

December 2021

## Dates of the significant religious festivals in the UK for 2022

### Red Dates

Essential to avoid scheduling PSNC events and committees on these festival dates. The festival has a major working impact on staff and stakeholders observing it.

### Amber Dates

If it is necessary to schedule PSNC events and committees on these festival dates, alternative arrangements may be required for some people, where some observers will not be able to work or participate.

### 2022 Dates

- 5th January Sikh Guru Gobind Singh's birthday (Nanakshahi calendar)
- 2nd April Islamic Ramadan month begins
- 14th April Sikh Vaisakhi/Baisakhi
- 15th April Christian Good Friday
- 16th-18th April Jewish \* Pesach (Passover) (Jewish) (first 2 days of the festival)
- 17th April Christian Easter Sunday
- 22nd April Jewish Pesach (Passover) (Jewish) (final 2 days of the festival)
- 3rd - 5th May Islamic Eid-ul-Fitr
- 16th May Buddhist Wesak (Buddha Day)
- 5th June Jewish \* Shavuot (Pentecost Festival of weeks)
- 10th July Islam Eid-ul-Adha
- 8th August Islam Ashura
- 18th August Hindu Krishna Janmashtami
- 26th September Jewish \* Rosh hashanah
- 5th October Jewish \* Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)
- 10th-16th October Jewish \* Sukkot (Tabernacles)
- 17th October Jewish \* Shemini Atzeret
- 18th October Jewish \* Simchat Torah
- 24th October Hindu and Sikh Diwali (Divali, Deepavali, Bandi Chhor Divas for Sikh)
- 8th November Sikh Birthday of Guru Nanak (Lunar calendar)
- 24th November Sikh Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadar (Nanakshahi calendar)
- 25th December Christian Christmas Day
- Saturday every week\* Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)

\*Note: These festivals start at sundown on the day before the date shown therefore, on red dates, PSNC events work should not be scheduled for the late afternoon or evening of the day before