

# May Challenge Calendar 2026



		1st Dance and English customs <a href="#">Where did maypole dancing originate?   Who Do You Think You Are Magazine</a>	2nd <b>Art/Design Challenge</b> <b>Origami Challenge</b> <a href="#">20+ Easy Origami Flowers To Make — Gathering Beauty</a> May is the month of flowers - <b>send photos of your work to Mrs Lindsay for merits</b>	3rd <b>World Laughter Day</b> Watch this documentary about the founders of Comic Opera: <a href="#">Gilbert and Sullivan: Founders of British comic opera   A Motley Pair (1/5) – YouTube</a>	4th Film/Media/IT – ‘Star Wars Day’ <a href="#">Star Wars Special Effects — How Lucas &amp; ILM Changed the Game (studiobinder.com)</a>	5th <b>Green da Vinci Challenge</b> Build a bug hotel to help the wildlife in your garden. <b>Send a photo of your hotel to Mrs Lindsay for a merit.</b> <a href="#">Build a minibeast hotel (rspb.org.uk)</a>
6th <b>Annual Screen Free Week</b> This week read any <b>book of your choice</b> this week to reduce your screen time.  Write a brief review of it and hand it in to the library for a token to add to the <b>Library Challenge</b> .	7th <b>Deaf Awareness week</b> Learn some basic Sign Language.  <a href="#">Free British Sign Language Lessons with Enhance The UK - Disability Awareness Training</a>	8th Historic Anniversary On the VE Day Anniversary- find out what it was like on the day WW2 ended. You can explore using the IWM resources here:  <a href="#">VE Day - Parties In The Street: KS2/KS3   IWM Learning</a>	9th Music Introduction to Vivaldi – perhaps his most famous piece is Spring from the Four Seasons – listen to it played on original instruments here: <a href="#">Vivaldi Four Seasons: Spring (La Primavera), original. Shelby Yamin &amp; Voices of Music RV 269 8K</a>	10th Outdoor Ed Bird song – can you go for a walk and identify some British songbirds?  <a href="#">Birdsong identification for beginners: 20 common songs and calls   Natural History Museum (nhm.ac.uk)</a>	11th <b>World Fairtrade Day</b> <a href="#">Home - Fairtrade</a>  <b>Challenge</b> – try to cook a recipe using only fairtrade ingredients you have at home. <b>Send your recipe and a photo to Mrs Lindsay of your dish for merits.</b>	12th <b>International Nurses Day</b> Florence Nightingale – The lady with the Lamp <a href="#">The Real History Of Florence Nightingale   The Lady With The Lamp – YouTube</a>
13th <b>Mental Health Awareness Week</b> <a href="#">Breaking the Stigma - A short film about mental health (youtube.com)</a>	14th <b>Mental Health Awareness Week</b> <a href="#">A Social Experiment on Mental Health Stigma   Beyond the Label – YouTube</a> <b>This film s discussion on the stigma attached to mental health issues and the impact on the people shown.</b>	15th <b>International Day of families</b> Spend some time today talking to someone in your family.  You could try to make your own family tree – see how many generations you can go back  You could start here: <a href="#">Find your family history!</a>	16th Mental Health - Psychology What happens when we sleep?  <a href="#">What happens when we sleep? - YouTube</a>	17th Mental Health – resilience Before your start your exams check out this TED Talk about the positives of failure  <a href="#">How to overcome your mistakes - YouTube</a>	18th <b>International Museum Day</b> Explore a museum collection of your choice. Here are a few options:  <a href="#">American Museum of Natural History   New York City (amnh.org) Homepage  </a>  <a href="#">Uffizi Galleries</a>  <a href="#">Pergamonmuseum   Home (smb.museum)</a>	19th <b>TED talk of the month</b> Inspirational Talk by Malala Yousafzai  Watch here - <a href="#">What I Got Wrong About Changing the World   Malala Yousafzai   TED</a>
20th World Bee Day <a href="#">Importance of Bees (youtube.com)</a>  Why are bees so important?	21st International tea day <a href="#">The true story behind England’s tea obsession - BBC Travel</a>  How did tea lead to American Independence? <a href="#">Boston Tea Party - Facts, Summary &amp; Significance   HISTORY</a>	22nd National Numeracy Day How the economy works:  <a href="#">What is the Economy and How Does It Work?   MoneySense (mymoneysense.com)</a>	23rd World Turtle Day <a href="#">Why Are Sea Turtles Endangered? – Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (bonaireturtles.org)</a>	24th Drama National Theatre at Home.  Watch Little Big Things – Streaming live from 9th May from this link: <a href="#">National Theatre at Home   National Theatre</a>	25th Geek Pride Day Spend today doing an hour on something you are passionate about.	26th Science After the success of Artemis II – what happens next?  <a href="#">Artemis II Was a Rousing Success, So What's Next for NASA? - CNET</a>
27th Holidays! A brief history of holidays  <a href="#">A Brief History of The English Summer Holiday - Oxford Royale (oxford-royale.com)</a>	28th Holidays Looking for something to do? Try some of these ideas in the holidays <a href="#">50 things to do before you're 11¾   Kids   National Trust</a>	29th National Biscuit Day Basic: <a href="#">The chemistry of baking a biscuit - Chemwatch</a>  Advanced: <a href="#">Biscuit baking: A review - ScienceDirect</a>	30th Holidays <b>What is there to do near us?</b> <a href="#">Family Friendly Events - Visit Shakespeare's England, Warwickshire</a>	31st Holidays – BLUE MOON Have you heard the phrase “Once in a blue moon”? <a href="#">What is a blue moon and when will the next one occur?   Royal Observatory Greenwich</a>		

