

Events and Celebrations Calendar 2023-2024

In Reception at The Stoke Poges School, we engage in events, festivals and celebrations throughout the year. Outlined below are the planned for experiences we intend for our children. There may also be events and experiences we engage in as result of a fascination or interest within the cohort.

Term	Event or Celebration	Date and Term	Enhancement
Autumn 1	International Dot Day	15 th September 2023	A celebration of creativity, courage and collaboration.
	World Mental Health Day	10 th October 2023	#helloyellow Sessions and provocations re. emotional literacy.
Autumn 2	Halloween	31 st October 2023	Pumpkin carving, links to maths. Instructions and recipe, work of Yayoi Kusama.
	Bonfire Night	5 th November 2023	Sessions and provocations re. fire safety, firework art- Jackson Pollock
	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 th -17 th November 2023	Celebration of nursery rhymes.
	Children in Need	17 th November 2023	Raise money for charity. Pudsey baking and spotty enhancements.
	Christmas Jumper Day	7 th December 2023	Children wear festive jumpers.
	Christmas Performance	End of Autumn 2	Children to preform to an audience.
Spring 1	Children's Mental Health Week	6 th -12 th February 2024	<i>Theme announced in Autumn</i>
	Lunar New Year	10 th February 2024	Visitor to come in and speak to the children. Year of the Dragon
	Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday)	13 th February 2024	Pancake making and tossing, maths links, recipe. (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, more information to come.
	Mothering Sunday	10 th March 2024	Celebrations of the people who love us. Date for Assembly to follow.
	Ramadan	Starts 10 th March	Muslim celebration- invite families partaking in Ramadan to share their own stories and traditions
	British Science Week	8 th – 17 th March 2024	Sessions and provocations celebrating Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths
	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	Sharing stories that explore themes of pollution, sustainability and environmental issues.
	Children's Gardening Week	25 th May- 2 nd June 2024	Celebrate the benefits and fun of gardening at home. (Half term week)
Summer 2	Father's Day	16 th June 2024	Celebrations of the people who love us. Date for celebration to follow.