

# Historical anniversaries calendar, January to December 2025

Historical anniversaries can be a great way to engage in a topical subject or raise awareness about a particular issue. This calendar puts together just a selection of the key historical anniversaries coming up over the next 12-18 months to get you started. It also includes the regular themed months, major national days and seasonal events. The list is by no means exhaustive, simply a starting point. You may find it useful to develop and customise your calendar to include events relevant to your locality and interests or, if you are in a school, to significant individuals and topics you study.

**2025 Anniversaries and related HA resources**⚫ All-member resource ⚫ Primary resource ⚫ Secondary resource ⚫ Historian resource

11 April 145 (1880-year anniversary): Septimius Severus, the first African-born Roman emperor, is recorded as being born

525 (1500-year anniversary): Anno Domini calendar is adopted
⚫ [*Primary History* article: The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain](https://www.history.org.uk/publications/resource/8384/the-roman-empire-and-its-impact-on-britain)

1095 (930-year anniversary): The First Crusade begins
⚫ [On-demand short course: The First Crusade](https://www.history.org.uk/historian/categories/971/module/8829/new-perspectives-on-the-first-crusade-on-demand-s)

1315 (710-year anniversary): Beginning of the Great Famine of 1315-1317

1324-1325 (700-year anniversary): Mansa Musa’s pilgrimage to Mecca

⚫ [Podcast: The Mali Empire (1226-1670)](https://www.history.org.uk/podcasts/categories/440/podcast/675/the-mali-empire-1226-1670)

1325 (700-year anniversary): Recognised as the founding of Tenochtitlán by the Aztecs
⚫ [*The Historian* article: Enduring Civilisation: cities and citizens in the ‘Aztec Empire’](https://www.history.org.uk/historian/resource/9894/enduring-civilisation-cities-and-citizens-in-the)

15 June 1215 (810-year anniversary): King John signs the Magna Carta
⚫ [Podcast: King John and Magna Carta](https://www.history.org.uk/podcasts/categories/432/podcast/157/king-john-and-magna-carta)

January 1265 (760-year anniversary): Simon de Montfort calls the first parliament in England

⚫ [Webinar recording: Henry III and Simon de Montfort](https://www.history.org.uk/primary/categories/7/resource/10869/virtual-branch-recording-henry-iii-and-simon-de-m)

25 October 1415 (610-year anniversary): The Battle of Agincourt
⚫ [Scheme of work: Interpreting Agincourt – Key Stage 3](https://www.history.org.uk/secondary/categories/8/resource/8729/interpreting-agincourt-ks3-scheme-of-work)
⚫ [*The Historian* 127: Agincourt](https://www.history.org.uk/historian/resource/8646/the-historian-127-agincourt)

22 May 1455 (570-year anniversary): The Wars of the Roses begin at St Albans
⚫ [What Have Historians Been Arguing About… The Wars of the Roses](https://www.history.org.uk/secondary/categories/8/resource/5778/polychronicon-148-the-wars-of-the-roses)
⚫ [Podcast: The Wars of the Roses](https://www.history.org.uk/podcasts/categories/432/podcast/165/the-wars-of-the-roses)

22 August 1485 (540-year anniversary): Henry Tudor becomes King of England and Wales, starting the Tudor dynasty
⚫ [Film: Henry VII and Tudor Royal Authority](https://www.history.org.uk/historian/resource/9802/film-henry-vii-and-tudor-royal-authority)

22 January 1575 (450-year anniversary): Queen Elizabeth I grants Thomas Tallis and William Byrd a monopoly on producing sheet music

⚫ [*The Historian* 158: Music](https://www.history.org.uk/publications/categories/301/resource/10724/the-historian-158-music)

3 March 1575 (450-year anniversary): The Battle of Tukaroi takes place, where the Mughal Empire defeats the Karrani dynasty of Bengal

⚫ [Podcast Series: The Mughal Empire](https://www.history.org.uk/podcasts/module/6949/podcast-series-the-mughal-empire)

27 March 1625 (400-year anniversary): King Charles I succeeds to the British Crown
⚫ [Classic Pamphlet: King Charles I](https://www.history.org.uk/publications/resource/4359)
⚫ [Classic Pamphlet: The Personal Rule of Charles I, 1629-40](https://www.history.org.uk/publications/resource/3418)

26 October 1775 (250-year anniversary): King George III of Britain declares war on the American Colonies

⚫ [What Have Historians Been Arguing About... expanding the reach of the American Revolution](https://www.history.org.uk/publications/resource/10325/what-have-historians-been-arguing-about-expandi)

⚫ [*The Historian* article: George III and America](https://www.history.org.uk/historian/resource/654/george-iii-america)

16 December 1775 (250-year anniversary): The birth of Jane Austen (d. 1817)

⚫ [*The Historian* article: Janes Austen – a writer for all seasons](https://www.history.org.uk/historian/resource/491/jane-austen-a-writer-for-all-seasons)

10 October 1875 (150-year anniversary): The death of Aleksey Konstantinovich Tolstoy – Russian writer
⚫ [Classic Pamphlet: Alexander II](https://www.history.org.uk/publications/resource/2339/alexander-ii)

15 August 1875 (150-year anniversary): The birth of Samuel Coleridge Taylor, Black British composer and musician (d. 1912)
⚫ [Webinar recording: Writing Black histories, telling Black stories](https://www.history.org.uk/historian/news/3926/writing-black-histories-telling-black-stories)

27 February 1900 (125-year anniversary): Founding of the British Labour Party

⚫ [*The Historian* article: England Arise! The General Election of 1945](https://www.history.org.uk/publications/resource/657/england-arise-the-general-election-of-1945)

30 October 1925 (100-year anniversary): John Logie Baird creates Britain’s first television transmitter

⚫ [*The Historian* article: TV - modern father of history?](https://www.history.org.uk/historian/resource/657/england-arise-the-general-election-of-1945)
⚫ [Recorded webinar: “The Talk Should Not Be Broadcast”: Homosexuality and the BBC before 1967](https://www.history.org.uk/primary/resource/10385/film-the-talk-should-not-be-broadcast-homosexu)

3 October 1935 (90-year anniversary): Italy invades Ethiopia, starting a two-year war

⚫ *[The Historian](https://www.history.org.uk/historian%5D/resource/10591/evelyn-waughs-books-on-the-italo-ethiopian-war-1)* [article: Evelyn Waugh’s books on the Italo-Ethiopian War, 1935–36](https://www.history.org.uk/historian%5D/resource/10591/evelyn-waughs-books-on-the-italo-ethiopian-war-1)

27 January 1945 (80-year anniversary): The liberation of Auschwitz Concentration and Death Camp

⚫ [Collated Holocaust Memorial Day resources](https://www.history.org.uk/ha-news/categories/455/news/4147/holocaust-memorial-day-2023)

15 April 1945 (80-year anniversary): The liberation of Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp by British Forces

⚫ [*Teaching History* article: ...trying to count the stars': using the story of Bergen-Belsen to teach the Holocaust](https://www.history.org.uk/secondary/resource/6127/trying-to-count-the-stars-using-the-story-of)

8 May 1945 (80-year anniversary): VE Day – the end of the Second World War in Europe

⚫ [Film: Veteran Mervyn Kersh Talks about his experience of World War II](https://www.history.org.uk/historian/module/8751/film-veteran-mervyn-kersh-talks-about-his-experie)

[⚫ Collated resources - VE Day – 75 years on](https://www.history.org.uk/historian/resource/9814/ve-day-75-years-on)

15 August 1945 (80-year anniversary): VJ Day – Japan surrenders in World War II, ending the war

⚫ [Podcast: Post-War Japan](https://www.history.org.uk/podcasts/categories/442/podcast/636/post-war-japan)

25 June 1950 (75-year anniversary): The start of the Korean War

⚫ [Exploring and Teaching the Korean War](https://www.history.org.uk/secondary/module/8756/exploring-and-teaching-the-korean-war)

5 May 1955 (70-year anniversary): West Germany becomes a sovereign nation, and on 9 May joins NATO, helping to prompt the creation of the Warsaw Pact

⚫ [Podcast: Cold War Germany](https://www.history.org.uk/podcasts/categories/438/podcast/128/cold-war-germany)

24 January 1965 (60-year anniversary): The death of former British wartime Prime Minister Winston Churchill

⚫ *[The Historian](https://www.history.org.uk/historian/resource/4842/the-tale-of-two-winstons)* [article: The Tale of Two Winstons](https://www.history.org.uk/historian/resource/4842/the-tale-of-two-winstons)

11 July 1995 (30-year anniversary): The Srebrenica Massacre – Bosnian Serb Forces murder over 8000 Bosniak men and boys as part of a genocide in the Former Yugoslavia

⚫ [My journey to Bosnia: The Balkans Conflict 22 years on](https://www.history.org.uk/secondary/module/8676/my-journey-to-bosnia-the-balkans-conflict-22-year)

14 February 2005 (20-year anniversary): YouTube, an online video channel, is founded

7 July 2005 (20-year anniversary): Four coordinated suicide bomb attacks are carried out on public transport in London, England, as a part of a terrorist attack

20 July 2015 (10-year anniversary): After 54 years Cuba and the United States of America resume diplomatic ties

⚫ [*The Historian* article: Bertrand Russell's Role in the Cuban Missile Crisis](https://www.history.org.uk/publications/resource/609/bertrand-russells-role-in-the-cuban-missile-crisi)

2015: (10-year anniversaries): Terrorist attacks take place across the year and across the globe including: Paris, France, Copenhagen, Denmark; Kenya; Syria: Tunisia; Kuwait; Bangkok, Thailand; Ankara, Turkey; and California, USA

| **Month** | **Themed** **Month/Weeks**  | **Themed days** | **Historical anniversary** | **Key historical anniversary** | **Seasonal or cultural** **Anniversary/ event** |
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| **January 2025** |  | 20 January: Martin Luther King Day 24–26January: Big Garden Bird Watch 27 January: Holocaust Memorial Day | 15 January 1559: Elizabeth I crowned Queen of England16 January, 27 BCE: Julius Caesar grants the title Augustus by the Roman Senate, marking the beginning of the Roman Empire20 January 1265: The first English parliament to include representatives of the major towns holds its first meeting in the Palace of Westminster | 21 January 1575 (450-year anniversary): Queen Elizabeth I grants composers and performers Thomas Tallis and William Byrd are granted a monopoly on producing sheet music 24 January 1965 (60-year anniversary): The death of former British wartime Prime Minister Winston Churchill27 January 1945 (80-year anniversary): Liberation of Auschwitz Concentration and Death Camp  | 7 January: Eastern Orthodox Christmas14 January: Eastern Orthodox New Year25 January: Burns Night29 January: Chinese New Year |
| **February** **2025** | LGBT History Month 1-9 February: National Storytelling Week 14-21 February: National Nestbox Week | 2 February: British Yorkshire Pudding Day4 February: World Cancer Day 7 February: National Wear Red Day in awareness of heart disease11 February: Safer Internet Day12 February: National Charles Darwin Day | 6 February 1918: British women over the age of 30 obtain the right to vote11 February 1531: Henry VIII recognised as Supreme Head of the Church of England | 5 February 1900 (125-year anniversary): Signing of the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty between the United States and Britain14 February 2005 (20-year anniversary): YouTube, an online video channel, is founded 27 February 1900 (125-year anniversary): Founding of the British Labour Party | 14 February: Valentine’s Day28 February: Ramadan begins |
| **March 2025** | Women’s History MonthCancer Awareness Month 7-16 March: National Science and Engineering Week | 6 March: World Book Day8 March: International Women’s Day10 March: Commonwealth Day23 March: World Maths Day | 2 March 1855: Alexander II becomes Tsar of Russia10 March 1629: Charles I dissolves Parliament, beginning his 11-year Personal Rule21 March 1965: Martin Luther King Jr. leads the third civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery23 March 1603: Death of Queen Elizabeth I 28 March 1854: Crimean War: France and Britain declare war on Russia | 3 March 1575 (450-year anniversary): The Battle of Tukaroi takes place, where the Mughal Empire defeats the Karrani dynasty of Bengal27 March 1625 (400-year anniversary): King Charles I succeeds to the British Crown | 1 March: St David’s Day 4 March: Shrove Tuesday17 March: St Patrick’s Day30 March: Mothering Sunday30 March: Eid-al-Fitr |
| **April 2025** | National Pet MonthStress Awareness Month | 2 April: World Autism Day 7 April: World Health Day22 April: Earth Day23 April: St George’s Day23 April: Shakespeare Day | 6 April 1896: The opening of the first modern Olympic Games is celebrated in Athens10 April 1998: The Good Friday Agreement is signed in Northern Ireland16 April 1746: The Battle of Culloden 19 April–16 May 1943: Warsaw Ghetto Uprising 23 April 1661: King Charles II is crowned in Westminster Abbey30 April 1963: Start of the Bristol Bus Boycott | 11 April 145 (1880-year anniversary): Septimius Severus, the first African-born Roman emperor, is recorded as being born15 April 1945 (80-year anniversary): The liberation of Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp by British Forces21 April 2005 (20-year anniversary): Gaelic Language Act | 20 April: Easter Sunday12-20 April: Passover20 April: Orthodox Easter Sunday  |
| **May 2025** | Local and Community History Month5-11 May: Deaf Awareness Week13 May–13 June: National Smile Month | 1 May: May Day/International Workers’ Day5 May: African World Heritage Day6 May: National Nurse Day | 6-12 May 878: King Alfred defeats the Viking Army11 May 912: Alexander becomes emperor of the Byzantine Empire12 May 1820: Birth of Florence Nightingale | 5 May 1955 (70-year anniversary): West Germany becomes a sovereign nation, and on 9 May joins NATO, helping to prompt the creation of the Warsaw Pact7 May 1875 (150-year anniversary): The Treaty of St Petersburg is signed between Russia and Japan8 May 1945 (80-year anniversary): VE Day – the end of the Second World War in Europe22 May 1455 (570-year anniversary): The Wars of the Roses begin at St Albans30 May 1975 (50-year anniversary): Founding of the European Space Agency | 9-10 May: The Historical Association Annual Conference in Liverpool |
| **June 2025** | Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month1-7 June: National Volunteering Week2-8 June: Child Safety Week16-22 June: Refugee Week23–27 June: School Diversity Week | 20 June: World Refugee Day20 June: Clean Air Day25 June: National Writing Day 29 June: National Armed Forces Day29 June: Children’s Art Week | 6 June 1944: Normandy Landings7 June 1099: First Crusade: The Siege of Jerusalem began8 June 1913: Death of Emily Davison at Epsom after being hit by the King’s horse8 June 793: First of the Viking attacks on Lindisfarne12 June 1929: Anniversary of the birth of Anne Frank, 192922 June 1990: Dismantling of Checkpoint Charlie22 June 1948: *Empire Windrush* arrives at Tilbury Docks in Essex | 15 June 1215 (810-year anniversary): King John I signs the Magna Carta25 June 1950 (75-year anniversary): The start of the Korean War | 6-10 June: Eid-al-Adha begins 15 June: Father’s Day |
| **July 2025** | 18 July–17 August: South Asian Heritage Month | 1 July: Canada Day | July–October 1665: Peak of the Great Plague of London1 July 1916: Start of the Battle of the Somme10 July 1940: Start of the Battle of Britain14 July 1789: The French Revolution: citizens of Paris storm the Bastille17 July 1945: Start of the Potsdam Conference17 July 1936: The Spanish Civil War begins25 July 1814: George Stephenson builds the first practical steam locomotive27 July 1953: Korean War ends with an Armistice | 5 July 1975 (50-year anniversary): Arthur Ashe becomes the first Black man to win the Wimbledon singles title7 July 2005 (20-year anniversary): Four coordinated suicide bomb attacks are carried out on public transport in London, England as a part of a terrorist attack. 52 people are killed and over 700 are injured. 11 July 1995 (30-year anniversary): The Srebrenica Massacre – Bosnian Serb Forces murder over 8000 Bosniak men and boys as part of a genocide in the Former Yugoslavia20 July 2015 (10-year anniversary): After 54 years Cuba and the United States of America resume diplomatic ties | 14 July: Bastille Day (France) |
| **August 2025** | 18 July–17 August: South Asian Heritage Month | 9 August: International Day of the World’s Indigenous People23 August: International Day for the Remembrance of the Transatlantic Slave Trade and its Abolition | 6 August 1945: Dropping of the first deployed Atomic Bomb28 August 1833: The Bill for the Abolition of Slavery in the UK (and Empire) is given Royal Assent | 15 August 1875 (150-year anniversary): The birth of Samuel Coleridge Taylor, Black British composer and musician15 August 1945 (80-year anniversary): VJ Day – Japan surrenders in World War II, ending the war22 August 1485 (540-year anniversary): Henry Tudor becomes the king of England and Wales, starting the Tudor dynasty |  |
| **September 2025** | 22 September–5 October: Fairtrade Fortnight 15–21September: Jeans for Genes Week15–21 September: National Recycle Week | 10 September: World Suicide Prevention Day13 September: Roald Dahl Day26 September: International Day of Languages26 September: World’s Biggest Coffee Morning | 2–6 September 1666: The Great Fire of London28 September 1066: Invasion of England by William of Normandy | 5 September 1800 (225-year anniversary): Napoleon surrenders Malta to Great Britain | 22-24 September: Rosh Hashanah begins |
| **October 2025** | Black History MonthBreast Cancer Awareness MonthThe Big Draw Festival International School Library Month | 3 October: National Poetry Day5 October: National Grandparents’ Day6–13 October: National Dyslexia Awareness 10 October: World Mental Health Day12 October: World Arthritis Day | 2 October 1869: Anniversary of the birth of Gandhi9 October 1962: Independence from Great Britain is achieved in Uganda14 October 1066: Battle of Hastings21 October 1805: Battle of Trafalgar24 October 79 AD: Eruption of Vesuvius25 October 1415: Battle of Agincourt26 October 899: Death of King Alfred | 3 October 1935 (90-year anniversary): Italy invades Ethiopia, starting a two-year war10 October 1875 (150-year anniversary): The death of Aleksey Konstantinovich Tolstoy25 October 1415 (610-year anniversary): The Battle of Agincourt 26 October 1775 (250-year anniversary): King George III of Britain declares war on the American Colonies30 October 1925 (100-year anniversary): John Logie Baird creates Britain’s first television transmitter | 1 October: Start of Yom Kippur 20 October: Diwali31 October: Halloween |
| **November 2025** | 14 November–20 December: UK Disability History Month | 5 November: National Stress Day9 November: Remembrance Sunday11 November: Armistice Day30 November: St Andrew’s Day | 9 November 1991: Fall of the Berlin Wall | 8 November 1965 (60-year anniversary): Creation of the British Indian Ocean Territory 22 November 1975 (50-year anniversary): Spain restores its monarchy | 5 November: Bonfire Night (Guy Fawkes Night) |
| **December 2025** | 14 November– 20 December: UK Disability History Month | 1 December: World AIDS Awareness Day2 December: International Day for the Abolition of Slavery10 December: World Human Rights Day  |  | 1 December 1925 (100-year anniversary): Signing of the Lorcarno Treaties16 December 1775 (250-year anniversary): The birth of Jane Austen29 December 1975 (50-year anniversary): Sex Discrimination Act comes into force, making it illegal to discriminate against someone based on their sex | 14 December: Hanukkah begins 25 December: Christmas Day |