Child Benefit Christmas 2026: Payment and Bank Holiday Dates

Early payment dates and the UK bank holidays around them

DATE	CHILD BENEFIT	BANK HOLIDAY	DONE
Thu., Dec. 24	Paid early (due 28 December)		☐
Fri., Dec. 25		Christmas Day	☐
Mon., Dec. 28		Boxing Day (substitute day)	☐
Wed., Dec. 30	Paid (due 29 December), Northern Ireland only		☐
Fri., Jan. 1		New Year's Day	☐
Mon., Jan. 4		2nd January (substitute day), Scotland only	☐

Not yet confirmed

DWP Christmas and New Year 2026 benefit payment dates: Not published as of 4 November 2026

HMRC Child Benefit helpline Christmas hours: Not confirmed; check the GOV.UK enquiries page

My notes

Source: GOV.UK Child Benefit payment dates: Bank holidays; GOV.UK UK bank holidays. HMRC Christmas helpline hours and DWP Christmas benefit dates are not confirmed.