

Mumsnet survey on teachers' presents

Survey of 1,220 teachers or teaching assistants in the UK, between 11th May and 14th June 2018. The data is not weighted.

Which of the following have you received (as a teacher's present) and gone on to use or enjoy? Please tick all that apply.	
Sweet treats - chocolate, sweets, cakes	90 %
A heartfelt personal note/card from a child/children	79 %
Wine/spirits	71 %
Flowers	63 %
A handmade item from the pupil(s)	60 %
A heartfelt personal note/card from a parent/parents	58 %
Shower/bath products	56 %
Candles	54 %
Something personalised with your name or something personal about you	47 %
Something featuring the phrase 'best teacher' or similar	47 %
Gift vouchers for retail outlets	38 %
A handmade item from the parent(s)	30 %
Something second-hand or obviously regifted	17 %
Hamper/collection of edible treats	16 %
Beauty products or makeup	15 %
Gift vouchers for restaurants, theatres etc	13 %
Perfume	11 %
Experience day vouchers	2 %
N/A I have never received a present	2 %
Other (please specify)	8 %
And which of these, (if any) describes the best teacher's present you've received?	
A heartfelt personal note/card from a child/children	33 %
A heartfelt personal note/card from a parent/parents	15 %
A handmade item from the pupil(s)	10 %
Something personalised with your name or something personal about you	9 %
Gift vouchers for retail outlets	8 %
Wine/spirits	5 %
Sweet treats - chocolate, sweets, cakes	4 %
A handmade item from the parent(s)	2 %
Gift vouchers for restaurants, theatres etc	2 %
Flowers	2 %
Candles	1 %
Something featuring the phrase 'best teacher' or similar	1 %
Experience day vouchers	0 %
Shower/bath products	0 %
Perfume	0 %
Hamper/collection of edible treats	0 %

Beauty products or makeup	0 %
Something second-hand or obviously regifted	0 %
N/A I have never received a present	2 %
N/A I have never received a present I've liked	0 %
Other (please specify)	4 %

And, what is the worst teacher's present you've ever received?

Something featuring the phrase 'best teacher' or similar	13 %
Something second-hand or obviously regifted	9 %
Shower/bath products	6 %
A handmade item from the pupil(s)	3 %
Sweet treats - chocolate, sweets, cakes	3 %
Wine/spirits	3 %
Candles	3 %
A handmade item from the parent(s)	1 %
Something personalised with your name or something personal about you	1 %
Perfume	1 %
Beauty products or makeup	1 %
Gift vouchers for retail outlets	0 %
Gift vouchers for restaurants, theatres etc	0 %
Experience day vouchers	0 %
Flowers	0 %
Hamper/collection of edible treats	0 %
A heartfelt personal note/card from a child/children	0 %
A heartfelt personal note/card from a parent/parents	0 %
N/a I have never received a present	2 %
N/A I value any present - it's the thought that counts	47 %
Other (Please specify)	6 %

Filter: those who HAVE received a worst gift
Share of total: 51%

And, what is the worst teacher's present you've ever received?

Something featuring the phrase 'best teacher' or similar	25 %
Something second-hand or obviously regifted	17 %
Shower/bath products	12 %
Sweet treats - chocolate, sweets, cakes	7 %
Wine/spirits	7 %
A handmade item from the pupil(s)	5 %
Candles	5 %
Perfume	3 %
Beauty products or makeup	3 %
A handmade item from the parent(s)	2 %
Something personalised with your name or something personal about you	1 %
Flowers	1 %

Gift vouchers for retail outlets	0 %
Gift vouchers for restaurants, theatres etc	0 %
Experience day vouchers	0 %
Hamper/collection of edible treats	0 %
A heartfelt personal note/card from a child/children	0 %
A heartfelt personal note/card from a parent/parents	0 %
Other (Please specify)	11 %

What have you done with gifts that you don't really want to keep? Please tick all that apply.

I give them to charity	49 %
I regift them to someone else	33 %
I offer them around the staffroom or friends and family	31 %
I put them in a cupboard and forget about them	17 %
I put them in the bin/recycling bin	9 %
N/A: I keep all my gifts	20 %
Other (please specify)	3 %

Filter: those who don't want to keep gifts
Share of total: 80%

What have you done with gifts that you don't really want to keep? Please tick all that apply.

I give them to charity	62 %
I regift them to someone else	42 %
I offer them around the staffroom or friends and family	39 %
I put them in a cupboard and forget about them	21 %
I put them in the bin/recycling bin	11 %
Other (please specify)	4 %

Thinking about the summer term in 2017, how many teacher's presents did you receive?

0	6 %
1 to 10	56 %
11 to 20	22 %
21 to 30	5 %
More than 30	1 %
N/A: I wasn't teaching in 2017	10 %

What do you think about whole-class gifts? Please tick all that apply.

It's a great way to avoid duplicate gifts	14 %
It's nice to get one or two big items rather than lots of small ones	18 %
I would prefer to receive a whole class gift	15 %
I worry that some parents/carers may feel pressured into taking part	77 %
I worry about children feeling left out if their parents/carers couldn't afford to take part	68 %

Now thinking about this summer, which of the following would you genuinely like to receive as a teacher's present? Please tick all that apply.	
A heartfelt personal note/card from a child/children	64 %
A heartfelt personal note/card from a parent/parents	57 %
Gift vouchers for retail outlets	32 %
A handmade item from the pupil(s)	31 %
Wine/spirits	30 %
Sweet treats - chocolate, sweets, cakes	26 %
Something personalised with your name or something personal about you	24 %
Gift vouchers for restaurants, theatres etc	22 %
Flowers	22 %
N/A I value any present - it's the thought that counts	22 %
Candles	14 %
A handmade item from the parent(s)	13 %
Hamper/collection of edible treats	13 %
Shower/bath products	9 %
Experience day vouchers	8 %
N/a I don't want anything at all	7 %
Perfume	5 %
Beauty products or makeup	5 %
Something featuring the phrase 'best teacher' or similar	5 %
Something second-hand or obviously regifted	1 %
Other (please specify)	2 %