

## Dates of the most significant religious festivals in the UK for 2019 - 2025 and their impact on University work and learning activities

### RED dates:

It is essential to avoid scheduling University work and learning activities, e.g. examinations, degree ceremonies, day schools, conferences, committees, etc. on these festival dates. The festival has a major working/learning impact on staff and students observing it.

### AMBER dates:

If it is necessary to schedule University work or learning activities on these festival dates, alternative arrangements may be required for some people, especially for Jewish festival dates where some observers will not be able to work or study.

**\*Note: Festivals marked with a star begin at sundown on the day before the date shown. Therefore, on RED dates, University work and learning activities should not be scheduled for the late afternoon or evening of the day before.**

		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Sikh</b>									
Guru Gobind Singh's birthday	Amber	5th Jan	5th Jan	5th Jan	5th Jan	5th Jan	5th Jan	5th Jan	5th Jan
Vaisakhi/Baisakhi	Amber	14th Apr	14th Apr	14th Apr	13th Apr	14th Apr	14th Apr	13th Apr	14th Apr
Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev (Nanakshahi calendar)	Amber								
Diwali (Divali, Deepavali)	Amber	7th Nov	27th Oct	14th Nov	4th Nov	24th Oct	12th Nov	1st Nov	20th Oct
Birthday of Guru Nanak	Amber	23rd Nov	12th Nov	30th Nov	18th Nov	8th Nov	27th Nov	15th Nov	5th Nov
Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadar	Amber	24th Nov	24th Nov	24th Nov	24th Nov	24th Nov	24th Nov	24th Nov	24th Nov
<b>Christian</b>									
Good Friday	Red	30th Mar	19th Apr	10th Apr	2nd Apr	15th Apr	7th Apr	29th Mar	18th Apr
Easter Sunday	Red	1st Apr	21st Apr	12th Apr	4th Apr	17th Apr	9th Apr	31st Mar	20th Apr
Christmas Day	Red	25th Dec	25th Dec	25th Dec	25th Dec	25th Dec	25th Dec	25th Dec	25th Dec
<b>Jewish</b>									
Pesach * - Passover (first 2 days)	Red	31st Mar	20th Apr	9th Apr	28th Mar	16th Apr	6th Apr	23rd Apr	13th Apr

<b>Pesach * - Passover (final 2 days)</b>	<b>Amber</b>	6th Apr	26th Apr	15th Apr	3rd Apr	22nd Apr	12th Apr	29th Apr	19th Apr
<b>Shavuot * (Pentecost Festival of weeks)</b>	<b>Amber</b>	9th Jun	10th Jun	29th May	17th May	5th Jun	12th Jun	12th Jun	2nd Jun
<b>Rosh Hashanah *</b>	<b>Red</b>	9th Sep	29th Sep	18th Sep	7th Sep	26th Sep	16th Sep	3rd Oct	23rd Sep
<b>Yom Kippur * (Day of Atonement)</b>	<b>Red</b>	18th Sep	8th Oct	27th Sep	16th Sep	5th Oct	25th Sep	12th Oct	25th Oct
<b>Sukkot * (Tabernacles)</b>	<b>Amber</b>	24th-30th S	14th-20th O	3rd-9th Oct	21st-27th Sep	10th-16th Oc	30th Sep-6th	17th-23rd O	7th13th Oct
<b>Shemini Atzeret * (Jewish)</b>	<b>Amber</b>	1st Oct	21st Oct	10th Oct	28th Sep	17th Oct	7th Oct	24th Oct	14th Oct
<b>Simchat Torah *</b>	<b>Amber</b>	2nd Oct	22nd Oct	11th Oct	29th Sep	18th Oct	8th Oct	25th Oct	15th Oct
<b>Islamic Calendar</b>									

<b>Ramadan month begins</b>	<b>Amber</b>	16th May	6th May	24th Apr	13th April	2nd Apr	23rd Mar	11th Mar	1st Mar
<b>Eid-ul-Fitr</b>	<b>Red</b>	15th Jun	4th Jun	24th May	13th May	3rd May	22nd Apr	10th Apr	31st Mar
<b>Eid-ul-Adha</b>	<b>Red</b>	22nd Aug	12th Aug	31st Jul	20th July	10th July	29th Jun	17th Jun	7th Jun
<b>Ashura</b>	<b>Amber</b>	20th Sep	10th Sep	29th Aug	19th Aug	8th Aug	28th Aug	17th Jul	6th Jul
<b>Buddhist Calendar</b>									
<b>Wesak (Buddha Day)</b>	<b>Amber</b>	30th Apr	19th May	19th May	26th May	16th May	5th May	23rd May	12th May
<b>Hindu</b>									
<b>Krishna Janmashtami</b>	<b>Amber</b>	2nd Sept	23rd Aug	11th Aug	28th Aug	18th Aug	6th Sep	26th Aug	15th Aug
<b>Diwali (Divali, Deepavali)</b>	<b>Amber</b>	6th Nov	27th Oct	14th Nov	4th Nov	24th Oct	12th Nov	31st Oct	20th Oct