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Ignite 2026 for Microsoft 365 admins: a watch list and a GA-or-preview filter

Microsoft Ignite runs 17-20 November 2026 in San Francisco and online. For admins, the value comes after the keynotes: separating what is generally available from what is preview, and waiting for the Message center post and Learn page that carry real dates.

The dates

13 Nov 2026	In-person registration closes, 5:00 PM Pacific Time
16 Nov	Optional pre-day
17-20 Nov	In person at the Moscone Center, San Francisco. Conference pass \$2,325 (USD)
17-19 Nov	Online, with a free Digital pass. The session catalogue has been live since 22 September

Already announced, landing around Ignite

4 Nov	Users can create agent blueprints in Entra unless you switch it off (MC1506733)
Mid-Nov	New SharePoint agents built in Agent Builder (MC1511052)
Mid-Nov to late Dec	SharePoint HTML pages roll out to general availability (MC1479517)
November	Unified release preferences in the admin center (MC1490899)
1 Dec	Copilot can be bought without a Microsoft 365 base licence (Partner Center)
1 Feb 2027	Microsoft-provided SMS and voice codes retire for most users (MC1426371)

Decode every announcement

Generally available	Ready to plan for, once there is a Message center post and a Learn page
Public preview	Try it with a test group. Features and dates can change
Frontier	Microsoft's opt-in early access, not covered by general-availability service levels
"Coming soon"	No date yet. Watch it, but don't plan for it



Before, during and after

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Before: save your Message center view

Filter by Major update and Retirement, so you can match each announcement to a post you already have.

WHERE Microsoft 365 admin center > Health > Message center

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During: read beyond the keynote

Read the Book of News and the Tech Community product blogs. The 2026 Book of News isn't out yet.

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After: tag and triage

For each announcement, note the status, the licence it needs (Copilot, Agent 365, E5 or E7, Copilot Credits or pay-as-you-go), the MC number, the Learn page and an owner.

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Brief your organisation

Book 30 minutes in the week of 23 November. Only GA items with an MC number and a Learn page go into your change plan.

Watch out for

- Regional and government-cloud availability often lags behind the announcement.
- Names change at events. Check the name on Learn before it goes into a plan or a budget.

Sources

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