



OTESFORSCHOOLS

2025-26 VOTETOPIC
CALENDAR



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WHAT IS THIS CALENDAR FOR?

We've planned out a series of VoteTopics for 2025-26 to help you prepare for the year ahead. The chosen topics are based on the events and subject areas we know schools most like to talk about.

HOW WILL THIS HELP?

Where possible, we want to lighten the load for teachers, and we know that a bit of a heads up goes a long way. Pre-planning topics also ensures that voters get to discuss a wide range of issues.

WHAT IF THE TOPIC IS SENSITIVE OR HARD-HITTING?

We don't shy away from tricky topics that we know young people are keen to cover. However, we also know that this can present a challenge for teachers. So, where possible, we will give you advanced warning about any especially sensitive subjects coming up.

WHAT ABOUT AWARENESS DAYS?

All the events we will definitely be covering in our lessons are outlined in this calendar. For any others, check out our Awareness Days & Events calendar. We will also signpost relevant resources in our weekly emails.

WHAT IS A HEADLINE TOPIC?

If there is a big story in the news or an issue everyone is talking about, we want young people's views on it. Expect all things current to be covered by these topics.

WHAT IS VOTERS' CHOICE?

We want to give voters the chance to submit their own ideas for a VoteTopic. We will then select which of these to cover during the designated "Voters' Choice" week at the end of the year!

Key Theme 1: Health & wellbeing

Key Theme 2: Equalities & identity

Key Theme 3: Environment & climate change

Key Theme 4: Global issues & politics


Key Theme 5: Science & technology

Key Theme 6: Community & charity

Key Theme 7: Crime, justice & extremism

Key Theme 8: Jobs, economy & education

Key Theme 9: Culture, media & the arts



OUR 9 KEY THEMES

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#	VOTING DATES	THEME OF THE WEEK	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
1	01st-05th September	Headline topic	
2	08th-12th September	Key Theme 7: Jobs, economy & education	Collaboration with SEC Newgate
3	15th-19th September	Headline topic	
4	22nd-26th September	Headline topic	
5	29th Sept-03rd October	Key Theme 9: Culture, media & the arts	Black History Month
6	06th-10th October	Headline topic	
7	13th-17th October	Key Theme 3: Environment & climate change	COP30; collaboration with UNICEF UK
8	20th-24th October	Headline topic	
27th-31st October: October half term			
9	03rd-07th November	Headline topic	
10	10th-14th November	Key Theme 2: Equalities & identity	Anti-Bullying Week

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11	17th-21st November	Headline topic	
12	24th-28th November	Headline topic	
13	01st-05th December	Key Theme 4: Global issues & politics	International Day of Persons with Disabilities / UK Disability History Month
14	08th-12th December	Headline topic	
15	15th-19th December	Headline topic	
22nd December-05th January: Christmas break			

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16	05th-09th January	Headline topic	
17	12th-16th January	Headline topic	
18	19th-23rd January	Headline topic	
19	26th-30th January	Headline topic	
20	02nd-06th February	Headline topic	
21	09th-13th February	Key Theme 5: Science & technology	Safer Internet Day
16th-20th February: February half term			
22	23rd-27th February	Headline topic	
23	02nd-06th March	Headline topic	
24	09th-13th March	Headline topic	
25	16th-20th March	Headline topic	

#	VOTING DATES	THEME OF THE WEEK	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
26	23rd-27th March	Headline topic	
27	30th March-03rd April	Headline topic	
06th-17th April: Easter break			

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28	20th-24th April	Headline topic	
29	27th April-01st May	Headline topic	
30	04th-08th May	Headline topic	
31	11th-15th May	Key Theme 1: Health & wellbeing	Mental Health Awareness Week
32	18th-22nd May	Key Theme 7: Crime, justice & extremism	Knife Crime Awareness Week
25th-29th May: May half term			
33	01st-05th June	Key Theme 6: Community & charity	Pride Month
34	08th-12th June	Headline topic	
35	15th-19th June	Headline topic	
36	22nd-26th June	Headline topic	
37	29th June-03rd July	Headline topic	

#	VOTING DATES	THEME OF THE WEEK	AWARENESS DAY OR EVENT
38	06th-10th July	Headline topic	
39	13th-17th July	Key Theme TBC	Voters' choice Final VoteTopic of the year

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