



Events and Celebration Calendar 2023-2024

In the Early Years at Nettlesworth Primary School, we engage in events, festivals, and celebrations throughout the year. Outlined below are the planned for experiences we intend for our children. Other events and experiences will happen depending upon the children's interests and topic choices throughout each of the 6 terms, as well as those celebrated as a whole school; such as [Wear a Hat Day](#) or [Fairtrade Fortnight](#)

Term	Event or Celebration	Date and Term	Enhancement
Autumn 1	Jeans for Genes Day	22 nd September 2023	Celebrating genetic differences and supporting families.
	Black History Month	October 2023	Children will learn about the achievements and challenges of black people in British society.
	World Mental Health Day	10 th October 2023	'Mental health is a universal human right' - Sessions and provocations re. Emotional literacy.
	Recycle Week	16-22 nd October 2023	The Big Recycling Hunt – focus on items that can be recycled but are commonly missed in the home.
Autumn 2	Halloween	31 st October 2023	Pumpkin carving, links to maths. Instructions, recipe, work of Yayoi Kusama.
	Bonfire Night	5 th November 2023	Sessions and provocations re. fire safety, firework art – Jackson Pollock, roasting marshmallows
	Remembrance Day	11 th November 2023	Remembering the people and animals who have died in wars. Poppy crafts and stories.
	Diwali	12 th November 2023	Sikh and Hindu Festival. Invite parents/carers. Explore story of festival, rangoli patterns, create diva cups using clay, craft lanterns.
	World Nursery Rhyme Week	13-17 th November 2023	Celebration of nursery rhymes.
	Children in Need	17 th November 2023	Raising money for charity. Pudsey baking and spotty enhancements.
	Christmas Jumper Day	7 th December 2023	Children wear festive jumpers.
Christmas	End of Autumn 2	Traditional Christmas performance	
Spring 1	Children's Mental Health Week	5-11 th February 2024	<i>Theme announced in Autumn.</i>
	Lunar New Year	10 th February 2024	Follow Besee.n EY resource pack. Year of the Dragon
	Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday)	13 th February 2024	Pancake making and tossing, maths links, recipes. (In half term)
	Valentine's Day	14 th February 2024	Celebration of someone you love – crafts and cards invitation to create. (In half term)
Spring 2	World Book Day	7 th March 2024	Dressing up as their favourite book characters and engage in activities to encourage reading, guest and secret story tellers.
	Mothering Sunday	10 th March 2024	Celebration of the people who love us.
	Ramadan	Starts 10 th March 2024	Muslim celebration - Invite families partaking in Ramadan to share their own stories and traditions.
	British Science Week	8-17 th March 2024	Sessions and provocations celebrating science, technology, engineering, and maths. Theme: Time
	Red Nose Day	17 th March 2024	Raising money for UK based charities.
	Holi	25 th March 2024	Hindu Festival - Welcome of Spring "festival of colour" - history of festival, learn Holi dance and explore colour.
Easter	31 st March 2024	Christian Celebration – Easter story, flower craft, egg hunt, hot cross bun tasting.	
Summer 1	Eid	10 th April 2024	Party celebration role play enhancement.
	Earth Day	22 nd April 2024	Theme – 'Invest in our planet'. Sharing stories exploring environmental issues.
Summer 2	Father's Day	16 th June 2024	Celebration of the people who love us.