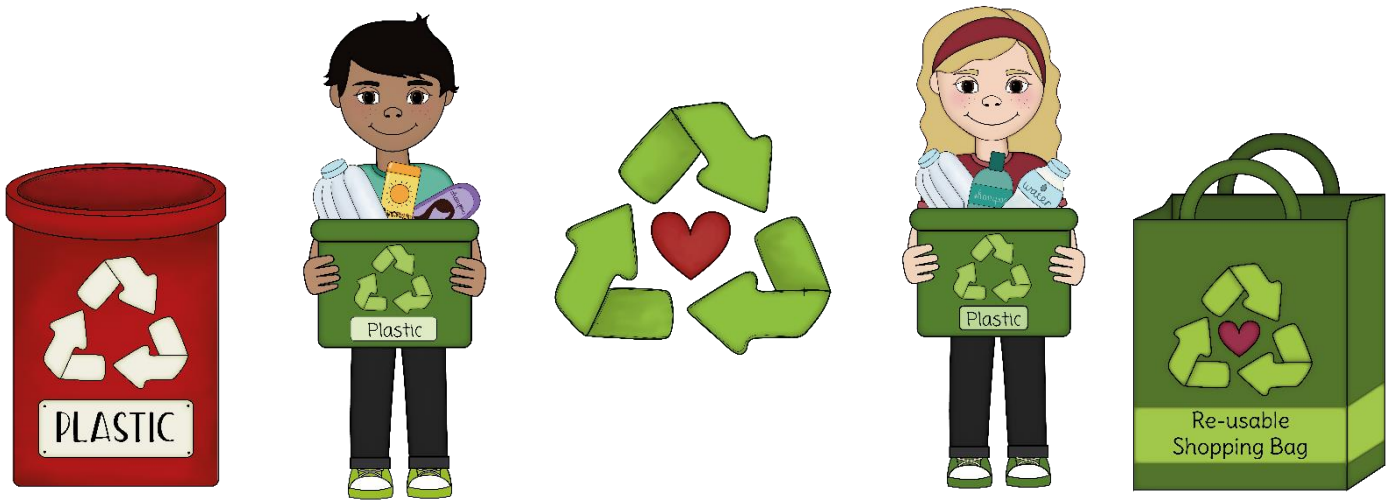


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# July Days and Events to Celebrate in the Classroom



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## 1 July Canada Day



*Canada Day celebrates the union of provinces to form a federation under the name of Canada which occurred on 1 July, 1867.*

## 3 July International Plastic Bag Free Day



*The aim of the day is to increase awareness of the harmful effects of plastic waste upon the environment, especially the marine environment, and encourage everyone to reduce their use of plastics.*

### **Some things to think about and discuss.**

- *More than 500 billion plastic bags are used around the world each year, about one million every minute.*
- *Each plastic bag is used on average for less than half an hour.*
- *Plastic bags remain in the environment for up to 500 years. Plastic pollution doesn't just affect those of us alive today. It affects generations for hundreds of years to come.*
- *If we can all reduce our use of plastics, especially single-use plastics, it will have a positive impact upon Earth's future and the future of all its inhabitants, including plants, animals and humans.*

### **What can you do?**

#### **Reduce.**

*Use paper instead of plastic.*

#### **Reuse.**

*Use reusable bags at the supermarket or in other shops. There are many available for purchase or you could make your own.*

#### **Recycle.**

*Recycle plastics as required by your local authority. (In my area, packaging plastics can be returned to the supermarket for recycling.)*

#### **Restore.**

*Pick up any plastic you see discarded in the environment.*

*Perhaps you and your class could decide on strategies that can be implemented at school. Why not make some posters to place around the school and educate others?*

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## 4 July [American Independence Day](#)



A special holiday in the United States when American people celebrate the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence from Great Britain in 1776. People gather with family and friends to celebrate what is special about the United States.

## 1st week July [NAIDOC Week](#)

[NAIDOC Week](#) celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

You can find many wonderful teaching resources on the website.

## 7 July [World Chocolate Day](#)



Surely this day is only for those who need an excuse. Enjoy!



A [moon cake](#) is a delicious chocolatey cake that is fun to make with children and includes lots of opportunity for learning in literacy, maths and science as well.

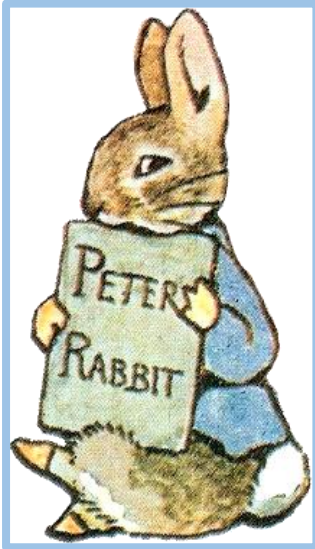
## 17 July [National Pyjama Day](#)



Organised by the [Pyjama Foundation](#), the aim of the event is to raise funds to support children in foster care by raising their educational expectations and helping them reach their potential. What a good excuse to wear your pyjamas to school. Why not have a family or class pyjama day and support children in need?

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## 28 July [Beatrix Potter's birthday](#)



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*Beatrix Potter was born on this day in 1866. Why not read some of her stories to celebrate?*

*Perhaps the children could write another adventure for the mischievous Peter Rabbit.*

*There are lovely readings of The Tale of Peter Rabbit available to view on YouTube. You could try [this link](#) or simply search for Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter.*

*Guided drawing lessons are also available, including [this one](#).*

## 30 July [International Day of Friendship](#)

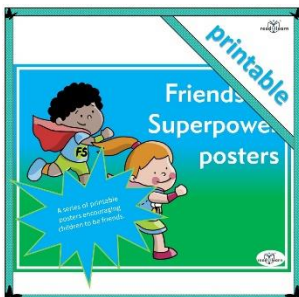


*One of the aims of the International Day of Friendship is to foster a culture of peace through education. It is "based on the recognition of the relevance and importance of friendship as a noble and valuable sentiment in the lives of human beings around the world".*

*How will you celebrate friendship in your class?*

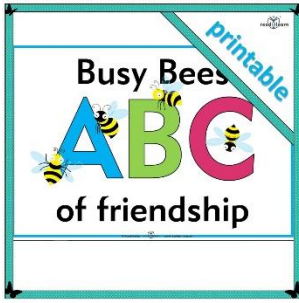
*Here at readilearn, we have a focus on the development of [friendship skills](#).*

*Teaching resources include:*

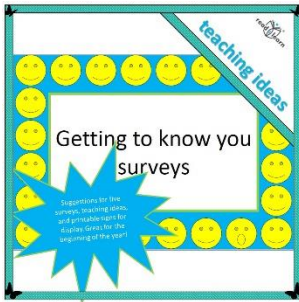


[Friendship Superhero Posters](#)

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[Busy Bees ABC of Friendship](#)



[Getting to know you surveys](#)



[Extend the hand of friendship](#)



[How to make a friendship tree](#)

Check out these and others in the [friendship skills collection](#).

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## End of July Schools' Tree Day



Schools Tree Day is held on the Friday before the weekend of National Tree Day.

The day encourages people to do something positive for the community and the environment by connecting with nature. It is Australia's largest tree-planting event. Suggestions and resources, including [lesson plans](#), for celebrating the event are available on the website. As they suggest, if you can't do something on tree day, "every day can be Tree Day".

## The year at a glance



A printable copy of a calendar of special days and events for the year is available to download free [here](#).

