The Christmas checklist 2026

Get organised · Save time · Enjoy Christmas

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Now · early November

- [ ] Write the list of everyone you're buying for
- [ ] Set a budget for presents, food and the rest
- [ ] Decide who's hosting, and which day
- [ ] Put school and work events in the diary
- [ ] Start the Christmas card list

Late November

- [ ] Buy or order the main presents
- [ ] Order anything personalised
- [ ] Book a supermarket delivery slot, or order the turkey
- [ ] Buy the cards and stamps
- [ ] Elf on the Shelf? Plan the first few nights

Early December · 1 to 13 Dec

- [ ] Put up the tree and decorations
- [ ] Write the cards
- [ ] Post anything going abroad (check Royal Mail's international dates)
- [ ] Plan the Christmas menu
- [ ] Chase any orders that haven't come

The week before · 14 to 20 Dec

- [ ] Post cards 2nd Class by Fri 18 Dec
- [ ] Wrap the presents
- [ ] Fill the stockings
- [ ] Shop for the food that keeps
- [ ] Frozen turkey? Check the packet for defrosting time

Christmas week · 21 to 24 Dec

- [ ] Last 1st Class post Mon 21 Dec
- [ ] Last Special Delivery Wed 23 Dec
- [ ] Pick up the fresh food
- [ ] Christmas Eve: peel the veg and lay the table
- [ ] Work out when the turkey goes in

Posting dates are for UK post, from Royal Mail's published Christmas 2026 dates. Check royalmail.com before posting anything important. Turkey times: free calculator at getchrimbo.com

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My Christmas lists

Everything in one place, ready to tick off

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Presents

Who	Idea	Budget	Bought	Wrapped

Stockings

Food shop

Cards to send

Notes

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