

Five things you need to know on Christmas Day



Edinburgh schools singing on STV today


Christmas Church services in Edinburgh

What's Open Today

How to say Happy Christmas across Europe!

Portobello Loony Douk



School children from across Edinburgh will feature in *Edinburgh's Christmas Song Book* for a three hour festive sing-along on STV Edinburgh on Christmas Day. The festive celebration will start at 9am (repeated at 1pm and 6pm) on STV Edinburgh, with talented youngsters from over 15 Edinburgh schools performing traditional carols and Christmas tunes that will have you rocking around the Christmas tree. 

Would you like to find a church service where you can go to sing carols today? Rosemary Kaye has compiled a list for you!

[Read more here.](#)



So what's open and what's closed today?

Most of the big hotels are open and their bars are too. If you want food you may have had to book ahead but it could be worth a call.

Details of Stagecoach services are [here](#).

Details of FirstGroup services are [here](#).

Lothian Buses have a festive timetable as you can see below although their travelshops are closed.

This year there will be more buses running over the festive period than ever before. Extra services and journeys include:

- Service 30 on Christmas Day running hourly between Clovenstone and Niddrie.
- Services 1, 19 and 104 running on Boxing Day, so it will be easier than ever before to get into town for the sales!
- Earlier and later journeys on many services on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.



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The Fruitmarket Gallery is closed until 27 December:

Festive Opening Hours Closed 24–26 December (inclusive)
Reopens 27–31 December 12–5pm 1 and 2 Jan 11am–6pm

Word of Mouth Cafe is closed until 28 December.

Word of Mouth Cafe would like to thank all its loyal customers over the past year. We welcome lots of new customers too!... Posted by [Word of Mouth Cafe](#) on [Wednesday, 23 December 2015](#)

Covet the lovely accessory store on Thistle Street is closed till Monday 28 December, but their online sale is underway now! Click on the link below to see what they have on offer.



The National Museum of Scotland is closed today and it is not yet clear when it will reopen due to expected strikes.

Opening times

Daily: 10:00-17:00 Christmas Day: Closed Boxing Day: 12:00-17:00 New Year's Day: 12:00-17:00



“Anticipated strike action by the Public and Commercial Services Union is likely to cause some disruption to the National Museum of Scotland on 26 & 27 December.”

If you want to visit the museum then you would be best to check online [here](#). Cineworld Fountain Park is open again tomorrow. More details of the films and times [here](#)



Just in case you wish to plan ahead you may wish to make a note in your diary that you can go along to Portobello for an unofficial 'at your own peril' dip in the sea on New Year's Day.

More information [here](#)!

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