

Calendar Inbox on iPhone & Mac Adds Detected Events from Messages and Mail

Summary

The Calendar app on iPhone, iPad, and Mac can automatically detect events from Messages and Mail using Siri. This feature allows users to quickly review and add suggested events to their calendar, saving time on manual entry. While not perfect, the feature is useful and expected to improve with advancements in Siri and AI.

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The Calendar app on iPhone, iPad, and Mac offers a handy automatic event detection feature, able to find details like dates, times, and locations, through the Messages app and even Mail app, of presumed events and appointments. The auto detection system is part of Siri, and recognizes dates as potential events, placing them in a central location for quick review for approval or rejection.

This is very convenient feature that can help speed up your Calendar management, offering a super simple method of modifying your calendar events, instead of [manually creating and editing Calendar events and entries](#). If you're unfamiliar with this feature,

we're going to walk through how it works on your iPhone, iPad, and Mac.

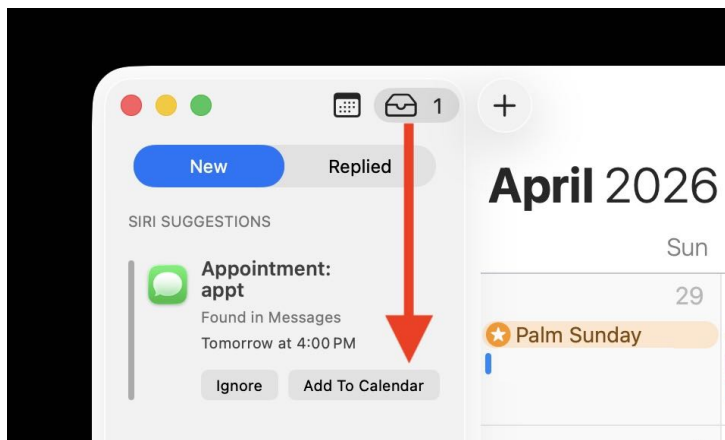
How to Add Suggested Events from Messages to Calendar on iPhone, iPad, and Mac

First, you'll need a somewhat recent version of iOS, iPadOS, or macOS, to have access to this Siri feature. There are [variations of this](#) that work on much older versions of system software, but the most convenient new automatic implementations require newer modern system software that allow the OS to scan for event related information in apps like Messages and Mail.

To review detected events inside Calendar app, do the following:

1. Open the “**Calendar**” app on Mac, iPhone, iPad
2. Tap on the Inbox / Mailbox / tray icon, it will usually have a number attached to it if an event has been detected

3. Review the suggested events, choosing to either add the event to your Calendar, or to ignore it



For example, if someone sends you a text or email message saying “let’s have dinner tomorrow at 7PM”, that might appear within the Calendar inbox.

Another very common example that works consistently is the now ubiquitous automated confirmation text messages that come with many appointments that you schedule, whether for medical, health, dental, spa, finance, personal, dinner reservations, concerts, and more.

After the text message has been registered by your iPhone, iPad, or Mac, you can just visit the Calendar app and find these added to your Calendar inbox to approve or reject as appropriate.

Why This Feature Is Useful

Automatic event detection and Calendar management can save time, especially if you receive a lot of scheduling information through messages or email. You don’t need to manually enter dates and times, or even locations if they’re provided in the message. Just add the invite to your calendar, or reject it, it’s that easy.

This feature is useful but it’s not perfect, so don’t expect every event to be added or detected, let alone entirely accurately, and some suggestions can be incomplete or ambiguous. Sometimes you’ll see an erroneous suggestion too, but for the most part it works quite well, and the feature will likely improve as Siri and AI improves too.

This is a subtle but useful feature that is easily overlooked on iPhone, iPad, and Mac, but keep an eye out for it, and you’ll likely learn to appreciate event detection in Calendar app.