



THE BOOKSELLING YEAR 2018

MAJOR RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS

Buddhist

24 Jan Bodhi Day
15 Feb Parinirvana
29 May Vesak Day
27 Jul Asalha Puja Day

Christian

6 Jan Epiphany
14 Feb - 29 Mar Lent
25 Mar Palm Sunday
30 Mar Good Friday
1 Apr Easter Sunday
20 May Pentecost
1 Nov All Saints' Day
25 Dec Christmas Day

Hindu

14 Jan Makar Sankranti
13 Feb Maha Shivaratri
1 - 2 Mar Holi
22 Mar Varsha Pratipada
25 Mar Rama Navami
26 Aug Raksha Bandhan
2 Sep Janmashtami/
Krishna Jayanti

Jewish

1 Mar Purim
31 Mar - 7 Apr Passover (Pesach)
20 - 21 May Shavuot
22 Jul Tisha B'Av
10 - 11 Sep Rosh Hashana

9 - 18 Oct Navaratri/Durga Puja/Dussehra
7 Nov Diwali/Deepavali

Muslim

19 Sept Yom Kippur
24 - 30 Sep Sukkot
1 Oct Shemini Atzeret
2 Oct Simchat Torah
3 - 10 Dec Hanukah

30 Apr - 1 May Lailat-Al-Bara'ah
15 May - 14 Jun Ramadan
9 - 10 Jun Lailat-UL-Qadr
14 - 15 Jun Eid-UL-Fitr
21 - 22 Aug Eid-ul-Adha
12 Sep AL-Hijra/
Islamic New Year
20 - 21 Sep Ashura

5 Jan Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday
13 Jan Maghi
14 Apr Baisakhi
16 Jun Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev
20 Oct Installation of Scriptures
7 Nov Diwali

23 Nov Guru Nanak Dev Sahib's v'da
24 Nov Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
M	1 New Year's Day Bank Holiday									1 Black History Month, International Day of Older Persons		
T	2 Costa Book Awards category winners announced, National Science Fiction Day				1					2 Gandhi Jayanti, International Day of Non-Violence		
W	3				2			1		3		
T	4	1 Library Lovers' Month, Harry Potter Book Night, LGBT History Month, 1 - 4 Stanford's Travel Writers Festival	1 World Book Day, St. David's Day, Blue Peter Book Awards, 1 - 4 The Aldeburgh Literary Festival, Women's History Month		3			2		4 4 - 14 Wimbledon Book Fest	1	
F	5	2 James Joyce's birthday	2 Irish Book Trade Conference		4	1 1 - 3 Stoke Newington Literary Festival, International Children's Day		3		5 5 - 7 Althorp Literary Festival 5 - 14 Cheltenham Literature Festival	2 2 - 3 ABA Chelsea Rare Book Fair	
S	6	3	3 3 - 11 Jewish Book Week		5	2		4	1	6 Bookshop Day	3	1
S	7	4 4 - 8 Spring Fair	4	1 April Fool's Day	6	3	1	5	2	7	4 4 - 11 Bridport Literary Festival	2
M	8	5 BA Regional Event - Griffin Books, Wales	5	2 Easter Monday, Bank Holiday, International Children's Book Day	7 International Labour Day	4	2 2 - 15 Wimbledon	6	3	8	5 Guy Fawkes Night	3 International Day of Disabled Persons 2018
T	9	6	6	3	8	5	3 BA Regional Event - Books, Owestry	7	4	9	6	4
W	10	7 Charles Dickens' birthday	7 7 - 11 St Anza, Scotland's International Poetry Festival	4	9	6 Women's Prize for Fiction winner announced	4	8	5	10 World Mental Health Day 10 - 14 Frankfurt Book Fair	7	5
T	11	8	8 International Women's Day, Women's Prize for Fiction longlist announced	5	10 10 - 11 Academic Book Trade Conference, 10 - 13 Book World Prague	7	5	9 National Book Lovers Day	6 National Read a Book Day	11	8 8 - 12 Southwold Book Festival	6
F	12	9	9 9 - 18 Words by the Water Festival, Oscars	6 6 - 8 The Laugharne Weekend	11 11 - 27 The Bath Festival	8	6 6 - 22 Buxton International Festival 6 - 16 Ways With Words Festival of Words and Ideas	10	7	12	9	7
S	13	10	10	7	12	9 Queen's birthday	7 Pride, London	11 11 - 27 Edinburgh International Book Festival	8 International Literacy Day	13	10	8
S	14 14 - 17 Harrogate Christmas & Gift Fair, 14 - 16 Top Drawer	11 The Sunday Times EFG Short Story Award longlist announced	11 Mother's Day	8	13	10	8	12	9 9 - 10 BA Conference & Gardeners Trade Show, 9 - 11 Top Drawer, 9 - 10 Remainder & Promotional Book Fair	14 Caboodle's birthday Caboodle	11 Armistice Day Remembrance Sunday	9
M	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	12	12 12 - 18 Shakespeare Week	9 9 - 15 London Book & Screen Week	14 14 - 20 Mental Health Awareness Week	11	9	13	10	15	12	10 Nobel Prize Day
T	16	13 Pancake Day	13	10 10 - 12 London Book Fair, Siblings Day	15	12	10	14	11 11 - 12 Christian Retailers & Suppliers Retreat	16 16 - 18 Christian Resources Exhibition London, Oscar Wilde's birthday	13 Robert Louis Stevenson's birthday	11
W	17	14 Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday, International Book Giving Day	14	11 11 - 15 Books by the Beach Festival	16	13 International Dublin Literary Award winner announced	11	15	12	17	14 National Book Tokens' birthday National Book Tokens	12
T	18 Winnie the Pooh Day	15 CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway shortlist announced, BA's Introduction to Bookselling Course	15 CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Literature Festival	12 12 - 15 Cambridge Literary Festival	17 17 - 20 CrimeFest	14 14 - 17 Borders Book Festival 14 - 15 (July) FIFA World Cup	12 12 - 15 Latitude Festival	16	13 Roald Dahl Day	18	15	13
F	19	16 Chinese New Year	16 16 - 18 King's Lynn Literature Festival	13 13 - 15 FCBG Conference	18	15 CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway winner announced	13	17	14 14 - 18 Chiswick Book Festival	19	16	14
S	20	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day	17 St. Patrick's Day 17 - 25 Oxford Literary Festival	14	19	16 16 - 23 Independent Bookshop Week, Bloomsday	14	18	15	20	17	15
S	21	18 BAFTA Film Awards	18	15	20	17 Father's Day	15	19	16	21	18	16 Jane Austen's birthday
M	22 22 - 25 ABA's Winter Institute, Memphis	19	19	16	21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	18	16	20	17	22	19	17
T	23	20	20 World Storytelling Day Spring Equinox	17	22	19	17 17 - 4 (August) Petworth Festival	21	18	23	20 International Children's Day	18
W	24	21 21 - 22 Remainder & Promotional Book Fair	21 World Poetry Day	18	23	20	22	22	19	24	21	19
T	25 Burns Night	22 Scottish Book Trade Conference	22	19	24 24 - 26 ABA Rare Book Fair London 24 - 3 (June) Hay Festival, Wales	21 Summer Solstice	19 19 - 22 Theakston Old Peculier Crime Writing Festival	23	20	25	22	20
F	26	23	23 23 - 24 Edinburgh Book Fair 23 - 25 Alderney Literary Festival	20	25	22 Bring Your Dog To Work Day	20	24	21 21 - 30 Wigtown Book Festival Stephen King's birthday	26	23 Black Friday	21 Winter Solstice
S	27 Lewis Carroll's birthday, 27 - 3 (February) National Storytelling Week	24	24	21 Record Store Day, Queen's birthday, Charlotte Brontë's birthday, 21 - 28 Wrexham Carnival of Words	26	23	21	25	22	27	24 Small Business Saturday	22
S	28 Last day for Batch authorisations	25 Last day for Batch authorisations	25 Start of British Summer Time (clocks go forward), Tolkien Reading Day	22 22 - 29 Stratford-upon-Avon Literary Festival	27	24	22	26	23 Autumn Equinox	28 End of British Summer Time (clocks go back) Last day for Batch authorisations	25	23
M	29	26	26 26 - 29 Bologna Children's Book Fair, Last day for Batch authorisations	23 World Book Night, Shakespeare Day, St. George's Day, Women's Prize for Fiction shortlist announced	28 Spring Bank Holiday Last day for Batch authorisations	25	23	27 Summer Bank Holiday	24 F. Scott Fitzgerald's birthday	29	26	24 Christmas Eve
T	30 Costa Book of the Year winner announced	27	27	24	29	26 Last day for Batch authorisations	24	28 Last day for Batch authorisations	25 Last day for Batch authorisations	30	27 Last day for Batch authorisations	25 Christmas Day
W	31	28	28	25 Last day for Batch authorisations	30 30 - 1 (June) BookExpo, New York	27	25	29	26 T.S. Eliot's birthday	31 Halloween	28	26 Boxing Day, Bank Holiday Last day for Batch authorisations
T			29	26 26 - 29 Chipping Norton Literary Festival	31	28	26 26 - 29 Port Eliot Festival Last day for Batch authorisations	30	27		29 C.S. Lewis' birthday	27
F			30 Good Friday Bank Holiday	27		29 29 - 8 (July) Ledbury Poetry Festival	27	31	28		30 30 - 2 (December) Hay Festival Winter Weekend, St. Andrews Day	28
S			31	28 Independent Bookstore Day (US)			28 Beatrix Potter's birthday		29 29 - 7 (October) Henley Literary Festival			29
S							29		30			30
M							30 Emily Brontë's birthday					31 New Year's Eve
T							31 J.K. Rowling's birthday					