

Religious and Creed-Based Days of Observance (Summary)

Text version

January – December 2021

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 2021

January 6	Christmas – Christian, Armenia
January 7	Christmas – Christian, Coptic & Eastern Orthodox

February 2021

February 12	Chinese & Tibet New Year – Buddhist
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March 2021

March 21	Naw-Rúz (New Year) - Bahá'í, Islam Ismaili, Zoroastrian
March 28	Holi – Hindu, Sikh
Mar 28 – Apr 4	Pesach/Passover – Jewish

April 2021

April 2	Good Friday – Christian, Low German Mennonite
April 4	Easter – Christian, Low German Mennonite
April 14	Baisakhi – Hindu, Sikh
April 20 (thru May 2)	Feast of Ridván – Bahá'í
April 25	Mahavira Jayanti – Jain
April 28	Ninth Day of Ridván – Bahá'í
April 30	Holy Friday – Orthodox Christian

May 2021

May 1	Twelfth Day of Ridván – Bahá'í
May 2	Pasha/Easter – Orthodox Christian
May 13	Eid-ul-Fitr – Islam
May 13	Ascension Day – Low German Mennonite
May 23	Declaration of the Báb – Bahá'í
May 23	Pentecost – Low German Mennonite
May 26	Wesak – Buddhist
May 28	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh – Bahá'í

June 2021

June 21	National Indigenous People's Day (Canada) – Indigenous
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July 2021

July 9	Martyrdom of the Báb – Bahá'í
July 11	Imamat – Islam Ismaili
July 20	Eid-ul-Adha – Islam

August 2021

August 18	Now Rúz (Shenshai) – Zoroastrian
August 30	Janmashtami – Hindu

September 2021

September 4	Paryushana (Parva) – Jain
September 7-8	Rosh Hashanah – Jewish
September 16	Yom Kippur – Jewish

October 2021

No days of observance

November 2021

November 4	Diwali – Hindu, Sikh
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November 6	Birth of the Báb – Bahá'í
November 7	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh – Bahá'í
November 19	Guru Nanak's Birthday (Bikarami) – Sikh
November 25	Day of the Covenant – Bahá'í
November 27	Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá – Bahá'í
November 28 (ends Dec 6)	Hanukkah - Jewish

December 2021

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