

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Each day add an item to the box and then donate to a food bank or a family in need.



What is a Reverse Advent Calendar?

- Firstly you need to grab a basket or box, and every day leading up to Christmas, add something useful to the box.
- The idea is that you add 24 items just like an advent calendar. We will be starting this on Monday 26th November and so we will have **15** days to collect items.
- Then you can donate it to a food bank, a family in need or your chosen House charity.

What to put in a Reverse Advent Calendar

- Dolls, teddy bears, toys
- Pencils, crayons, paper, colouring books
- CDs, DVDs, books
- Hats, gloves, scarves
- Make up, toiletries
- Baby clothes
- T shirts, jumpers
- Arts and crafts, jigsaws
- Bath towels, hand towels, blankets
- Tinned goods such as fruit, tuna, baked beans, chopped tomatoes and rice pudding
- Cans or (plastic) bottles of fizzy or still drinks
- Chocolate and sweets
- Biscuits and crackers
- Crisps and savoury snacks
- Baby formula and nappies

How to make your own reverse advent calendar

Step 1:

- Pick something to collect your advent calendar gifts in. This can be something really easy like a basket or cardboard box, or alternatively you could make individual pockets for each day using strips of cardboard and even add some paint and glitter to jazz it up.

Step 2:

- Every day choose something from your own supplies or from a shop with your family to donate to your reverse advent calendar.

Step 3:

- On Friday 14th December, House Captains will take your offerings down to your local food bank or charity and donate them.

Step 5:

- Spend some time with your family/friends imagining who you might have helped by starting this special tradition and ask everyone to pick a reason why they are lucky this Christmas.

Where to take your reverse advent calendar

- Crisis.org for food and clothes
- FareShare for food
- Salvation Army for toys and gifts
- Great Ormond Street Hospital for games and entertainment gifts
- The Trussell Trust for food
- Samaritans for toys and toiletries
- Barnardo's for toys, toiletries
- The British Heart Foundation for toys and clothing

In tutor sets, you will decide how to make the calendar and who will bring in something each day.

