Last Posting Dates for Christmas 2026

Business customers - last posting dates for inland services

To ensure your Christmas letters and parcels reach their destination in good time, it's always a good idea to post as early as possible.

Royal Mail - UK Inland services*

Date	Service
Tuesday, 15 December	Royal Mail Bulk Mail Economy Royal Mail Business Mail® (Sorted) Economy Royal Mail Advertising Mail® Economy
Friday, 18 December	2nd Class, 2nd Class Signed For 2nd Class Royal Mail Advertising Mail® 2nd Class Royal Mail Publishing Mail® Royal Mail 48®
Saturday, 19 December ǂ	Royal Mail Tracked 48®
Monday, 21 December	1st Class, 1st Class Signed For Royal Mail Tracked 24® 1st Class Royal Mail Business Mail® (Sorted or Unsorted) 1st Class Royal Mail Advertising Mail 1st Class Royal Mail Publishing Mail® Royal Mail 24® Royal Mail Publishing Mail® Premium (posted by 1 am)
Wednesday, 23 December	Special Delivery Guaranteed®

ǂ Saturday, 19 December is the last posting date for Royal Mail Tracked Returns® 48 to arrive back with the sender before Christmas.

Economy Deferred services after the last posting date*

Monday, 14 December	For delivery on/from Saturday, 26 December 2026
Monday, 21 December	For delivery on/from Saturday, 2 January 2027

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Parcelforce Worldwide - UK Inland services*

Date	Service
Monday, 21 December	express48 and express48large
Tuesday, 22 December	express10, expressAM and express24

Last posting Dates – International services*

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* **Please note**, last posting dates are correct at the time of publishing and are subject to change.