

Ideas for Themed Events at International Café

Events linked to the Calendar

- Halloween or All Saints Day - 31 Oct
- Guy Fawkes Day - 5 Nov
- Remembrance Day - 11 Nov
- Thanksgiving - 4th Thu of Nov (USA), 2nd Mon of Oct (Canada)
- St Andrew's Day - 30 Nov
- Christmas - 25 Dec
- New Year - 1 Jan
- Burns Night - 25 Jan
- Lunar New Year - between 21 Jan and 20 Feb
- Valentine's Day - 14 Feb
- Shrove Tuesday - 47 days before Easter Sunday, between 3 Feb and 9 Mar
- St David's Day - 1 Mar
- St Patrick's Day - 17 Mar
- Mothering Sunday - 3 weeks before Easter, usually in Mar. (Many countries celebrate Mother's Day on the 2nd Sunday of May; other countries have other dates.)
- April Fools' Day - 1 Apr
- Good Friday/Easter - between 22 Mar and 25 Apr
- St George's Day - 23 Apr
- Father's Day - 3rd Sunday in June
- Farewell Party
- Olympics/World Cup/Rugby/Eurovision parties

Food Events

- Chocolate Evening (chocolate games, quizzes about chocolate...)
- Chocolate Fondue Evening (fruit, marshmallows, etc which can be dipped in melted chocolate)
- Pancake Evening (different toppings, pancake race, link to Easter explained...)
- International Food Night
- Ice-cream Night (different toppings)
- Pudding Party
- BBQ
- Cream Tea
- International Bake Off
- Cupcake Competition
- Sushi/maki Rolling evening
- Chinese Dumpling Evening
- Hot Potato Party
- Tea Tasting (from around the world)
- Curry/Curries Night (Indian, Thai, Japanese, Malaysian etc)
- Pizza Night

Music/Dance Events

- Ceilidh
- Barn/country dancing
- Greek dancing
- Rock and Roll
- Talentime
- Classical music
- Ethnic music
- Folk music

- 60s songs
- Jazz night
- Bell ringers
- Opera night
- J-pop, K-pop, C-pop etc
- Eurovision

Informational

- Culture Shock
- English Culture 101
- Introduction to English Humour
- Surviving British Weather
- Local Slang
- British Manners
- Local history/geography/architecture
- Best day trips
- How to make friends with a British undergrad
- Small talk and how to talk to a new acquaintance
- 5 TV shows your British friends watched when they were children
- Christmas in the UK
- Reverse Culture Shock

Cultural Evenings

- Scottish, Irish, English, Welsh evenings
- French/Chinese/Korean/Brazilian... evening - depending on which café regulars are willing to host
- Origami night
- Calligraphy night
- Christmas crafts
- Story Telling night
- National/traditional costumes evening

Games

- Board/party games evenings
- Quizzes
- Team Challenges (minute-to-win-it etc)
- Photo Competitions
- Scavenger Hunts
- Ice Breakers

Other Ideas (possibly outside café hours)

- Film Night (old British movie, evangelistic movie, international film...)
- City Tour (of little known spots, best cafes, Christian history, etc.)
- Day Trips
- Cookery Classes
- Trip to useful places not easily accessible by public transport - Ikea, big Tesco, big Asian grocery shop, etc
- Home hospitality
- Opportunity to visit a British church and have "Sunday roast" in a British home afterwards