

Programme Information Highlights

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Happening this month...

Friday 1st December

World Cup Draw, Russia

The draw for the 2018 World Cup, hosted by Russia, will take place at the State Kremlin Palace inside the Kremlin in Moscow.

Sunday 3rd December

25th anniversary of the first SMS message being sent

It's 25 years since Neil Papwell, a 22-year-old British engineer, sent the greeting "Merry Christmas" from his computer to Richard Jarvis of Vodafone UK's mobile phone using the short message service (SMS).

Sunday 10th December

Nobel prizes awarded, Sweden and Norway

Winners of the prestigious prize will be celebrated in Stockholm and Oslo. This year's recipients include Rainer Weiss, Barry C. Barish and Kip S. Thorne who share the Nobel Prize in Physics for their contributions to the LIGO gravitational wave observatory and Kazuo Ishiguro who will be presented with the Nobel Prize in Literature.

Monday 11th December

Golden Globe nominations, USA

Nominations due to be announced for the 75th Golden Globes. Game of Thrones, The Handmaid's Tale, Big Little Lies and Veep are expected to feature in several categories.



The digital FIFA World Cup 2018 countdown clock placed in front of the Red Square and the Kremlin in Moscow is pictured on September 13, 2017. (Photo credit MLADEN ANTONOV/AFP/Getty Images)

Tuesday 12th December

Climate Change Summit, France

French President Emmanuel Macron to host conference on two-year anniversary of Paris Agreement, following US President Donald Trump's decision not to support the climate change accord.

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Sunday 17th December

Chilie presidential runoff

Possible runoff following November's presidential election. Former leader, conservative candidate Sebastian Pinera is leading the polls but will face strong opposition from left-of-centre candidates, which may force the runoff.

Monday 18th December

Salah Abdeslam trial begins, Belgium

Trial of terror suspect Salah Abdeslam is due to start in Brussels. Abdeslam is accused of being involved in the Paris attacks in November 2015 when 130 people were killed in a series of bomb blasts and shootings.

Friday 22nd December

El Gordo lottery, Spain

The largest lottery in the world, El Gordo's prize pot is worth several billion pounds and there are thousands of winners. El Gordo means 'fat one' and many of those taking part in the 205-year-old lottery dress up to attract good luck.

Monday 25th December

Christmas Day, worldwide

Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus. Highlights include Pope Francis delivering his Urbi et Orbi blessing from the Vatican, home of the Roman Catholic church. Many Christians will travel to the West Bank to mark Christmas in Bethlehem. In the UK, Queen Elizabeth II will feature in her annual Christmas address.



An official empties a drum filled with balls bearing ticket numbers during the start of the draw of Spain's Christmas lottery named 'El Gordo' (Fat One) on December 22, 2014 in Madrid, Spain. (Photo credit Pablo Blazquez Dominguez/Getty Images)