

This document contains information on the Last Dates of Posting to ensure that mail posted by these dates will be received at their destination in time for Christmas 2015.

The document is split down into the following four sections for ease of use:

1. Last Recommended Posting Dates for Letters (Air and Surface) for Christmas 2015.
2. Latest Recommended Posting Dates for Worldwide Parcels Christmas 2015.
3. Christmas Families Free Mail Service to Operations and HM Ships in support - BFPO Locations and HM Ships authorised to receive this service.
4. Letters to Santa Claus/Father Christmas.

Section 1 - Latest Recommended Posting Dates for Letters (Air and Surface) for Christmas 2015

The Table below shows the recommended latest dates of posting provided by Royal Mail, from the UK and to civilian destinations worldwide:

Destination	Class of Mail	Last Date of Posting
Within UK	st 1 Class	Mon 21 Dec
Within UK	nd 2 Class	Sat 19 Dec
HM Ships at sea (200 – 499)	st 1 Class	Fri 27 Nov

International Standard and all International tracked and signed for (formerly Airmail)	
Africa, Middle East	Fri 04 Dec
Asia, Cyprus, Far East, Japan, Eastern Europe (Ex Poland, and Slovakia)	Mon 07 Dec
Caribbean South and Central America,	Tue 08 Dec
Australia, Greece, New Zealand,	Thurs 10 Dec
Poland, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy	Mon 14 Dec
Canada, United States of America, Finland, Sweden	Tue 15 Dec
Austria, Iceland, Ireland, Portugal, Spain	Wed 16 Dec
France	Thurs 17 Dec
Belgium, Denmark, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia	Fri 18 Dec

International Economy: (formerly Surface Mail)	
Africa, Asia, Australia, Caribbean Central and South America, New Zealand.	Mon 28 Sep
Far East and Middle East destinations except Hong Kong and Singapore.	Tue 29 Sep
Canada, Hong Kong, USA, Singapore, South Africa	Tue 13 Oct
Eastern Europe, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Malta, Iceland.	Tue 03 Nov
Western Europe	Tue 17 Nov

BFPO Recommended Last Dates of Posting

The table below details recommended last dates of posting for Christmas 2015 as directed by Royal Mail. The table lists dates to ensure that airmail and surface mail both to and from the UK will be delivered for Christmas. See columns (c, d, e and f)

BFPO	Country	BFPO to UK 1 st Class (To reach UK by)	BFPO to UK 2 nd Class (To reach UK by)	UK to BFPO Static or Operations Airmail	UK to BFPO Surface
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
2	USA	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
4	Nepal	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
6	Portugal	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
8	Italy	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
10	Kenya	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
11	Brunei	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
12	Belize	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
14	Canada	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
18	Holland	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Wed 16 Dec
26	Belgium	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Wed 16 Dec
28	Holland	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Wed 16 Dec
49	Belgium	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	N/A
50	Norway	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	N/A
52	Gibraltar	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
53	Cyprus	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Thu 19 Nov
56	Spain	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	N/A
57	Cyprus	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Thu 19 Nov
58	Cyprus	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Thu 19 Nov
59	Cyprus	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Thu 19 Nov
61	Italy	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	N/A
63	USA	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
65	Italy	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	N/A
67	Turkey	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	N/A
68	Italy	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	N/A
599	Turkey	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	N/A
622	Sierra Leone	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	N/A
642	Kuwait	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	N/A
644	Jordan	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	N/A
655	Falklands	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 16 Oct
677	Ascensions	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 16 Oct
678	Ascensions	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 16 Oct
16	Germany	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
19	Germany	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
22	Germany	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
39	Germany	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec

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44	Germany	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
46	Germany	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 27 Nov
47	Germany	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
105	Germany	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
109	Germany	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
113	Germany	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
140	Germany	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
801	N Ireland	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
802	N Ireland	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
805	N Ireland	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
806	N Ireland	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
808	N Ireland	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
825	N Ireland	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	Fri 04 Dec
550, 598, 625, 626, 627, 636, 660, 675, 684	Op Shader	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	N/A
567	Op Tosca	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 11 Dec	N/A
590	Op Orbital	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 27 Nov	N/A
602, 608	Op Newcombe	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 27 Nov	N/A
604, 605	Op Turus	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 27 Nov	N/A
606	Op Percival	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 27 Nov	N/A
607	Op Vogul	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 27 Nov	N/A
609	Op Gritrock	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 27 Nov	N/A
611	Op Matchmaker	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 27 Nov	N/A
617	Op Backwell Op Modest Op Praiser	Fri 18 Dec	N/A	Fri 27 Nov	N/A
631	Op Tangham	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 27 Nov	N/A
632, 639, 767, 779	Op Kipion	Fri 18 Dec	N/A	Fri 27 Nov	N/A
651	Op Veritas	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 27 Nov	N/A
759, 762, 764, 798	Op Toral	Fri 18 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Fri 27 Nov	N/A

For details of Intra Command and Inter Command mail please contact your local forces Post office or respective PCS Sqn Ops who will provide local instructions.

Enduring Families Free Mail Service (EFFMS) and Christmas Families Free Mail Service (CFFMS) to authorised Operations 2015.

***The maximum weight limit for either service is 2 kg. Post Office Counters in the United Kingdom have been instructed not to accept any items over this weight.**

The Christmas Families Free Mail Service (CFFMS) runs from **Fri 30 Oct - Fri 27 Nov**.

The Enduring Families Free Mail Service (EFFMS) will be in effect before and after those dates provided.

Relatives and friends in the UK and at BFPO addresses worldwide may send letters and small parcels up to 2 kg in weight to named Service personnel or entitled MoD deployed civilians located at authorised BFPO Operational locations inclusive of HM Ships.

BFPO No	Operational Location / HM Ship	Entitled to CFFMS	Entitled to EFFMS
494	Falkland Islands	✓	-
496	Op Atalanta	✓	✓
497	Op Atalanta	✓	✓
550	Op Shader	✓	✓
567	Op Tosca	✓	✓
572	Op Litten	✓	✓
576	Op Vocate	✓	✓
590	Orbital	✓	✓
598	Op Shader	✓	✓
602	Op Newcombe	✓	✓
604, 605	Op Turus	✓	✓
606	Op Percival	✓	✓
607	Op Vogul	✓	✓
608	Op Newcombe	✓	✓
609	Op Gritrock	✓	✓
611	Op Matchmaker	✓	✓
617	Op Backwell	✓	✓
625, 626, 627	Op Shader	✓	✓
631	Op Tangham	✓	✓
632	Op Kipion	✓	✓
636	Op Shader	✓	✓
639	Op Kipion	✓	✓
651	Op Veritas	✓	✓
655	Falkland Islands	✓	-
660	Op Shader	✓	✓
675	Op Shader	✓	✓
677	Ascension Islands	✓	-
678	Ascension Islands	✓	-
684	Op Shader	✓	✓
685	Op Tramal	✓	✓
689	Op Hallex	✓	✓
759	Op Toral	✓	✓
762	Op Toral	✓	✓
764	Op Toral	✓	✓
767	Op Kipion	✓	✓
779	Op Kipion	✓	✓

798	Op Toral	✓	✓
215	HMS Atherstone	-	✓
222	HMS Bangor	✓	✓
254	HMS Chiddingfold	✓	✓
255	HMS Clyde	✓	-
267	HMS Defender	✓	✓
276	HMS Enterprise	✓	✓
292	HMS Grimsby	-	-
323	HMS Lancaster	-	-
358	HMS Penzance	✓	-
367	HMS Protector	✓	-
381	HMS Scott	✓	-
399	St Albans	✓	✓
403	HMS Torbay	-	-
436	RFA Cardigan Bay	✓	✓
442	RFA Fort Victoria	✓	✓
443	RFA Gold Rover	✓	-
447	RFA Lyme Bay	-	-
485	Diego Garcia	✓	-

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Section 4 - Letters to Santa Claus/Father Christmas.

The last posting date to write to Santa and receive a reply by Christmas Day is Sat 05 Dec 15.

The address for all correspondence to Santa Claus/Father Christmas is:

**Father Christmas
Santa's Grotto
Reindeer Land
XM4 5HQ**