



CALENDAR 2026

OCEAN EVENTS & EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES,
WORKSHOPS, TRAINING + LOTS MORE



- School holidays / Back to School
- Public holidays
- Education Weeks
- Marine / Environmental Days / Dates of Recognition
- Teachers Training / Online Teachers Training
- Events / Conferences / Summits / Festivals
- Application Reminder / Closing Dates
- Explorers Ocean Champions Awards with winning schools

JANUARY

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- Back to School 5th Jan
- World Energy Day 26th Jan

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- St. Brigid's Day
- Scouting Ireland on the Water Conference, Galway
- Mid-term School Holidays* 19th - 20th Feb
- Closing Date for Education Survey & Conversation on Education, Dept of Education
- Engineering Week 28th Feb - 6th March

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- Engineering Week 28th Feb - 6th March
- European Ocean Days, Brussels, Belgium 2nd - 6th March
- St. Patrick's Day
- World Water Day 20th March
- Earth Hour 28th March
- Easter Break Holidays 27th March - 12th April

APRIL

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- Easter Break Holidays 27th March - 12th Apr
- Easter
- Teachers Online Webinar, Galway Education Centre: EXPLORERS Wild about Wildlife on the Seashore 15th April
- Back to School
- Application Deadline: Marine Institute Explorers Education Programme's Ocean Champion Award
- Earth Day
- Green Schools Marine Conference

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- Celebrating Explorers Ocean Champions Awards
- Application Reminder: CPD Summer Course Teachers Training
- May Bank Holiday
- Native Species Weekend, Dublin 9th - 10th May
- Bealtaine Festival with Calmast 16th - 24th May
- EMD - My Country Nationwide 16th, 17th, 23rd, & 24th May
- Biodiversity Week 18th - 22th May
- Application deadline: Join the Network of European Blue Schools

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- June Bank Holiday
- World Environment Day
- Cork Carnival of Science 6th - 7th June
- ICASE 2026 World Science and Technology Education Conference, Cork 8th June
- Great Big Green Week 6th - 14th June
- Summer Holidays*

JULY

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- CPD Teachers Summer Course Training (Galway, Tralee, West Cork, Blackrock - Dublin [course held in Wicklow], Education Support Centres*) 1st - 3rd & 6th - 7th July
- Online Teachers Training (Mayo Education Support Centre*) 1st Jul - 18th Aug
- Native Species Weekend, Fota Wildlife Park, Cork
- Summer Festivals: Dooega Festival, Bray Summer Festival, Sligo Festival, Rose Festival - Dublin
- Summer Holidays*

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- Summer Holidays* 26th Jun - 28th Aug
- August Bank Holiday
- Heritage Week 15th - 23th August

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- Back to School 2026-2027
- CommOCEAN, Bergen, Norway 2nd - 3rd September
- EMSEA Conference Barcelona, Spain 30th Sept - 2nd Oct

OCTOBER

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- EMSEA Conference Barcelona, Spain 30th Sept - 2nd Oct
- Space Week 4th - 10th October
- Math Week 12th - 20th October
- October Bank Holiday
- Midterm Break 6th - 30th October

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- Galway Science & Technology Festival
- Lets Talk Science Festival, Ballymun, Dublin Date TBC
- Science Week 13th - 20th November

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- Christmas Break 22nd December - 6th January
- Christmas Day
- St. Stephen's Day

*Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this calendar. Please note: school holiday dates may vary. We recommend checking for any updates or announcements throughout the year.

