

Groveside School SMSC Calendar

During each academic year our intent is to develop the **Spiritual, Moral, Social** and **Cultural** understanding of each pupil within Groveside School that support and complement our school "Living and Learning" values of **Kindness, Friendship, Honesty, Responsibility, Resilience and Respect**.

Key and special events have been planned that raise awareness for many meaningful causes and provide opportunities for pupils to thinking about helping others by raising money for worthwhile charities.

September

Date	Event	Focus	SMSC
13 th September 2025	Roald Dahl Day	Roald Dahl Day celebrates a fun author who wrote exciting stories with silly characters and magical adventures such as the BFG and James and the Giant Peach.	Cultural
26 th September 2025	McMillan Coffee Morning MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT	To support and raise money to support the work of McMillan. A fun way for pupils, families and staff to socialise and fundraise by baking, cake sales and competitions	Moral/Social
26 th September 2025	European Day of Languages EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES	European Day of Languages is a special day to celebrate all the different languages people speak across Europe and to learn a few new words from other countries.	Cultural / Social

October

Date	Event	Focus	SMSC
All Month	Black History Month BLACK HISTORY MONTH	A month to celebrate the outstanding contributions that Black people have made to British society, whether that be today or historically. It provides great opportunities to highlight key moments in Black British history.	Cultural
All Month	ADHD Awareness Month October is NATIONAL ADHD Awareness Month	ADHD Awareness Month helps people understand what ADHD is and how to support those who think, learn, or feel differently.	Moral/Social
21 st October 2025	Diwali Diwali	Diwali is a happy festival from India where people celebrate with lights, colours, and sweets to show that good wins over bad.	Cultural / Social

November

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4 th to 10 th November 2025	Children's Book Week BOOK WEEK	Children's Book Week is a fun time to enjoy stories, read books, and celebrate how reading helps us learn and imagine.	Cultural
11 th November 2025	Remembrance REMEMBRANCE DAY Jest We Forget 11th NOVEMBER	Remembrance is a special time when we think about and thank the people—like soldiers and helpers—who kept us safe during big events like World War Two, a time when many countries were fighting.	Spiritual / Moral
19 th November 2025	International Men's Day HITEMATIONAL MEN'S DAY -NOVEMBER 19-	International Men's Day is a day to celebrate boys and men, learn how to be kind and healthy, and think about men or boys who are good role models and help others.	Social
30 th November 2025	St Andrew's Day * HAPPY * ST. ANDREWS DIX	St Andrew's Day is a special day in Scotland to celebrate its history, traditions, and Saint Andrew, who is the country's patron saint.	Cultural

December

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December	Advent	Advent is the season leading up to Christmas, when many people reflect, prepare, and focus on hope, peace, and giving as they wait for the celebration of Jesus' birth.	Cultural, Spiritual and Social
11 th December 2025	Save the Children Save the Children	Save the Children is a charity that works around the world to help children stay safe, healthy, and able to learn—especially in places affected by poverty, war, or disasters.	Social / Moral
25 th December 2025	Christmas Christmas And a polytoperature	Christmas is a celebration held by many people around the world, marking the birth of Jesus and bringing families together to share love, kindness, and joy.	Spiritual / Cultural / Social

January

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18 th January 2026	World Religion Day WORLD RELIGION DAY	World Religion Day is a time to learn about different faiths around the world, to understand their beliefs, and to promote respect, peace, and unity among all people	Cultural, Spiritual and Social
24 th January 2026	International Day of Education INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION 24 JANUARY	The International Day of Education celebrates the power of learning to change lives, and reminds us that everyone deserves the chance to go to school, gain knowledge, and build a better future.	Moral
29 th January 2026	RNLI SOS Day RNLI RNLI RNLI RNLI Lifeboats 2CO	RNLI SOS Day is a special day to support the brave volunteers of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, who risk their lives to rescue people at sea and keep our coasts safe—it's a chance to raise money, show appreciation, and learn about water safety	Social / Moral

February

Date	Event	Focus	SMSC
All month	LGBTQ+ History Month VERY ONE S WELCOME HERE	LGBTQ+ History Month is an annual celebration and remembrance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history. It looks at the history of gay rights, which is also related to the civil rights movements. The main and overall aims of the month are to promote two things: equality and diversity.	Social / Moral
6 th February 2026	Time to Talk Day	Time to Talk Day is all about encouraging open conversations about mental health—The day reminds everyone that talking and listening can make a real difference, and that no one should feel alone with how they're feeling	Social / Moral
10 th February 2026	Safer Internet Day Safer Internet Day Internet Day Day	Safer Internet Day is a global event that encourages young people to use the internet safely and responsibly—it's a chance to learn how to protect yourself from scams, be kind online, and make the digital world a better place for everyone	Social / Moral

March

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1 st March 2026	St David's Day ST DAVIDS DAV	St David's Day is celebrated on 1 March to honour St David, the patron saint of Wales—it's a joyful day filled with Welsh music, food, and traditions like wearing daffodils and leeks, and it's all about showing pride in Welsh culture and heritage	Cultural / Social
5 th March 2026	World Book Day	A day of stories, authors, and the joy of reading—it's a chance for everyone to discover new books and remember how reading can open up whole new worlds of imagination and learning	Cultural
6 th to 15 th March 2026	British Science Week It's British Science Week	This is a celebration of science, technology, engineering, and maths (STEM), where students explore exciting discoveries, try hands-on experiments, and learn how science helps shape our world and future	Social
17 th March 2026	St Patrick's Day	This is a day celebrating St Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, who helped bring Christianity to the country—it's a day filled with Irish music, dancing, wearing green, and sharing stories and traditions that celebrate Irish culture and heritage	Cultural / Social

<u>April</u>

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30 th March to 2 nd April 2026	Autism Awareness Week AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK	A day organised by the United Nations to increase awareness and acceptance of autism.	Social
23 rd April 2026	St George's Day	St George's Day, celebrated on 23 April, honours England's patron saint—famous in legend for slaying a dragon and standing up for his beliefs; today, it's a chance to explore English heritage, courage, and the power of stories to inspire	Cultural / Social
29 th April 2026	Stop Food Waste Day STOP FOOD WASTE Day	This is a global campaign to raise awareness about the huge amount of food wasted every year—and to inspire practical action to reduce it. From planning meals and storing food properly to using leftovers creatively, it's all about making small changes that protect the planet and help feed more people	Cultural

May

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4 th to 10 th May 2026	Deaf Awareness Week DEAF AWARENESS WEEK	This is a time to celebrate Deaf identity, promote inclusion, and raise awareness about the diverse ways Deaf and hard-of-hearing people communicate—from British Sign Language (BSL) to lip-reading and assistive technology.	Social / Moral
11 th to 17 th May 2026	Mental Health Awareness Week MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK	This is a chance to explore how strong, supportive communities can protect our mental wellbeing—whether that's through friendships, school support, or simply knowing we're not alone. The week encourages open conversations, kindness, and practical ways to care for ourselves and others	Cultural / Social
21 st May 2026	World Day for Cultural Diversity WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY MAY 21	This is an opportunity to spend time learning about different traditions, languages, and beliefs, we can create more inclusive communities and celebrate what makes each of us unique	Cultural / Social

<u>June</u>

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5 th June 2026	World Environment Day WORLD ENVIRONMENT ENVIRONMENT ENVIRONMENT	This is a chance to learn how nature supports our lives—from the air we breathe to the food we eat—and to take action to protect our planet.	Social / Moral
All Month	Pride Month ONE S WELCOME HERE	Pride Month is celebrated every June to honour the LGBTQ+ community, commemorate its history, and promote equality, visibility, and inclusion.	Cultural / Social
21 st June 2026	World Music Day	This is a day when people of all ages and backgrounds come together to make music, share songs, and explore how music connects cultures and communities across the world	Social / Cultural
27 th June 2026	Armed Forces Day ARMED FORCES DAY 27 JUNE	This is a national opportunity to show appreciation for the men and women who serve or have served in the British Armed Forces. The day features parades, flypasts, community events, and ceremonies across the country	Moral