



WHAT IS FOOTBALL REMEMBERS?

'Football Remembers' is the series of programmes and events being delivered jointly by the Premier League, The FA and the Football League, in partnership with the British Council, to commemorate the First World War. In 2014 most activity centres on one of the most iconic moments of the First World War, the 1914 Christmas Truce football match.

Football Remembers kicked off in May 2014 when the partners launched a Football Remembers education pack that was sent to more than 30,000 schools across the UK. It includes resources to help children learn about the Truce and football's role in recruitment and morale during the First World War.

Football Remembers also features legacy projects that ensure young people will continue to learn about WW1 for decades to come. The programme will continue to 2018, highlighting the involvement of footballers and football.

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE TAKING PLACE IN FOOTBALL REMEMBERS WEEK?

Football Remembers Week is about engaging clubs, communities and supporters with the spirit of the Christmas Truce matches ahead of Christmas Day. The week begins on Friday 5 December and continues to Monday 15 December.

Friday 5 to Monday 15 December – 'A Moment in History' mixed photograph

Anyone playing football across the country is asked to upload their pre-match photo to social media with the hashtag #FootballRemembers. Pictures will appear on the site www.FootballRemembers.com

Tuesday 9 December - UK Parliamentary Reception for Football Remembers

Dan Jarvis, Labour MP for Barnsley Central and a former Major in the British Army, is hosting a reception at the House of Commons. Young people will present about their involvement in Football Remembers.

Friday 12 December - Christmas Truce Memorial unveil at the National Memorial Arboretum

The Christmas Truce Memorial will be officially unveiled at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire by HRH the Duke of Cambridge. The new memorial is funded by the partners and was designed by Spencer Turner, a 10 year-old boy from Newcastle as part of a national competition in the Football Remembers education pack.

Friday 12 to Sunday 14 December – Christmas Truce International Tournament in Ypres, Belgium

Ten teams will play in this unique U12 tournament taking place on a 3G pitch that the Premier League has donated to the city of Ypres. There are two teams each from the Premier League, German Bundesliga, Belgian Pro League, French Ligue 1, and one each from Scotland and Austria. To honour the sacrifices of Commonwealth soldiers there will be a tournament for U16 male and U18 female players from Premier League Kicks projects at home and abroad.

Monday 15 December - All Together Now charity single released

All Together Now, The Farm's song about the Truce and the First World War, has been re-recorded and features a backing choir of 60 U12 footballers: 38 from Premier League clubs and 22 from German clubs. Notable musicians and singers also appear on the single and video, which will be in aid of the Red Cross and the Shorncliffe Trust.

Wednesday 17 December - British Army FA versus German Army football match

Taking place at Aldershot there will be a unique football match between the two Army teams from Britain and Germany.

Christmas Day - FootballRemembers.com commemorates the Christmas Day Truce matches

A dignitary and footballers will record an exclusive message on the site, which will be redesigned to feature every pre-match photo that was uploaded to the FootballRemembers.com site during 'A Moment in History'.