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- Term starts

Public holiday

UoR Graduation

Visit Day

Clearing

Climate Festival
- Term ends

UoR closure day

Henley Graduation

Open Day

Welcome week

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- 22 Lunar New Year – Year of the Rabbit
- 27 Holocaust Memorial Day

February *						
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- * LGBT+ History Month

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- * Women's History Month
- 02 University Mental Health Day
- 08 International Women's Day
- 08 Holi
- 22 Ramadan begins

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- 04* Virtual Visit Day
- 09 Easter
- 21 Eid al Fitr
- 22 World Earth Day

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- 13 Community Festival
- 15 International Day of Families
- 17 IDAHOBIT

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- * LGBT+ Pride Month
- 20 World Refugee Day
- 21 Show Your Stripes Day
- 28 Eid al Adha

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- * South Asian Heritage Month

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Please note: All dates subject to change due to government guidance, please check the University website for confirmation.

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- * Black History Month
- 10 World Mental Health Day
- 24 International Day of Climate Action

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- * Disability History Month 16 Nov– 16 Dec
- 11 Armistice Remembrance Day
- 12 Diwali
- 20 Trans Day of Remembrance

December*						
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- * Disability History Month 16 Nov– 16 Dec
- 01 Winter Festival
- 07 Hanukkah
- 25 Christmas

Winter closure: 22 Dec 2023 – 1 Jan 2024



LUNAR NEW YEAR

Lunar New Year / 農曆新年 (nung lik san nin / nóng lì xīn nián) is celebrated by more than 20% of the world. Many parts of Asia celebrate Lunar New Year as a national holiday, including China, Hong Kong SAR, Singapore, South Korea and Vietnam. The Asian diaspora celebrates Lunar New Year globally as well.

Usually, celebrations begin on Lunar New Year Eve and can last around 15 days. Lunar New Year is on Sunday 22 January. 2023 is the Year of the Rabbit.

You can learn more about the celebrations over on our #DiverseReading blog: blogs.reading.ac.uk/diversereading

LGBT+ HISTORY MONTH

February is LGBT+ History Month in the UK. It's a chance to bring the overlooked history of LGBT+ to light including history and cultural views on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. It's also an opportunity to celebrate LGBT+ achievements and raise awareness of ongoing challenges LGBT+ folk face across the globe.

Each year, UoR staff and students organise a range of events, including talks and training sessions to mark LGBT+ History Month. You can find out more on the [Staff Portal](#).

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day (IWD) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. This takes place on 8 March every year.

You can find out more on the IWD website: internationalwomensday.com and stay updated on UoR events on the [Staff Portal](#).

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES

The International Day of Families is marked each year on 15 May, and was designated by the United Nations in order to promote awareness of issues relating to families.

At UoR, there is a Parent and Family Network open to staff to join. Find out more about the D&I Networks at reading.ac.uk/diversity/networks

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on 20 June and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution.

World Refugee Day is an occasion to build empathy and understanding for their plight and to recognize their resilience in rebuilding their lives. You can learn more about it at: unhcr.org/uk/world-refugee-day.html

BLACK HISTORY

MORE THAN JUST A MONTH

October is Black History Month, a time to celebrate the history, achievements and contributions of Black people in the United Kingdom. It is also an opportunity to reflect on racial experiences within the University and wider community, as well as racial injustices – with a view to helping change how things are.

At the University of Reading, we are proud to be celebrating Black History Month and continuing conversations around race beyond just the month of October.

Find out more about a programme of events on the [Staff Portal](#).

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

The World Health Organisation recognises World Mental Health Day on 10 October every year. The overall objective is to raise awareness of mental health conditions around the world and to mobilise efforts in support of mental health.

You can find out more at who.int/campaigns/world-mental-health-day

Counselling and wellbeing services for students can be accessed at reading.ac.uk/essentials/support-and-wellbeing/counselling-and-wellbeing

The Employee Assistance Programme for staff can be accessed at reading.ac.uk/eap

HAPPY DIWALI

Diwali, also known as Divali or Deepawali, is a festival celebrated by people of different faiths including Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and some Buddhists across the globe.

Diwali is often referred to as the Festival of Lights. It celebrates the triumph of good over evil, and light over darkness, marking the start of the Hindu New Year.

Diwali takes place over 5 days. The main festival day falls on a different date in the autumn each year, in line with the Hindu lunar calendar.

This year, Diwali is on Sunday 12 November.

You can learn more about the celebrations over on our #DiverseReading blog: blogs.reading.ac.uk/diversereading

DISABILITY HISTORY MONTH

UK Disability History Month runs from 16 November to 16 December every year. The aim is to celebrate the lives of Disabled People now and in the past, challenge disablism by exploring oppression over time and currently as well as strive for equality. The theme for 2023 is Children and Youth.

At UoR, we mark Disability History month by taking the opportunity to talk openly about disability and neurodiversity with our staff and students. Get involved in UoR's activities by checking the [Staff Portal](#).