



2026

**Yearly Planner Of
Cultural Celebrations
and Events**

Yearly 2026 Calendar

JANUARY 01

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Reflecting On Monthly Events To Celebrate

When celebrations are well thought out—integrating community input, respecting complexity, and linking meaningfully with the curriculum—they transform into powerful learning experiences. But when they become obligatory, surface-level gestures, they risk doing more harm than good by trivializing cultural significance.

Here are some reflective questions you can ask to guide your decision on which significant cultural event to celebrate in an early childhood setting:

Understanding the Event's Core Meaning

What is the cultural significance of this event? Investigate the history, traditions, and core values it represents.

How can these be conveyed authentically to young learners?

What stories or lessons are at the heart of this event? Determine how these narratives can be integrated into activities that are engaging yet sensitive to the complexity of the culture.

Ensuring Cultural Authenticity and Respect

Are we representing this culture authentically and respectfully? Ask if there are experts or community voices that can validate or guide your celebration plan to ensure accuracy and respect.

How can we involve members of the respective cultural community in the planning process? Consider opportunities for genuine collaboration rather than creating a set of activities from an external perspective.

Fostering Educational and Developmental Value

Does this event support the curriculum and contribute to the developmental needs of young children?

Reflect on whether the event's themes can be broken down into age-appropriate, interactive, and sensory-based learning experiences.

How can this celebration promote social and emotional growth? Examine ways to encourage empathy, curiosity, and an appreciation for diversity through activities, storytelling, or art.

Balancing Inclusion and Avoiding Tokenism

What risks are there of this celebration becoming a tokenistic gesture? Consider if the event might be reduced to a superficial activity and how you might weave its lessons into ongoing, meaningful learning.

How can we ensure that the celebration is part of a broader conversation about culture, rather than an isolated event?

Envision how it can connect with daily learning opportunities, creating a continuous dialogue rather than a one-off experience.

Community Relevance and Continuous Engagement

Is the event relevant and resonant with the local community and families? Evaluate if the celebration reflects the lived experiences or heritage of the children you work with.

How can families and the local community contribute to or extend the celebration beyond the classroom? Look for ways to make the event an inclusive moment that bridges school and home, encouraging shared experiences and learning.

Measuring Impact and Adaptability

How will we know if the celebration is genuinely engaging and effective? Plan for feedback mechanisms—whether through observation, child reflections, or community input—to assess its impact and guide future planning.

Can the learnings from this event be reinforced throughout the year? Think about how elements of the celebration might be integrated into the curriculum or revisited in subsequent activities to deepen understanding over time.

Each of these questions can help ensure that your decision-making process is thoughtful, deliberate, and focused on genuine learning rather than just ticking a calendar box. They invite you to delve into the “why” and “how” behind each potential celebration, ensuring it enriches the children's learning environment in a meaningful, respectful, and engaging way.

January

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
29	30	31	1 New Year's Day Public Domain Day	2 World Introvert Day National Science Fiction Day	3	4 World Braille Day World Spaghetti Day
5	6	7 Orthodox Christmas Day	8	9	10 World Hindi Day	11 Girl Hug Boy Day
12 Earth Chakra Day	13 Orthodox New Year	14 International Kite Day	15	16	17 Kid Inventor's Day	18 Winnie the Pooh Day World Religion Day
19 Penguin Awareness Day	20	21 National Hug Day	22 Pongal (Hinduism)	23	24	25
26 Australia Day Survival Day Yabun Festival	27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day Chocolate Cake Day	28 Lego Day	29 Puzzle Day	30	31	1

NOTES

Plan for

- International Kite Day
- Australia Day
- Puzzle Day

February

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 World Hijab Day
2	3	4 World Cancer Day	5 World Nutella Day	6 Waitangi Day (NZ)	7 Safer Internet Day	8
9 World Pizza Day	10	11 International Day of Women and Girls in Science	12 Darwin Day Red Hand Day	13 Anniversary of The Apology	14 Valentine's Day Library Lovers' Day	15
16	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day Lunar New Year	18	19	20 World Day of Social Justice National Love Your Pet Day	21 International Mother Language Day	22
23	24	25	26 Tell a Fairy Tale Day	27	28 Summer's Day	1

NOTES

Plan for

- Valentine's Day
- Random Act Of Kindness Day
- Mother Language Day

March

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
23	24	25	26	27	28	1 World Compliment Day
2 Clean Up Australia Day Dr Seuss Day	3 World Wildlife Day Lantern Festival	4 World Engineering Day Holi	5	6	7	8 International Women's Day
9	10 Commonwealth Day	11	12	13	14 Pi Day Holi (India)	15
16	17 St Patrick's Day Pancake Tuesday	18 Ash Wednesday Global Recycling Day	19	20 Very Hungry Caterpillar Day Ride2School Day	21 World Poetry Day World Down Syndrome Day Red Nose Day	22
23 World Meteorological Day	24	25	26 International Day of Happiness Harmony Day	27	28 World Down Syndrome Day World Poetry Day	29 World Water Day
			Harmony Week			
30 National Doctors Day	31	1	2	3	4	5

NOTES

Plan for

- World Wildlife Day
- St Patrick's Day
- International Day Of Happiness

April

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
30	31	1 April Fool's Day	2 World Autism Awareness Day International Children's Book Day	3 World Party Day Good Friday	4 International Carrot Day	5 Easter Sunday
6 Tartan Day Waltzing Matilda Day	7 World Health Day	8	9	10 National Siblings Day	11	12 International Day of Human Space Flight Orthodox Easter
National Family Day Care						
13	14 Tamil New Year National Dolphin Day	15 Maha Shivaratri (Hinduism) World Art Day	16	17	18 World Heritage Day	19
20 Easter Monday	21 World Creativity & Innovation Day	22 Earth Day	23 World Book Day	24	25 ANZAC Day World Penguin Day	26
27	28	29 International Dance Day	30 International Jazz Day	1	2	3
Reconciliation Week						

NOTES

Plan for

- Children's Book Day
- ANZAC DAY

May

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
27	28	29	30	1 May Day Global Love Day	2 International Harry Potter Day	3
4 Star Wars Day Firefighters Day	5	6 World Asthma Day	7	8 Outdoor Classroom Day	9	10 Mother's Day
11	12 International Nurses Day	13	14	15 International Day of Families	16	17 Endangered Species Day
18	19	20 World Bee Day	21 International Tea Day	22	23 World Turtle Day	24
25	26 National Sorry Day	27 National Simultaneous Storytime	28	29	30	31

NOTES

Plan for

- Outdoor Classroom Day
- Mother's Day

June

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 Global Day of Parents World Dinosaur Day World Milk Day	2	3 Mabo Day	4	5 World Environment Day	6	7 World Food Safety Day Butterfly Education and Awareness Day
8 World Oceans Day National Best Friends Day	9	10	11	12	13	14 World Knitting Day
15 Global Wind Day	16 National Vegemite Day	17	18 International Picnic Day	19	20 World Refugee Day	21 International Day of Yoga World Music Day
22 World Rainforest Day	23	24	25	26	27 Sunglasses Day	28
29	30 Social Media Day	1	2	3	4	5

NOTES

Plan for

- World Environment Day
- International Day Of Yoga

July

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
29	30	1 International Joke Day	2	3 Plastic Bag Free Day	4	5
6	7 World Chocolate Day	8	9	10 Teddy Bears Picnic	11	12 Malala Day
NAIDOC Week						
13	14 Bastille Day	15 World Youth Skills Day	16 World Snake Day	17 World Emoji Day	18 Nelson Mandela Day	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Stepfamily Awareness Day	26
27	28 National Tree Day	29	30 World Friendship Day	31 World Ranger Day	1	2

NOTES

Plan for

- NAIDOC Week
- World Friendship Day

August

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI		SAT	SUN
27	28	29	30	31		1	2
3	4 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day	5	6	7		8 International Cat Day	9
10 World Lion Day	11	12 International Youth Day World Elephant Day	13	14 World Lizard Day		15	16
17	18	19 World Humanitarian Day International Orangutan Day	20	21 Jeans for Genes Day		22 Daffodil Day	23
National Science Week							
24	25	26 International Dog Day	27	28 Raksha Bandhan		29 Wear it Purple Day	30 Whale Shark Day
31	1	2	3	4		5	6

NOTES

Plan for

- ATSI Children's Day
- Daffodil Day

September

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
31	1 National Wattle Day	2	3 Early Childhood Educators' Day	4 Indigenous Literacy Day	5	6 Father's Day
7 Threatened Species Day	8 International Literacy Day	9 Bravehearts Day	10 RUOK Day	11	12	13 World First Aid Day Roald Dahl Day National Bilby Day
14 Māori Language Day	15	16	17	18	19 Talk Like a Pirate Day	20 Clean up the World Day
21 International Day of Peace World Gratitude Day	22 World Rhino Day	23 Sign Languages Day	24	25 Save the Koala Day	26	27 World Tourism Day
28	29 World Heart Day	30 Transition Day	1	2	3	4

NOTES

Plan for

- Early Childhood Educator's Day
- Father's Day

October

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
28	29	30	1 World Tourism Day World Vegetarian Day	2 World Farm Animal Day World Smile Day	3	4
5 World Teachers Day World Habitat Day	6	7	8	9	10 World Mental Health Day	11 Day of the Girl Child
World Space Week						
12	13	14	15 Global Handwashing Day	16 World Food Day	17 Loud Shirt Day	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 World Kangaroo Day	25 World Pasta Day
National Children's Week						
26 Grandparents' Day	27	28 Animation Day	29	30	31 Halloween Day for Daniel	1
National Children's Week						

NOTES

Plan for

- World Space Week
- World Food Day
- Halloween

November

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 World Vegan Day
2	3 Melbourne Cup	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Directors Day	11 Remembrance Day	12	13 World Kindness Day	14 World Diabetes Day	15
Australian Food Safety Week						
16	17 International Students' Day	18	19 International Men's Day	20 Universal Children's Day	21 World Hello Day	22
23	24 Fairy Bread Day	25 White Ribbon Day	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

NOTES

Plan for

- World Kindness Day
- Director's Day
- Universal Children's Day

December

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
30	1	2	3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities	4 Cookie Day	5 Volunteer Day	6
7 Civil Aviation Day	8	9	10 Human Rights Day International Animal Rights Day	11 Mountain Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 World Arabic Language Day International Migrants Dy	19	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1	2	3

NOTES

Plan for

- Cookie Day
- Christmas
- New Year

2026

Goodbye!

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