

What we found out from our Christmas card exchange:

Christmas in **Spain** and **England**

	<u>Spain</u>	<u>England</u>
When it starts	Christmas starts on December 24 (Nochebuena).	Christmas starts in early December .
Main day	January 6 – "Three Kings' Day" is very important.	December 25 – Christmas Day is the main celebration.
Gifts	Children often get gifts on January 6 from the Three Kings.	Children get gifts from Father Christmas on December 25.
Food	They eat seafood, lamb , and turrón (a sweet treat) .	They eat roast turkey, potatoes , and Christmas pudding .
Decorations	They use nativity scenes (Belén) and lights.	They use Christmas trees, lights , and stockings .
Santa or Kings?	Three Wise Men (Los Reyes Magos) bring presents.	Santa Claus (Father Christmas) brings presents.

Fun Facts

- In **Spain**, there are big parades for the Three Kings on January 5.
- In **England**, people pull **Christmas crackers** with jokes and paper hats.

In both our schools, we have children from different backgrounds who may not celebrate Christmas, but take part in the celebration of good will to all and enjoy the school Christmas parties!