Christmas Horse Racing 2026 Watch Guide, Dec. 26 to 29

Kempton, Chepstow and Newbury: UK race times with U.S. time zones

DATE (ET)	ET	CT	MT	PT	LONDON TIME	EVENT	MY PICK
Sat., Dec. 26	**7:45 a.m.**	6:45 a.m.	5:45 a.m.	4:45 a.m.	Dec. 26, 12:45 p.m.	**Kempton first race**	
Sat., Dec. 26	**8:55 a.m.**	7:55 a.m.	6:55 a.m.	5:55 a.m.	Dec. 26, 1:55 p.m.	**Ladbrokes Christmas Hurdle (Grade 1), Kempton**	
Sat., Dec. 26	**9:30 a.m.**	8:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	Dec. 26, 2:30 p.m.	**Ladbrokes King George VI Chase (Grade 1), Kempton**	
Sun., Dec. 27	**8:55 a.m.**	7:55 a.m.	6:55 a.m.	5:55 a.m.	Dec. 27, 1:55 p.m.	**Ladbrokes Kauto Star Novices' Chase (Grade 1), Kempton**	
Sun., Dec. 27	**9:30 a.m.**	8:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	Dec. 27, 2:30 p.m.	**Ladbrokes Desert Orchid Chase (Grade 2), Kempton**	
Mon., Dec. 28	**7:05 a.m.**	6:05 a.m.	5:05 a.m.	4:05 a.m.	Dec. 28, 12:05 p.m.	**Chepstow first race, Welsh Grand National day**	
Mon., Dec. 28	Time not yet announced					**Coral Welsh Grand National, Chepstow**	
Tue., Dec. 29	Time not yet announced					**Coral Challow Hurdle Day, Newbury**	

Eastern Time (ET), Central Time (CT), Mountain Time (MT, Denver; most of Arizona keeps standard time), Pacific Time (PT). London time: the time where the event takes place, as the source gives it. Times are converted from the start time the source gives.

Not yet confirmed

Welsh Grand National off time: Chepstow's page did not post it on Nov. 8, 2026

Newbury Dec. 29 race times: not published in the sources read on Nov. 8, 2026

My notes

Source: The Jockey Club (Kempton Park race cards), Chepstow Racecourse, British Horseracing Authority (BHA). Times are UK time (GMT); U.S. conversions by Fresh Calendars. Times subject to change.