

41	50 <i>Y is a G A</i>	50 years is a golden anniversary
42	20 <i>N on a D B</i>	20 numbers on a dart board
43	3600 <i>S in an H</i>	3600 seconds in an hour
44	5 <i>L in a L</i>	5 lines in a limerick
45	80 <i>M in a G of R</i>	80 minutes in a game of rugby
46	24 <i>D on an A C</i>	24 doors on an Advent calendar
47	12 <i>P was 1 S</i>	12 pence was 1 shilling
48	11 <i>P on a C T</i>	11 players on a cricket team
49	57 <i>H V</i>	57 Heinz varieties
50	4 and 20 <i>B B in a P</i>	4 and 20 blackbirds baked in a pie
51	100 <i>D is the B P of W</i>	100 degrees is the boiling point of water
52	12 <i>S of the Z</i>	12 signs of the zodiac
53	118 <i>E in the P T</i>	118 elements in the periodic table
54	80 <i>D A the W</i>	80 days around the world
55	90 <i>D in a R A</i>	90 degrees in a right angle
56	200 <i>for P G in M</i>	200 for passing Go in Monopoly
57	8 <i>C at S A J S</i>	8 classes at St Andrew's Junior School
58	66 <i>B in the B</i>	66 books in the Bible
59	9 <i>H in a Y</i>	9 hands in a yard
60	13 <i>C in a S</i>	13 cards in a suit

Cryptic Christmas Challenge 2025



IT'S BACK! Welcome to this year's Christmas Challenge. Inside you will find plenty of cryptic puzzles for you to enjoy scratching your heads over.

The competition is completely free to enter. Once you think you have done as much as you can, send your completed sheet back into school and pass it to the office staff or class teachers. Entries should be in by the 9am on Thursday 19th December. The winning entry will be announced in church later that day. The winning family will receive a generous box of chocolates to enjoy over the Christmas break. Additional copies are available from the school office.

The competition is open to the entire school community – children, parents, staff, governors – everyone! I hope you have fun – good luck! Mr Hyde

Name:

Child's class:

1	<i>50 S in the U S</i>	50 states in the United States	21	<i>10 Y in a D</i>	10 years in a decade
2	<i>3 W on a T</i>	3 wheels on a tricycle	22	<i>6 P on a S T</i>	6 pockets on a snooker table
3	<i>4 N in the U K</i>	4 nations in the United Kingdom	23	<i>8 D and N in H</i>	8 days and nights in Hannukah
4	<i>O 1 E P N</i>	Only 1 even prime number	24	<i>12 D of J</i>	12 disciples of Jesus
5	<i>360 D in a C</i>	360 degrees in a circle	25	<i>14 L in a S</i>	14 lines in a sonnet
6	<i>6 F on a D</i>	6 faces on a die	26	<i>13 S on the U S F</i>	13 stripes on the United States flag
7	<i>12 N in an O</i>	12 notes in an octave	27	<i>4 HM of the A</i>	4 horsemen of the apocalypse
8	<i>24 T Z in the W</i>	24 time zones in the world	28	<i>27 M S of the E U</i>	27 member states of the European Union
9	<i>8 L on an O</i>	8 legs on an octopus	29	<i>32 P on the L E</i>	32 pods on the London Eye
10	<i>42 P in U S H</i>	42 presidents in US history	30	<i>16 O in a P</i>	16 ounces in a pound
11	<i>7 W of the W</i>	7 wonders of the world	31	<i>3 is the M N</i>	3 is the magic number
12	<i>5 C on an A W</i>	5 candles on an Advent wreath	32	<i>5 V in the A</i>	5 vowels in the alphabet
13	<i>L is 50 in R N</i>	L is 50 in Roman numerals	33	<i>7 C of the R</i>	7 colours of the rainbow
14	<i>A 4 L C is L</i>	A 4-leaf clover is lucky	34	<i>4 P of I</i>	4 pillars of Islam
15	<i>206 B in the H B</i>	206 bones in the human body	35	<i>2 H in a W</i>	2 halves in a whole
16	<i>39.37 I in a M</i>	39.37 inches in a metre	36	<i>7 Y of B L (I Y B a M)</i>	7 years of bad luck (if you break a mirror)
17	<i>12 E in a D</i>	12 eggs in a dozen	37	<i>92 T in the E F L</i>	92 teams in the English football league
18	<i>6 S on a G</i>	6 strings on a guitar	38	<i>16 P in a G of C</i>	16 pawns in a game of chess
19	<i>7 S on a H</i>	7 sides on a heptagon	39	<i>7 C of the W</i>	7 continents of the world
20	<i>30 D H S A J and N</i>	30 days hath September, April, June and November	40	<i>2 S to every S</i>	2 sides to every story

