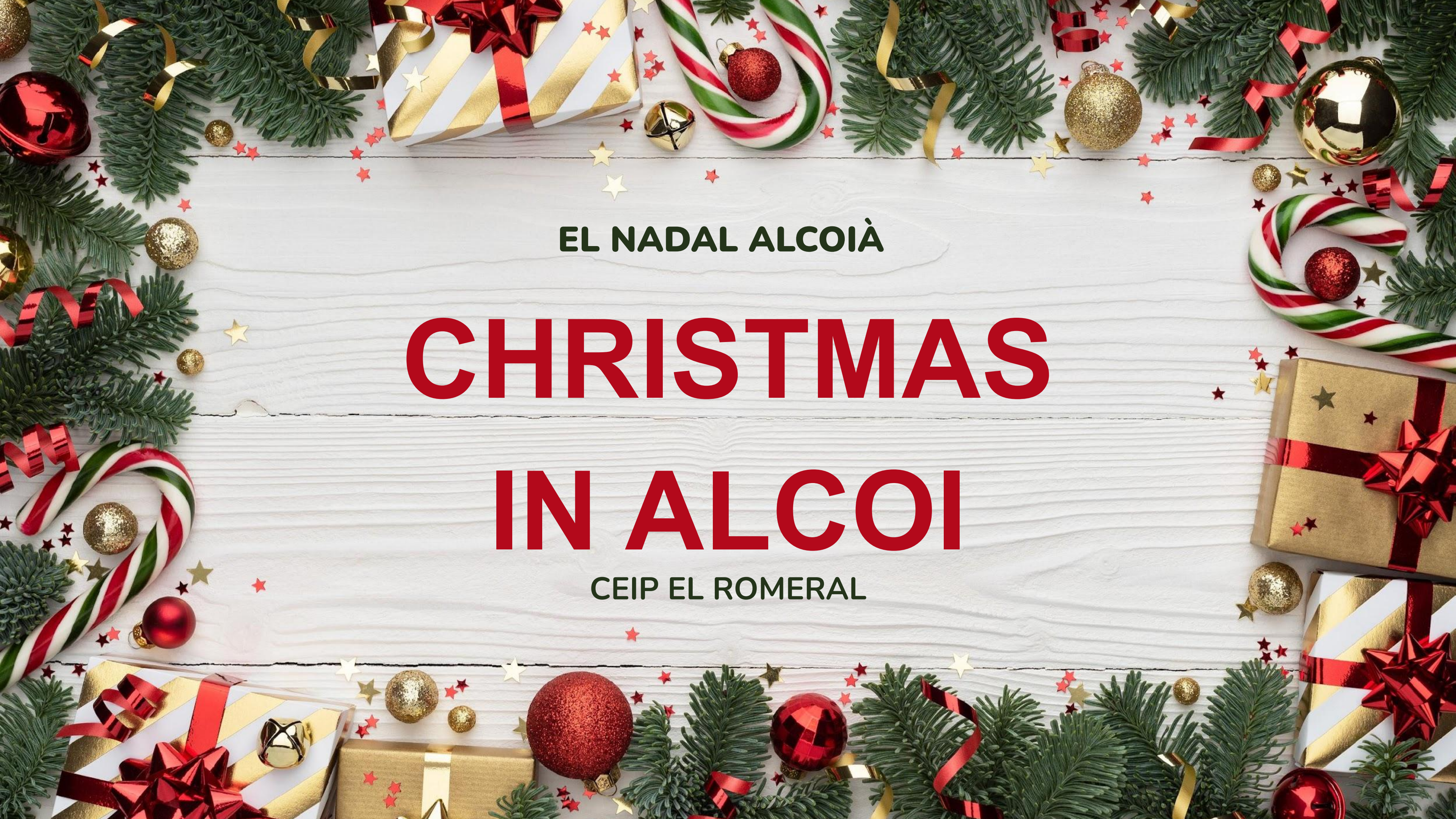




EL NADAL ALCOIÀ

CHRISTMAS IN ALCOI

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1.HISTORY

Christmas in Alcoy (Alcoi) has a history deeply rooted in local traditions that blend religious devotion, popular culture, and a strong sense of community that has endured for centuries. Although the city celebrates the full Christmas season, its identity is especially marked by an iconic event: the Three Kings Parade, considered the oldest in the world.

2. TRADITIONS

Christmas market

The City Council of Alcoy organizes every year the Christmas Market in a park in the town, with a program of family and Christmas activities, among others: houses with Christmas products, playroom, craft workshops, photocall, etc.



The Tirisiti Nativity Scene

Another key element is the Tirisiti Nativity Scene, a unique puppet show in Europe.

- 🌲 Its first documented references date back to 1880-1890.
- 🌲 It combines religious traditions with popular theatre.
- 🌲 The characters speak valencian with the Alcoy accent.
- 🌲 It is performed every December and is a cherished family and school tradition.



“Pastoretes”

“Pastoretes” is a children's parade in which a large group of boys and girls, dressed in shepherds' clothing and accompanied by flocks, parade on floats and dance groups distributing sweets. This event has been held since 1889.



New Years Eve

Alcoy is preparing a New Year's Eve celebration that lasts from morning until after 00:00, when the bells ring and the whole of Spain eats the 12 grapes.



“La burreta”

On January 4th, the Royal Proclamation is read, in which the Royal Messenger announces the arrival of the Three Kings.

- The *pages* collect children's letters using long poles with baskets.
- It is one of the most emotional events for local families.



The Royal Camp

★ Is the place where dreams take shape and where magic begins to unfold. At the Royal Camp, Their Majesties' pages work tirelessly to prepare for the arrival of the Three Wise Men. Here, letters are reviewed, wishes are kept safe, and every dream is treated like a precious treasure.



“La Cavalcada”

The Jewel of Alcoy's Christmas is The Three Kings Parade. It was celebrated for the first time in 1866, organized by the Eliseo Society. Over time, it grew more elaborate, popular, and spectacular. Throughout the 20th century, the parade took on the form we know today:

- The Three Wise Men riding on camels, accompanied by large entourages.
- The presence of the famous black-robed pages, who climb up long wooden ladders to deliver presents directly to balconies.
- Traditional music, local bands, and cultural groups.

Today it is considered the oldest Three Kings parade in the world and one of the most emotional and unique.





3. CHRISTMAS IN OUR SCHOOL

El Romeral



Fireta Infantil



Xocolatada



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Danses Populars



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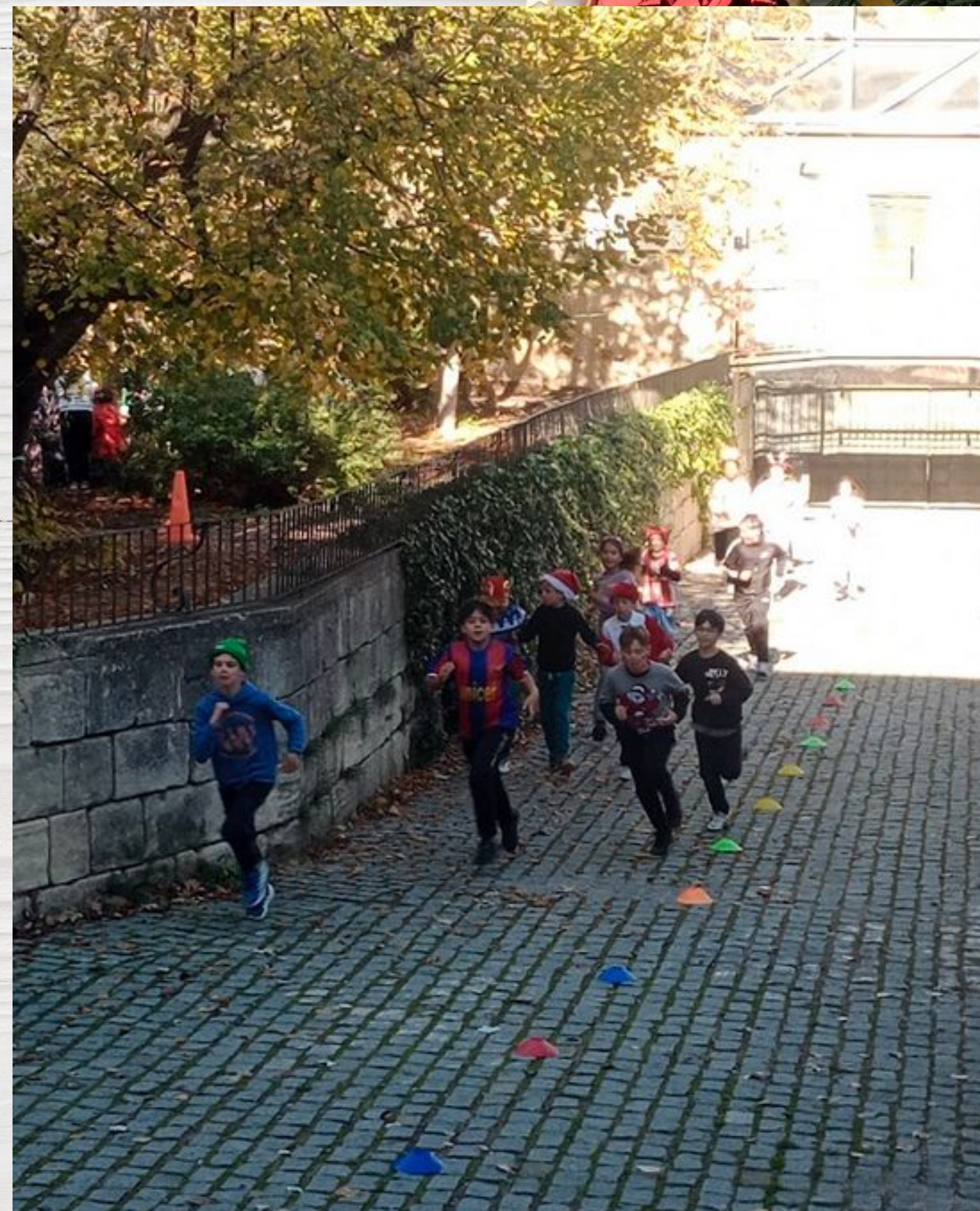


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4. CURIOSITIES

The pages are one of the most iconic and unique elements of Christmas celebrations. They are the helpers of the Three Wise Men and climb up to the houses using long red ladders to deliver gifts. Their faces are painted black.

in recent years, this has generated debate and controversy, both within Spain and internationally. What do you think?

Despite the controversy, the pages remain one of the most beloved figures in the Alcoy celebrations.



5. CHRISTMAS SWEETS

Pastissets de boniato



Torrans



Peladilles



Ametlats



Massapà



Roscó de reis





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