

December Themes, Observances, and Awareness Days:

Art and Architecture
Basketball (1st played Dec. 1891)
Bingo
Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention
Learn a Foreign Language
Operation Santa Paws
Read a New Book
Safe Toys and Gifts
Spiritual Literacy
Tie
Universal Human Rights
World AIDS
Write A Business Plan
Write a Friend

December's Food Themes

Egg Nog
Exotic Fruit
Food Safety
Fruit Cake
Pear
Quince
Root Vegetables
Tomato
Winter Squash

Dates Vary

Advent (4 Sundays leading to Christmas)
Recipe Greetings for the Holidays Week (1st Full Week)
Ear Muff Day (1st Sat.)
World Choral Day (2nd Sun.)
Worldwide Candle Lighting Day (2nd Sun.)
Wreaths Across America Day (2nd Sat.)
Regifting Day (3rd Thurs.)
Underdog Day (3rd Fri.)
Gluten-free Baking Week (week before Christmas week)
Computer Science Education Week
Hanukkah (Chanukah)
Handwashing Awareness Week
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December Daily Specials

Dec. 1
Aardvark Week begins
Christmas Tree Week begins
Civil Air Patrol Day
Cookie Cutter Week begins
Day With(out) Art Day
Deaf Heritage Week begins
Eat a Red Apple Day
First Passenger Balloon Flight 1783
Handwashing Awareness Week begins
Rosa Parks Day
Pie Day
Tolerance Week begins
Draft Reinstated 1969
World Aids Awareness Day

Dec. 2
Abolition of Slavery Day
Fritters Day
Mutt Day
Saint Paul's Cathedral opened 1697
Missionary Mary Slessor born 1848
Missionary CT Studd born 1860
Special Education Day

Dec. 3
Disabled Persons Day
First Human Heart Transplant 1967
Illinois Statehood 1818
Make a Gift Day
Roof Over Your Head Day
Galileo invented the Telescope 1621

Dec. 4
Cookie Day
Dice Day
Feast of St. Barbara
International Cheetah Day
Monopoly Game Debut 1935
Older Driver Safety Awareness Week
Phonograph invented 1877
Santa's List Day
Wear Brown Shoes Day
World Wildlife Conservation Day

Dec. 5

Bathtub Party Day
Bubble Gum Day
Walt Disney born 1901
Gold discovered at Sutter's Mill 1848
International Ninja Day
Prohibition Ends (21st Amendment) 1933
Thailand National Day
President Martin Van Buren born 1782
Volunteer Day (UN)

Dec. 6

Everglades National Park established 1947
Finland Independence Day 1917
Give a Secret Gift Day
Microwave patented 1945
Miners Day
Mitten Tree Day
Pawnbrokers Day
Put On Your Own Shoes Day
St. Nicholas Day
13th Amendment ratified 1865

Dec. 7

Civil Aviation Day
Cotton Candy Day
Delaware Statehood 1787
Letter Writing Day
Sculptor/Artist Marie Gresholtz Tussand born 1761
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 1941

Dec. 8

Brownie Day
First Greeting Card printed 1843
Pretend to be a Time Traveler Day
Take it in the Ear Day
US declared War on Japan 1941
USSR Dissolved 1991
Inventor/Scientist Eli Whitney born 1765
Winter Flowers Day

Dec. 9

A Charlie Brown Christmas Debut 1965
Christmas Card Day
International Anti-Corruption day
Pastry Day
Petrified Forest National Park established 1962
Roller Skates Patented 1884
Tanzania Independence Day 1961
Weary Willie Day (circus clown)

Dec. 10

Day of Animal Rights
Dewey Decimal System Day
Poet Emily Dickinson born 1830
Human Rights Day
Mississippi Statehood 1817
Nobel Prize Day

Dec. 11

Apollo 17 Moon Landing 1972
Ding-a-Ling Day
Germany declared war on US 1941
Indiana Statehood 1816
International Mountain Day
Northern Lights Recorded for First Time 1719
Noodle Ring Day
Republic of Upper Volta Independence 1958
UNICEF founded 1947
World Choral Day *(2nd Sun.)
Worldwide Candle Lighting Day * (2nd Sun.)

Dec. 12

Ding-a-Ling Day
Ginger Bread House Day
Golf Tee Patented 1899
Hot Cocoa Day
Hovercraft Patented 1955
Founding Father John Jay born 1745
Kenya Independence Day 1963
Pennsylvania Statehood 1787
Poinsettia Day

Dec. 13

Day of the Horse
Francis Drake Begins Voyage Around the World 1577
Ice Cream Day
Santa Lucia Day
Violin Day

Dec. 14

Alabama Statehood 1819
Bouillabaisse Day
Scientist Tycho Brahe born 1546
Children's Day
Christmas Bird Count Week begins
Deck the Halls Day
Hacyon Days
Monkey Day
Nostradamus born 1503
Raggedy Ann Doll Debut 1914
Roast Chestnuts Day
South Pole First Reached 1911

Dec. 15
Bill of Rights Day 1791
Cat Herders Day
Architect Alexandre Gustave Eiffel born 1832
Lemon Cupcake Day
Nero born 37AD

Dec. 16
Author Jane Austen born 1775
Composer Ludwig Von Beethoven born 1770
Boston Tea Party 1773
Missionary Amy Carmichael born 1867
Chocolate-Covered Anything Day
Los Posadas
Vending Machine patented 1884
Zionism Day

Dec. 17
Aztec Calendar Stone excavated 1790
A Christmas Carol first published 1843
Missionary Isobel Kuhn born 1901
Maple Syrup Day
Patriot Deborah Sampson born 1760
Saturnalia begins
Wright Brother's 1st successful flight 1903

Dec. 18
Bake Cookies Day
Coral Reef National Park Established
Migrants Day
New Jersey Statehood 1787
The Nutcracker Premier 1892
Roast a Suckling Pig Day

Dec. 19
Build a Snowman Day
Look For An Evergreen Day
Oatmeal Muffin Day
Explorer Sir William Parry born 1790
Poor Richards Almanac first published 1732
Suspenders patented 1871 (Mark Twain)

Dec. 20
Games Day
Go Caroling Day
Louisiana Purchase Day 1803
South Carolina seceded from the Union 1860 (1st state to secede)

Dec. 21
Apollo 8 Blast Off 1968
Disney's Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs premiered 1937
Flashlight Day
Forefathers Day
Homeless Persons' Remembrance Day
Humbug Day
Litha
Look on the Bright Side Day
Nepal Independence Day 1923
Pilgrims Arrival at Plymouth 1620
Winter Solstice / First Day of Winter (sometimes falls on 20 & 22)
Yule

Dec. 22
Date Nut Bread Day
Dinofish discovered 1938
First Electric Christmas Lights 1882
Haiku Poetry Day
Lincoln Tunnel completed 1937
Thermometer Invented 1714

Dec. 23
Federal Reserve System established 1913
Festivus
Pfeffernusse Day
Roots Day (genealogy not turnips)
Metric Conversion Act passed 1975
Mormon prophet Joseph Smith born 1805
A Visit From St. Nicholas First Released 1823

Dec. 24
Chocolate Day
Christmas Eve
Egg Nog Day
Great Fire of San Francisco 1849
Libya Independence Day 1951
Phonograph Patented 1877
Founding Father Benjamin Rush born 1704

Dec. 25
Red Cross founder Clara Barton born 1821
Christmas
Scientist Isaac Newton born 1643
Pumpkin Pie Day
Washington crossed the Delaware River 1776

Dec. 26

Boxing Day (Canada & UK)

Candy Cane Day

Coffee Percolator invented 1865

Kwanzaa begins

Saint Stephen's Day

Thank You Note Day

Whiner's Day

Dec. 27

Fruit Cake Day

Make Cut Out Snowflakes Day

Scientist Johannes Kepler born 1571

Scientist Louis Pasteur born 1822

Radio City Music Hall opened 1932

Visit the Zoo Day

Dec. 28

Card Playing Day

Chewing Gum Patented 1869

Childermass/Holy Innocents Day

Chocolate Day

Iowa Statehood 1846

Pledge of Allegiance recognized by Congress 1945

Westminster Abbey Consecrated 1065

President Woodrow Wilson born 1856

Dec. 29

President Andrew Johnson born 1808

Pepper Pot Day

Battle of Wounded Knee 1890

Texas Statehood 1845

Tick Tock Day

Dec. 30

Bacon Day

Bicarbonate of Soda Day

Author Rudyard Kipling born 1865

Author Mercer Mayer born 1943

Take a Walk Day

Dec. 31

Hogmanay

Leap Second Time Adjustment Day

Make Up Your Mind Day

Artist Henri Matisse born 1869

New Years Eve

No Interruptions Day

Universal Hour of Peace Day

Unlucky Day

Watch Night