – Protestant Christian, Samhain (Halloween)/Beltane – Pagan.



November 2026

International Men's Day.

19 November marks International Men's Day, an opportunity to recognise the positive contributions of men, encourage conversations around wellbeing and promote inclusive, supportive communities. In the last academic year, Durham University established a new Men's Network, joining the University's [Staff Networks](#). These networks bring together colleagues with shared experiences or characteristics to provide support, foster inclusion and work collaboratively with the University to create positive change and enhance staff experiences.

Our Staff Networks include:

- Black, Asian and Minoritised Ethnic (BAME) Network,
- Carers Network,
- Disability Network,
- First Generation Staff Network,
- International Staff Network,
- LGBTQ+ Network,
- Mothers and Mothers-to-be Support (MAMS) Network,
- Women@DU,
- Men's Network,
- Grief Network.

November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month, Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, Islamophobia Awareness Month, COPD Awareness Month, Movember Men's Health Awareness Month.



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Week 49.	30						

Last Quarter

New Moon

First Quarter

Full Moon

Special Days

- 1st **All Saints' Day** – Christian, **Trans Parent Day**.
- 2nd **All Souls' Day** – Christian, **Anniversary of the Crowning of Haile Selassie** – Rastafari.
- 4th **Stress Awareness Day**.
- 5th **World Day of the Romani Language**.
- 8th **Diwali – Deepavali** – Hindu, Sikh, Jain, **Bandi Chhor Divas** – Sikh, **Remembrance Sunday**, **Intersex Day of Solidarity**, **UK Interfaith Week begins**
- 9th **Dedication of the Lateran Basilica** – Christian.
- 10th **Birth of the Báb** – Baha'i.
- 11th **Birth of Baha'u'llah** – Baha'i, **Armistice Day**.
- 13th **World Kindness Day**.
- 14th **World Diabetes Day**.
- 15th **Nativity Fast begins** – Orthodox Christian.
- 16th **International Day for Tolerance**
- 17th **International Students' Day**.
- 19th **International Men's Day**, **UK Disability History Month begins**.
- 20th **Transgender Day of Remembrance**, **International STAND UP to Bullying Day**, **World Children's Day**.
- 22nd **Feast of Christ the King** – Christian.
- 24th **Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev** – Sikh, **Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur** – Sikh.
- 25th **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women**, **16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence begins**.
- 26th **Day of the Covenant** – Baha'i, **US Thanksgiving**.
- 28th **Ascension of Abdu'l-Bahá** – Baha'i.
- 29th **Advent Sunday** – Christian.
- 30th **Saint Andrew's Day** – Christian, **Bank Holiday** – Scotland.



Sakura
Friendship
Garden

Winter Vacation Begins – 12 December

December 2026

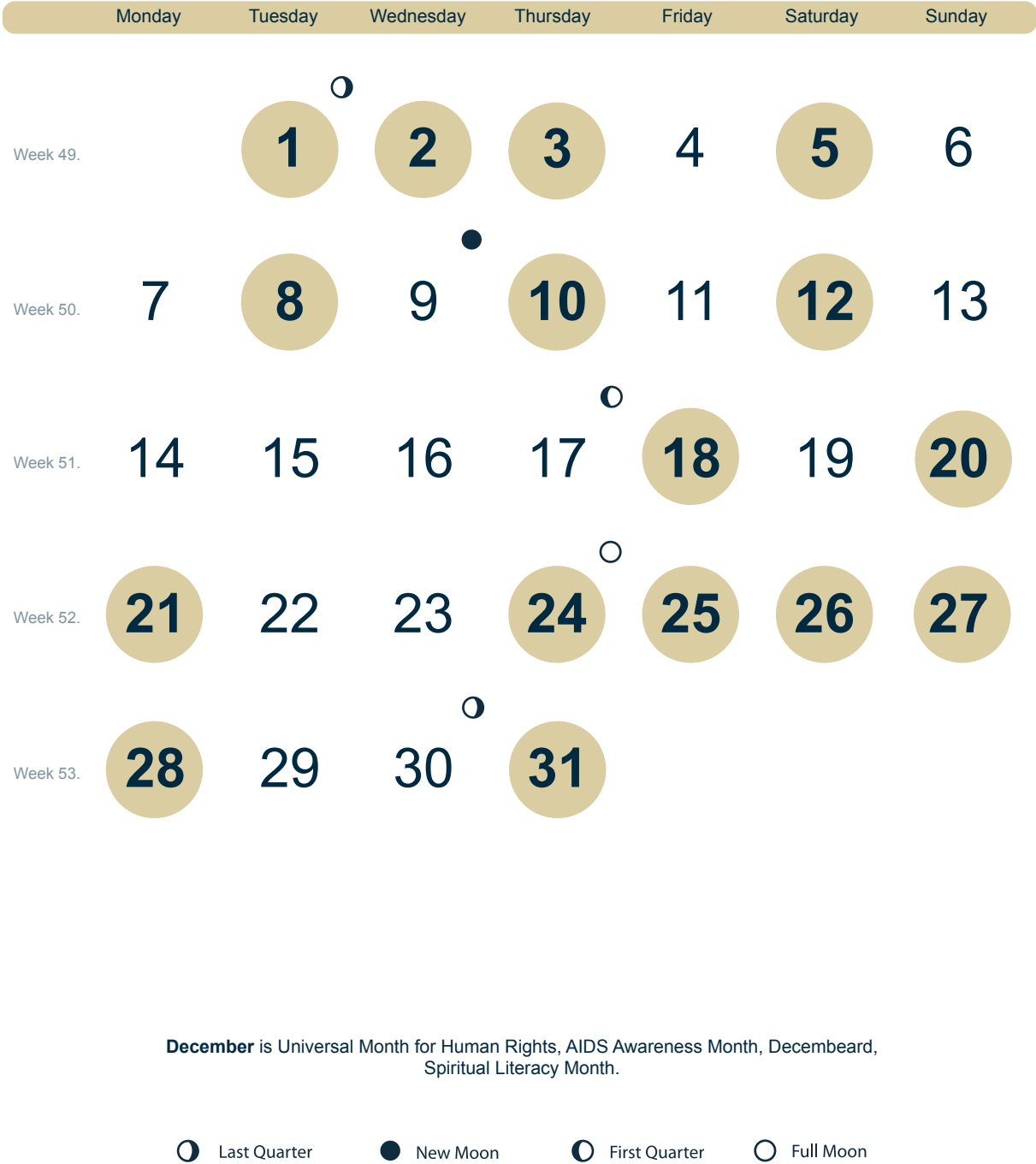
Winter Vacation message.

We hope that all staff and students have had a wonderful first term of the 2026/27 academic year.

While some core services of the University remain operational during the festive period, most offices will be closed between the end of Wednesday 23 December 2026, and the beginning of Monday 4 January 2027.

In a crisis or emergency, please contact University Security on +44 (0)191 334 2222 who will escalate to the Business Resilience team.

A range of practical and pastoral support, including wellbeing resources, remains available to you over the University vacation period. We have produced a definitive guide to that support and how to access it, which can be found here: [We're here if you're here this Winter Vacation period.](#)



Special Days

- 1st World AIDS Day.
- 2nd International Day for the Abolition of Slavery.
- 3rd International Day of Persons with Disabilities.
- 5th Chanukah begins – Judaism, International Volunteer Day.
- 8th Rohatsu (Bodhi Day) – Buddhist, Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Christian.
- 10th Human Rights Day.
- 12th International Universal Health Coverage Day, Winter Vacation begins.
- 18th International Migrants Day.
- 20th International Human Solidarity Day.
- 21st Yule/Litha – Pagan, Winter Solstice.
- 24th Christmas Eve – Christian.
- 25th Christmas Day – Christian, Feast of the Nativity – Orthodox Christian, Bank Holiday – England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and ROI.
- 26th Saint Stephen's Day – Christian, Zarathosht no diso – Zoroastrian, Boxing Day, Kwanzaa begins.
- 27th Feast of the Holy Family – Christian.
- 28th Holy Innocents – Christian, Bank Holiday (Boxing Day observed) – England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and ROI.
- 31st Watch Night – Christian, New Year's Eve/Hogmanay.



Holocaust Memorial Day – 27 January

January 2027

EDI Learning and Development Staff Hub.

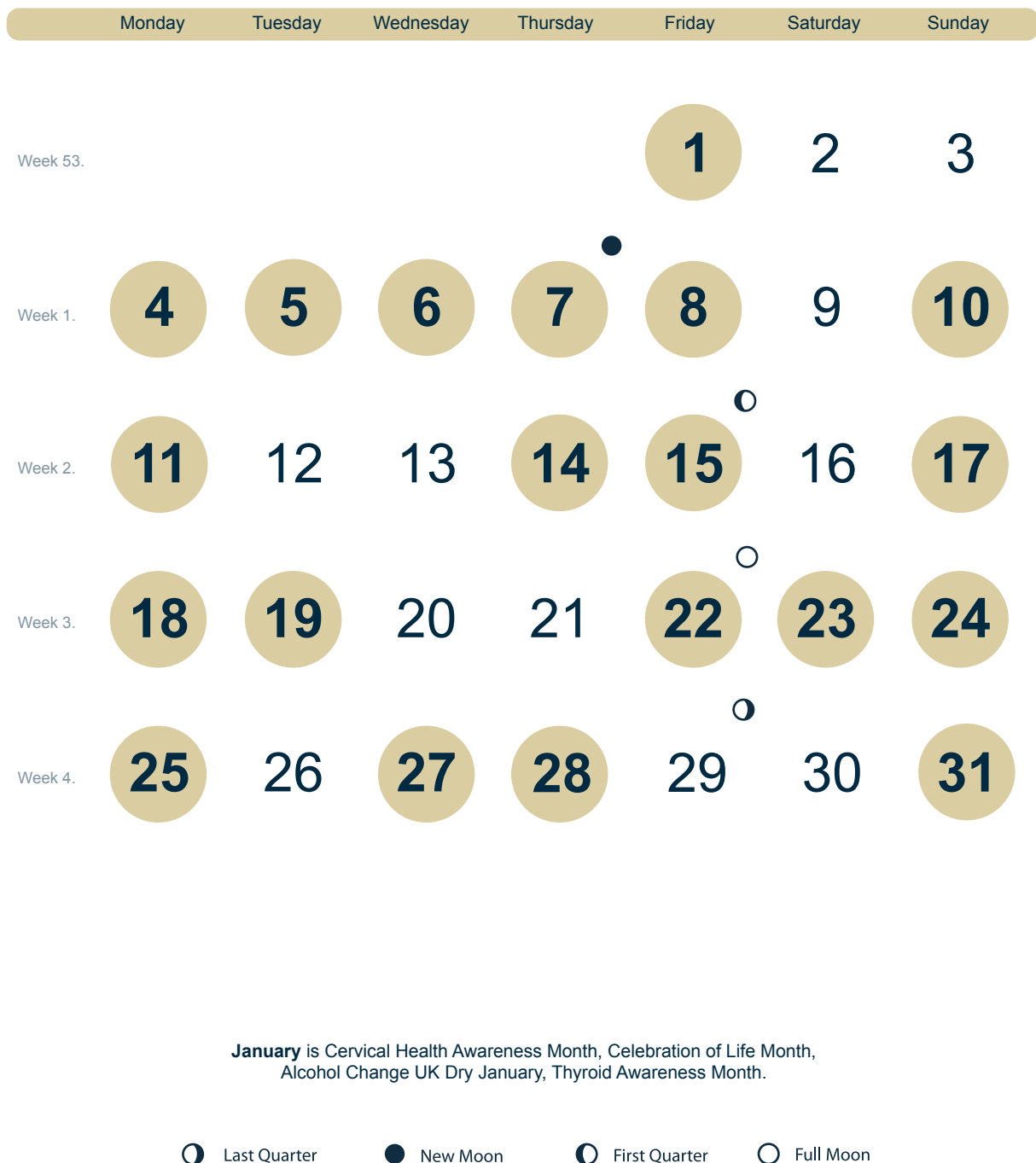
Are you looking to enhance your learning? Well look no further than our [EDI Learning and Development Staff Hub](#).

Here, you can find out more about all the training opportunities available to you to raise your awareness and understanding of many communities.

Please do take some time to explore our Staff Hub. We have a range of different workshops available to you such as:

- Values in Action
- LGBT+ Allyship and Awareness
- Managing Diverse Teams and more!!

If you have any specific request, please take a look at our [Inclusive Durham Training Request – Fill in form](#).



Special Days

- 1st **Mary, Mother of God** – Catholic Christian, **Gantan-sai (New Year)** – Shinto, **Global Family Day**, **New Year's Day/Hogmanay**, **Bank Holiday** – England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and ROI.
- 4th **World Braille Day**, **Bank Holiday** – Scotland.
- 5th **Twelfth Night** – Christian, **Lailat al Miraj** – Islam.
- 6th **Epiphany** – Christian.
- 7th **Feast of the Nativity** – Orthodox Christian, **Congregation**.
- 8th **Congregation**.
- 10th **Baptism of the Lord Jesus** – Christian.
- 11th **Seijin no hi (Coming of Age Day)** – Shinto, **Epiphany Term begins**.
- 14th **Lohri/Maghi** – Hindu, Sikh, **Old New Year** – Orthodox Christian.
- 15th **Makar Sankranti** – Hindu, **Pongal** – Hindu, **Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh** – Sikh.
- 17th **World Religion Day**.
- 18th **Blue Monday**, **Martin Luther King Junior Day**, **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins** – Christian.
- 19th **Timkat** – Ethiopian Orthodox Christian, **Feast of the Theophany** – Orthodox Christian.
- 22nd **Mahayana New Year** – Buddhist, **Thaipusam** – Hindu.
- 23rd **Lailat al Bara'ah** – Islam, **Tu BiShvat** – Judaism.
- 24th **International Day of Education**.
- 25th **Conversion of Saint Paul** – Christian, **Robert Burns Night (Burns Night)**.
- 27th **Holocaust Memorial Day**.
- 28th **Data Privacy Day**.
- 31st **Birthday of Guru Har Rai** – Sikh.



February – LGBTQ+ History Month

February 2027

LGBTQ+ History Month.

LGBTQ+ History Month celebrates the history, achievements and contributions of LGBTQ+ communities while promoting equality, inclusion and allyship.

At Durham University, the month is marked through events, learning opportunities and community engagement led by the LGBT+ Staff and Postgraduate Network and the Durham Students' Union group Queer Sphere.

As a Stonewall Diversity Champion, the University is committed to advancing LGBTQ+ inclusion and best practice. Learn more via Durham University's [LGBTQ+ webpages](#).



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 5.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Week 6.	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Week 7.	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Week 8.	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

February is UK National Heart Month, LGBTQ+ History Month, Raynaud's Awareness Month.

○ Last Quarter

● New Moon

○ First Quarter

○ Full Moon

Special Days

- 1st Imbolc/Lughnasadh – Pagan, World Hijab Day, World Interfaith Harmony Week begins, UK Race Equality Week begins TBC, Bank Holiday – ROI.
- 2nd Candlemas – Christian.
- 3rd Setsubun-sai – Shinto.
- 4th Time to Talk Day, World Cancer Day.
- 6th Lunar New Year begins.
- 7th Losar – Tibetan New Year.
- 8th Ramadan begins – Islam.
- 9th Shrove Tuesday – Christian, Safer Internet Day.
- 10th Ash Wednesday – Christian.
- 11th Vasant Panchami – Hindu, International Day of Women and Girls in Science, World Day of the Sick.
- 12th Red Hand Day for Child Soldiers.
- 14th Zacchaeus Sunday – Orthodox Christian, Autism Sunday, Saint Valentine's Day.
- 15th Parinirvana Day/Nirvana Day – Buddhist, International Childhood Cancer Day.
- 17th World Human Spirit Day.
- 18th International Asperger's Day.
- 20th World Day of Social Justice.
- 21st Magha Puja (Sangha Day) – Buddhist, Triodion begins – Orthodox Christian.
- 26th Intercalary Days begin – Baha'i, International STAND UP to Bullying Day.
- 28th Sunday of the Prodigal Son – Orthodox Christian.



International Women's Day – 8 March

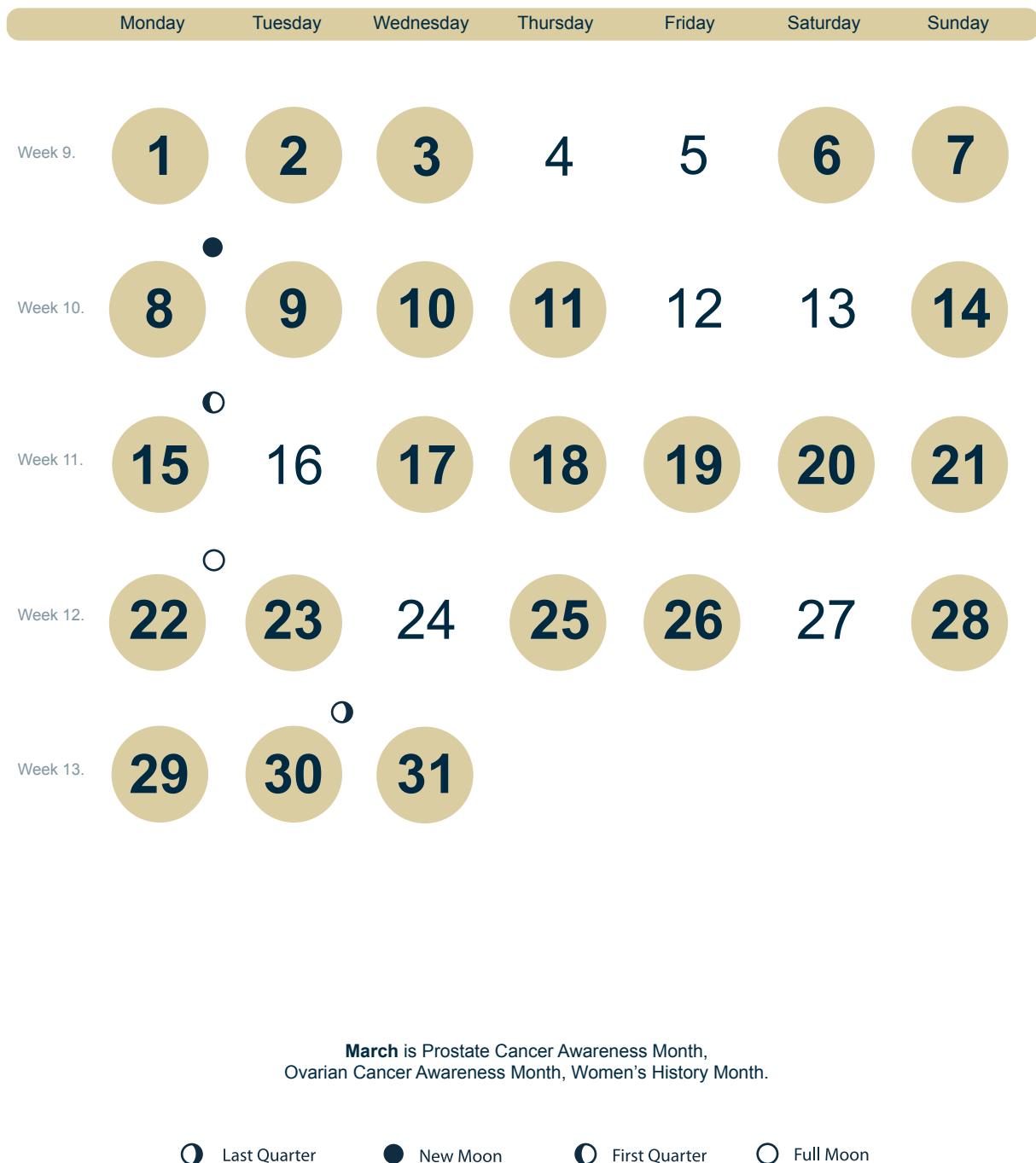
March 2027

International Women's Day.

International Women's Day (IWD) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for advancing gender equality.

At Durham University, this commitment is reflected through inclusive research, education and career development, as well as its participation in the [Athena Swan Charter](#), which recognises and advances gender equality across higher education and research.

To learn more, visit Durham University's [Equality, Diversity and Inclusion](#) webpages and [research community](#) resources.



Special Days

- 1st Intercalary Days end – Baha'i, Saint David's Day – Christian, International Wheelchair Day, Self-Injury Awareness Day, Zero Discrimination Day.
- 2nd Nineteen Day Fast begins – Baha'i.
- 3rd World Hearing Day.
- 6th Maha Shivaratri – Hindu, Lailat al-Qadr – Islam.
- 7th Meatfare Sunday – Orthodox Christian, Mothering Sunday.
- 8th International Women's Day.
- 9th Eid al Fitr – Islam.
- 10th Ramakrishna Jayanti – Hindu.
- 11th University Mental Health Day.
- 14th Cheesehare Sunday – Orthodox Christian, Nanakshahi (New Year) – Sikh.
- 15th Great Lent begins – Orthodox Christian, International Day to Combat Islamophobia.
- 17th Saint Patrick's Day – Christian.
- 18th Global Recycling Day.
- 19th Saint Joseph's Day – Christian.
- 20th Ostara/Mabon – Pagan, Spring Equinox, Easter Vacation begins.
- 21st Naw-Rúz (New Year) – Baha'i, Palm Sunday – Christian, Holika Dahan – Hindu, Sunday of Orthodoxy – Orthodox Christian, Norooz (New Year) – Persian/Zoroastrian, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, World Down Syndrome Day.
- 22nd Holi – Hindu, Lord's Evening Meal – Jehovah's Witness, Ta'anit Esther – Judaism.
- 23rd Purim – Judaism, Hola Mohalla begins – Sikh.
- 25th Maundy Thursday – Christian.
- 26th Good Friday – Christian, Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zarathustra) – Zoroastrian, Purple Day/Epilepsy Awareness, Bank Holiday – England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- 28th Easter Sunday – Christian, Clocks go forward – BST begins.
- 29th Bank Holiday – England, Wales, Northern Ireland and ROI.
- 30th World Bipolar Day.
- 31st International Transgender Day of Visibility.



Easter Term Begins – 26 April

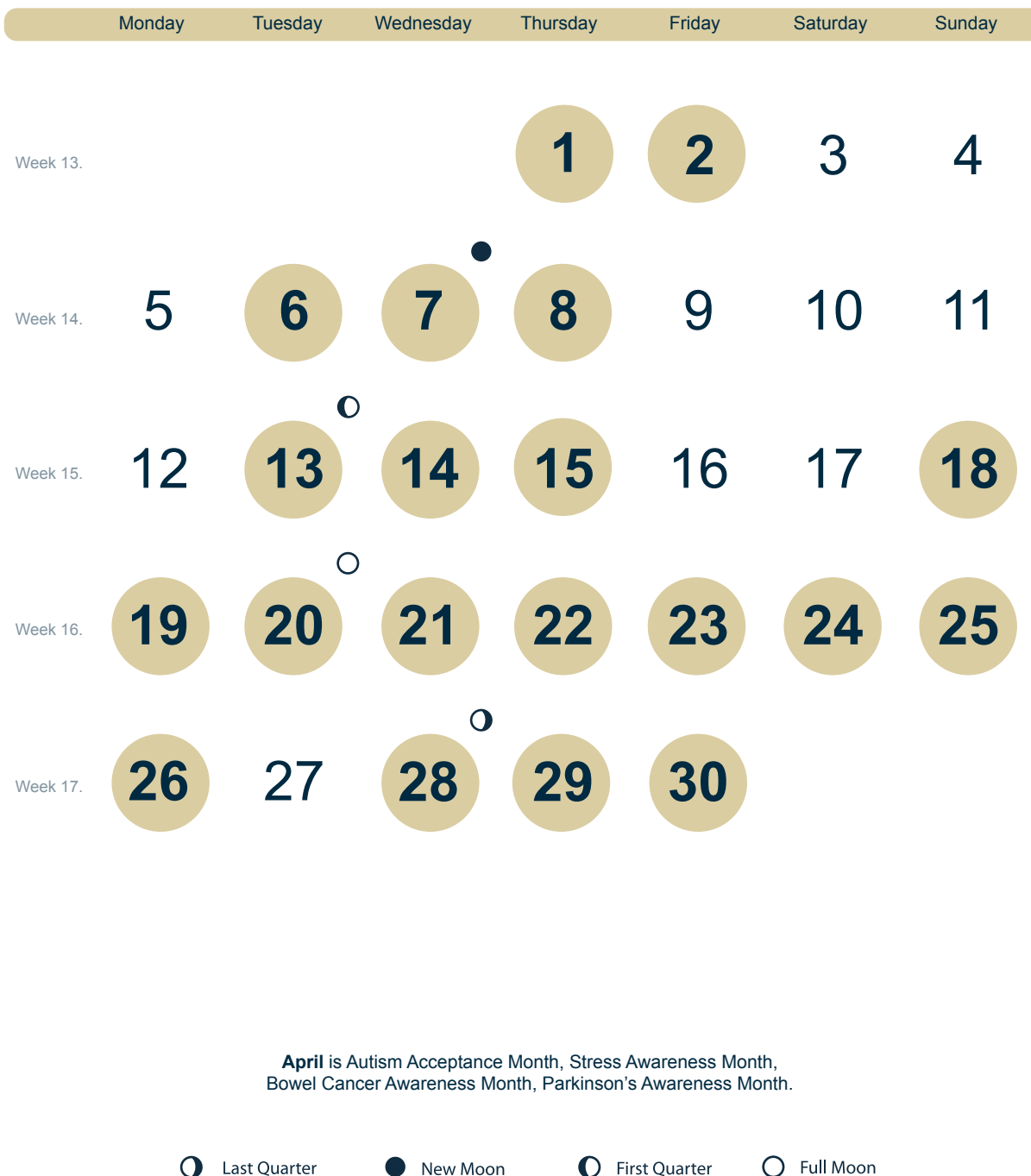
April 2027

Inclusive Durham Fund.

The Inclusive Durham Fund (previously called the EDI Fund) supports staff and student-led initiatives that promote [EDI fund - Durham University](#) across the Durham University community.

The fund enables projects and activities that strengthen inclusion, celebrate diversity and contribute to creating a respectful and supportive environment. Applicants should demonstrate how their proposals align with the aims of the Inclusive Durham Framework and outline their expected impact.

Those interested in applying are required to contact the EDI Team at edi.team@durham.ac.uk for guidance before submitting an application.



Special Days

- 1st April Fool's Day.
- 2nd World Autism Awareness Day.
- 6th International Asexuality Day.
- 7th Chaitra Navratri begins – Hindu, Ugadi New Year – Hindu, World Health Day.
- 8th International Romani Day.
- 13th Songkran (Thai New Year) – Buddhist.
- 14th Birth of the Khalsa (Vaisakhi) – Sikh, Tamil New Year.
- 15th Rama Navami – Hindu.
- 18th Birthday of Guru Angad Dev – Sikh, Birthday of Guru Tegh Bahadur – Sikh.
- 19th Mahavir Jayanti – Jain.
- 20th Hanuman Jayanti – Hindu.
- 21st First Day of Ridvan – Baha'i.
- 22nd Pesach (Passover) begins – Judaism, Earth Day.
- 23rd Saint George's Day – Christian.
- 24th Lazarus Saturday – Orthodox Christian.
- 25th Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist – Christian, Palm Sunday – Orthodox Christian.
- 26th Lesbian Visibility Day, Easter Term begins.
- 28th World Day for Health & Safety at Work.
- 29th Ninth Day of Ridvan – Baha'i.
- 30th Holy Friday – Orthodox Christian.



World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue
and Development – 21 May

May 2027

World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

Held every year on 21 May, this day celebrates not only the richness of the world's cultures but also the essential role of intercultural dialogue in achieving peace and sustainable development.

Set against Durham's unique backdrop as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Durham University is proud to mark this occasion. As an institution deeply committed to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the United Nations, we recognise the vital need to enhance the potential of culture as a means of achieving prosperity, sustainable development, and global peaceful coexistence.

Discover more about the celebration: [UNESCO and World Heritage - Durham University](#).



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Week 19.	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Week 20.	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Week 21.	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Week 22.	31						

May is Action on Stroke Month, Hepatitis Awareness Month, UK National Walking Month, Celiac Awareness Month.

○ Last Quarter ● New Moon ○ First Quarter ○ Full Moon

Special Days

- 1st Beltane/Samhain – Pagan.
- 2nd Twelfth Day of Ridvan – Baha'i, Pascha (Easter) – Orthodox Christian, Birthday of Guru Arjan Dev – Sikh.
- 3rd Feast of Saints Philip and James – Christian, Bank Holiday – England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and ROI.
- 4th Yom HaShoah – Judaism.
- 5th World Maternal Mental Health Day.
- 6th Ascension Day – Christian.
- 8th World Red Cross Red Crescent Day, VE Day.
- 9th Akshaya Tritiya – Hindu, Jain.
- 11th Yom HaZikaron – Judaism.
- 12th Yom Ha'Atzmaut – Judaism, International Nurses Day, UK National Day for Staff Networks.
- 14th Hajj begins – Islam.
- 15th Waqf al Arafah – Islam, International Day of Families.
- 16th Pentecost – Christian, Eid al Adha – Islam.
- 17th International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia.
- 19th Agender Pride Day.
- 20th Vesak/Visakha Puja – Buddhist, Global Accessibility Awareness Day.
- 21st World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.
- 22nd International Day for Biological Diversity.
- 23rd Trinity Sunday – Christian, Birthday of Guru Amar Das – Sikh.
- 24th Declaration of the Báb – Baha'i.
- 25th Lag BaOmer – Judaism.
- 27th Corpus Christi – Christian.
- 29th Ascension of Baha'u'llah – Baha'i, International Day of UN Peacekeepers.
- 31st Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Christian, World No Tobacco Day, Bank Holiday – England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.



Armed Forces Day – 26 June

June 2027

Armed Forces Day.

It commemorates the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces community and offers an opportunity to reflect on the importance of remembrance, respect and peace.

At Durham University, this commitment is reflected through its support for serving personnel, reservists, veterans and military families.

The University is a signatory to the [Armed Forces Covenant](#) and was awarded the Ministry of Defence Employer Recognition Scheme Silver Award in recognition of its commitment to supporting the Armed Forces community.



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Week 25.	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Week 26.	28	29	30				

June is Motor Neurone Disease Awareness Month, Stillbirth & Neonatal Death Awareness Month, LGBT Pride Month, Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month.

 Last Quarter
  New Moon
  First Quarter
  Full Moon

Special Days

- 1st Global Day of Parents.
- 4th Sacred Heart of Jesus – Christian, International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression.
- 5th World Environment Day.
- 6th Al-Hijra/Muharram – New Year – Islam.
- 7th Bank Holiday – ROI.
- 10th Ascension of the Lord – Orthodox Christian.
- 11th Shavuot – Judaism.
- 12th Shavuot – Judaism, Global Wellness Day, World Day against Child Labour.
- 13th Race Unity Day.
- 14th World Blood Donor Day.
- 15th Ashura – Islam, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.
- 16th Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev – Sikh, Neurodiversity Pride Day.
- 17th World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought.
- 18th Autistic Pride Day, International Day for Countering Hate Speech.
- 20th Pentecost – Orthodox Christian, Father's Day, World Refugee Day.
- 21st Litha /Yule – Pagan, Summer Solstice, World Humanist Day.
- 22nd UK Windrush Day.
- 23rd Reserves Day.
- 24th Nativity of Saint John the Baptist – Christian, Orthodox Christian.
- 26th Summer Vacation begins, Armed Forces Day.
- 27th All Saints – Orthodox Christian.
- 28th The Fast of the Holy Apostles – Orthodox Christian, Stonewall Riots Anniversary, Congregation begins.
- 29th Feast of Saints Peter and Paul – Christian.



July – Disability Pride Month

July 2027

Disability Pride Month.

Disability Pride Month celebrates the identities, achievements and contributions of disabled people while recognising disability as a natural and valued part of human diversity. It encourages everyone to challenge stigma, promote accessibility and create environments where disabled people can participate fully and thrive.

At Durham University, we are committed to fostering an inclusive community where all students and staff are respected, supported and empowered to reach their full potential. More information can be found at [Disability Support - Durham University](#) and [Disability, Health Conditions and Reasonable Adjustments Hub of Resources](#).



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Special Days

- 4th US Independence Day.
- 5th Birthday of Guru Hargobind – Sikh.
- 6th Omnisexual Visibility Day.
- 10th Martyrdom of the Báb – Baha'i.
- 11th World Population Day, Srebrenica Memorial Day.
- 12th Orangemen's Day, Bank Holiday – Northern Ireland.
- 14th International Non-Binary People's Day.
- 15th Saint Vladimir the Great Day – Orthodox Christian, World Youth Skills Day.
- 17th World Day for International Justice.
- 18th Asalha Puja (Dharma Day) – Buddhist, Nelson Mandela International Day.
- 22nd Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene – Christian.
- 23rd Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie – Rastafari, Birthday of Guru Har Krishan – Sikh.
- 24th Pioneer Day – Mormonism, International Self-Care Day.
- 25th Saint James the Great Day – Christian.
- 28th World Hepatitis Day.
- 30th International Day of Friendship, World Day against Trafficking Persons.

July is UV Safety Month, Make a Difference to Children Month, Disability Pride Month, International Women with Alopecia Month, South Asian Heritage Month.

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August – National Civility Month

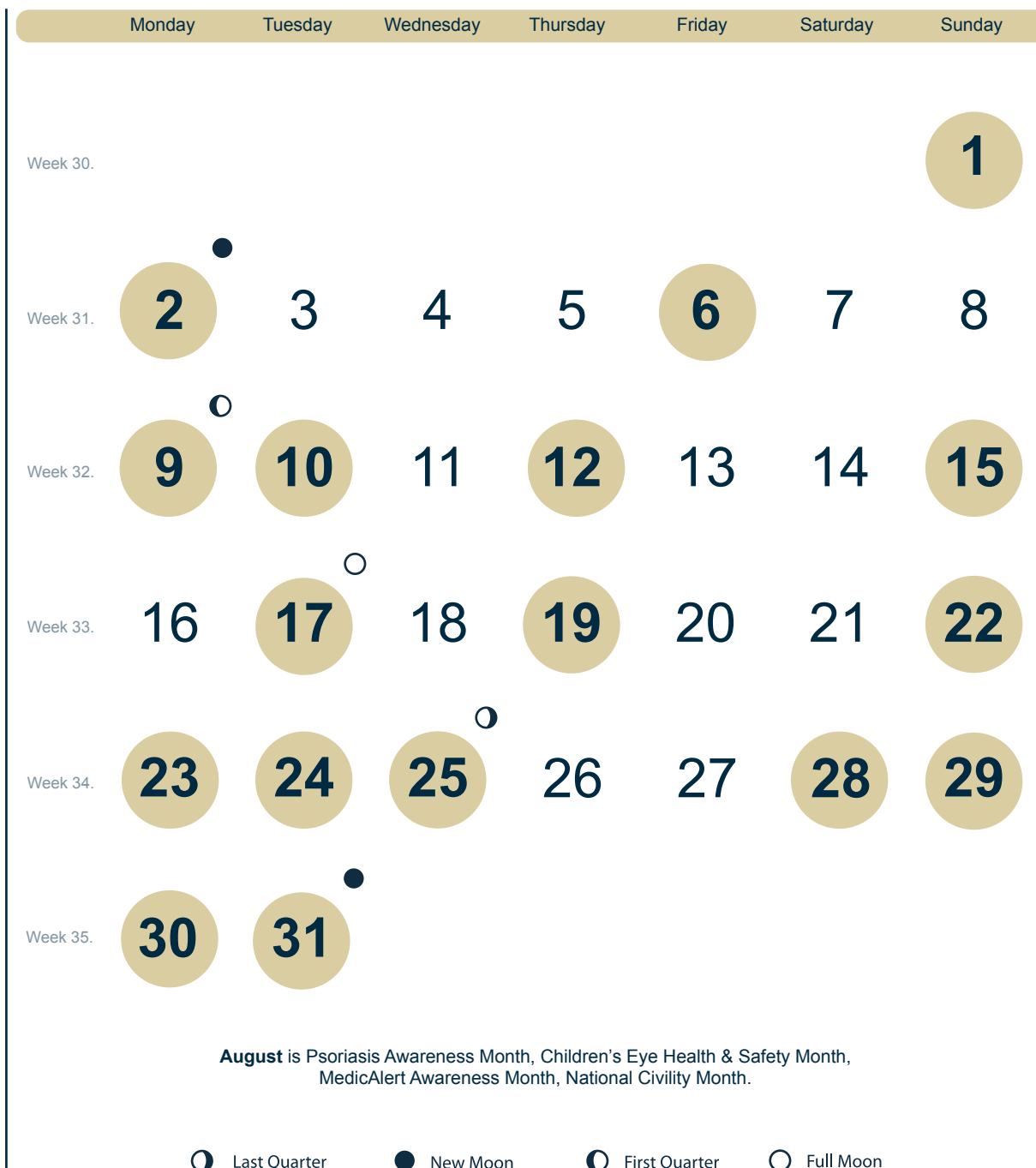
August 2027

National Civility Month.

National Civility Month highlights the importance of kindness, respect and consideration in creating positive communities.

At Durham University, fostering a culture of civility helps ensure that everyone feels valued, heard and treated with dignity. If you experience or witness bullying, harassment or inappropriate behaviour, the [Concerns, Bullying and Harassment Advisors](#) offer confidential guidance on support options, reporting processes and available University services.

Together, we can help create a respectful, inclusive and welcoming environment for all.



Special Days

- 1st** **Lammas** – Christian, **Fast in honour of Holy Mother of Lord Jesus** – Orthodox Christian, **Lughnasadh/Imbolc** – Pagan.
- 2nd** **Bank Holiday** – Scotland and ROI, **Roma Holocaust Remembrance Day.**
- 6th** **Feast of Transfiguration of Our Lord** – Christian, **Transfiguration of the Lord** – Orthodox Christian.
- 9th** **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples.**
- 10th** **Feast of Saint Lawrence** – Christian.
- 12th** **Tish'a B'av** – Judaism, **International Youth Day.**
- 15th** **Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary** – Christian, **Dormition of the Theotokos** – Orthodox Christian, **Mawlid al-Nabi** – Islam, **VJ Day.**
- 17th** **Raksha Bandhan** – Hindu.
- 19th** **World Humanitarian Day.**
- 22nd** **Queenship of Mary** – Catholic Christian, **International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence based on Religion or Belief.**
- 23rd** **International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition.**
- 24th** **Feast of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle** – Christian.
- 25th** **Krishna Janmashtami** – Hindu.
- 28th** **Paryushana Parvarambha begins** – Jain.
- 29th** **Beheading of Saint John the Baptist** – Christian.
- 30th** **Bank Holiday** – England, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- 31st** **International Day for People of African Descent.**

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