



THE BOOKSELLING YEAR 2024

MAJOR RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS

January

- 6 Epiphany (Christian)
- 13 Lohri-Maghi (Sikh)
- 15 Makar Sankranti (Hindu)
- 17 Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday (Sikh)
- 25 Tu B'Shvat (Jewish)

February

- 7 Lailat al Miraj (Islam)
- 14 Ash Wednesday / Lent (Christian)
- 15 Parinirvana (Buddhist)
- 24 Magha Puja (Buddhist)
- 25 Lailat al Bara'a (Islam)

March

- 8 Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)
- 10 Ramadan (Islam)
- 24 Palm Sunday (Christian)
- 24 Purim (Jewish)
- 25 Holi (Hindu)
- 25 Hola Mohalla (Sikh)
- 29 Good Friday (Christian)
- 31 Easter (Christian)

April

- 1 Easter Monday (Christian)
- 6 Laylat al-Qadr (Islam)
- 9-10 Eid al-Fitr (Islam)

May

- 13 Vaisakhi (Sikh)
- 17 Sri Rama Navami (Hindu)
- 18 Birthday of Guru Angad Dev (Sikh)
- 22-30 Passover (Jewish)
- 23 St George's Day (Christian)

June

- 12 Shavuot (Jewish)
- 15 Day of Arafah (Islam)
- 16-19 Eid al-Adha (Islam)
- 16 Martyrdom of Guru Arjan (Sikh)

July

- 7 Muharram / Islamic New Year (Islam)
- 16 Ashura (Islam)
- 21 Asalha Puja (Buddhist)

August

- 12 Tisha B'Av (Jewish)
- 16 Janmashtami (Hindu)
- 19 Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)

September

- 15 Mawlid al-Nabi (Islam)
- 16 Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)

October

- 2-4 Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)
- 3-12 Navratri (Hindu)
- 12 Yom Kippur (Jewish)
- 12 Dussehra (Hindu)
- 16-23 Sukkot (Jewish)
- 20 Birth of Guru Granth (Sikh)

November

- 1 Diwali (Hindu)
- 15 Guru Nanak's Birthday (Sikh)
- 24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib (Sikh)

December

- 8 Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
- 25 Christmas Day (Christian)
- 25-2 Hanukkah (Jewish)

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	
M	1 New Year's Day, Veganuary			1 April Fools Day, Easter Monday, Bank Holiday			1 1-14 Wimbledon Tennis Championships						M
T	2 Bank Holiday (Scotland)			2 International Children's Book Day			2			1 Black History Month			T
W	3			3	1		3			2			W
T	4 World Braille Day	1 LGBTQ+ History Month		4	2 International Harry Potter Day		4 4-21 Buxton International Festival, Alice in Wonderland Day	1 Women in Translation Month		3			T
F	5	2	1 St. David's Day (Wales)	5 National Walking Day	3		5	2 2-26 Edinburgh Festival Fringe		4	1 Diwali		F
S	6	3	2	6	4	1 Pride Month	6	3		5 National Poetry Day	2		S
S	7	4	3	7	5	2	7	4		6	3		S
M	8	5 Bank Holiday (Ireland); 5-11 Children's Mental Health Week	4	8 8-11 Bologna Children's Book Fair	6 May Day; Bank Holiday	3 Bank Holiday (Ireland)	8	5 Bank Holiday (Ireland)	2	7	4	2 Bank Holiday (Scotland)	M
T	9	6 The Parliamentary Book Awards	5 Women's Prize for Fiction longlist announced	9 9-10 Eid al-Fitr	7	4	9	6 Summer Bank Holiday (Scotland)	3	8	5 Guy Fawkes Night	3 Giving Tuesday; International Day of Persons with Disabilities	T
W	10	7	6	10	8	5	10	7	4	9	6	4	W
T	11	8	7 World Book Day	11 The Jhalak Prize and the Jhalak Children's & YA Prize shortlists announced; National Pet Day	9	6	11	8	5	10 Books Are My Bag Readers Awards shortlists announced; World Mental Health Day	7	5	T
F	12	9	8 International Women's Day	12	10 Indie Book Awards shortlists announced	7	12	9 Book Lovers Day	6	11	8	6	F
S	13	10 Chinese New Year	9	13	11	8	13	10 10-26 Edinburgh International Book Festival	7	12 Bookshop Day	9	7	S
S	14 14-16 Top Drawer Exhibition (Olympia, London)	11 11-14 ABA Winter Institute (Cincinnati, USA)	10 Mother's Day; 10-9 April Ramadan	14	12	9	14	11	8 International Literacy Day	13	10 Remembrance Sunday	8	S
M	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (USA)	12	11	15	13 The British Book Awards winners announced	10	15	12	9	14 National Album Day	11 Armistice Day; Remembrance Day	9	M
T	16	13 Shrove Tuesday	12 12-14 London Book Fair (Olympia, London)	16	14	11	16	13	10	15	12 Books Are My Bag Readers Awards Ceremony	10 Nobel Prize Day	T
W	17	14 Valentine's Day, International Book Giving Day, Ash Wednesday	13	17	15 15-16 Scottish Conference and Trade Show; 15-21 Mental Health Awareness Week	12	17	14	11	16 16-20 Frankfurt Book Fair	13 World Kindness Day; 13-19 Trans Awareness Week	11	W
T	18 Winnie the Pooh Day	15 Women's Prize for Non-Fiction longlist announced	14 The Jhalak Prize and the Jhalak Children's & YA Prize longlists announced	18	16 16-29 Crimefest Convention (Bristol)	13 Women's Prize for Fiction and Non-Fiction winners announced	18	15	12	17	14 National Book Tokens 92nd Anniversary; Hidden Books Game from National Book Tokens	12	T
F	19	16	15	19	17	14 14-14 July UEFA Euros	19	16	13 Roald Dahl Day; 13-22 Jane Austen Festival (Bath)	18	15	13	F
S	20	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day	16	20 Record Store Day	18	15 15-22 Independent Bookshop Week	20	17	14	19 19-26 Irish Book Week	16	14	S
S	21	18	17 17-18 European and International Booksellers Federation RISE Conference (Portugal); St. Patrick's Day	21 National Tea Day	19	16 Father's Day; 16-19 Eid al-Adha	21	18	15	20	17	15	S
M	22	19	18 Bank Holiday (Ireland); 18-24 Shakespeare Week	22 22-30 Passover	20	17	22	19	16	21	18	16	M
T	23	20 World Day of Social Justice	19 Spring Equinox	23	21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	18	23	20	17	22	19	17	T
W	24	21	20 World Storytelling Day; International Day of Happiness	24 Women's Prize for Fiction shortlist announced	22 Sherlock Holmes Day	19	24	21	18	23	20	18	W
T	25 Burns Night (Scotland)	22	21	25 Last day for Batch Authorisations	23 23-2 June Hay Festival (Hay-on-Wye, Wales)	20 Indie Book Awards winners announced; Summer Solstice	25	22	19	24	21	19	T
F	26	23	22	26	24	21	26	23	20	25	22	20	F
S	27 Holocaust Memorial Day; 27-4 February National Storytelling Week	24	23 Earth Hour	27	25	22 Holly & Co.'s Shop Independent Day; Windrush Day	27	24	21	26	23	21 Winter Solstice	S
S	28 Last day for Batch Authorisations	25	24	28	26	23	28 Last day for Batch Authorisations	25	22 22-23 BA Conference and Gardeners Trade Show, Hinckley Island; Hobbit Day	27 Daylight Saving Time ends	24	22	S
M	29	26 26-27 Irish Book Trade Conference and Trade Show (Dublin, Ireland); Last day for Batch Authorisations	25 Last day for Batch Authorisations	29	27 Spring Bank Holiday	24	29	26 Summer Bank Holiday	23	28 Bank Holiday (Ireland); Last day for Batch Authorisations	25	23	M
T	30	27	26	30	28 Last day for Batch Authorisations	25 Last day for Batch Authorisations	30	27 Last day for Batch Authorisations	24	29	26 Last day for Batch Authorisations	24 Christmas Eve	T
W	31	28	27 Women's Prize for Non-Fiction shortlist announced		29 National Biscuit Day	26 National Writing Day; 26-30 Gasstonbury Festival	31	28	25 Last day for Batch Authorisations	30	27 Thanksgiving (USA)	25 Christmas Day; Bank Holiday; 25-2 January Hanukkah	W
T		29	28		30 The Jhalak Prize and the Jhalak Children's & YA Prize winners announced; National Creativity Day	27		29	26	31 Halloween	28	26 Boxing Day; Bank Holiday; St. Stephen's Day (Ireland); Last day for Batch Authorisations	T
F			29 Good Friday; Bank Holiday		31	28		30	27 27-6 October Wigtown Book Festival (Scotland)		29	27	F
S			30			29		31	28		30 St. Andrew's Day; Small Business Saturday	28	S
S			31 Easter Sunday; Daylight Saving Time begins			30			29			29	S
M									30			30	M
T												31 New Year's Eve	T