

Festive Schedule

2026

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Last Dispatch Dates

Plan your pallet deliveries around the festive period with Browns Distribution. Within this schedule you'll find key dispatch deadlines, expected delivery dates and changes to our operating schedule over the festive period.

For a full interactive view of our festive schedule, visit:
brownsdistribution.co.uk/festive-schedule-2026

Last dispatch dates for delivery before Christmas

ECONOMY 48 HOUR (B)
22 Dec
Tuesday

Expected Delivery
Thursday 24 December

PREMIUM 24 HOUR (A)
23 Dec
Wednesday

Expected Delivery
Thursday 24 December

SATURDAY DELIVERY
18 Dec
Friday

Expected Delivery
Saturday 19 December

Deliveries to the **Scottish Highlands and Channel Islands** operate on an **Eco 72 Hour service** and must be placed by **Mon 21 Dec, to ensure delivery by Thurs 24 Dec.**

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Last dispatch dates for delivery before the New Year

ECONOMY 48 HOUR (B)

29 Dec

Tuesday

Expected Delivery

Thursday 31 December

PREMIUM 24 HOUR (A)

30 Dec

Wednesday

Expected Delivery

Thursday 31 December

Deliveries to the **Scottish Highlands and Channel Islands** operate on an **Eco 72 Hour service** and must be placed by **Weds 23 Dec, to ensure delivery by Thurs 31 Dec.**

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Operating Schedule

Our key operating schedule over the festive period, including cut-offs and closures. If you have any questions on final cut-off dates, please contact our support team or your account manager.

Monday 21 December

Manifest Date

ECONOMY 48 HOUR (B)	PREMIUM 24 HOUR (A)
Wednesday 23 December (Expected Delivery)	Tuesday 22 December (Expected Delivery)

Tuesday 22 December

Manifest Date

ECONOMY 48 HOUR (B)	PREMIUM 24 HOUR (A)
Thursday 24 December (Expected Delivery)	Wednesday 23 December (Expected Delivery)

Wednesday 23 December

Manifest Date

ECONOMY 48 HOUR (B)	PREMIUM 24 HOUR (A)
Tuesday 29 December (Expected Delivery)	Thursday 24 December (Expected Delivery)

Thursday 24 December

Limited service - Christmas Eve

Friday 25 December

No service - Christmas Day

Saturday 26 December

No service - Boxing Day

Sunday 27 December

No service - Sunday

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Monday 28 December

Limited service - Substitute Bank Holiday (Boxing Day)

Tuesday 29 December

Manifest Date

ECONOMY 48 HOUR (B)
Thursday 31 December
Expected Delivery

PREMIUM 24 HOUR (A)
Wednesday 30 December
Expected Delivery

Wednesday 30 December

Manifest Date

ECONOMY 48 HOUR (B)
Monday 4 January
Expected Delivery

PREMIUM 24 HOUR (A)
Thursday 31 December
Expected Delivery

Thursday 31 December

Limited service - New Year's Eve

Friday 1 January

No service - New Year's Day

Saturday 2 January

Saturday Service

Sunday 3 January

No service - Sunday

Monday 4 January

Manifest Date

ECONOMY 48 HOUR (B)
Wednesday 6 January
Expected Delivery

PREMIUM 24 HOUR (A)
Tuesday 5 January
Expected Delivery

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Amazon FBA

Cut-off dates to book freight for delivery into all Amazon fulfilment centres before Christmas, are listed below.

Amendments or cancellations to existing Amazon bookings must be made by 12pm on Tuesday 22 December.

Freight manifested on any service Wednesday 23 December will be booked for delivery on Tuesday 5 January onwards.

ECONOMY 48 HOUR (B)
21 Dec
Monday, by 5pm

Expected Delivery
Wednesday 23 December

PREMIUM 24 HOUR (A)
22 Dec
Tuesday, by 5pm

Expected Delivery
Wednesday 23 December

DIRECT LOAD BOOKING DEADLINE
22 Dec
Tuesday, 12 noon

Delivery arrangement
Subject to booked slot

ANY SERVICE
23 Dec
Wednesday, by 5pm

Expected Delivery (Arrives after Christmas and New Year)
From Tuesday 5 January

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Important Information

Book collections in advance

Please arrange your festive collections **as early as possible.** Booking ahead helps our planning and gives your freight the best chance of arriving on time.

Delivery access and opening hours

Please ensure your **collection and delivery locations are open and accessible.** Please let us know in advance of any reduced hours or site closures.

Remote and offshore deliveries

Highlands and Islands, offshore destinations, Northern Ireland and parts of the Republic of Ireland **may require earlier dispatch** because of ferry schedules.

Additional bank holidays

An additional bank holiday applies in **Scotland on Monday 4 January**, which may affect deliveries.

Delivery timescales

Delivery dates are based on standard service timescales. **Please allow for potential delays during the festive period** and plan time-sensitive deliveries accordingly.

Normal services resume

Palletline's hub network returns to **normal operations from Tuesday 5 January 2027**, following a phased reopening on Monday 4 January.

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We wish you a Merry Christmas...

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