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24/25 CHILD RIGHTS CALENDAR

MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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Primary school students in Kabul, Afghanistan, 2024

SEPTEMBER 2024

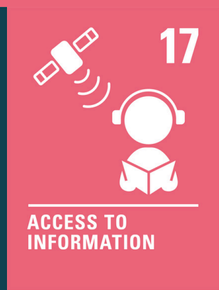
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Culture Night	21 International Day of Peace
22	23 Int. Day of Sign Languages	24	25	26 European Day of Languages	27	28 Int. Day of universal access to information
29	30					

SIGNIFICANT CHILD RIGHTS DATES

Culture Night

Int. Day of Peace

Int. day of universal access to information



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Happiness (5), after school in Mukwala, Malawi, 2024

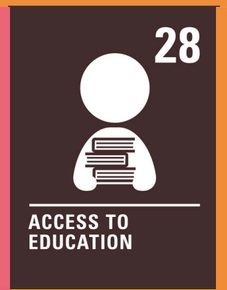
OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Black History Month Ireland Begins	2	3	4	5 World Teachers Day
6	7 World Habitat Day	8	9	10 World Mental Health Day	11	12
13	14	15	16 World Food Day	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 United Nations Day	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Samhain Diwali		

SIGNIFICANT CHILD RIGHTS DATES

Black History Month

World Teachers Day



World Food Day

Children running towards the Olympic Stadium in Rome to attend children's day, 2024

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NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 All Saints Day Día de Los Muertos/Day of the Dead	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 World Science Day for Peace and Development	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY!	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 US Thanksgiving	29	30

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY!

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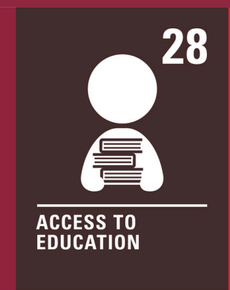
Children play in the snow in Sulool Daramdala village, Pakistan, 2023.

DECEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Int. Day For People with Disabilities	4	5	6 St Nicholas Day The Late Late Toy Show	7
8	9	10 Human Rights Day	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Int. Migrants Day	19	20 Int. Human Solidarity Day	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

SIGNIFICANT CHILD RIGHTS DATES

Int. Day For People with Disabilities



Int. Migrants Day

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Children at a numeracy session in Sukma, India.

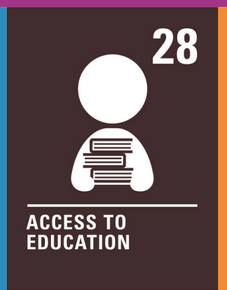
JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 World Braille Day
5	6 Nollaig na mBan	7 Orthodox Christmas Day	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Day	21	22	23	24 Int. Day of Education	25
26	27 Holocaust Memorial Day	28	29 Chinese New Year	30	31	

SIGNIFICANT CHILD RIGHTS DATES

Martin Luther King Day

Int. Day of Education



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Girl at preschool in Mykolaiv, Ukraine, 2024

FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 St. Brigid's Day LGBT+ History Month Begins Fairbruary (fair trade February) Begins
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Safer Internet Day Int. day of Women and Girls in Science	12	13	14 St. Valentine's Day	15
16	17	18	19	20 World Day of Social Justice	21 Int. Mother Languages Day	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

SIGNIFICANT CHILD RIGHTS DATES

Safer Internet Day

Int. Mother Languages Day

Students in Ounain, Morocco, engage in group activities following their return after the September 2023 earthquakes

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MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Seachtain na Gaeilge Begins
2	3	4 Pancake Tuesday	5 Ash Wednesday	6	7	8 International Women's Day
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Int. Day of Happiness	21 Int. Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Mother's Day Int. Day of Zero Waste	31 Eid al Fitr					

SIGNIFICANT CHILD RIGHTS DATES

International Women's Day

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

UNI622392

Primary school student from Vanuatu shares their thoughts on the climate crisis affecting their home, 2024

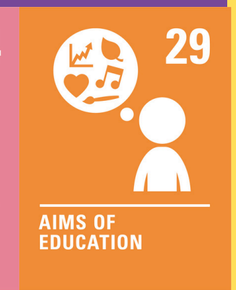
APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 World Autism Day	3	4	5
6	7 World Health Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Easter Sunday	21	22 Mother Earth Day	23 World Book Day	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

SIGNIFICANT CHILD RIGHTS DATES

World Autism Day

Mother Earth Day



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8-year-old Yola with her foster parents, Stryi, Ukraine, 2024.

MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Bealtaine	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Int. Day of Families	16 Int. Day of Living Together in Peace	17
18	19	20 World Bee Day	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SIGNIFICANT CHILD RIGHTS DATES

3 BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD

5 FAMILY GUIDANCE AS CHILDREN DEVELOP

7 NAME AND NATIONALITY

9 KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER

10 CONTACT WITH PARENTS ACROSS COUNTRIES

International Day of Families

14 FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND RELIGION

18 RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS

20 CHILDREN WITHOUT FAMILIES

21 CHILDREN WHO ARE ADOPTED

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Child celebrating International Day of Play in Cape Town, South Africa, 2024

JUNE 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Global Day of Parents	2	3	4	5 World Environment Day	6 Eid al-Adha	7
8	9	10	11 International Day of Play	12 World Day against Child Labour	13	14
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19	20 World Refugee Day	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

SIGNIFICANT CHILD RIGHTS DATES

- International Day of Play
- 6 LIFE, SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT
- 31 REST, PLAY, CULTURE, ARTS
- World Day against Child Labour
- 32 PROTECTION FROM HARMFUL WORK
- 36 PROTECTION FROM EXPLOITATION
- World Refugee Day
- 22 REFUGEE CHILDREN
- 38 PROTECTION IN WAR
- 39 RECOVERY AND REINTEGRATION

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Internally displaced children playing in Tigray, Ehtiopia, 2024

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What is Child Rights Schools?

Child Rights Schools is a UNICEF Child Rights Education programme. Currently running in 19 countries worldwide, it began in Ireland with a pilot in 2019 and since then the community of Child Rights Schools has continued to grow around the country.

A Child Rights School is a school where:

- children and adults learn about child rights
- children participate in decisions that affect them (like how and what they learn) and
- children and adults create together a school environment where every child can enjoy their rights and champion the rights of others.

About the Child Rights Calendar

The Child Rights Calendar aims to support educators, children and parents throughout their child rights journey. By highlighting key dates which can be linked to various articles of the CRC this calendar hopes to help you plan a year which celebrates diversity, promotes inclusion, and encourages everyone in your school community to learn *about*, *through*, and *for* children's rights.

Further Information and Resources

To learn more about and Child Rights Schools and to find more resources including curriculum-linked activities on child rights please visit https://www.unicef.ie/child-rights-education/