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SEPTEMBER



Suggested Theme Days:

- Harvest Festival (6th Sept)
- Roald Dahl Day (13th Sept)
- Hispanic Heritage Month

Seasonal Food Hero

- Broccoli
- Butternut Squash



OCTOBER



Suggested Theme Days:

- World Vegetarian Day (1st October)
- National Heroes Day (Jamaica) (21st Oct)
- Halloween (31st Oct)

Seasonal Food Hero

- Pumpkin
- Beetroot
- Courgette

NOVEMBER



Suggested Theme Days:

- Diwali (1st Nov)
- Bonfire Night (5th Nov)
- National School Meals Week (11th - 15th Nov)

Seasonal Food Hero

- Apple
- Leek



DECEMBER



Suggested Theme Days:

- Christmas (25th Dec)
- Hannukah (25th Dec- 2nd Jan)
- Winter Alpine Menu

Seasonal Food Hero

- Sprouts
- Cranberries



JANUARY



Suggested Theme Days:

- Burns Night (25th Jan)
- National Pie Day (Jan 23rd)
- Chinese New Year (29th

Seasonal Food Hero

- Pears
- Swede





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FEBRUARY



Suggested Theme Days:

- National Pizza Day (9th Feb)
- Children's Mental Health Week (3rd - 9th Feb)
- Valentine's Day (14th Feb)
 Seasonal Food Hero
- Cauliflower
- Parsnips



MARCH



Suggested Theme Days:

- Pancake Day (4th March)
- Mardi Gras (4th March)
- World Book Day (6th March)

Seasonal Food Hero

- Orange
- Rhubarb



APRIL



Suggested Theme Days:

- Earth Day (22nd April)
- Easter (20th April)
- St Georges Day (23rd April)

Seasonal Food Hero

- Cabbage
- New Potatoes







Suggested Theme Days:

- International Harry Potter Day (May 2nd)
- British Tomato Fortnight (From May 26th)
- World Baking Day (17th May)

Seasonal Food Hero

- Tomatoes
- Peas



JUNE



Suggested Theme Days:

- Summer BBQ Menu
- National Picnic Week (TBC)
- National Fish & Chip Day (6th June)

Seasonal Food Hero

- Carrots
- Cucumber



JULY



Suggested Theme Days:

- Wimbledon (June 30th July 13th)
- Women's Euros (July)
- American Independence Day (4th July)

Seasonal Food Hero

- Peach
- Peppers





Month	Date	Theme Day
	2024	
September 2024	2 nd - 6 th	Zero Waste Week
	15 th Sept - 15 th Oct	Hispanic Heritage Month
	20 th Sept - 6 th Oct	British Food Fortnight
	21 st	International Day of Peace
	25 th	National Cooking Day
October 2024	Whole of October	Black History Month
	5 th	World Teacher's Day
	10 th	World Mental Health Day
	14 th - 20 th	National Baking Week
November 2024	10 th	Remembrance Sunday
	13 th	World Kindness Day
	28 th	Thanksgiving
	30 th	St Andrew's Day
D	8 th	National Brownie Day (brownie
December 2024		cookies)
	2025	
January 2025	Whole of January	Veganuary
January 2025	20th	National Cheese Lovers Day
February 2025	First Week Feb	World Interfaith Harmony Week
		(first week February every year)
	2 nd	National Yorkshire Pudding Day
	9 th	National Pizza Day
	15 th	Parinirvana (Nirvana) Day
		(Buddhist)
	27 th - March 4 th	National Cornish Pasty Week
	28 th	Ramadan Begins
	1 st	St David's Day
March 2025	8 th	International Women's Day
	14 th	Holi - Festival of Colours (Hindu)
	17 th	St Patrick's Day
	22 nd	World Water Day
	30 th	Eid al-Fitr
April 2025	March - April	Spring Picnic Menu
April 2023	23 rd	Shakespeare Day
May 2025	Whole of May	National Walking Month NEW
	5 th	Cinco de Mayo (Mexican
		celebration)
	12 th	Wesak Day (Buddhist)
	18 th - 24th	British Sandwich Week
	5 th	World Environment Day
	12 th	International Falafel Day
	(TBC)	Healthy Eating Week (British
June 2025		Nutrition Foundation)
	(TBC)	National Thank a Teacher Day
	26 th	Islamic New Year
	27 th	National Cream Tea Day
July 2025	Whole of July	Plastic Free July NEW

To the left is a calendar of alternative theme & awareness days. Please note these may not be available on Sharepoint unless we are specifically asked for them as many schools do not do these theme days. You are welcome to make your own or request a menu template from the Nutrition Team.













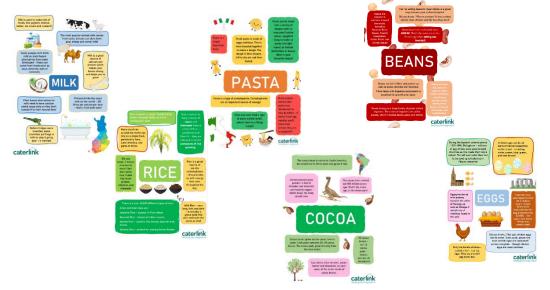


Other educational resources: these can be sent out to schools at any time of the year. They can be found on SharePoint in Food & Nutrition, or click here.

Food Fact Posters:

The **food fact posters can be used throughout the year** in line with what is on your menu - these do not have to be used for a certain month.

Food Fact Posters		
Lentils		
Rice		
Chicken		
Eggs		
Bread		
Fish & Oily Fish		
Milk		
Potatoes		
Pasta		
Beans		
Cocoa		



Nutrition Factsheets Balanced Diets Wholemeal Foods Sustainability Global Foods Fruit and Vegetables Food Waste Where Food Comes From Carbohydrates, Fat and Protein

Worksheets and Factsheets:

These can be sent out to schools to be printed, and either sent home with pupils, used as classroom activities, or sent out via email to parents.

Each pack will come with a factsheet on one of the topics to the left and at least one worksheet.





