

THE BOOKSELLING YEAR 2025

MAJOR RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS

6 Epiphany (Christian)

6 Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti (Sikh)

13 Lohri-Maghi (Sikh) I 4 Makar Sankranti (Hindu)

26-27 Lailat al Miraj (Islam)

12-13 Tu Bishvat (Jewish)

13-14 Lailat al Bara'a (Islam) I 3 Magha Puja (Buddhist) I 5 Parinirvana (Buddhist) 26-27 Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)

28-30 March Ramadan (Islam)

March 4 Shrove Tuesday

14 Holi (Hindu)

April

27 Laylat al-Qadr (Islam)

30-3 | Eid al-Fitr (Islam)

30-7 April Navratri (Hindu)

6 Sri Rama Navami (Hindu)

13 Palm Sunday (Christian)

I 2-20 Passover (Jewish)

13-14 Purim (Jewish)

I 4 Vaisakhi (Sikh) 18 Good Friday (Christian)

5 Ash Wednesday / Lent (Christian) 18 Birthday of Guru Angad Dev (Sikh) 20 Easter (Christian) 14 Hola Mohalla (Sikh) 23 St George's Day (Christian)

May 12 Vesak (Buddhist)

I-3 Shavuot (Jewish) 5-6 Day of Arafah (Islam)

6-I 0 Eid al-Adha (Islam)

8 Pentecost (Christian)

I 5 Trinity Sunday (Christian) 16 Martyrdom of Guru Arjan (Sikh)

19 Corpus Christi (Christian) 27 Muharram / Islamic New year (Islam) September

October

22-24 Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)

23 Birth of Guru Granth (Sikh)

I-2 Yom Kippur (Jewish)

2 Dussehra (Hindu)

20 Diwali (Hindu)

6-13 Sukkot (Jewish)

5-6 Ashura (Islam)

10 Asalha Puja (Buddhist)

August 2-3 Tisha B'Av (Jewish) 9 Raksha Bandhan (Hindu) I 6 Janmashtami (Hindu) 26-27 Ganesh Chathurthi (Hindu)

November 4-5 Mawlid al-Nabi (Islam)

5 Guru Nanak Gurpurab (Sikh) 24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib (Sikh)

December

8 Bodhi Day (Buddhist) 14-22 Hanukkah (Jewish) 25 Christmas Day (Christian)

27 Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti (Sikh)

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	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	
M									1			St. Andrew's Day; Bank Holiday (Scotland)	М
				April Fool's Day; Stress Awareness Month			Plastic Free July		2			2 Giving Tuesday	Т
W	New Year's Day; Veganuary Bank Holiday (UK)			Women's Prize for Fiction shortlist announced; International Children's Book Day; National Walking Day			2 2-27 UEFA Women's Euros		3	Black History Month		International Day of Persons with Disabilities	W
Т	2 Bank Holiday (Scotland)			3	National Walking Month; Discoveries Prize longlist announced; HarperCollins Big Book 2025		3		4	National Poetry Day		4	Т
F	3			4	2 International Harry Potter Day		4	Women in Translation Month; 1-25 Edinburgh Festival Fringe	5	3		5	F
S	4 World Braille Day	LGBTQ+ History Month; 1-9 National Storytelling Week 1-28 Bookshop.org's Read It Forward	St. David's Day (Wales); Women's History Month; 1-16 Totally Locally Magic Tenner Campaign	5 End of the Tax Year	3		5	2	6	4	Movember	6 Small Business Saturday	S
S	5	2	2	6	4	Pride Month; International Children's Day	6	3	7	5	2	7	S
М	6	Bank Holiday (Ireland) – St. Brigid's Day; 3-9 Children's Mental Health Week	3	7 World Health Day	5 May Day; Bank Holiday (UK)	2 Bank Holiday (Ireland)	7	Summer Bank Holiday (Scotland); Bank Holiday (Ireland)	8 International Literacy Day	6 6-10 Customer Service Week	3	8	М
Т	7	4	Women's Prize for Fiction longlist announced; Pancake Day; Shrove Tuesday	8	6	3	8	5	9	7	Books Are My Bag Readers Awards Ceremony	9	T
W	8	The KPMG Children's Books Ireland Awards Shortlist announced	Ash Wednesday; Nero Awards Book of the Year announced	9	7	4	9	6	10	8	5 Guy Fawkes Night	10	W
T	9	6 Time to Talk Day	6 World Book Day	10	8	5	1 0 10-27 Buxton International Festival	7 Cycle to Work Day	11	9 Books Are My Bag Readers Awards shortlists announced	6	11	Т
F	10	7	The British Book Awards Books of the Year shortlists announced; Employee Appreciation Day	National Pet Day	9 Indie Book Awards shortlists announced	6 6-10 Eid al-Adha	11	8	12-21 Jane Austen Festival 250th Anniversary Year (Bath) 12-14 Bloody Scotland International Crime Writing Festival in Stirling	1 0 World Mental Health Day	7	12	F
S	11	8	8 International Women's Day	1 2 12-20 Passover; Record Store Day	10	7	12	Book Lovers Day; 9-24 Edinburgh International Book Festival	1 3 Roald Dahl Day	Bookshop Day	8	13	S
S	12-14 Top Drawer Exhibition (Olympia, London)	9	9	13	11	8	13	10	14	12	9 Remembrance Sunday	1 4 14-22 Hanukkah	S
М	Discoveries Prize Submissions deadline	10-11 Irish Book Trade Conference and Trade Show (Galway, Ireland)	10	14	The British Book Awards winners announced; 12-18 Mental Health Awareness Week	9-15 Men's Health Week and Loneliness Awareness Week	Bank Holiday (Northen Ireland)	11	1 5 15-21 National Inclusion Week	13	10	15	M
Т	HarperCollins Indie Thinking Event (London)	11	11-13 London Book Fair (Olympia, London)	15	13	10	15	12	16	14	Remembrance Day; Armistice Day	16	T
W	15	Women's Prize for Non-Fiction longlist announced; The Parliamentary Book Awards	12	16	14	Women's Prize LIVE Festival	16	13	17	15 15-19 Frankfurt Book Fair	12	17	W
Т	16	13	13	17	15-18 Crimefest Convention (Bristol); Discoveries Prize shortlist announced	Women's Prize for Fiction and Non-Fiction winners announced; Empathy Day	17	14	18	16	Hidden Books Game from National Book Tokens; 13-19 Trans Awareness Week; World Kindness Day	18	Т
F	17	Valentine's Day; International Book Giving Day	The British Book Awards Book Trade Awards shortlists announced	6 Good Friday; Bank Holiday (UK)	16	13	18	15	19	17	National Book Tokens 93rd Anniversary	19	F
S	8 Winnie the Pooh Day	15	15	19	17	14-21 Independent Bookshop Week	19	16	20	18-25 Irish Book Week; World Mental Health Day	15	20	S
S	19	16	16	20 Easter Sunday	18	1 5 Father's Day	20	17	21-22 BA Conference & Gardners Trade Show; The Children's Books Ireland International Conference	1 9 National Album Day	16	2 Winter Solstice	S
М	20 Martin Luther King Jnr. Day (USA); Brew Monday	Random Acts of Kindness Day	17-23 Neurodiversity Celebration Week; St. Patrick's Day	Easter Monday; Bank Holiday (UK); National Tea Day	The KPMG Children's Books Ireland Awards Ceremony	16	21	18	22 Hobbit Day	20 Diwali	17	22	M
T	21	18	1 8 Jhalak Prize longlist announcement	22 Earth Day; Jhalak Prize shortlist announcement	20	17	22	19	23	21	18	23	т \\
W	22	19	19	23	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	18	23	20	24	22 Bookselling Wales Conference	19	24 Christmas Eve	W
Т	23	20 World Day of Social Justice	20 Spring Equinox; World Storytelling Day; International Day of Happiness	24	22 22-1 June Hay Festival (Hay-on-Wye, Wales); Sherlock Holmes Day	1 9 Indie Book Awards winners announced	24	21	2 5 Last day for Batch Authorisations	23	20	25 Christmas Day; Bank Holiday (UK)	Т
F	24	21	21	25	23	20	25	22	26-5 October Wigtown Book Festival (Scotland)	24	21	2 6 Boxing Day; Bank Holiday (UK); St Stephen's Day (Ireland)	F
S	25 Burns Night (Scotland)	22	22 Earth Hour	26	24	2 Summer Solstice	26	23	27	25	22	27	S
S	26	23-26 ABA Winter Institute (Denver, Colorado USA)	23-24 RISE Bookselling Conference, (Riga, Latvia)	27 Last day for Batch Authorisations	25	22 Windrush Day	27	24	28	26 British Summer Time ends	23	28 Last day for Batch Authorisations	S
М	27 Holocaust Memorial Day	24	24 24-30 Shakespeare Week	28	26 Spring Bank Holiday (UK)	23 World Wellbeing Week	28 Last day for Batch Authorisations	25 Summer Bank Holiday (UK)	29	27 Bank Holiday (Ireland)	24	29	М
Т	28 Last day for Batch Authorisations	25 Last day for Batch Authorisations	25	29	27 Last day for Batch Authorisations	24	29	26 Last day for Batch Authorisations	30	28 Last day for Batch Authorisations	2.5 Last day for Batch Authorisations	30	T -
W	29 Chinese New Year	26	Last day for Batch Authorisations Women's Prize for Non-Fiction shortlist announced	30	28	Last day for Batch Authorisations 25-29 Glastonbury Festival; National Writing Day	30 International Day of Friendship	27		29	26	3 New Year's Eve	W
Т	30	27	27		29 Discoveries Prize winner announced; National Biscuit Day	26	31	28		30	27 Thanksgiving (USA)		Т
F	3 Self-Assessment Tax Deadline	28 28-30 March Ramadan	28		30 National Creativity Day	27		29		3 1 Halloween	28 Black Friday, Holly & Co's Colour Friday; National Illustration Day		F -
S			29		31	28		30			29		S
S			Mother's Day; 30-31 Eid al-Fitr; British Summer Time begins			29		31			30		S
М			31-3 April Bologna Children's Book Fair			30 30-13 July Wimbledon Tennis Championships							M
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