

# HA Anniversaries Calendar 2021-22

Historical anniversaries can be a great way to get engaged in a topical subject, or to raise awareness about a particular issue. This calendar puts together just a selection of the key historical anniversaries coming up over the next 12-18 months to get you started, as well as the regular themed months, plus major national days and seasonal events. The list is by no means exhaustive, simply a starting point. You may find it useful to develop and customise your calendar to include events relevant to your own locality and interests, or if you are in a school, to significant individuals and topics you study.

## 2021

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| **August 2021** |  |  | 1 August: The Act of Union, 1800  2 August: The start of the First Gulf War, 1990  6 August: The dropping of the first atomic bomb, 1945  15 August: VJ Day 1945  The Mesoamerican Long Count calendar, used by the Maya, begins 3114 BC | 13 August: 500th anniversary of Spanish conquistadores taking Tenochtitlan (present day Mexico City) from the Aztecs, 1521  13 August: 60 years since the GDR began building fences and barriers to seal off entry points from East Berlin into the western part of the city, 1961  21August: 230th anniversary of the start of the Haitian Revolution, 1791 |  |
| **September 2021** | 13-19 September: Jeans for Genes week  20-26 September: National Recycle Week | 10 September: World Suicide Prevention Day  13 September: Roald Dahl Day  22 September: National Fitness Day  25 September: World’s biggest coffee morning  26 September: International Day of Languages | 2-6 September: The Great Fire of London, 1666  6 September: the sailing of the Mayflower, 1620  28 September: Invasion of England by William of Normandy, 1066 | 11 September: 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers and Pentagon building in the United States | 7 September: Rosh Hashana  16 September: Yom Kippur |
| **October**  **2021** | Black History Month  Breast Cancer Awareness Month  The Big Draw Festival  International School Library Month  4–10 October: World Space Week | 4 October: National Dyslexia Awareness day  4 October: National Grandparents Day  7 October: National Poetry Day  10 October: World Mental Health Day  12 October: World Arthritis Day  21 October: Everyone Writes Day | 2 October: The birth of Gandhi, 1869  9 October: Independence from Great Britain was achieved in Uganda, 1962  14 October: Battle of Hastings, 1066  21 October: Battle of Trafalgar, 1805  24 October: The eruption of Vesuvius, 79 AD  25 October: Battle of Agincourt, 1415  26 October: death of King Alfred, 899 AD  29 October: Stock Market Crash of ’29: the start of the Great Depression in the United States, 1929 | 7 October: 20th anniversary of the USA's invasion of Afghanistan. The British Royal Navy participated in this invasion using Tomahawk cruise missiles.  20 October: 150 years since the death of Charles Babbage – early inventor of computing | 7 October: Beginning of Navarati  31 October: Halloween |
| **November**  **2021** | 8-13 November: Maths week  15-19 November: Anti-Bullying week  15-21 November: Road Safety Week  18 November–18 December: UK Disability History Month | 3 November: National Stress Day  12 November: Children in Need  11 November: Armistice Day  14 November: Remembrance Sunday  20 November: Universal Children’s Day  30 November: St Andrew’s Day | 9 November: The fall of the Berlin Wall, 1989 | 7 November: 90 years since Mao Zedong declares the Chinese Soviet Republic (Jiangxi Soviet), 1931  9 November: 100th anniversary of Mussolini forming *Partito Nazionalista Fascista*, Italy’s Fascist Party | 4 November: Diwali  5November:  Guy Fawkes Night  29 November–6 December: Hanukkah |
| **December**  **2021** |  | 1December:  World Aids Awareness Day  2 December: International Day for the Abolition of Slavery  10 December: Human Rights Day | 1 December: Rosa Parks arrested for refusing to give up her seat on the bus in Montgomery, Alabama, 1955  6 December: The Thirteenth Amendment of the US Constitution was ratified, abolishing slavery in the US, 1865 | 6 December: 100 years since the Anglo-Irish Treaty was signed, 1921  7 December: 80th anniversary of Japan bombing Pearl Harbor, leading the USA to formally enter World War II, 1941  9 December: 60th anniversary of Tanganyika (later renamed Tanzania) becoming independent from Britain, 1961  26 December: 30th anniversary of the collapse of the USSR, 1991 | 29 November–6 December: Hanukkah  25 December: Christmas |

## 2022

### Anniversaries this year:

* **1562** (460th anniversary): Englishman John Hawkins begins trading slaves across the Atlantic when he leaves what is now Sierra Leone with a shipment of 300 enslaved people bound for Hispaniola. This is the first major example of English participation in the slave trade.
* **1672** (350th anniversary): King Charles II of Great Britain charters the Royal African Company, which dominates the slave trade to North America for the next half century.
* **1822** (bicentenary): Liberia founded by the American Colonization Society as a colony for emancipated slaves.
* **1872** (150th anniversary): Publication of Middlemarch, by George Eliot.
* **1882** (140th anniversary): Great Britain gains control over Egypt from the Ottoman Empire.
* **1947** (75th anniversary): Beginning of the Cold War.
* **1952** (70th anniversary): The Mau Mau Uprising begins in Kenya. The uprising ends in 1956 after more than 13,000 people are killed.
* **1962** (60th anniversary): Uganda, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago are all granted independence from Great Britain.
* **1972** (50th anniversary): Ugandan Asians are expelled from the nation by the dictator, General Idi Amin.

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| **January 2022** | 25–27 January: Big Garden Bird Watch  30 January–6 February: National Storytelling Week | 18 January: Martin Luther King Day | 8 January: rationing introduced – Second World War, 1940  15 January: Elizabeth I crowned Queen of England in Westminster Abbey, 1559  16 January: Gaius Julius Caesar Octavianus is granted the title Augustus by the Roman Senate, marking the beginning of the Roman Empire, 27 BCE  20 January: The first English parliament to include representatives of the major towns holds its first meeting in the Palace of Westminster, now commonly known as the “Houses of Parliament”, 1265  27 January:  Holocaust Memorial Day – anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps by the Soviets, 1945 | 4 January: Sir Isaac Newton was born 380 years ago.  5 January: 100th anniversary of the death of Sir Ernest Shackleton, Antarctic explorer.  30 January: 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday – Northern Ireland | 7 January: Eastern Orthodox Christmas  14 January: Eastern Orthodox New Year  25 January: Burns Night |
| **February**  **2022** | LGBT History Month  30 January- 6 February: National Storytelling week  7 February: British Yorkshire Pudding Day  14-21 February: National Nestbox Week  22 February: Fairtrade fortnight begins | 4 February:  World Cancer Day and National Wear Red Day  8 February:  Safer Internet Day  12 February: National Charles Darwin Day | 6 February: British women over the age of 30 obtain the right to vote, 1918  11 February: Henry VIII recognised as Supreme Head of the Church of England, 1531 | 6 February: 70th anniversary of Elizabeth II becoming first queen regnant of the UK and the Commonwealth, 1952  8 February: Mary Queen of Scots beheaded 435 years ago, 1587  28 February: 100th anniversary of the UK ending its protectorate over Egypt, 1922  22 February: Egypt gains independence from Great Britain. King Fuad I is the first head of state, 1922 | 1 February: Chinese New Year  14 February: Valentine’s Day |
| **March**  **2022** | Women’s History Month  Cancer Awareness Month  11-20 March: National Science and Engineering week | 3 March: World Book Day  12 March: World Maths Day  8 March: International Women’s Day  8 March: Commonwealth Day | 2 March: Alexander II becomes Tsar of Russia 1855  10 March: Charles I dissolves Parliament, beginning his 11-year Personal Rule, 1629  21 March: Martin Luther King Jr. leads the third civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, 1965  28 March: Crimean War: France and Britain declare war on Russia, 1854 | 10 March: 100th anniversary of Gandhi's arrest for protesting the British colonial government in India, 1922  15 March: 350th anniversary of Charles II of England issuing the Royal Declaration of Indulgence, 1672  16 March: 150 years since the first FA Cup final, 1872  24 March: 50th anniversary of the United Kingdom imposing direct rule over Northern Ireland, 1972  29 March: 5 years ago the UK formally began withdrawing from the EU. | 1 March: St David’s Day; Shrove Tuesday  17 March: St Patrick’s Day  18 March: Holi  27 March: Mothering Sunday |
| **April**  **2022** | National Pet Month  Stress Awareness Month | 2 April: World Autism Day  7 April:  World Health Day  22 April: Earth Day  23 April: St George’s Day  23 April: Shakespeare Day | 6 April: The opening of the first modern Olympic Games is celebrated in Athens, 1896  10 April: The Good Friday Agreement is signed in Northern Ireland, 1998  15 April: Liberation of Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp by the British Forces, 1945  16 April: The Battle of Culloden, 1746  23 April: King Charles II is crowned in Westminster Abbey, 1661 | 14 April: 110 years since RMS Titanic hits an iceberg in the North Atlantic (sinks morning of 15 April), 1912  30 April: 70th anniversary of Anne Frank’s diary being published, 1952 | 2 April: Start of Ramadan at sundown  10 April: Palm Sunday  15 April: Good Friday  16-23 April: Passover  17 April: Easter Sunday  24 April: Orthodox Easter |
| **May**  **2022** | Local and Community History Month  2-8 May: Deaf Awareness Week  9-15 May: Mental Health Awareness Week  16-20 May: Walk to school Week | 1 May: May Day/International Workers’ Day | 6-12 May: King Alfred defeats the Viking Army, 878 AD  8 May:  VE Day anniversary, 1945  11 May: Alexander becomes Emperor of the Byzantine Empire, 912  12 May: Birth of Florence Nightingale, 1820 – National Nurses Day  30 May: Founding of the European Space Agency, 1975 | 3 May: 75th anniversary of Japan’s post-war constitution coming into effect, 1947  22 May: 75th anniversary of Truman doctrine coming into effect, 1947 | Historical Association Conference  2 May: Eid al-Fitr begins |
| **June**  **2022** | National Smile Month  1-7 June: National Volunteering Week  7-13 June: Child Safety Week  18-24 June: Refugee Week  20-24 June: School Diversity Week | 20 June: World Refugee Day  23 June: National Writing Day  27 June:  National Armed Forces Day | 2 June: The coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, the first major international event to be televised, 1953  6 June: Normandy Landing  7 June: First Crusade: The Siege of Jerusalem begins, 1099  8 June: Death of Emily Davison at Epsom after being hit by the king’s horse, 1913  8 June: First of the Viking attacks on Lindisfarne AD, 793  12 June: Anniversary of the birth of Anne Frank, 1929  15 June: Magna Carta sealed by King John, 1215  17 June: Clean Air Day  22 June:  Dismantling of Checkpoint Charlie, 1990  22 June: *Empire Windrush* arrived at Tilbury Docks in Essex, 1948  25 June: The start of the Korean War, 1950 | 22 June: 250 years since Lord Chief Mansfield rules in the James Somerset case that an enslaved person brought to England becomes free and cannot be returned to slavery, laying the legal basis for the freeing of England's 15,000 slaves, 1772  28 June: 100th anniversary of the start of the Irish civil war, 1922 | 15 June: Father’s Day |
| **July**  **2022** |  | 1 July: Canada Day  6 July: Children’s Art Day | July-October 1665: Peak of the Great Plague of London  1 July:  Start of the Battle of the Somme, 1916  10 July: Start of the Battle of Britain, 1940  14 July: French Revolution: Citizens of Paris storm the Bastille, 1789  17 July: Start of the Potsdam Conference, 1945, Second World War  17 July: Spanish Civil War begins, 1936  25 July: George Stephenson builds the first practical steam locomotive, 1814 | 1 July: 50th anniversary of the first gay pride march in England, 1972  18 July: 150 years since the Secret Ballot was introduced into the UK, 1872  27 July: 10th anniversary of the London Summer Olympics, 2012 | 9 July: Eid al-Adha Begins  14 July: Bastille Day (France) |
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