



# THE BOOKSELLING YEAR 2021

## MAJOR RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS

### January

- 6 Epiphany (Christian)
- 14 Maghi – Lohri (Sikh)
- 14 Makar Sankranti (Hindu)
- 20 Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh (Sikh)

### February

- 15 Parinirvana (Buddhist)
- 17 Lent (until 4 Apr) (Christian)

### March

- 9 Magha Puja (Buddhist)
- 11 Maha Shivratri (Hindu)
- 11 Lailat-AL-Miraj (Muslim)

### April

- 25 Purim (Jewish)
- 27 Passover (until 7 Apr) (Jewish)
- 28 Holi (Hindu)
- 28 Palm Sunday (Christian)
- 29 Lailat-AL-Bara'ah (Muslim)

### May

- 2 Good Friday (Christian)
- 4 Easter Sunday (Christian)
- 12 Ramadan (until 11 May) (Muslim)
- 14 Vaisakhi (Sikh)
- 21 Rama Navami (Hindu)

### June

- 8 Vesak Day (Buddhist)
- 9 Laylat-AL-Qadr (Muslim)
- 13 Eid-AL-Fitr (Muslim)
- 16 Shavuot (until 18 May) (Jewish)
- 23 Pentecost (Christian)

### July

- 17 Tisha B'Av (Jewish)
- 19 Eid AL-Adha (until 23 Jul) (Muslim)
- 24 Asalha Pujya Day (Buddhist)

### August

- 19 Ashura (Muslim)
- 20 Islamic New Year (Muslim)
- 22 Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)
- 30 Janmashtami (Hindu)

### September

- 6 Rosh Hashanah (until 8 Sep) (Jewish)
- 10 Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)
- 16 Yom Kippur (Jewish)
- 20 Sukkot (until 27 Sep) (Jewish)
- 27 Shemini Atzeret (until 29 Sep) (Jewish)
- 29 Simchat Torah (Jewish)

### October

- 7 Navratri (until 14 Oct) (Hindu)
- 15 Dussehra (Hindu)
- 19 Mawlid (Muslim)

### November

- 4 Diwali (until 8 Nov) (Hindu)
- 19 Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev (Sikh)
- 24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur (Sikh)
- 28 Hanukkah (until 6 Dec) (Jewish)

### December

- 8 Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
- 25 Christmas (Christian)

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	
M		1 LGBT+ History Month; 1-7 Children's Mental Health Week	1 St. David's Day; Women's History Month								1		M
T		2	2			1 Costa Book Awards 2021 entries open; Pride Month					2		T
W		3	3			2					3	1	W
T		4 Harry Potter Book Night; Time to Talk Day	4 World Book Day; Blue Peter Book Awards	1 April Fools' Day		3	1 Costa Short Story Award 2021 entries open				4 4-8 Diwali	2	T
F	1 New Year's Day; Bank Holiday; New Brexit rules in place	5	5 5-14 Words by the Water Festival in Keswick	2 Good Friday; Bank Holiday; International Children's Book Day		4	2			1 Black History Month	5 Guy Fawkes Night	3 International Day of Disabled Persons	F
S	2	6	6 6-14 SAnza: Scotland's International Poetry Festival	3	1 National Share a Story Month; International Workers' Day	5	3			2	6	4 Small Business Saturday	S
S	3	7 7-11 Spring Fair in Birmingham (NEC)	7	4 Easter Sunday	2 International Harry Potter Day	6	4			3 3-9 Mental Health Awareness Week	7	5	S
M	4 Costa Book Award category winners announced; Bank Holiday (Scotland); World Braille Day	8	8 International Women's Day	5 Easter Monday; Bank Holiday	3 Bank Holiday	7 Bank Holiday (Ireland)	5	2 Bank Holiday (Scotland and Ireland)	6 National Read a Book Day; 6-8 Rosh Hashanah	4	8	6	M
T	5	9	9	6	4 Pulitzer Prize 2021 winners announced	8	6	3	7	5	9 Books are my Bag Readers' Awards	7	T
W	6	10	10 Women's Prize for Fiction longlist announced	7	5	9	7	4	8	6 6-17 BFI London Film Festival	10	8	W
T	7	11	11	8	6	10	8 8-25 Buxton International Festival	5	9	7 National Poetry Day	11 Armistice Day	9	T
F	8	12 Chinese New Year	12 12-14 King's Lynn Literary Festival (Fiction)	9	7	11 11-13 Books by the Beach Festival	9	6 6-30 Edinburgh Festival Fringe	10 10-19 Jane Austen Festival in Bath	8 8-17 Cheltenham Literature Festival	12	10 Nobel Prize Day	F
S	9	13	13	10	8	12 The Queen's Birthday; Record Store Day	10	7	11	9 Bookshop Day	13	11	S
S	10 10-12 Top Drawer Exhibition in London	14 Valentine's Day; International Book Giving Day	14 Mother's Day	11 BAFTA Film Awards	9	13	11	8	12 12-13 The BA Conference and Gardeners Trade Show in Hinckley	10 World Mental Health Day	14 Remembrance Sunday	12	S
M	11	15	15	12 Ramadan begins	10	14 14-17 Bologna Children's Book Fair	12 Bank Holiday (N. Ireland)	9 Book Lover's Day	13 Roald Dahl Day	11	15	13	M
T	12	16 Shrove Tuesday	16	13	11	15	13	10	14	12 12-14 Christian Resources Exhibition in Esher, Surrey	16	14	T
W	13	17 Ash Wednesday; 17-23 Random Acts of Kindness Week	17 St Patrick's Day	14	12	16 Women's Prize for Fiction winner announced; CLIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Awards Winners announced	14 HarperCollins & Booksellers Network Summer Party	11	15	13	17	15	W
T	14	18 18-20 ABA Winter Institute in Cincinnati, OH; CLIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Awards longlist announced	18 CLIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Awards shortlist announced	15	13 Eid al-Fitr; 13-16 Crime Fest in Bristol	17 17-20 Borders Book Festival in Melrose	15	12	16	14	18	16	T
F	15	19	19	16	14	18	16	13	17	15 Irish Book Trade Conference in Dublin	19	17	F
S	16	20	20 World Storytelling Day; 20-21 Alderney Literary Festival; Spring Equinox	17	15	19 19-26 Independent Bookshop Week	17	14	18	16 16-23 Irish Book Week	20 Children's Day	18	S
S	17	21	21	18	16	20 Father's Day	18	15	19 19-25 Banned Books Week	17	21	19	S
M	18 Martin Luther King Jr Day (USA); Blue Monday	22	22	19	17	21 Summer Solstice	19 19-23 Eid al-Adha	16	20	18	22	20	M
T	19	23 Last day for Batch Registrations	23	20	18	22 Windrush Day	20	17	21	19	23	21	T
W	20	24 Parliamentary Book Awards	24	21	19	23 23-28 Glastonbury Festival	21	18	22 Autumn Equinox	20 20-24 Frankfurt Book Fair	24	22	W
T	21	25	25 Tolkien Reading Day	22	20	24 National Writing Day	22 22-25 Theakston Old Peculier Crime Writing Festival in Harrogate	19	23 23-31 Oct) Wigtown Book Festival	21	25 Last day for Batch Registrations	23	T
F	22	26	26 26-28 The Laugharne Weekend	23 St George's Day; World Book Night; Shakespeare Day	21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	25	23 23-25 UK Pride Festival in Newcastle; 23-8 (Aug) Summer Olympics in Tokyo; 23-25 Young Adult Literature Convention in London	20	24	22	26	24	F
S	23	27	27 Passover begins	24 Independent Bookstore Day (USA)	22	26 London Pride	24	21	25	23 23-24 Cliveden Literary Festival	27	25	S
S	24	28	28 Daylight Saving Time begins; Holy Palm Sunday; Last day for Batch Registrations	25 Oscars	23	27 Last day for Batch Registrations	25	22	26	24	28 28-6 (Dec) Hanukkah	26	S
M	25 Burns Night		29	26	24	28 28-11 (July) Wimbledon Tennis Championships	26	23	27 Last day for Batch Registrations	25 Bank Holiday (Ireland)	29	27	M
T	26 Costa Book of the Year Announced; Last day for Batch Registrations		30	27	25 Last day for Batch Registrations	29 29-1 (July) London Book Fair	27 Last day for Batch Registrations	24 24-5 (Sept) Summer Paralympics in Tokyo	28	26 Last day for Batch Registrations	30 St Andrew's Day; Bank Holiday (Scotland)	28	T
W	27 Holocaust Memorial Day		31	28	26	30	28	25 Last day for Batch Registrations	29	27		29	W
T	28			29	27 27-6 (June) Hay Festival in Hay-on-Wye		29	26	30	28		30	T
F	29			30	28		30	27		29		31	F
S	30 30-6 (Feb) National Storytelling Week				29 29-30 The Bath Festival Finale Weekend		31	28		30 Daylight Saving Time ends			S
S	31				30			29		31 Halloween			S
M					31 Bank Holiday			30 Bank Holiday					M
T								31					T