



London Diocesan Board for Schools

School Worship Calendar 2016-17

2016: International Year of Pulses

2017: International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development

2017: UK-India Year of Culture

Date	Event	Suggested Theme	Bible Reference
1 st September – 4 th October	Creation Season		
6 th September	Read a Book Day	Reading	
8 th September	Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Joy	Luke 1 v46-55
	International Literacy Day	Reading & Understanding	Daniel 5 v 5-8
9 th September	Teddy Bear Day		
10-11 th September	Eid il Adha	Islamic Festival	
11 th September	Education Sunday	www.cte.org.uk	Luke 15 v1-10
	15 th Anniversary Twin Towers Attack		
13 th September	Roald Dahl Day	Reading	
14 th September	Holy Cross Day	The Cross of Christ	Mark 8 v34-35
16 th September	National Teaching Assistants Day	Teaching	
18 th September	Peace Sunday	https://ctbi.org.uk/peace-sunday-18-september-2016/	
21 st September	St Matthew	Forgiveness	Matthew 9 v9-13
	International Day of Peace	Peace www.internationaldayofpeace.org	John 14 v27
	World Gratitude Day	Thank You	Luke 17 v 12-19
22 nd September	World Car Free Day	http://www.worldcarfree.net/wcfd/	
	Autumn Equinox	Season	Ecclesiastes 3 v1-8
23 rd September	Jeans for Genes	www.jeansforgenesday.com	
23 rd September – 23 rd October	Seed gathering Season	www.treecouncil.org.uk	Isaiah 61 v11
26 th September	European Day of Languages	Communications http://edl.ecml.at/	Acts 2 v5-6
	Family Day		
29 th September	World Heart Day	http://worldheartday.org/	
	St Michael and All Angels	Remembrance	Revelation 12 v7-9
1 st – 31 st October	Fair Trade Month		
	Black History Month	Everyone made in Gods image http://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/	Galatians 3 v25
	International walk to school month	Being healthy http://www.walktoschool.co.uk	
1 st October	International Day of Older Persons	Anna at the Temple http://www.un.org/en/events/olderpersonsday/	Luke 2 v36-38
	World Architecture Day		Ephesians 2 v20-21
2 nd -4 th October	Rosh Hashanah	Jewish New Year	Micah 7 v18-20

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3 rd October	William Tyndale	Translating the Bible	2 Timothy 3 v14-15
	World Habitat Day	The environment / <i>Cities and Climate Change</i> www.unhabitat.org	Luke 12 v6-7
	National Personal Safety Day	www.suzylampugh.org/events/	
4 th October	St Francis		Luke 12 v23-24
	World Animal Day	www.worldanimalday.org.uk	Genesis 1 v24-25
4-10 th October	World Space Week	Science www.spaceweek.org	
5 th October	World Teachers' Day	http://www.worldteachersday.org/	Acts 4 v1-2
	Grandparents Day	Remembrance http://www.grandparents-day.com/	
6 th October	National Poetry Day	Messages www.nationalpoetryday.co.uk	
7 th October	World Smile Day	Acts of Kindness www.worldsmileday.com	Luke 12 v23-26
9 th October	World Post Day	http://www.upu.int/en/the-upu/world-post-day/about-wpd.html	Epistles in the New Testament
10 th October	World Mental Health Day	www.mentalhealth.org.uk	
12 th October	Yom Kippur	Jewish Day of Atonement	Leviticus 16 v 30
13 th October	World Sight Day	www.v2020.org	Mark 8 v22-26
14 th October	British Egg Week	www.britegg.co.uk	
15-30 th October	Family Learning Festival	www.campaign-for-learning.org.uk/cfl/flf/index.asp	
16 th October	World Food Day	Sustainable Food Systems http://www.wfp.org/WorldFoodDay	Mark 6 v35-43
16-17 th October	First Day of Sukkot	Judaism	Exodus 40 v 38
17-23 rd October	National Baking Week	www.nationalbakingweek.co.uk	Exodus 12 v37-39
	National Adoption Week	www.nationaladoptionweek.org.uk	Ephesians 1 v4-5
18 th October	St Luke	The doctor	Luke 1 v1-4
18-24 th October	National Parent's Week	Make a Moment	Luke 2 v41-52
21 st October	Apple Day	http://www.national-awareness-days.com/apple-day.html	Psalms 17 v8
23 rd October	Last Sunday After Trinity (Bible Sunday or Dedication)	www.biblesociety.org.uk	Luke 4 v16-20
24-25 th October	Simchat Torah	Judaism	Deuteronomy 34 v10-12
28 th October	St Simon & Jude		Ephesians 2 v19-22
30 th October	Diwali	Hinduism	
31 st October	All Hallows Eve		
31 st October – 4 th November	National School Meals Week	http://www.thegreatschoollunch.co.uk/	John 6 v 1-13
1 st November	All Saints	Remembrance	Matthew 5 v1-12
2 nd November	All Souls	Remembrance	Psalms 23
5 th November	Bonfire Night		
6 th November	3 rd Sunday before Advent		Isaiah 2 v1-4
11 th November	Armistice Day	War and Peace	Psalms 62 v6-8
13 th November	Remembrance Sunday – 2 nd before Advent	The parable of the sower	Matthew 13 v1-9, v18-23
14-18 th November	Anti-Bullying Week	The Future is Ours. Safe, Fun and Connected www.antibullyingweek.co.uk	Luke 19 v1-10,

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16 th November	International day for Tolerance	http://www.un.org/en/events/tolerance/day/	Proverbs 16 v23-24
	International Day for the Abolition of slavery	http://www.un.org/en/events/slaveryabolitionday/	1 Corinthians 12 v12-13
18 th November	Children in Need		Matthew 19 v13
20 th November	Universal Children's Day	http://www.un.org/en/events/childrenday/	Mark 10 v13-16
	Christ the King		Luke 23 v33-43
21 st November	World Hello Day	http://www.worldhelloday.org/	
23 rd November	St Clement	Loyalty	Philippians 4 v2-3
25 th November	Buy Nothing Day	http://www.buynothingday.co.uk/	Luke 12 v 17-29

Year A begins

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27 th November	1 st Sunday of Advent (Year A)	Signs and Wonders	Matthew 24 v23-27
30 th November	St Andrew's	Fishers of Men	Mark 1 v16-18
1 st December	World AIDS Day	https://www.worldaidsday.org/events	
4 th December	2 nd Sunday of Advent	John the Baptist	Matthew 11 v2-11
6 th December	St Nicholas	Bringer of gifts	Mark 10 v13-16
8 th December	Feast of the Immaculate Conception		Isaiah 7 v14
10 th December	Human Rights Day		
11 th December	3 rd Sunday of Advent	The Witness	Matthew 11 v2-5
13 th December	St Lucy	Light	2 Corinthians 4 v6
18 th December	4 th Sunday of Advent	Joseph's Dream	Matthew 1 v18-21
21 st December	December Solstice	Season	
	St Thomas		
24 th December – 1 st January	Hanukkah	The miracle of light	
25 th December	Christmas Day		
28 th December	Holy Innocents		
1 st January	New Year's Day		
6 th January	The Epiphany	The Wise Men	Matthew 2 v1-12
7 th January	Orthodox Christmas Day	Christianity	
8 th January	Baptism of Christ		Matthew 3 v13-17
	75 th Anniversary of Stephen Hawking's birth (1942)		
14 th January	Orthodox New Year		
18-25 th January	Week of prayer for Christian Unity	www.ctbi.org.uk	Micah 6 v6-8
25 th January	St Paul's Day	Conversion of St Paul	Acts 9 v1-9
27 th January	Holocaust Memorial Day	www.hmd.org.uk	
28 th January	Chinese New Year		
2 nd February	Candlemas	Light of Christ	Luke 2 v25-35
14 th February	St Valentine	Love	John 3 v16
21 st February	International Mother Language Day	www.unesco.co.uk/education	
28 th February	Shrove Tuesday / Carnival	Christianity	
1 st March	St David's	Patron Saint of Wales	2 Samuel 23 v1
	Ash Wednesday	Christianity	Matthew 6 v1-4

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1 st March – 13 th April	Lent		
2 nd March	World Book Day	http://www.worldbookday.com/	
12 th March	Purim	Courage	Esther
17 th March	St Patrick's	Patron Saint of Ireland	Luke 10 v1
19 th March	St Joseph	Fathers and Carers	Matthew 1 v18-21
20 th March	St Cuthbert	Lost Sheep	Matthew 18 v12-14
21 st March	Spring Equinox	Seasons	Genesis 1 v14-19
22 nd March	World Water Day	Water and Energy / Wastewater http://www.unwater.org/campaigns/world-water-day/en/	Hosea 6 v3
25 th March	The Annunciation	The Angel appears to Mary	Luke 1 v26-33
26 th March	Mothering Sunday		Exodus 2 v1-10
9 th April	Palm Sunday	Betrayal	Matthew 26 v14-19
10-18 th April	Passover	Judaism	Exodus 12 v11-14
13 th April	Maundy Thursday	The Last Supper	Matthew 26 v20-28
14 th April	Good Friday	Crucifixion	Matthew 27 v 21-31
15 th April	Holy Saturday		
16 th April	Easter Sunday	Resurrection	Matthew 28 v1-8
21 st April	The Queen's Birthday – 91 years	The Royal Family	Psalms 72 v1-7
23 rd April	St George	Patron Saint of England	Ephesians 6 v10-20
25 th April	St Mark	Spreading the word of God	Acts 12 v24-25
1 st May	May Day		
	St Philip & St James	Spreading the word	John 12 v20-24
14 th May	St Matthias	Becoming an apostle	Acts 1 v15-17
17 th May	International Day Against Homophobia & Transphobia	http://dayagainsthomophobia.org/	
25 th May	Ascension Day	Christianity	Acts 1 v1-11
27 th May – 25 th June	Ramadan	Islam	
4 th June	Pentecost	The Holy Spirit	Acts 2 v1-4
8 th June	World Ocean Day	http://www.worldoceansday.org/	Genesis 1 v9-10
11 th June	Trinity Sunday	Christianity	Romans 5 v1-5
	St Barnabas	The companion	Acts 14 v11-15
15 th June	Corpus Christi	Celebration of Holy Communion	I Corinthians 11 v23-26
18 th June	Father's Day	Love	Genesis 3 v1-4
21 st June	Summer Solstice		
22 nd June	St Alban	Prayer	Matthew 6 v7-15
25 th June	Eid al Fitr	The end of Ramadan	
29 th June	St Peter & St Paul	Faith	Acts 12 v1-11
3 rd July	St Thomas	Doubt	John 20 v24-29
11 th July	St Benedict	Laying foundations	1 Corinthians 3 v10-11
14 th July	John Keble	A guide for living	Matthew 5 v1-8
	Bastille Day	Freedom	
15 th July	St Swithun		Romans 16 v25-27
22 nd July	St Mary Magdalene	Love	Luke 24 v1-10
25 th July	St James	Following Jesus	Mark 5 v21-43