

## Christmas Edition— 2023

2023 is almost over so we can look forward to a brand new year with all things positive. I know there has been a few changes this year within the Company and we thank you for your patience. We would like to assure you we are all here to stay. We will continue to support and encourage you to reach your goals for employment and or staying in employment.

Myself and the team at NQ Employment would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Best Wishes


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- What is every parent's favorite Christmas song? Silent Night!
- Why did the scarecrow get a big Christmas bonus? Because he was outstanding in his field.
- What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party? Freeze a jolly good fellow!
- What do you call an elf that runs away from Santa's workshop? A rebel without a Claus!
- What did Santa say when he stepped into a big puddle? It must have reindeer.


The same number represents the same letter. Crack the code and fill the grid. To help you get started some word entries have picture clues.

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# Christmas word search



Word search grid:

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c	a	n	d	l	e	h	r	g	e
g	i	n	g	e	r	b	r	e	a
m	i	t	t	e	n	s	l	d	
s	n	o	w	f	l	a	k	e	m
b	e	l	l	s	t	r	e	e	a
r	e	i	n	d	e	e	r	a	n

1. Angel
2. Ball
3. Bells
4. Box
5. Candle
6. Candy cane
7. Elf
8. Fireplace
9. Gingerbread man
10. Hat
11. Mittens
12. Reindeer
13. Santa
14. Snowflake
15. Star
16. Tree

## Spot the differences—12 to find!



## Christmas Word Scramble

Can you unscramble these words to find the hidden word?

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# Gingerbread pancakes

Prep: 10 mins    Easy    Makes 10  
Cook: 15 mins - 20 mins

The ultimate Christmas breakfast treat, these American-style pancakes are lightly spiced with ginger and cinnamon, topped with maple syrup and dates

Vegetarian

Nutrition: per serving

kcal	fat	saturates	carbs	sugars	fibre	protein	salt
111	5g	1g	14g	2g	1g	3g	0.3g



## Ingredients

150g [self-raising flour](#)

½ tsp [baking powder](#)

1 tsp [ground ginger](#)

1 tsp [cinnamon](#)

2 tsp [golden caster sugar](#)

1 [egg](#), beaten

½ tbsp [maple syrup](#), plus extra to serve

200ml full-fat milk or semi-skimmed milk

vegetable oil, for frying

100g [pitted dates](#), chopped, to serve

100ml [crème fraîche](#), to serve

## Method

### STEP 1

Put the flour, baking powder, ginger, cinnamon and sugar in a large bowl with a pinch of salt. Combine the egg, maple syrup and milk in a jug. Gradually add to the dry ingredients, whisking until a smooth, silky batter forms.

### STEP 2

Heat a drizzle of oil in a large, non-stick pan over a medium heat and ladle 2-3 small rounds into the pan. Cook for 1-2 mins until bubbles start to appear on the surface, then flip over and cook for a further 1 min until fluffy. Do this in batches until you have 10 pancakes.

### STEP 3

Serve in a stack, with extra maple syrup, a blob of crème fraîche and dates scattered over.

## Magic Reindeer Food

SPRINKLE ON YOUR LAWN AT NIGHT  
THE MOON WILL MAKE IT SPARKLE BRIGHT  
AS SANTA'S REINDEER FLY AND ROAM,  
THIS WILL GUIDE THEM TO YOUR HOME.



### Recipe

½ cup of oats  
1 tsp of red and green sprinkles  
1 tsp of glitter  
1 crushed candy cane



# Unbelievably easy mince pies

Prep: 30 mins - 40 mins    Easy    Makes 18 pies  
Cook: 20 mins

No rolling required! Press the raw, crumbly pastry directly into your tin for a short, biscuity finish. Our easiest mince pie recipe and great fun to make with kids

\* Freezable (uncooked)

Nutrition: per pie

kcal	fat	saturates	carbs	sugars	fibre	protein	low in salt
222	11g	7g	30g	12g	1g	2g	0.3g

## Ingredients

225g [cold butter](#), diced

350g [plain flour](#)

100g [golden caster sugar](#)

280g [mincemeat](#)

1 [small egg](#), beaten

[icing sugar](#), to dust

## Method

### STEP 1

To make the pastry, rub the butter into the flour, then [mix](#) in the golden caster sugar and a pinch of salt.

### STEP 2

Combine the pastry into a ball – don't add liquid – and knead it briefly. The dough will be fairly firm, like shortbread dough. You can use the dough immediately, or chill for later.

### STEP 3

Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Line 18 holes of two 12-hole patty tins, by pressing small walnut-sized balls of pastry into each hole.

### STEP 4

Spoon the [mincemeat into the pies](#). Take slightly smaller balls of pastry than before and pat them out between your hands to make round lids, big enough to cover the pies.

### STEP 5

Top the pies with their lids, pressing the edges gently together to seal – you don't need to seal them with milk or egg as they will stick on their own. *Will keep frozen for up to one month.*

### STEP 6

[Brush](#) the tops of the pies with the beaten egg. Bake for 20 mins until golden. Leave to cool in the tin for 5 mins, then remove to a [wire rack](#). To serve, lightly dust with the icing sugar. *Will keep for three to four days in an [airtight container](#).*

# Rudolph Milkshake

## Method

### Step 1

Make desired milk shake with preferred flavour.

### Step 2

Add on some whipped cream place a cherry or strawberry on top for the nose and 2 choc chips or eye candy for the eyes. Add straws for his ears



# All-the-trimmings traybake

Prep: 15 mins    Easy    Serves 4  
Cook: 50 mins

Enjoy the best of Christmas in a traybake. A perfect Boxing Day feast for using up leftovers like potatoes, parsnips, carrots, sprouts and pigs-in-blankets

Nutrition: Per serving

low in							
kcal	fat	saturates	carbs	sugars	fibre	protein	salt
479	11g	3g	75g	21g	17g	11g	0.6g



## Method

### STEP 1

Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Mix the oil and chutney together and season well. Divide everything except the sausages and herbs between two large roasting tins, pour over the oil and chutney mixture and toss together. Put both trays in the oven for 25 mins.

### STEP 2

Add the sausages and herbs to the trays and bake, stirring halfway through, for 30-35 mins more or until the vegetables are soft and the sausages are cooked through. If one tray is browning more than the other, swap them round.

## Ingredients

- 1 tbsp [olive oil](#)
- 3 tbsp [caramelised onion chutney](#)
- 1kg small potatoes, halved
- 4 [parsnips](#), cut into chunky pieces
- 4 [carrots](#), cut into chunky pieces
- 200g sprouts, trimmed and halved
- 2 [small red onions](#), cut into wedges
- 12 cocktail sausages wrapped in bacon
- 2 bay leaves
- 4 [rosemary sprigs](#), ripped

# Merry Christmas

## DIY CHRISTMAS TABLE DECORATIONS





# Christmas



# Movie Checklist

## Classics

- It's a Wonderful Life
- The Bishop's Wife
- Christmas in Connecticut
- Holiday Inn
- Miracle on 34th Street
- White Christmas
- The Shop Around the Corner
- Disney's a Christmas Carol
- Holiday Affair
- It Happened on 5th Avenue
- Babes in Toyland

## Pop Culture Christmas Movies

- Die Hard
- Scrooged
- Bad Santa
- Ernest Saves Christmas
- Silent Night Deadly Night
- Krampus
- Lethal Weapon
- Santa Claus: The Movie
- Mixed Nuts
- Babes in Toyland

## Family Friendly

- Elf
- How the Grinch Stole Christmas
- Home Alone
- Home Alone 2
- The Christmas Chronicles (Netflix)
- A Christmas Story
- Klaus (Netflix)
- The Polar Express
- The Santa Clause
- Arthur Christmas
- Prancer
- Noelle (Disney+)
- Jack Frost
- Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
- A Charlie Brown Christmas
- Frosty The Snowman
- The Muppet Christmas Carol
- Mickey's Christmas Carol

## Our Top 5

- National Lampoon's Xmas Vacation
- 4 Christmases
- Love Actually
- It's a Wonderful Life
- The Christmas Carol

## Even More Movies

- The Preachers Wife
- I'll Be Home for Christmas
- All I Want For Christmas
- Office Christmas Party
- Dolly Parton's Christmas of Many Colors
- Dolly Parton's Circle of Love
- Fred Claus
- Christmas with the Kranks
- The Family Man
- Serendipity
- The Family Stone
- Just Friends
- While You Were Sleeping
- Trading Places
- Gremlins
- Nightmare before Christmas
- Batman Returns
- The Man Who Invented Christmas



2=A, 3=L, 4=G, 5=V, 6=I, 7=N, 8=T, 9=R, 10=E, 11=K, 12=O, 13=M, 14=Y, 15=P, 16=C,  
 9=F, 20=U, 21=B, 22=Q, 23=Z, 24=D, 25=J, 26=X.

# CLIENT CHRISTMAS PARTY FUN!





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