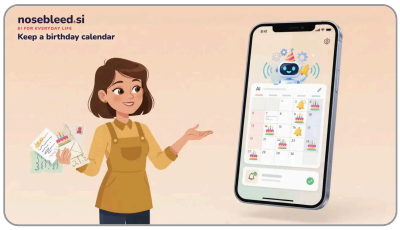
Keep a family birthday calendar



Use AI to turn a jumble of family birthdays into a tidy calendar, month by month, then check every date.

By the end, you'll be able to:

- gather family birthdays and anniversaries
- use AI to sort them into a calendar
- check dates and ages, and set reminders

Warm-up Which birthday do you always nearly forget?

Talk about it with your group. Where do you keep birthdays now: a diary, a calendar on the wall, your phone, your head?

1 Sort the jumble

Here are the made-up birthdays from the back of Rose's old diary. Write them in order, starting from January.

ROSE'S LIST

Ben 14 Sept (born 2015) · Grace 2 Feb (born 1990) · Dad's anniversary 30 June · Mia 21 Dec (born 2019) · Tom 5 May (born 1988) · Auntie Pat 11 Feb (born 1946)

	Name and date
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	

2 Ask AI to make the calendar

If you have a device, try this prompt with Rose's list. First names only: no surnames or addresses needed.

TRY THIS PROMPT

Please put these family birthdays into a calendar, month by month. For each birthday, tell me how old the person will be in 2027, and remind me to post a card a week before. Show your working for the ages. Here's the list:

3 Check the ages

An AI gave this answer. Work out the ages yourself. Is each one right?

EXAMPLE AI ANSWER

February: Grace (2nd), turns 37. Auntie Pat (11th), turns 80.
May: Tom (5th), turns 39.
September: Ben (14th), turns 11.
December: Mia (21st), turns 7.

The mistakes are: _____

4 Set reminders

How will you be reminded? Tick the ones you'd like to try.

☐ A printed calendar on the fridge ☐ Reminders on my phone

☐ A list in my diary ☐ Ask a family member to share their calendar

AI can also help with the card. Write a prompt asking for a short verse for a 7-year-old's birthday card.

5 Good habits

- Check every date and age. AI can slip with sums.
- Add the dates to a calendar you already look at.
- Keep the list somewhere safe: dates of birth are personal details.

> **No device?** In pairs, sort Rose's list on paper, and work out each person's age in 2027. Compare answers.

Find out more: read the free step-by-step guide, with a 10-second video, at **nosebleed.si/ideas/keep-a-birthday-calendar**

Teacher notes: Keep a family birthday calendar

Time: 45 to 60 minutes

Group: any size; works well in pairs

Level: beginners; no AI experience needed

You'll need: a copy per learner; calendars or diaries; phones or tablets with an AI chat app (optional)

Before the session

Try the prompt with Rose's list. Rose and her family are made up. Dates of birth are often used in security questions, so encourage first names only when using AI.

Running order

5 min	**Warm-up.** How we keep track now.
10 min	**Part 1.** Sort Rose's list.
20 min	**Parts 2 and 3.** Try the prompt, then check the ages.
10 min	**Part 4.** Reminders and a card verse.
5 min	**Wrap-up.** Check dates, keep them safe.

Answers: Part 1

Grace 2 Feb; Auntie Pat 11 Feb; Tom 5 May; Dad's anniversary 30 June; Ben 14 Sept; Mia 21 Dec.

Answers: Part 3

Grace 37 (right); Pat 81, not 80; Tom 39 (right); Ben 12, not 11; Mia 8, not 7.
The AI also **left out Dad's anniversary** on 30 June.

Discussion points

- AI often gets ages wrong by one year. Check: birthday year minus birth year.
- Things left out are harder to spot than things that are wrong. Count the items.
- Phone calendars can repeat a birthday every year automatically.

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