

2026 Events Calendar

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
National Celebrations	1 Jan New Years Day 25 Jan Burns Night 25 Jan St.Dwynen's Day 27 Jan Holocaust Memorial day	14 Feb Valentine's Day 17 Feb Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day 17 Feb - 28 March Ramadan	1 March St.Davids Day 8 March Intl Women's Day 15 March Mother's Day 17 March St Patrick's Day 20 March Eid ul-Fitr 25 March Installation of Archbishop of C 29 March Palm Sunday	1 April April Fool's Day 1- 9 April Passover 3 April Good Friday (Bank Holiday) 5 April Easter Sunday 6 April Easter Monday 23 April St George's Day	4 May Early Bank Holiday 25 May Spring Bank Holiday	6 June National Commemoration 81st Anniversary of D-Day 21 June Father's Day 22 June Windrush Day		31 August Summer Bank Holiday	End Sept 21 September Yom Kippur 23 September Autumn Equinox	31 October Halloween	1 November All Saints Day 5 November Guy Fawke's Day 8 November Remembrance Sunday 27 November Black Friday	1 December Cyber Monday 14 December-22 Dec Hanukkah 24-26 December Christmas Eve/Day & Boxing Day 28 December Substitute Bank Holiday for Boxing Day 31 December New Years Eve
National awareness campaigns /	4 Jan World Braille Day 20 Jan Blue Monday 19-26 Jan Cervical Cancer Prevention Week 23 Jan National Reading Day 27 Jan Holocaust Memorial Day	4 Feb World Cancer Day 9-15 Feb National Apprenticeship Week 10 Feb Safer Internet Day 17 Feb Random Acts of Kindness 20 Feb Love Your Pet Day	3 March World Hearing Day 6 March World Book Day 15 March Red Nose Day 18 March Global Recycling Day 21 March World Poetry Day 27 March World Theatre Day	7 April National Beer Day 22 April Earth Day 22 April Stephen Lawrence Day 28 April- May 4 National Gardening Week	1 May - 7 May National Gardening Week 4 May Star Wars Day 12 May International Nurses Day 20 May World Bee Day 29 May National Biscuit Day	5 June World Environment Day 7-15 June The Great Big Green Week 21 June International Yoga Day 21-29 June English Wine Week	1 - 31 July Plastic Free July 7 July World Chocolate Day 21 July World Ice Cream Day 25 July National Wine & Cheese Day 25 Jul - 3 Aug Love Parks Week	1 August Cycle to work day 4 August National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day 11-17 August Afternoon Tea Week 13 August National Prosecco Day		1 October International Coffee Day 16-22 October Recycle week		12 December Christmas Jumper Day 15 December National Cupcake Day 22 December Key Spending Day
University Events	18 Jan UKC Open Day 20 Jan CCCU Postgrad Welcome Event Evening 30-31 Jan CCCU Graduation	26 Feb CCCU Post Grad Open Day	19 March CCCU Postgraduate Open Evening 27-28 March CCCU Award Ceremonies	26 April UKC Open Day			5 July UKC Open Day TBC July UKC Graduation			TBC Oct Student Shopping Event, Whitefriars	TBC November UKC Graduation	
School Term Dates (KCC)	5 Jan Schools Return	13-23 Feb Half term Break		2-20 April Easter Break	22 May - 1 June Half term Break		21 July-1 September Summer Break		1 September Back to school	23 Oct -2 Nov Half Term		18 Dec - 4 Jan Christmas Break
Canterbury Events	10 Jan Chamber Choir Candlelit Concert, St Dunstan's Church	21 Feb Int. Mother Tongue Day, Baptist Church	? March Lord Mayor's Ball Fri 6 March Int Women's Day Westgate Hall 3-7 March Prima Facie Marlowe Theatre 19-22 March Step into Spring 25 March Installation of Archbishop of Canterbury		15-16 May Canterbury Wine Festival Westgate Hall 24 May Canterbury Unlocked, citywide	6 June Pride Canterbury City Centre	4 July Medieval Family Trail, City Centre 6 July St. Thomas More service, St Dunstons 10-12 July Children's Literature Festival 25-26 July City Show TBC July/August Canterbury Shakespeare Festival	7 Aug Shaka Khan, Cricket Ground 8 Aug Becky Hill, Cricket Ground 9 Aug Madness, Cricket Ground 29-30 August bOing! Family Festival University of Kent TBC July/August Canterbury Shakespeare Festival	11-20 September Heritage Open Days 12 Sept Hop Hoodening TBC Sept River Fest 25-27 Sept Food and Drink Festival, Dane John	2-3 Oct Oktoerfest, W.Hall 11 Oct Romanian Vibes, St Georges St 16-17 Oct Oktoerfest, Cricket Ground 16-31 Oct Canterbury Festival City Centre venues	5 Nov Firework Night, Kent Cricket 8 Nov Remembrance Day 13 Nov Christmas Light Event 11 Nov-24 Dec Christmas Market TBC Nov Westgate Xmas Market 27 Nov - 10 Jan Peter Pan, Marlowe Panto 28 Nov Heritage Expo, Westgate Hall	TBC Nov- TBC Dec Christmas Market 27 Nov - 10 Jan Peter Pan, Marlowe Panto Throughout December Christmas Services at Canterbury Cathedral 24 December Lord Mayor's Open Air Carol Concert
Exhibitions	Jan - 29 March What Remains? Beaneys	Jan - 29 March What Remains? Beaneys	Jan - 29 March What Remains? Beaneys	25 April - 5 July The Garden, Beaneys	25 April - 5 July The Garden, Beaneys	25 April - 5 July The Garden, Beaneys	25 April - 5 July The Garden, Beaneys	25 July - 22 Nov The Making of Marlowe	25 July - 22 Nov The Making of Marlowe	25 July - 22 Nov The Making of Marlowe	25 July - 22 Nov The Making of Marlowe	
Markets	18 Jan Vegan Market	12-15 Feb Continental Market		23-27 April Continental Market	24 May Vegan Market	11-14 June Continental Market					1 Nov Vegan Market	
B2C Business Events												
Sports Events	25 Jan Canterbury 10 Mile Run	5 Feb onwards Six Nations Rugby 6-22 Feb Winter Olympics	6-16 March Winter Paralympics		22-24 May Saxons Canterbury Urban Orienteering International Event. 16 May FA Cup Final	11 June - 19 July FIFA World Cup 19 July Canterbury Bike Ride 23 June - 2 Aug Commonwealth Games 29 June - 12 July Wimbledon	11 June - 19 July FIFA World Cup 23 June - 2 Aug Commonwealth Games Wimbledon	23 June - 2 Aug Commonwealth Games				
Canterbury Business Anniversaries												
MyCanterbury Campaigns	Valentines Day	Valentines Day / Mothers Day /	Mothers Day/ Easter Campaign/ Women of Canterbury	Easter Campaign / Women of Canterbury	RELAUNCH OF VISIT CANTERBURY Women of Canterbury	Women of Canterbury	Women of Canterbury / Bayeux Tapestry / Pilgrimage		Student Welcome / Local Produce	Halloween Campaign	Christmas Campaign	
BID Print					Summer Guide (20k / 9k door2door)						Christmas Guide (20k / 12k door2door)	