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January

January is named after the Roman god Janus, who was always shown as having two heads.



Winter



31 Days



Birthdays This Month:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 New Year's Day	2	3 Festival of Sleep Day	4	5 Twelfth Night
6 Bean Day Epiphany	7	8	9 Static Electricity Day	10	11 Learn Your Name in Morse Code Day	12 125 Years Ago... The National Trust was set up by Octavia Hill, Sir Robert Hunter and Cannon Hardwicke Rawnsley (1895).
13 Lohri (Hindu & Sikh)	14	15	16	17 200 Years Ago... Writer Anne Bronte was born. She was one of three sisters all of whom were writers (1820). Kid Inventors Day	18 Winnie the Pooh Day/Thesaurus Day	19 Tin Can Day/ Popcorn Day
20 Brew Monday/ Penguin Awareness Day	21 National Hug Day	22	23 Did You Know? The study of handwriting is called Graphology. Handwriting Day	24 Compliment Day	25 Burns Night/ Chinese New Year	26
27 75 Years Ago... Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps were liberated by Soviet Army (1945).	28	29 Puzzle Day	30	31 Backwards Day		

What Else Is Happening This Month?

- Veganuary.
- Walk Your Dog Month.
- Big Garden Birdwatch (26-28th).
- Creativity Month.

Get Outdoors!

- Chit potatoes by putting them in egg boxes on a windowsill in a cool room/garden shed.
- See if you can spot an owl or fox.
- Plant a tree.

Our Favourite Activities For January are:

- Set some New Year's Resolutions with our free download.
- Have a haggis rolling competition for Burns Night.
- Take part in Chinese New Year celebrations.

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February

February is believed to have derived from 'Februa' taken from the Roman 'Festival of Purification'.



Winter



29 Days



Birthdays This Month:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 Ice Cream For Breakfast Day	2 Hedgehog Day
3	4 Homemade Soup Day	5 Chocolate Fondue Day	6 Harry Potter Book Night/ Time to Talk Day time-to-change.org.uk	7 80 Years Ago... Disney film Pinocchio premiered in New York (1940). Send a Card to a Friend Day	8 Kite Flying Day	9
10 Tu B'Shevat (Jewish New Year)	11 45 Years Ago... Margaret Thatcher became the first female leader of the Conservative Party in the UK (1975).	12 Darwin Day	13 World Radio Day	14 International Book Giving Day Valentine's Day	15 Hippo Day/ World Whale Day	16
17 Random Act of Kindness Day	18	19 International Tug-of-War Day	20 Love Your Pet Day	21	22 World Thinking Day	23 Banana Bread Day
24	25 Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Day	26 Tell a Fairy Tale Day	27 Digital Learning Day	28 Tooth Fairy Day	29 Did You Know? The odds of being born on the leap day are 1 in 1,461! The extra day is added once every 4 years. Leap Day	

What Else Is Happening This Month?

- Library Lovers' Month.
- LGBT History Month.
- Children's Mental Health Week (3-9th February).

Get Outdoors!

- Stop ponds from freezing over by adding a tennis ball/rubber duck.
- Make bird feeders and hang them outside.
- Make snow angels in the snow!

Our Favourite Activities For February are:

- Go on a nature walk and make a hedgehog from found objects.
- Make a friendship bracelet to swap.
- Find out about Shrove Tuesday traditions around the world.

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March

'March' comes from the Roman 'Martius'. This was originally the first month of the calendar.



Spring



31 Days



Birthdays This Month:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30 Take a Walk in the Park Day Daylight Saving Time Begins	31					1 Pig Day St. David's Day
2 Old Stuff Day	3 National Anthem Day	4	5 World Book Day	6 Dentist's Day	7 Pawprint Badges 4th Birthday! Keep your eyes peeled for Birthday presents!	8 International Women's Day
9 Sport Relief sportrelief.com Purim (Jewish)/ Holi (Hindu)	10 Pack Your Lunch Day	11	12 75 Years Ago... Anne Frank is believed to have died in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in March 1945. Plant a Flower Day	13	14 Pi Day	15 World Speech Day
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Companies That Care Day	19	20 World Story Telling Day First Day of Spring/ Ostara (Pagan)	21	22 World Water Day Mother's Day
23 Did You Know? The word 'puppy' comes from the French word 'poupeé' meaning doll or toy. Puppy Day	24	25 Waffle Day	26 Make Up Your Own Holiday Day	27 World Theatre Day	28 Earth Hour/ Something on a Stick Day	29 REMINDER!! Daylight Saving (Clocks Go Forwards)

What Else Is Happening This Month?

- British Pie Week (2-8th).
- British Science Week (6-15th).
- Great British Spring Clean (20th March-13th April).

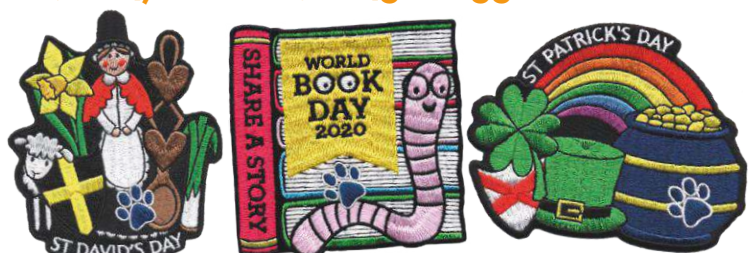
Get Outdoors!

- Spot hibernating creatures emerging from their sleep.
- Go bird watching.
- Build and put up nest boxes.
- Plant onions and potatoes.

Our Favourite Activities For March are:

- Visit a farm and see lambs being born as part of your St. David's Day challenge.
- Share a story for World Book Day.
- Make a boat big or small and find out about the story of St. Patrick.

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April

It is believed that 'April' comes from the Latin verb Aperire, 'to open', as in blossoming flowers.



Spring



30 Days



Birthdays This Month:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 April Fools Day	2 World Autism Awareness Day/ International Children's Book Day	3	4 Did You Know? Without companionship rats become lonely and depressed. World Rat Day	5 Read a Road Map Day
6	7 250 Years Ago... English poet William Wordsworth was born (1770). World Health Day	8 Zoo Lovers Day	9 Unicorn Day Passover Begins (Jewish)	10 Good Friday (Christian)	11 Pet Day	12 Easter Sunday
13 Scrabble Day	14 Dolphin Day	15 World Art Day	16 Wear Your Pyjamas to Work Day	17	18 65 Years Ago... Albert Einstein the famous scientist and mathematician died (1955). Pinata Day	19
20	21 World Creativity and Innovation Day	22 Earth Day	23 World Book Night St. George's Day/ Ramadan Begins (Islam)	24 Pigs in Blankets Day	25 DNA Day/ World Penguin Day	26
27 Morse Code Day/ Tell a Story Day	28 International Astronomy Day/ Superhero Day	29 International Dance Day/ World Wish Day	30 On This Day... in 1859 Charles Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities" is first published in weekly installments up until 26th November!			

What Else Is Happening This Month?

- Stationery Week (20-26th).
- National Gardening Week (29th April-5th May).
- National Poetry Month.

Get Outdoors!

- Start planting carrots, radishes and runner beans.
- Look out for the first swallows, swifts and house martins.
- Increase water for house plants.

Our Favourite Activities For April are:

- Take a trip to the zoo.
- Make your own Easter eggs to give to friends and family.
- Make some traditional English crumpets to celebrate St. George's Day.

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May

Old saying: April Showers Bring May Flowers. May could have been named after Greek goddess Maia.



Spring



31 Days



Birthdays This Month:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 May Day	2 Astronomy Day	3 Space Day
4 Star Wars Day	5	6	7 Did You Know? 7th May is the 127th day of the year (128th in leap years) and there are 238 days until the end of the year.	8 75 Years Ago... The end of WWII was declared in Europe (1945). VE Day/ May Day (Bank Holiday (UK))	9 World Fair Trade Day/National Lost Sock Day	10
11 World Fair Trade Day	12 200 Years Ago... Florence Nightingale was born. She is sometimes called the 'Lady with the Lamp' (1820). Limerick Day	13 Numeracy Day	14	15 International Day of Families	16 Drawing Day	17
18 International Museums Day	19	20 World Bee Day/ Pick Strawberries Day	21 I Need a Patch (Badge) For That Day/Outdoor Classroom Day	22 Sherlock Holmes Day	23	24 Eid ul-Fitr (end of Ramadan)
25 Jamie's Birthday! Today at Pawprint HQ we're celebrating Jamie's 30th birthday! Spring Bank Holiday (UK)	26	27	28	29 Charlotte's Birthday! Today at Pawprint HQ we're celebrating Charlotte's 29th birthday!	30	31 World Mediation Day

What Else Is Happening This Month?

- National Walking Month.
- National Share a Story Month.
- National Doughnut Week (11-18th)
- The Big Pedal (22nd Apr-5th May).

Get Outdoors!

- Enjoy the colours of wildflowers.
- Spot any new baby animals.
- Build a bug hotel.
- Collect rain water for watering plants later in the year.

Our Favourite Activities For May are:

- Go star gazing and learn 3 constellations.
- Plant some wildflower seeds or build a bumblebee nest for the garden.
- Take fingerprints from suspects and solve the puzzle Sherlock style!

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June

The month of June is probably named after Juno, the wife of Jupiter, and queen of the gods.



Summer



30 Days



Birthdays This Month:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Say Something Nice Day	2	3	4 National Cheese Day/Hug Your Cat Day	5 National Doughnut Day/World Environment Day	6	7
8 World Oceans Day	9 150 Years Ago... English author Charles Dickens died. Some of his most famous works include 'A Christmas Carol' and 'Oliver Twist' (1870).	10	11 Yarn Bombing Day	12 Did You Know... Superman is nicknamed the "Boy Scout" of DC comics due to his helpful nature? Superman Day	13 Sewing Machine Day Queen's Official Birthday	14 World Blood Donor Day/Flag Day
15	16	17 Eat Your Vegetables Day	18 International Picnic Day	19	20 World Juggler's Day Summer Solstice	21 World Music Day Father's Day
22 International Yoga Day	23 World Rainforest Day	24 Midsummer's Day	25	26 Take Your Dog to Work Day	27 Sunglasses Day	28
29 Camera Day Shavuot (Jewish)	30 Don't Forget! Tag us @PawprintBadges when you're sharing your adventures across social media. Social Media Day					

What Else Is Happening This Month?

- Pride Month.
- Volunteers' Week (1st-7th).
- Child Safety Week (1st-7th).
- 30 Days Wild (The Wildlife Trust).

Get Outdoors!

- Harvest salads and early potatoes.
- Go fruit picking.
- Find some caterpillars and butterflies.
- Get outdoors and go camping!

Our Favourite Activities For June are:

- Complete our Pride Month Quiz (available to download for free from the website).
- Celebrate the Summer Solstice.
- Learn to juggle and put on your own circus performance.

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July

July was named in honor of the Roman general, Julius Caesar, it being the month of his birth.



Summer



31 Days



Birthdays This Month:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 Here's a Joke... What do you call an alligator detective? An investi-gator! Joke Day	2	3 International Plastic Bag Free Day	4 BBQ Day Independence Day (America)	5
6	7 Chocolate Day	8 Video Games Day	9	10 80 Years Ago... Battle of Britain took place during WWI and ran until 31st October (1940). Teddy Bear's Picnic Day	11 World Population Day	12 Battle of the Boyne (Northern Ireland)
13	14	15 St. Swithun's Day	16 Guinea Pig Appreciation Day	17 Did You Know? Emoji have been around since 1999 but they weren't embraced by the masses until 2012! World Emoji Day	18	19 Ice Cream Day
20 Moon Day	21 Junk Food Day	22 Hammock Day/ Hot Dog Day	23	24 Olympics Begin	25 St. James's Day (Grotto Day)	26
27 80 Years Ago... Bugs Bunny first appeared in the cartoon 'A Wild Hare' (1940). Walk on Stilts Day/ Norfolk Day	28	29 International Tiger Day	30 International Day of Friendship.	31 HAPPEE BIRTHDAE! Harry James Potter was born on the night of July 31st 1980, 40 today. Happée Birthdae Harry! Eid al-Adha. (Islam)		

What Else Is Happening This Month?

- Festival of British Archaeology (11th-26th).
- Plastic Free July.
- Picnic Month.

Get Outdoors!

- Water tomato plants and runner beans.
- Harvest soft fruits and berries.
- Dead head flowers to keep them blooming throughout Summer.

Our Favourite Activities For July are:

- Cook up a BBQ and tick off a challenge from your Too Cool For School badge.
- Make your favourite sandwiches and have a picnic indoors or out!
- Celebrate Harry Potter's birthday.

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August

August, third month of Summer getting its name from Augustus Caesar, the first Roman Emperor.



Summer



31 Days



Birthdays This Month:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31 Bank Holiday (England, Wales, NI)					1 World Scout Scarf Day/ Brighton Pride Lamas Day (Pagan)	2 Friendship Day/ Colouring Book Day
3 Bank Holiday (Scotland)/ Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)	4	5	6	7 Did You Know? The first lighthouse was Egypt's Pharos of Alexandria, built in the 3rd century BC. Lighthouse Day	8 International Cat Day	9 Book Lovers Day
10 Fun Fact! The World's Largest S'more was made on 31st May 2014, weighing in at over 121kg! S'mores Day	11 Play in the Sand Day	12 International Youth Day/World Elephant Day	13 International Left Handers Day	14	15 World Honey Bee Day	16 Rollercoaster Day/ Tell a Joke Day
17	18	19 International Orangutan Day/ Photography Day	20 Muharram (Islamic New Year)	21 Poet's Day	22 Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)	23 National Sponge Cake Day
24	25 Paralympic Games Begin	26 110 Years Ago... Mother Teresa was born in Skopje, Macedonia. She was a Catholic nun known for her work with the poor in India (1910).	27 Burger Day	28 Bow Tie Day	29 More Herbs, Less Salt Day	30 Notting Hill Carnival/ Frankenstein Day

What Else Is Happening This Month?

- Allotment Week (10-16th).
- Inventors Month.
- National Fishing Month (27th Jul-23rd Aug).

Get Outdoors!

- Keep watch on Summer evenings and see if you can spot a bat!
- Water containers and pots with your recycled rain water.
- Collect seeds from plants.

Our Favourite Activities For August are:

- Create your own edible colour wheel with biscuits and icing.
- Make some s'mores over a campfire.
- Whip up your signature sponge cake and host a bake-off.

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September

September has had 29 days, and 31 days; but, since emperor Augustus, it has had only 30 days.



Autumn



30 Days



Birthdays This Month:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 Letter Writing Day	2	3 Skyscraper Day	4 Wildlife Day	5 International Day of Charity	6 400 Years Ago... The English ship 'Mayflower' set off for North America (1620). Read a Book Day
7 80 Years Ago... The Germans began bombing Britain. 'The Blitz' campaign lasted until May 1941 (1940). Buy a Book Day	8 International Literacy Day	9 Teddy Bear Day	10	11	12 Video Games Day	13 Roald Dahl Day
14	15 International Red Panda Day/ Batman Day	16 Play Doh Day	17	18	19 Talk Like a Pirate Day Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year)	20
21 International Day of Peace	22 Doodle Day/ Dear Diary Day Autumn Equinox/ Harvest Festival	23	24	25 Comic Book Day/ World's Biggest Coffee Morning www.macmillan.org.uk	26 Rabbit Day	27 Did You Know? The UK is the 6th biggest tourist destination in the world with over 40 million people visiting in 2018. World Tourism Day
28 Yom Kippur (Jewish)	29 Michaelmas Day (Christian)	30				

What Else Is Happening This Month?

- British Food Fortnight (19th Sept-4th Oct).
- Organic September.
- Heritage Open Days (11-20th).

Get Outdoors!

- Dig up remaining potatoes.
- Plant Spring flowering bulbs.
- Collect conkers and have a game.
- Gather up harvest vegetables and make a warming soup.

Our Favourite Activities For September are:

- Find out your Pirate name with our free download- available from the website.
- Gather unwanted items and donate or sell them to support Save the Children.
- Design your own superhero.

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October

Gets its name from the Latin octo, "eight". In the original Roman calendar it was the 8th month.



Autumn



31 Days



Birthdays This Month:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 International Coffee Day	2 World Smile Day/ World Farm Animals Day	3	4
5 World Teachers' Day	6 Mad Hatter Day/ Badger Day	7 World Habitat Day	8 World Octopus Day	9 80 Years Ago... John Lennon was born in Liverpool. He was famous for being one of The Beatles (1940). Egg Day	10 World Mental Health Day	11 Coming Out Day
12	13 Face Your Fears Day	14 Dessert Day	15	16 World Food Day/ Dictionary Day	17	18
19	20 World Statistics Day	21 Apple Day	22 On This Day... In 1879 Thomas Edison perfected the carbonised cotton filament light bulb.	23	24 REMINDER!! Daylight Saving Time Ends (Clocks Go Back)	25
26 Pumpkin Day	27 Black Cat Day	28	29	30	31 Magic Day Halloween/ Samhain Eve (Pagan)	

What Else Is Happening This Month?

- Black History Month.
- World Space Week (4-10th).
- The Big Draw (thebigdraw.org).
- Family History Month.

Get Outdoors!

- Spot the Hunter's Moon.
- Pick apples and make juice, pies or crumbles.
- Leave out food for animals going in to hibernation.

Our Favourite Activities For October are:

- Learn how to communicate using sign language...did you know Octopus are deaf?
- Guess the different apples while blindfolded.
- Mix some Halloween slime.

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November

In the ancient Roman calendar November (from the Latin 'novem') was the ninth month after March.



Autumn



30 Days



Birthdays This Month:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30  St. Andrew's Day						1 World Vegan Day All Saint's Day (Christian)
2	3 Sandwich Day	4	5  85 Years Ago... Parker Brothers launched the first game of Monopoly (1935). Bonfire Night	6 Nachos Day	7	8  Tongue Twister Day Remembrance Sunday
9	10	11  100 Years Ago... The funeral of the Unknown Warrior took place at Westminster Abbey (1920). Armistice Day	12	13 80 Years Ago... Disney's film, Fantasia, premiered in New York (1940). World Kindness Day	14  Diwali (Hindu New Year)	15
16	17	18	19 International Men's Day/World Toilet Day	20 Universal Children's Day	21 Did You Know? The inventor of television wouldn't let his own children watch TV! World Television Day	22
23	24  Celebrate Your Unique Talent Day	25	26  Cake Day Thanksgiving Day (USA)	27	28	29 First Sunday of Advent

What Else Is Happening This Month?

- Movember.
- Global Entrepreneurship Week (genglobal.org/united-kingdom).
- BBC Children in Need.

Get Outdoors!

- Plant tulips ready for Spring.
- Clear fallen leaves and check under bonfires for hedgehogs.
- Enjoy early evening murmerations of starlings.

Our Favourite Activities For November are:

- Build a stretcher and race in teams as part of your purple poppy challenge badge.
- Hold your own variety show.
- Design your own tartan and find out about its history. Do you have a family tartan?

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December

December is derived from Decima, 2nd Goddess of the Three Fates who personifies the present.



Winter



31 Days



Birthdays This Month:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3 Make a Gift Day	4 Snata's List Day/ Cookie Day	5 International Ninja Day/World Soil Day	6
7 Letter Writing Day	8 Brownie Day	9 Christmas Card Day	10 Human Rights Day First Day of Hanukkah (Jewish)	11 International Mountain Day	12 Gingerbread House Day	13 International Children's Day
14 Monkey Day	15 International Tea Day	16	17 250 Years Ago... Composer Ludwig van Beethoven was born. He wrote some of his most famous pieces after he had lost his hearing! (1770)	18	19	20 Go Caroling Day/ Games Day
21 Winter Solstice/ Midwinter/ Yule (Pagan)	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Thank You Note Day Boxing Day	27 Make Cut-Out Snowflakes Day
28 Card Playing Day	29	30	31 New Year's Eve/ Hogmanay			

What Else Is Happening This Month?

- National Tree Week (30th Nov-5th Dec).
- Human Rights Month.
- Write to a Friend Month.

Get Outdoors!

- Harvest leeks, sprouts and parsnips ready for Christmas dinner!
- Leave nuts and seeds out for the birds.
- Collect pine cones.

Our Favourite Activities For December are:

- Make a pair of mittens from an old jumper to give as a gift.
- Collect presents for a local children's charity.
- Bake your own mince pies.

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