

2021 Calendar of World and Language Holidays

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January 2021

Fri. Jan. 1st – New Years Day

Wed. Jan. 20th – San Sebastián (Spain) (Saint Sebastian's Day) Spanish (Castilian)

February 2021

Tues. Feb. 2nd – Groundhog Day

Fri. Feb. 21st – Chinese New Year Chinese (Mandarin)

Fri. Feb. 12th – Carnaval (begins) (Brazil)

Portuguese (Brazilian)

Sun. Feb. 14th – Valentine's Day

Tues. Feb 16th – Mardi Gras French

Sun. Feb. 21st – International Mother Language Day

Thurs. Feb. 25th – Digital Learning Day

March 2021

Wed. Mar. 17th – St. Patrick's Day Irish

Sat. March 20th – French Language Day French

Sun. Mar. 21st – International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Thurs. March 25th – Greek Independence Day Greek

April 2021

Fri. Apr. 2nd - Good Friday

Sun. Apr. 4th – National Library Week (begins)

Tues. Apr. 6th – National Library Workers Day

Wed. April 14th – Bengali and Tamil New Year

Bengali, Tamil

Sun. Apr. 18th – National Haiku Poetry Day **Japanese**

Thurs. Apr. 22nd – Earth Day

Fri. Apr. 23rd – Spanish Language Day Spanish

Fri. Apr. 23rd – Shakespeare's Birthday **English**

May 2021

Mon. May 3rd – Teacher Appreciation Week (begins)

Wed. May 5th - Cinco de Mayo

Spanish (Latin American)

Sun. May 9th – Mother's Day

Tues. May 25th – National Wine Day

June 2021

Wed. June 2nd – Festa della Repubblica (Italy) Italian

Fri. June 11th – National German Chocolate Cake Day

German

Mon. June 14th – National Flag Day (USA)

Thurs. June 17th – Icelandic National Day **Icelandic**

Fri. June 18th – International Sushi Day **Japanese**

Sun. June 20th – Father's Day

Sun. June 20th – World Refugee Day

Thurs. June 24th – ALA Annual Conference (begins)

July 2021

Thurs. July. 1st – Fête du Canada/Canada Day

Sun. July 4th - Independence Day

Wed. July 14th – Bastille Day (France) French

Tues. July 20th – Colombian Independence Day

Fri. July 23rd – Summer Olympics Begin** Japanese

August 2021

Mon. Aug. 9th – International Day of the World's

Indigenous Peoples Cherokee, Potawatomi

Sun. Aug. 15th – Korean Independence Day Korean

September 2021

Mon. Sept. 6th – National Read a Book Day

Mon. Sept. 6th – Labor Day

Wed. Sept. 8th – International Literacy Day

Wed. Sept. 15th – National Hispanic Heritage Month

(begins) Spanish (Latin American)

Sun. Sept. 19th – International Talk like a Pirate Day

Pirate

Sat. Sept. 18th – Oktoberfest (begins) German

Tues. Sept. 21st – International Day of Peace (U.N.)

Mon. Sept. 27th – World Tourism Day

Sun. Sept. 26th – European Day of Languages Spanish

October 2021

Tues. Oct 5th - World Teachers' Day

Wed. Oct. 6th – National German-American Day

German

Mon. Oct. 11th – Indigenous Peoples' Day (U.S.)

Cherokee, Potawatomi

Sun. Oct. 24th – United Nations Day

November 2021

Mon. Nov. 1st – Día de los Muertos (Mexico)

Spanish (Latin American)

Thurs. Nov. 4th – Diwali (Festival of Lights) Hindi

Thurs. Nov. 11th – Single's Day (China)

Chinese (Mandarin)

Sat. Nov. 20th - Universal Children's Day

Thurs. Nov. 25th – Thanksgiving

Sun. Nov. 28th – Hanukkah (begins) Hebrew, Yiddish

December 2021

Mon. Dec 6th – Finland Independence Day **Finnish**

Fri. Dec. 10th – Human Rights Day

Sat. Dec. 18th – World Arabic Language Day Arabic

Sat. Dec. 25th – Christmas

Sun. Dec. 26th – Boxing Day (Canada)

Sun. Dec. 26th - Kwanzaa (begins)