

Religious and Creed-Based Days of Observance (Summary)

Text version

January – December 2020

This list includes significant dates for religious or creed groups that may require absence from school or work. The list may not include all significant days of observance for creed groups present in the Thames Valley community. To request an accommodation for a date that is not listed here, discuss your need for religious/creed-based accommodation with your Principal, Teacher or Supervisor.

In all cases, staff requesting an absence for religious or creed-based observance must forward their request to Human Resources in accordance with the religious and creed-based Accommodation of staff procedure.

January 2020

January 6	Christmas – Christian, Armenia
January 7	Christmas – Christian, Coptic & Eastern Orthodox
January 25	Chinese & Tibet New Year – Buddhist

February 2020 No days of observance

March 2020

March 10	Holi – Hindu, Sikh
March 20	Now Rúz - Bahá'í, Islam Ismaili, Zoroastrian

April 2020

April 6	Mahavira Jayanti – Jain
April 8 – 16	Pesach/Passover – Jewish
April 10	Good Friday – Christian, Low German Mennonite
April 12	Easter – Christian, Low German Mennonite
April 13	Baisakhi – Hindu, Sikh
April 17	Holy Friday – Orthodox Christian
April 19	Easter – Orthodox Christian
April 20 (thru May 2)	Feast of Ridvan – Bahá'í
April 28	Ninth Day of Ridván – Bahá'í

May 2020

May 1	Twelfth Day of Ridván – Bahá'í
May 7	Wesak – Buddhist
May 21	Ascension Day – Low German Mennonite
May 23	Declaration of the Báb – Bahá'í
May 24	Eid al-Fitr – Islam
May 28	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh – Bahá'í
May 31 (thru June 2)	Pentecost – Low German Mennonite

June 2020

June 21	Indigenous People's Day (Canada) – Indigenous
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July 2020

July 9	Martyrdom of the Báb – Bahá'í
July 11	Imamat – Islam Ismaili
July 31	Eid al-Adha – Islam

August 2020

August 11	Janmashtami – Hindu
August 16	Paryushana (Parva) – Jain
August 17	Now Rúz (Shenshai) – Zoroastrian

September 2020

September 18 - 20	Rosh Hashanah – Jewish
September 28	Yom Kippur – Jewish

October 2020

October 18	Birth of the Báb – Bahá'í
October 19	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh – Bahá'í

November 2020

November 14	Diwali – Hindu, Sikh
November 25	Day of the covenant – Bahá’i
November 27	Ascension of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá – Bahá’i
November 30	Guru Nanak’s Birthday (Bikarami) – Sikh

December 2020

December 25	Christmas – Christian, Low German Mennonite
December 26	Death of Prophet Zarathustra - Zoroastrian