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## FROM MONGOLIA TO MANCHESTER



by Aaron Henderson

A FOOTBALLER is cycling from his home in Mongolia to the UK, with the hope of seeing Manchester United play at their famous Old Trafford stadium.

Ochirvaani Batbold set off from the Mongolian capital, Ulaanbaatar, back on 5 May and has cycled more than 3,000km (1,864 miles) towards his destination. He says that in total he'll have to cycle 9,222km (5,730 miles), and expects to make it to Old Trafford by December.

So far, Batbold says that the best part of his journey has been the road to Sayram Lake in Xinjiang, China (pictured above), but he's already faced some tough challenges.

"There were many difficult days with cold, snow and rain, and now very hot days are continuing," he said.

"The hardest day was a snowstorm, but I've seen very beautiful places [and] also met so many good people. I feel so good about everything."

He decided to set off on the daunting bike ride after being scammed by someone offering him the chance to become a professional footballer in the US.

The scammer took £3,000 from him and his family, but kind

Ochirvaani Batbold shortly after setting off. The footballer is nicknamed Ochiroo and Wazza, in reference to his favourite footballer, Wayne Rooney!

strangers helped Batbold get back on his feet.

"I was inspired by people," he said. "And I want to do something that inspires others a lot. Then I can live without regrets. So I decided to cycle to Old Trafford."

"I want to create beautiful memories that I will never forget!"



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## Search steps up for new ocean species



Scientists estimate our oceans are home to around 2.2 million species. Just over 10% of those have so far been discovered, with roughly 2,000 new species identified each year. That could be set to change, as Japan's Nippon Foundation is supporting Seabed 2030 and Ocean Census. Using DNA sequencing, high-resolution imaging and machine learning, this partnership is attempting to discover 100,000 new species in the next ten years!

## Leicester City fined for breaking law

Leicester City FC and JD Sports have been shown a red card for an illegal arrangement over the sale of replica kits in the UK. The two companies broke competition law when JD Sports agreed a deal to stop selling Leicester City branded gear online in 2018/19, but to then make the club's clothing exempt from free delivery during the following two seasons. The UK's competition watchdog ruled that this price-fixing meant that supporters ended up paying more than they should have for replica kits. Leicester City has agreed to pay £880,000, but JD Sports wasn't fined, as the retailer reported the offence.



## Calls for drink-driving limit to be reduced

Doctors want the level of alcohol that drivers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland can consume to be lowered. The current limit, set in 1967, allows for 80mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood, permitting motorists to have one or two drinks. Malta is the only other country in Europe to have such a high limit. The British Medical Association has voted for a reduction, as drink-driving causes around 220 deaths a year in the UK. In 2014, Scotland reduced the legal blood alcohol limit to 50mg, in line with most European countries. However, experts have found no reduction in the number of road traffic accidents there. Critics argue that an increase in police numbers or breath testing is essential, too.



## Skin cancer cases reach record high

New research shows that around 17,500 cases of melanoma skin cancer are being diagnosed in the UK every year. Charity Cancer Research UK claims that these record numbers could continue to increase by 50% over the next 20 years. Almost nine out of ten skin cancer cases in the UK are caused by overexposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun and sunbeds. For people aged 55 and older, the probability of getting skin cancer has almost trebled since the 1990s. The good news is that people are more aware of the risks and are getting any skin changes checked by their GP. With early diagnosis and improvements in treatments, death rates from skin cancer have begun to decline.

## Are UK cooks egg-cellent?



A new report reveals that 27% of UK adults have never boiled an egg and 55% have never baked a Victoria sponge cake. However, 35% of people answering the Waitrose survey still rated themselves as "very good" or "excellent" cooks. Hygiene isn't a big concern for many, either, with 46% of people ignoring sell-by dates and 38% saying they would eat food dropped on the floor if it had been there for five seconds or less!

# HAVE YOU

## Dutch ban on students' tech at school

Students' mobile phones, tablets and smartwatches will be banned in classrooms in the Netherlands from the start of next year. The Dutch government believes that they deter pupils from concentrating. Education minister Robbert Dijkgraaf said: "Even though mobile phones are intertwined with our lives, they do not belong in the classroom." Some exceptions will be allowed for digital skills lessons and for pupils with disabilities. Each school can decide how to enforce the rules, but a legal ban may follow at the end of the school year.



## Deforestation in Amazon drops by a third



Deforestation in Brazil's Amazon rainforest dropped by 34% in the first half of 2023, reaching its lowest level in four years, government data has shown. This is due to tougher environmental policies from Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, who took office in January and promised to end deforestation by 2030. Despite the positive development, experts warn that deforestation levels remain high. Daniel Silva, from the charity WWF-Brazil, said: "It's very positive, but we continue to have very high levels of deforestation."

## Flying ants swarm across south coast

A swarm of flying ants so long that it was picked up on rain radar took to the skies on 8 July. The mass of insects, about 1.6km (1 mile) across, was spotted travelling up from the south coast, and was one of several swarms in the UK on that day. The insects tend to be seen around the same time each year, when males and new queens leave their nests to mate. Because many colonies do this together, it can create large swarms in the UK between June and September. Met Office forecaster Simon Partridge revealed that every year the swarms are recorded on rain radars. He said: "At the moment, it's harder to tell because we've got so many showers, and the ants look like showers!"







## A happy day for emoji fans

The tenth World Emoji Day takes place on 17 July. It's held annually on this day because it's the date shown on the Calendar emoji 📅. The purpose of the day is to celebrate emojis and use them as much as possible. Not that most people need any encouragement! According to event organisers Zedge, by 2015 half of all comments on Instagram included an emoji and more than 700 million emojis are used on Facebook posts every day. 🇬🇧 🇮🇪 🇮🇹 🇯🇵



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## Mary Antoinette's hidden home

As part of the 400th anniversary of the Palace of Versailles, Marie Antoinette's secret bedroom has been reopened to the public. The private apartment, concealed behind a secret door in her bedroom, includes a dressing room, library and game room spread over two floors. These were the rooms where France's last queen first hid during the people's march on Versailles during the 1789 French Revolution. Visitors can now explore the



luxurious chambers where the queen sought shelter during one of France's most difficult periods. After a seven-year renovation, the rooms have been restored to their former glory, allowing visitors to step back in time and experience the beauty of Versailles.

## Summer Reading Special

Did you see our Summer Reading Special last week? Ask your grown up to keep an eye on your inbox as we've emailed you a downloadable version too!



## Author's first novel tops chart following TikTok viral video

Debut author Shawn Warner wasn't having much luck selling copies of his book at a supermarket signing session. That is until Jerrad "Red" Swearingin saw him looking "super defeated". TikTok Red went back to ask Mr Warner about his novel, a Young Adult murder mystery called *Leigh Howard and the Ghosts of Simmons-Pierce Manor*. Red filmed the conversation and asked if the author would sign a copy for a competition. When the video was uploaded to TikTok, a stream of supportive comments followed. The novel became the most popular book on the Amazon YA chart, before reaching the No 1 spot for all books in the US!

## Protester throws orange confetti at George Osborne's wedding



Ex-Conservative chancellor and newspaper editor George Osborne married his fiancée Thea Rogers at St Mary's Church in Burton. However, following the ceremony, the couple were showered with orange confetti by a mystery onlooker. Orange is the colour associated with activist group Just Stop Oil, which has been disrupting sporting events with powder and confetti. Many people assumed this was another protest by the movement. However, Just Stop Oil later released a statement stating the group was not involved, but applauded the protest, if it was one, as Mr Osborne's newspaper had printed "nonsense" about climate change. Some commentators have argued instead that a wedding isn't the right place for a protest.

## Ship emissions target disappoints environmental groups

The shipping industry is responsible for 3% of all global greenhouse gases, and with demand for shipping services increasing, that figure could rise. Environmental groups, such as the WWF, were hoping to see positive action when the UN International Maritime Organization met in London recently. However, after two weeks of talks, member states couldn't approve a strategy to bring the industry in line with the Paris Agreement to limit global warming to 1.5°C. Mark Lutes from WWF said: "There's no time for half measures, vague commitments and slow progress. Shipping firms must now take the initiative and adopt science-based targets that put them back on track for zero-emission shipping by 2050."



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## Tomato ketchup ice cream, anyone?



A pop-up ice cream shop has opened in Knightsbridge, serving crazy flavours including crumpet, soy sauce, tomato ketchup and pickle. The Ice Cream Project is from designer Anya Hindmarch. The shop, which is full of weird and wonderful creations that are handmade in Devon, will be open until 27 August.

## Farewell Elton John!

Sir Elton John has finished his final tour in Sweden, marking the end of an iconic stage career, although he suggested he may still play one-off concerts. The show was the last of his Farewell Yellow Brick Road tour, which began in September 2018. The tour was paused for nearly two years due to Covid, and a hip injury in 2021. After finishing the 330th show of his tour, Sir Elton told the crowd he is "going to go away for a while, but I want to pay tribute to these musicians because they have been incredible". He thanked his crew, some of whom had worked with him for 40 years. "I wish you so much love, I hope I see you soon, I love you very much," he said.



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## Smart speaker sales slump

Smart speakers, such as Amazon's Echo and Google's Nest, have seen sales "fall off a cliff", says electrical retailer Currys. In response, an Amazon spokesperson claimed: "More than eight million in the UK use Alexa every day." It's thought that the rising cost of living is delaying people from buying or replacing gadgets.





# WORLD'S HOTTEST EVER DAY AND WEEK



Kids keep cool in the hot weather

THE world's average temperature has hit a new high for the third time in a week, and the week as a whole was the hottest on record.

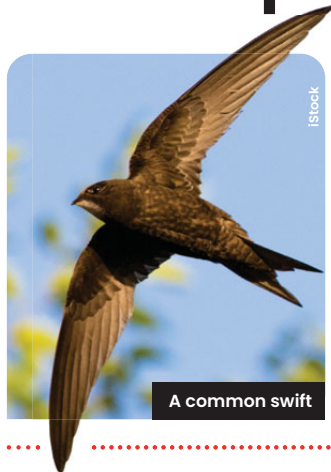
On Thursday 6 July, the average global air temperature hit 17.23°C, beating the previous record of 17.18°C set on 4 July, which itself beat the 17.01°C record set on 3 July.

Scientists say the record-breaking heat was caused

by a combination of El Niño (a weather event that occurs when sea temperatures rise in the eastern Pacific) and climate change. Experts are concerned by how quickly temperatures are rising, and these issues are expected to be high priority at the COP28 conference later this year.

The news comes after it was confirmed that last month was the hottest June on record globally.

## No help for swifts



A common swift

ON 10 July, MPs debated the introduction of a law that would mean builders must use hollow bricks in all new housing, so that birds such as swifts, house sparrows and starlings have places to nest.

However, after an hour-long debate, the motion was rejected.

The swift population has declined by at least 60% since 1995, with many new energy efficient houses sealing up the places where they would nest.

Writer Hannah Bourne-Taylor decided to take action by launching an online petition that gained more than 100,000 signatures. She said: "We can help these birds that have existed

Should all new homes be built with swift bricks?

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for 65 million years with a brick, and in return they will scream in delight."

Green Party MP Caroline Lucas was also in favour. She said: "If the swift goes, it will be its own tragedy but it'll also be symbolic of so much else."

Conservative MP Dehenna Davison said: "More research is needed on how best we monitor and improve swift populations. The Government do not at present intend to make swift bricks compulsory in new housing."

Mark Avery, co-founder of the Wild Justice organisation, said that it was a "disappointing debate".

## Free flu vaccines for every secondary school pupil

ALL secondary school pupils in England will be able to get a free flu vaccine from 1 September, the Government says.

More than three million secondary school pupils in years 7 to 11 will be offered the nasal spray vaccine.

The Government has decided to expand its vaccination programme this autumn to protect more young people and their families, as well as ease pressure on the NHS.

NHS Director of Vaccinations and Screening, Steve Russell, said: "The

vaccine offers vital protection against flu, which can cause nasty symptoms, and I would urge all young people and parents to make sure they join millions of others who get vaccinated each year to take up the offer when they can – it's quick, easy and offered in schools."

Last year some teenagers ended up in hospital because of the flu.

All primary school children and infants aged two and three will also be offered the vaccine, as announced in May.



### EDITOR'S COMMENT

IT'S hard to avoid football in this country, but even if you're not a fan, we hope that you feel inspired by the epic journey of our cover star this week, who's cycling halfway around the world just to watch a match!

And if you are a fan, we hope you'll agree that it's been great to see the women's game get much more attention in recent years.

With England's Lionesses tasting European glory last summer, could they do it again on the world stage this year? Even if they don't manage to lift the trophy, hopefully it'll help raise the profile of the women's game even more, and inspire more girls to either take the game up, or to continue playing it after they leave school. But for now, just sit back and enjoy the action!



Nicky Cox MBE

### Electric cars

CAR company Toyota claims it has made a major breakthrough in the development of electric car batteries, which means they can be smaller, lighter and cheaper. The Japanese firm also says the battery could give cars a range of 1,200km (745 miles) and charge in ten minutes or less.



### Holidaymakers

ALMOST one in three flights could be delayed or cancelled over the summer because of air traffic control strikes. Up to 12,600 flights across Europe could be affected every day. Eurocontrol, the European air traffic management body, said staff are unhappy about pay and a shortage of workers.

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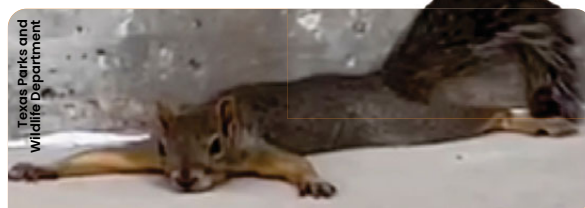
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## HEAT LEAVES SQUIRRELS FEELING FLAT

**SQUIRRELS** have been spotted adopting some strange poses, lying flat on their stomachs with their limbs outstretched.

It's becoming such a common sight that some nature reserves in the US have had to reassure visitors that the bushy-tailed rodents don't need assistance. The squirrels are 'splotting', which means spreading out to cool down in hot weather. Other animals, including cats, dogs and bears, also splot.

This summer has been particularly warm, with the record for the world's record average temperature being broken on 3, 4 and 6 July (see opposite page). Although animals can look cute when they splot, this does create cause for concern. If temperatures continue to rise, squirrels and other animals, including humans, will find it more difficult to cool down.



Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

## Go wild with your own wetland

**WETLANDS** support more life than any other habitat on Earth, and creating your own is a perfect summertime project to help the environment.

The UK lost 50% of its small wetlands in the 20th century. More is being lost every day due to development and intensive farming practices. With a recent poll revealing that just 10% of parents have a pond, the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (WWT) is asking everyone living in towns and cities to build tiny ponds, drainpipe wetlands and bog gardens in their backyards and on balconies. The conservation charity is also encouraging people to get together with neighbours and community groups to



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create networks of mini-wetlands.

A huge range of species, including pond worms, dragonflies and water snails call these areas home. They are also useful for other wildlife struggling to find water to drink, bathe in and cool down in. Wetlands are educational, too, providing the chance to learn about the water cycle and the metamorphosis of insects.

Visit [www.wwt.org.uk](http://www.wwt.org.uk) to find out about different mini-wetlands and what you need to build one. No matter how much space you have, you can still help!

## Labour wants children to speak up

**SIR Keir Starmer** has pledged that a **Labour government** would provide **speaking lessons for schoolchildren**.

The Labour Party leader said that being able to express your thoughts clearly is key to "getting on and thriving in life. It's key to doing well in a job interview... telling your friend something awkward."

The emphasis on oracy – which is the ability to express yourself fluently – is designed to stop disadvantaged children from being left behind.

Labour plans to help a million more

children reach their early learning targets by 2030, by recruiting 6,500 more teachers and doubling the number of health visitors. The scheme would be funded by making private schools start adding a tax called VAT on top of the fees that parents pay.

The Government's Education Secretary Gillian Keegan responded by saying that Labour's plans would be difficult to deliver. She added: "Keir Starmer's track record shows he will have probably changed his mind by the start of the summer holidays."



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Sir Keir Starmer

## Haiti needs help



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**THE Secretary-General of the United Nations** has **warned that urgent action is needed in Haiti to stem a rise in violence from armed gangs**.

António Guterres visited the Caribbean nation's capital, Port-au-Prince, earlier this month. He said: "We cannot forget the Haitian people. The world must step up now."

Following the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse in July 2021, gangs have become increasingly powerful. It's estimated that they now control almost 80% of the capital city, using kidnappings and extreme violence to threaten communities.

The gangs have also blocked roads leading in and out of Port-au-Prince, limiting access to food and healthcare. The UN has been running an appeal to raise funds for the millions of people who need aid. Only 23% of the \$720 million (£562 million) target has been raised so far.

The Haitian government has also asked for a multinational force to assist the National Police, a request that Mr Guterres is also backing. However, no country has volunteered to be the leader, with both the US and Canada turning it down.

Natural disasters such as floods and earthquakes have added to the hardships, with Mr Guterres saying citizens are "trapped in a living nightmare." He added: "Conditions are desperate, but solutions are possible, if we act now."



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**CANADIAN farmer Chris Achter** was left feeling 🙄 when he used a 👍 emoji in a text message.

Achter was contacted by grain buyer Kent Mickleborough, who wanted to buy 86 tonnes of flax.

Achter was texted a picture of the contract to confirm, and responded with 👍. When no flax was delivered, Mickleborough took the farmer to court. Achter then claimed he sent the emoji only to confirm he had received the contract. However, the judge ruled that using a thumbs up emoji acted as a digital signature for the form. Mr Achter was ordered to pay C\$82,000 (about £48,000) to Mickleborough for not delivering the flax. That's a lot of 💰 for the unfortunate 🙄!



**Las Vegas, USA**

DRIVERS approach the \$1.8 billion (£1.4bn) MSG Sphere concert venue in Las Vegas. While it might look like an enormous basketball, the sphere is actually a huge dome-shaped venue, covered by the largest LED screen in the world. The screen will show adverts, like this promotion for a basketball league, as well as art and other designs. The inside of the venue is also a giant screen, totally surrounding the audience on the inside. Plans for an identical sphere to be built in London have been put on hold.

**Geneva, Switzerland**

AMECA, an AI-powered, human-shaped robot, smiles at visitors to the AI For Good Global Summit in Geneva. Experts from around the world gathered at the conference, which was organised by the United Nations, to discuss artificial intelligence and how it can improve our lives.

**New Delhi, India**

CHILDREN play in the waterlogged roads of New Delhi, after heavy monsoon rains. The capital city's Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal tweeted: "15% of the total rainfall of the monsoon season fell in just 12 hours." The poor weather blocked roads and caused disruption to power networks and internet connectivity in the city.





## Mykolaiv, Ukraine



STORKS fly past a burning field near the town of Snihurivka in Ukraine. The region of Mykolaiv has been attacked by Russian rockets, setting crops on fire.

## Windsor, UK



US President Joe Biden stands alongside King Charles III in the halls of Windsor Castle. The president made a visit to Britain on Monday to talk about the war in Ukraine with UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and to discuss climate issues with the King.

## Split, Croatia



THE supermoon dominates the skies in Split. July's full moon is known as the Buck Moon, and is closer than normal in its orbit around the Earth. This is because the moon's orbit isn't a perfect circle – instead it forms an ellipse as it travels around our planet.

## Silverstone, UK



BRAD Pitt stands alongside real-life Formula 1 drivers for the national anthem before the British Grand Prix at Silverstone. The actor will star in an upcoming movie about F1 called *Apex* and it's thought this moment will appear in the movie.



**NORTHUMBERLAND****Venomous plant comes to Alnwick**

One of the most venomous plants in the world has arrived at Alnwick Garden's Poison Garden. The plant, called gympie-gympie, is so painful to touch that it will stay in a glass case and have its own minder. The plant is usually found in Australia's rainforests and just a brush of its leaves can cause extreme pain.

**ORKNEY ISLANDS****Orkney could break away from the UK**

Orkney has voted to explore changes to its relationship with the UK. The vote took place because the local council in Orkney is unhappy with its treatment and funding by the UK and Scottish Governments. Councillors will now look at different options, including becoming a Crown Dependency (a separate country with its own government, like Jersey and the Isle of Man) or becoming a self-governing territory of Norway. Orkney used to be part of Norway hundreds of years ago. Norway has yet to comment.

**N IRELAND****Protecting puffins**

With the numbers of puffins on Rathlin Island declining by 40% since 1999, new steps are being taken to protect the birds. A new project will see ferrets and rats, which prey on puffins, removed from the island. This winter, 450 traps with wireless monitoring and 6,000 bait stations will be placed across the island. The organisers hope to have all ferrets and rats removed from the island by 2026, making it safe for the sea birds.

**LONDON****Tragedy at school party**

Two eight-year-old pupils have died after a car crashed through the fence at a private school in Wimbledon and travelled across the grass. Pupils and teachers at The Study Preparatory School had been enjoying an end-of-term tea party at the time of the incident. Police say it wasn't an act of terrorism. It's not clear why the crash happened, but the 46-year-old woman who was at the wheel has been arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving. Incidents like this are very, very rare, which is why they're in the news, but if you're ever worried about this story or any others, you can always talk to a trusted adult, or phone Childline for free on 0800 11 11.

**SOMERSET****Owls rescued from music festival stage**

Two owls who were rescued from under the Pyramid Stage at Glastonbury Festival have been named after the band that was performing when they were found. The first owl was discovered during Guns N' Roses' set and has been named Axl after the band's lead singer, while the second has been called Slash after the lead guitarist. It's thought the owls were abandoned by their mum when the festival preparations began. The pair are being cared for by Secret World Wildlife Rescue, which advises everyone to check structures in their garden for nests before doing any work.

**WALES****Wales' highest café reopens**

Hafod Eryri, the café and visitor centre at the summit of (Snowdon), has reopened after four years. It sits 1,065m above sea level and is accessible by foot or train. The building was originally opened to the public in 2009, although it's thought the first building there was constructed around 1820.





# THE NEXT GENERATION OF FORMULA 1 DRIVERS

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IN this week's FYI, the team learn about a new initiative called F1 Academy Discover Your Drive, which is giving young girls the opportunity to try the top tier motorsport.

It's been more than 45 years since a woman last competed in an F1 Grand Prix, when Italy's Lella Lombardi competed in Austria, in 1976. While there's no clear sign of that changing soon, a new initiative from F1 Academy hopes to drive change in the sport.

Discover Your Drive Karting UK aims to scout out talented young female drivers. They'll then be given a chance to develop their skills with professionals from TeamSport go-karting, with the aim of getting them into junior indoor karting competitions.



The team talk to Lily and Rosi

Speaking to Scarlett, she says: "These initiatives make sure that young girls know they're welcome to come and do this sport."

"It's nice for them to have these experiences as inspiration to look back to when they're in the driver's seat one day."

In becoming an F1 Academy driver, Jess faced her own challenges.

"When I started, I was always the only girl in my class racing and karting," she says. "I do think maybe girls are a little bit forgotten about, which I do understand. And I think that a lot of people's mindset is that motor racing is a male sport. But my point of view is I think that we can be just as good as the boys."

## Support from the top

Susie Wolff is a Scottish former racing driver and current managing director of F1 Academy. She's the only woman to have driven in a Formula 1 practice session since 1992, and she says that things are changing.

"There's so much more opportunity now. There's so much more willingness from the sport to see more women not just competing, but also progressing up the ranks. And that's why we need to make sure the next generation realises motorsport is a place for you."

"So, come try! And obviously, if you're talented enough and work hard enough, you have the possibility to progress in the sport just like any other boy does."

To find out how the FYI team got on at karting, don't miss this week's episode. You can also find out more about the F1 Academy's Discover Your Drive initiative by going to [www.team-sport.co.uk/dyd](https://www.team-sport.co.uk/dyd).



FYI presenters Braydon, Scarlett and Zac at the F1 Academy track



Scarlett grills F1 Academy boss Susie Wolff

## Overcoming challenges

In the episode, Braydon chats to Lily and Rosi, who are taking part in the Discover Your Drive initiative.

Although it's nearly 50 years since a woman drove in a Grand Prix, the girls say that they're inspired to be the next generation of F1, and academy driver Jess Edgar agrees.



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- By taking part in the survey, you could win £100 towards a sustainable initiative for your school.
- You must have a teacher's/parent's permission to take part.
- We want to hear from as many students in your school as possible. The more surveys completed means more entries into the £100 prize draw.
- You can choose to fill out the survey without entering your details if you don't want to enter the competition.
- The survey competition closes on Friday 1 September 2023 at 11:59pm.

## TAKE PART

To get involved, just get your teacher to head to [first.news/TCsurvey](https://www.first.news/TCsurvey) or scan the QR code on the right!





# BATMAN-STYLE DRONES TAKE OUT FLYING PESTS



**BUGS beware! Researchers have been testing moth-seeking drones that remove the pests from greenhouses by hunting them down and shredding them with their propellers.**

The drones were invented by the co-owner of a company called PATS, who was fed up with mosquitoes keeping him awake at night. He designed a drone that uses a clever infrared camera to spot the pesky insects, which then chases them down.

His company has since built on the idea, and is rolling out these Batman-style insect death drones to greenhouses across Europe.

Researcher Dayo Jansen from Wageningen University in the Netherlands has been investigating the effectiveness of the drones.

He said that the infrared camera can tell when it's looking at a moth, based on how often its wings flap and how big it is.

"This makes sure we only attack moths and not bumblebees, which are used for pollination. The moment a moth flies into detection range, a drone will spin up and hunt the moth down," Jansen says.

He also found that when the drones are flying, they make a very high-pitched sound, called ultrasound, which humans can't hear, but is similar to the sound bats make.

Bats use ultrasound to find food by sending out an ultrasonic sound wave and listening for the echoes that are created when the sound bounces off something. The echoes tell the bat how far away something is, such as their prey.

Since bats are natural predators of moths, the moths would act in particular ways when they heard them coming.

The researchers are using this discovery to try to find a noise that can make the moths stop in their tracks, and make them easier to get rid of.

Modern farming uses chemicals called pesticides to protect crops, which can have unwanted effects on insects and animals, but can be passed into the food chain and the things we eat.

It's hoped that using the drones, combined with ultrasound devices, will mean that we can grow food sustainably, without pests or pesticides.



A PATS-X drone sits in wait for its prey



## Time to think about tyres

**ENGLAND'S Chief Medical Officer, Professor Chris Whitty, has told MPs that we need to start worrying about the air pollution that is created by car tyres.**

Speaking to the Environmental Audit Committee, Professor Whitty said that as we stop using petrol and diesel vehicles, and start using more electric vehicles, we need to think about other sources of air pollution, like car tyres.

Over time, tyres wear down and release tiny particles into the air. These particles contribute to air pollution, which is harmful to people and the environment. Electric vehicles are heavier than petrol vehicles, so their tyres wear down faster and produce particles more quickly.

In 2021, a Government report found that 52% of the small

particle pollution produced from road transport had come from tyres and brakes. Earlier this year, scientists from Imperial College London found that particles from tyres are more dangerous than those from exhaust fumes.

Air pollution can cause breathing problems in people, and has been linked to heart disease and other illnesses.

However, Professor Whitty made it clear to the committee that even though air pollution is bad, the benefits of being active outside are much more important than the risks.

He said: "Even in the most polluted parts of our cities, if you're being active outside, you're still improving your health compared to if you were sat on a bus or behind the wheel of a car."

This report is from the  
Science Museum in London

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**AS well as taking up the space of several rooms and being very heavy, the first computers could only do one task at a time.**

They had no memory, so scientists had to physically rewire a computer every time they wanted it to do a new task!

Then, in 1948, a team in Manchester began testing the idea of computer memory. They built 'Baby' (or the Small Scale Experimental Machine), which was able to remember computer programs.

It meant that this large machine – which weighs almost as much as a rhino – took the first steps towards the complicated programming world that we know today. Our much smaller, modern (and lighter!) smartphones, laptops and tablets are built upon Baby's earlier success.

You can see a replica of Baby at the Science and Industry Museum in Manchester and even watch a volunteer run a demonstration. See [tinyurl.com/SSEmdemo](https://tinyurl.com/SSEmdemo).



A replica of Baby, built by the Computer Conservation Society in 1998

## AI taught to detect heart problems

**THERE'S been a lot in the news about the negative side of artificial intelligence (AI), but the technology is also being used to do some useful things, including saving lives!**

For example, researchers in Osaka Metropolitan University in Japan, have taught an AI how to spot different types of heart disease.

The researchers gave an AI thousands of chest X-rays to examine, and told it how to spot six different types of heart valve disease.

They found that the AI was able to correctly identify the type of disease

with a high level of accuracy.

Heart valve diseases can cause serious problems, including heart failure. Doctors usually have to carry out what's called an echocardiogram, or 'echo', test to detect the type of heart valve disease a patient has.

There aren't many doctors who are able to do these tests, however, as they need special skills.

The researchers say that the AI could help doctors to diagnose heart valve disease faster, and in places where there aren't doctors with the skills needed for echocardiography.





# MOVING FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL TO SECONDARY SCHOOL



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At Childline, we know that some of you will be thinking about moving from primary school to secondary school after the summer break. Although many of you may feel excited about this, we know for others that this change may be making you feel anxious. We want to remind you that feeling nervous about starting a new school is normal and it is something our counsellors support children with every year.

## What are you worried about?

Some of the worries that children have shared with Childline include:

- Worries about being bullied
- Having new teachers
- Going to a different school from their friends and losing contact with them
- Not being able to make new friends
- Exams and homework being hard
- Finding their way around a bigger school

A boy aged 11 said: "I'm feeling nervous about going to secondary school, I don't really know what to expect or who to ask questions to. I know there will be all these different classes with different teachers, and I think that will be confusing. What do I do if I get lost between classes? Will they be really strict?"

## Helping you to cope

If you are worried, we want to remind you that there are things you can do to help you cope and feel positive. These include:

- Being prepared for how you're going to get to your new school can help you to feel calmer and more confident. If your parent or carer is taking you, it can help to plan what you need to do to be ready on time. If you are going on your own, make sure you know the way.

- Taking time to make sure you have everything you need. This could include things like:
  - Finding out what you need to take, such as pens, pencils or a calculator
  - Having a copy of your lesson timetable
  - Writing down your homework and when it's due, so that you don't forget

## Speak up

Ask questions if you are worried about something. We know it can be scary when you don't know who to talk to at school, but it's important to remember that teachers are there to help. You can also ask reception staff or the school nurse if you need support. Some schools will also have mentors or other pupils who are there to support you as well.



## Making new friends

If you're starting a new school and you don't know anyone, you might feel anxious or scared that people won't like you. We know you might feel lonely at first, but there are things that can make this easier.

One thing that can help when making friends is positive body language, such as smiling, looking the person in the eye and speaking clearly and confidently. Try to practise going up to someone new. The more you try, the easier it can be. The Childline website also has many more top tips for making friends and you can also ask other young people for advice on the service's monitored message boards.



Also, it's important to remember that it can take time to make new friends. If you're worried about break or lunch times, you could find out if you can use the library or ICT rooms until you feel more confident.

## Talk to someone

If you had a great first day or if you found it difficult, it can help to talk about it. Saying what you found hard can help you to think of ways to cope and help you to feel better.

You could speak to your parents or carers, a friend or a Childline counsellor.

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**LITHUANIA****Ukraine's NATO future discussed**

A NATO summit has been held in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, where discussions were held about Ukraine's desire to become a NATO member. NATO, which stands for North Atlantic Treaty Organization, is a group of 29 European and two North American countries, that have pledged to protect each other against attacks by non-NATO countries. The meeting was held shortly after the US agreed to provide new cluster bombs to Ukraine to use in its fight against Russia. The decision was criticised by human rights groups, who say that the bombs can injure, or even kill, civilians. The weapons release lots of small 'bomblets' that are supposed to explode when they land, but a significant number are duds, which means they don't explode straight away. Instead, they blow up when they're trodden on or picked up later. Ukrainian forces have been running low on ammunition and desperately need new weapons. However, many say that these cluster bombs, which are banned by many countries, aren't the answer. What do you think? Let us know your thoughts at [first.news/polls](https://www.first.news/polls).



An unexploded cluster bomb

**RUSSIA****Banned wood still being sold**

Russia has been blocked from selling timber (prepared wood) in the EU, but investigative journalists say that the country is still finding ways to avoid the ban. By sending timber to countries like China, Turkey, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan first, Russia is disguising where it came from. Traders have been caught using fake certificates that say the timber comes from these other countries. Russia's forests are all owned by the government, which means that all the money made from selling timber can be used to fund the war in Ukraine. In 2021, Russia exported around £2.3bn of timber to the EU.



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**JAPAN**

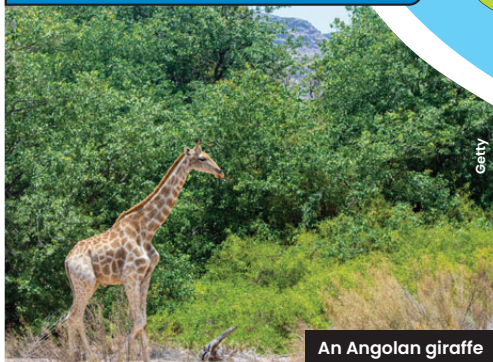
A landslide in Karatsu

**People evacuated after "heaviest rain ever"**

At least three people have died and several are missing, following record rainfall across Japan's southwest. The rain caused landslides and flooding, and tens of thousands of people have been evacuated. The military has been sent to help with rescue work. Some parts of the Fukuoka region received more than 60cm of rain in just two days – more than usually falls in the whole of July – and another 10cm of rainfall was expected. Satoshi Sugimoto, forecast director at the Japan Meteorological Agency, said: "The rain is unlike anything seen before."



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**ANGOLA**

An Angolan giraffe

**Giraffes returned to their historical homeland**

Fourteen Angolan giraffes – seven males and seven females – have been transported from Namibia to the Iona National Park, which is their historical homeland. Stephanie Fennessy, director of the Giraffe Conservation Foundation, says that reintroducing giraffes to the area will help restore the park's ecosystem. "To restore this habitat, it's critical to bring back all the important players, including Angolan giraffe, who feed where no other animals can reach," she said. Angolan giraffes were made extinct in the country in the 1990s, after decades of conflict. Studies into reintroducing other species, such as black rhinos and lions, are now being carried out. Pedro Monterroso, the manager of Iona National Park, said that the giraffes' return is a "message of hope for conservation in this country."

**SPAIN****Climate activists plant trees in golf course holes**

Golf courses around Spain have been targeted by climate activists from Extinction Rebellion (XR), as a protest against the amount of water that is used to maintain them. The holes were plugged up with either cement or seedlings. Spain is facing a severe drought. XR claims that golf in Spain uses more water than the cities of Barcelona and Madrid combined, even though only 0.6% of the population plays the sport.



Extinction Rebellion

**NEPAL****Same-sex marriage recognised**

Nepal has become the first country in South Asia to legally recognise same-sex marriages. The country's highest court has ruled that same-sex marriages should be treated like the marriages of straight couples, and given the same rights. Across Asia, the only other country to have legalised same-sex marriage is Taiwan. Sunil Pant, a leading campaigner for Nepalese marriage equality and the first and only gay member of the country's parliament, said that "people are celebrating" the news.



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# WOMEN'S WORLD CUP PULL-OUT



JAMAICA'S team are nicknamed the Reggae Girlz. Amazingly, the country didn't even have a women's team from 2004 to 2014, as its funding was cut completely.



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## IT'S ALL KICKING OFF DOWN UNDER!

Two Thailand fans bag a selfie with this year's World Cup mascot, Tazuni

**IF you're not excited yet, you really should be, because the biggest tournament in women's football only comes round once every four years!**

The world's 32 best teams will be battling it out in 64 games, played across two countries: Australia and New Zealand.

Out of eight Women's World Cups, the mighty USA have won four of them, and lost the 2011 final on a penalty shoot-out, so they're always one

of the big favourites to win. They're the current holders of the title, after beating the Netherlands 2-0 in the 2019 final.

England finished fourth and third in the previous two tournaments, but have never reached the final. But with confidence running high after winning a first ever European Championship title last year, they're another of the big favourites this time round.

The downside for England is that three of their most important players from last summer – captain Leah Williamson, Euros top scorer Beth Mead and Fran Kirby – are all out injured.

Turn over to check out our Women's World Cup wallchart, with all the groups, fixtures and the route to the final, then see the back of the pull-out for quick Q&As with three England stars, including this season's WSL top scorer, Rachel Daly!



Women's World Cups have been graced by the presence of Brazilian legend

Marta – although at the age of 37, it's not clear how much time on the pitch she'll get at her sixth tournament. With 17 goals, she's the World Cup's all-time top scorer (male or female), so make sure you find time to watch her play before she hangs up her boots for good. Only two other players (Christine Sinclair and Cristiano Ronaldo) can match her achievement of scoring at five World Cups, so one more goal will give her yet another extraordinary record.



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is the number of Women's World Cups that New Zealand have played in, but they've never won a match. Although home advantage might help bin that unwanted record, the co-hosts have had a bad run of form, losing ten games in a row and only scoring two goals.



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goals were scored in the biggest ever win in the history of the Women's World Cup finals. All 13 goals were scored by the USA in the 2019 tournament, as they swept aside Thailand 13-0. An incredible ten of those goals came in the second half, with star striker Alex Morgan bagging five of them herself. Germany aren't far behind in the record books, as they've notched up some pretty huge wins themselves, including an 11-0 win over Argentina in 2007 and a 10-0 victory over Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) in 2015.



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## GROUP A



New Zealand



Norway



Philippines



Switzerland

New Zealand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Norway
Thurs 20 July, 8am, Eden Park, Auckland			
Philippines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Switzerland
Fri 21 July, 6am, Forsyth Barr Stadium, Dunedin			
New Zealand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Philippines
Tues 25 July, 6:30am, Wellington Regional Stadium, Wellington			
Switzerland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Norway
Tues 25 July, 9am, Waikato Stadium, Hamilton			
Norway	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Philippines
Sun 30 July, 8am, Eden Park, Auckland			
Switzerland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Zealand
Sun 30 July, 8am, Forsyth Barr Stadium, Dunedin			

## GROUP B



Australia



Republic of Ireland



Nigeria



Canada

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Thurs 20 July, 11am, Stadium Australia, Sydney			
Nigeria	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Canada
Fri 21 July, 3:30am, AAMI Park, Melbourne			
Canada	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Republic of Ireland
Wed 26 July, 1pm, Perth Rectangular Stadium, Perth			
Australia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nigeria
Thurs 27 July, 11am, Lang Park, Brisbane			
Republic of Ireland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nigeria
Mon 31 July, 11am, Lang Park, Brisbane			
Canada	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Australia
Mon 31 July, 11am, AAMI Park, Melbourne			

## GROUP C



Spain



Costa Rica



Zambia



Japan

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Fri 21 July, 8:30am, Wellington Regional Stadium, Wellington			
Zambia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Japan
Sat 22 July, 8am, Waikato Stadium, Hamilton			
Japan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Costa Rica
Wed 26 July, 6am, Forsyth Barr Stadium, Dunedin			
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Wed 26 July, 8:30am, Eden Park, Auckland			
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Mon 31 July, 8am, Waikato Stadium, Hamilton			
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Mon 31 July, 8am, Wellington Regional Stadium, Wellington			

## GROUP D



England



Denmark



China



Haiti

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Denmark	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	China
Sat 22 July, 1pm, Perth Rectangular Stadium, Perth			
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Fri 28 July, 9:30am, Sydney Football Stadium, Sydney			
China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Haiti
Fri 28 July, noon, Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide			
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Tues 1 August, noon, Perth Rectangular Stadium, Perth			
China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	England
Tues 1 August, noon, Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide			

# FIFA WORLD CUP

KEEP track of the results and make sure you don't miss any of the action



### ROUND OF 16

#### GAME 5

Mon 7 August, 11:30am, Stadium Australia, Sydney

1B. ☐

2D. ☐

#### GAME 7

Tues 8 August, noon, Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide

1F. ☐

2H. ☐

### ROUND OF 16

#### GAME 6

Mon 7 August, 8:30am, Lang Park, Brisbane

1D. ☐

2B. ☐

#### GAME 8

Tues 8 August, 9am, AAMI Park, Melbourne

1H. ☐

2F. ☐

### QUARTER-FINALS

#### GAME C

Sat 12 August, 8am, Lang Park, Brisbane

5. ☐

7. ☐

### THIRD-PLACE

Sat 19 August, 9am, Sydney Football Stadium, Sydney

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### SEMI-FINAL

Wed 16 August, 11am, Stadium Australia, Sydney

C. ☐

D. ☐

### FINAL

Sun 20 August, 11am, Sydney Football Stadium, Sydney

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# WOMEN'S CUP 2023

tion, with our pull-out-and-keep wallchart! (Kick-off times are BST.)



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## SEMI-FINAL

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## FINAL

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## QUARTER-FINALS

### GAME A

Fri 11 August, 2am, Wellington Regional Stadium, Wellington

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### GAME B

Fri 11 August, 8:30am, Eden Park, Auckland

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## ROUND OF 16

### GAME 1

Sat 5 August, 6am, Eden Park, Auckland

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2C.	<input type="text"/>

### GAME 3

Sun 6 August, 3am, Sydney Football Stadium, Sydney

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## ROUND OF 16

### GAME 2

Sat 5 August, 9am, Wellington Regional Stadium, Wellington

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### GAME 4

Sun 6 August, 10am, AAMI Park, Melbourne

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Vietnam

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Netherlands

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Portugal

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USA

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Netherlands

Thurs 27 July, 2am, Wellington Regional Stadium, Wellington

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Vietnam

Thurs 27 July, 8:30am, Waikato Stadium, Hamilton

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Netherlands

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Portugal

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USA

Tues 1 August, 8am, Eden Park, Auckland



USA



Vietnam



Netherlands



Portugal

GROUP E



France



Jamaica



Brazil



Panama

GROUP F

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Jamaica

Sun 23 July, 11am, Sydney Football Stadium, Sydney

Brazil

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Panama

Mon 24 July, noon, Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide

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Brazil

Sat 29 July, 11am, Lang Park, Brisbane

Panama

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Jamaica

Sat 29 July, 1:30pm, Perth Rectangular Stadium, Perth

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Brazil

Wed 2 August, 11am, AAMI Park, Melbourne

Panama

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France

Wed 2 August, 11am, Sydney Football Stadium, Sydney

Sweden

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South Africa

Sun 23 July, 6am, Wellington Regional Stadium, Wellington

Italy

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Argentina

Mon 24 July, 7am, Eden Park, Auckland

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South Africa

Fri 28 July, 1am, Forsyth Barr Stadium, Dunedin

Sweden

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Italy

Sat 29 July, 8:30am, Wellington Regional Stadium, Wellington

South Africa

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Italy

Wed 2 August, 8am, Wellington Regional Stadium, Wellington

Argentina

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Sweden

Wed 2 August, 8am, Waikato Stadium, Hamilton



Sweden



South Africa



Italy



Argentina

GROUP G

Germany

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Morocco

Mon 24 July, 9:30am, AAMI Park, Melbourne

Colombia

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South Korea

Tues 25 July, 3am, Sydney Football Stadium, Sydney

South Korea

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Morocco

Sun 30 July, 5:30am, Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide

Germany

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Colombia

Sun 30 July, 10:30am, Sydney Football Stadium, Sydney

South Korea

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Germany

Thurs 3 August, 11am, Lang Park, Brisbane

Morocco

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Colombia

Thurs 3 August, 11am, Perth Rectangular Stadium, Perth



Germany



Morocco



Colombia



South Korea

GROUP H



# "I'D PLAY IN GOAL IF I HAD TO!"

BEFORE the Lionesses got on the plane to Australia, we had a quick chat with three of them – after they'd finished training for the day at the England team's base at St George's Park near Birmingham.

## Rachel Daly

● Is there a lot of pressure on you because England are one of the favourites?

I think we've just taken that pressure off us and started again. Obviously we won the Euros, but that's over and done with now. We've made that history and it's time to move on to the next tournament, and World Cup football's a completely different kettle of fish.

● England manager Sarina Wiegman seems very calm and nice when she's in front of the cameras, but can she be terrifying in the dressing room?

I don't think terrifying is the right word, but I think you know when you've not had a good game as a team. I don't think she gets super, super angry, but I wouldn't cross her!

● Recently you said you'd be happy to play wherever the boss plays you, but how serious were you when you said that?

I am serious. I think playing for your country is such a big honour that I'd play in goal if I had to! It



Rachel Daly rocks her personalised sleep mask on the flight to Australia

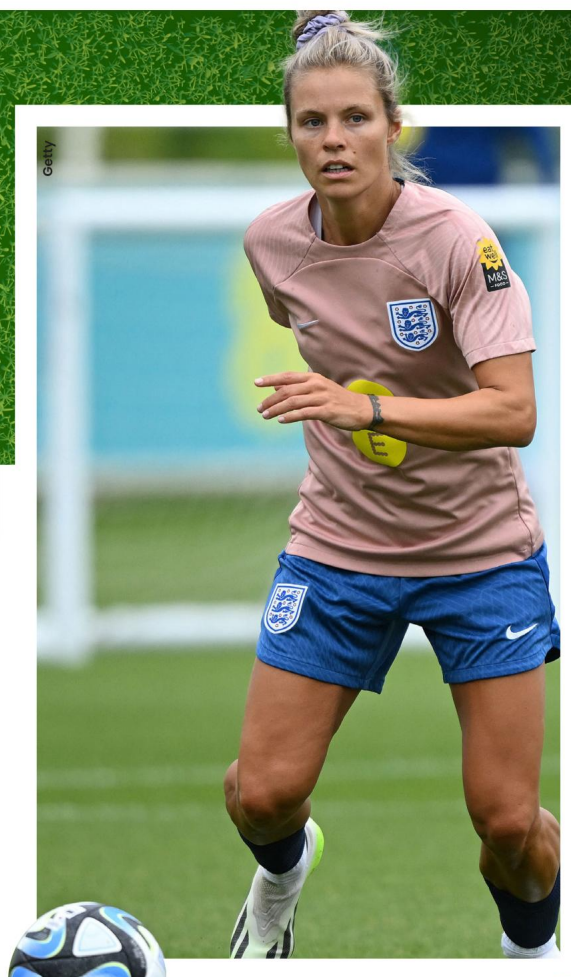
wouldn't be good for the team, though! Of course I want to play the position I'm most confident in and doing well in, but at the same time I really would play anywhere. Obviously Sarina knows I'm willing to do that, and it's nice to know that she believes in me in multiple positions. So yeah, it's not a joke, I'd just be happy to play anywhere.

● It's quite a long flight over to Australia, so which one of the England players would be most annoying to sit next to on the plane?

I'm pretty sure Katie Zelem had this question the other day and said it would be me, but I think she's got me completely wrong! We've got a sleep plan that we need to follow, so hopefully everyone just follows that and gets their head down.

● Why did she say you'd be the most annoying?

I don't know, probably just because I'm quite loud!



## Hannah Hampton

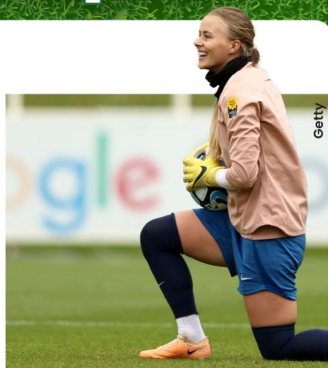
● Since you used to play as a striker, if it came to a shoot-out in the tournament and you were on the pitch, would you be putting your hand up to take a penalty? Oh, absolutely. Absolutely! I don't think I'll end up going top five because my first job is to try and save the penalties, but I wouldn't put myself 11th.

● You speak fluent Spanish, so have you heard Keira Walsh speak the language since she signed for Barcelona? Is she any good at it?

Ha ha! Yeah... hmmm, that's questionable! I don't think Keira's Spanish skills are up to it. It's funny because she's literally right there, so she can hear me! But yeah, it's okay... we'll go with okay!

● Who do you want to avoid sitting next to on the plane?

My plan is to just sleep, so anyone whose plan is to stay awake for a bit and just chat. When you put



Rach [Daly] and Millie [Bright] together, you're always going to get some lively moments, so you might not want to be by those pair. You will want to be by them when you have to be awake, though!

● Is there anything you'll miss about home? Any British food?

Food's not really an issue, to be fair. I could eat quite a bit! I think the thing I'll miss the most is my Dalmatian, Sally.

## Lauren James

● Are you raring to get going? Is it a bit like waiting for Christmas and it takes ages to come?

Yeah, I'm itching to get on the pitch! To be at a World Cup with England has been a dream. I just want to take each moment in and not let it just go by. Enjoy everything!

● Do you feel the pressure from England being one of the favourites?

I don't think I feel pressure; everyone's just confident. But I remember Lucy Bronze saying that pressure's a privilege.

● With key players being injured, does it feel like a good time for the young players in the squad to really make an impression?

Obviously, it's sad and it's a shame we don't have those players around, but yeah, I think it gives the young players like myself a chance to step up and take the opportunity.

● Who would be the most annoying person in the England squad to sit next to on the plane?

I can't name names, but I would say someone who sleeps a lot because

I would be pretty bored. I'm someone who needs conversations, chats here and there, just to keep myself occupied.

● Maybe you might be the most annoying person? Ha!

● Is there anything you're taking with you to make you feel at home?

I wouldn't say to feel at home, but probably just my PlayStation.

● If you've used all your subs and the goalie went off injured, which outfield player do you think would be best in goal?

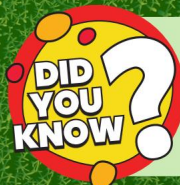
Lucy Bronze. I'm scared to dive, so I wouldn't do great – and I'd probably try and kick it instead of catching it. But yeah, stick Lucy in there, she's got no fear whatsoever!



THE world record transfer fee in the women's game is the £400,000 that Barcelona paid to take England's star midfielder Keira Walsh from Man City.



AUSTRALIA'S Sam Kerr was the first ever female player to appear on the global cover of a FIFA videogame.



CO-HOSTS Australia have never got past the quarter-final stage of the Women's World Cup. But they do have one of the world's best strikers in Chelsea's Sam Kerr, plus confidence fuelled by their recent results. Those included a 2-0 win over England that ended England's 30-match unbeaten run.





# This year's CLPE Children's Poetry Award winner is...

THE 20th CLIPPA (CLPE Children's Poetry Award) has been awarded to Ted Kooser and Connie Wanek for their lovely collection of nature-inspired poems, *Marshmallow Clouds*, which are illustrated by Richard Jones.

This year's head judge was former Children's Laureate Chris Riddell, who announced the winners at a ceremony in London.

During the event, poetry was also performed by the young winners of the CLIPPA Shadowing Scheme.

"*Marshmallow Clouds* impressed all the judges with the sheer quality of the poetry," Chris Riddell said.

"The quality of the design and production is outstanding. It is a thing of beauty!"

Zoologist and poet Nicola Davies was highly commended by the judges for her heartfelt poems about the experience of refugees in her book, *Choose Love*.

It was illustrated by Petr Horáček, and the judges said that *Choose Love* is an "immensely moving and passionate response to the refugee crisis".



This year's winners, Connie and Ted, with their book, *Marshmallow Clouds*

## Recommended reads

in partnership  
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First News is super excited to team up with children's book specialists Peters, whose librarians will be hand-picking five books to recommend to our readers each week!

## THE MOON LANDING

ON 16 July 1969, the Apollo 11 rocket set off, carrying humans to the moon. To celebrate the anniversary of that incredible achievement, here's a bunch of brilliant books about space and the moon!

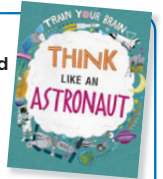


**24 Hours In Space** by Rob Lloyd Jones and illustrated by Laurent Kling  
Join astronaut Becky for a day as she goes on her first ever spacewalk in this fun, comic-strip style guide to exploring space.



**The Apollo 11 Moon Landing: A Day That Changed The World** by Amy Maranville  
Discover how the Apollo 11 moon landing unfolded and the ways this historic event changed the world forever in this accessible, informative guide.

**Think Like An Astronaut** by Alex Woolf, illustrated by David Broadbent  
Budding space explorers can train their brains to uncover the core skills needed to be a great astronaut through this book's illuminating advice and fun activities that can be done at home.



**Walking On The Moon** by Caryn Jenner, illustrated by Marc Pattenden  
Placing the event in its historical and political context, this book looks at the moon landing from every aspect, including the chefs, seamstresses and engineers whose work all led to the 1969 moon landing!



**Behind The Scenes At The Space Station: Experience Life In Space** illustrated by Peter Bull

DK Books launches the reader into the world of space exploration, with a tour of the International Space Station and an introduction to the astronauts who made it all possible.



## Game Zone

# TIME FOR TAMAGOTCHI!

WE went to the launch party for the new version of everyone's favourite virtual pet, *Tamagotchi Uni*. Here's what we learnt.

Back in the 1990s and 2000s, *Tamagotchis* were everywhere! Each *Tamagotchi* contained a tiny digital monster that you had to look after. Your parents probably remember it well!

*Tamagotchi Uni* is an all-new version of the iconic original, featuring the same egg-like design, tiny screen and three buttons that the original toys had.

Every *Tamagotchi* begins life as an egg, which over time will grow into an adult as you feed and care for it.

Unlike the original toy, which was in black and white, *Tamagotchi Uni* is in full colour and can connect to Wi-Fi, letting you connect to the Tamaverse.

Here, you can play online minigames and collect special items. Your *Tamagotchi* can also meet other *Tamagotchis*, and can even get married!

You can also enter download codes to receive special items, take part in events and catch up on the latest *Tamagotchi* news.

The 'Uni' in *Tamagotchi Uni* is short for 'unique', and each of the virtual monsters will have their own personalities and attitudes. They'll react differently to objects and do different cute things.

The *Tamagotchi Uni* comes with a watch strap, so you can easily take your pet out and about with you.

While you're on the move, your *Tamagotchi* can go on a 'Tama Walk' too! The device counts the number of steps you take, and you'll receive goodies for a 20-minute stroll.

*Tamagotchis* require care, otherwise they'll die! So if you're keen on adopting this virtual pet, you'll have to remember to give it attention.

*Tamagotchi Uni* launches tomorrow, Saturday 15 July.



## A million downloads for space-based Minecraft world

A *MINECRAFT* world that lets players explore the solar system and human history has been downloaded more than one million times since it was launched in April.

Called 'Our Place In Space', the *Minecraft* world explores the wonders of our solar system, letting you travel to planets and overcome thrilling challenges.

But it's not just about space; players can also travel through time to learn about important historical events like war, famine and fake news.

Professor Stephen Smartt, an astronomer at Queen's University Belfast, features in the world (pictured left).

He said: "While I've been a professor and an astronomer for many years, this is the first time I've ever featured as a character in *Minecraft*!"



For more information and to access the Our Place In Space educational content, visit [www.ourplaceinspace.earth](http://www.ourplaceinspace.earth).





IN July 1993, this epic movie franchise roared into UK cinemas, so is now celebrating its 30th anniversary. Check out these fun facts about everyone's favourite dino blockbuster!

**1** The movie won three Oscars, including Best Visual Effects for those amazing dinosaurs!

**2** It went on to form a trilogy – *Jurassic Park* was followed by *The Lost World: Jurassic Park*, and then *Jurassic Park III* in 2001. In 2015, film-makers created a second trilogy starting with *Jurassic World*.

**3** The first two movies were directed by Steven Spielberg, who makes a sneaky cameo at the end of *The Lost World*, when his face can be seen in the reflection on a TV screen.



**4** *Jurassic Park* was filmed on Hawaii's Kauai island, but the set was hit by Hurricane Iniki. Richard Attenborough, who plays wealthy businessman John Hammond, apparently slept through most of it!

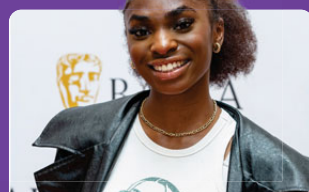
**5** Many of the noises the dinos make in the movie are actually real-life animal sounds. The hiss of the velociraptors comes from an angry

goose and a baby elephant trumpeting was used to make the noise of the *T. rex*'s roar.

**6** The triceratops in the movie took 12 people to operate. Eight puppeteers stood in a hole dug beneath the dinosaur to operate it and there was also a door in the triceratops' backside where another four people climbed inside!



TEN-YEAR-OLD Elsie Adams and 18-year-old Precious Assah have been announced as the winners of BAFTA's Young Presenters Competition. The duo will now receive mentoring and interview opportunities for the next year!



## PSSST! IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

**1** MILEY Cyrus has the biggest song of 2023 so far. The Official Charts Company said that *Flowers* has had 147 million streams and more than 80,000 downloads. Raye's *Escapism* was in second place.



**2** DANIEL Radcliffe has revealed it's unlikely he'll reprise his role as the famous wizard in the new *Harry Potter* TV series. The star admitted he hadn't been in talks about the show and thinks a new actor will play Harry.



**3** TAYLOR Swift has added an extra 14 European tour dates to her Eras tour. Tickets for her June 2024 UK dates in Liverpool, Edinburgh, London and Cardiff went on sale this week. Rock band Paramore will be the support band on her European dates.



## Meet singing sensation Malakai Bayoh

THE 14-year-old wowed us all on *Britain's Got Talent*, and he's now scooped his first record deal! We caught up with him to find out what's been happening.

**When did you start singing?**

I started singing at the age of seven. My mum heard me singing around the house and 'made' me join the choir at our local cathedral, St George's in Southwark, London.

**What do you love about it?**

I really love how singing can express different emotions and how different songs and music can be.

**What was it like performing on *Britain's Got Talent*?**

Performing on *BGT* was like a dream. It was an unbelievable and exciting journey.

**Tell us about your debut album.**

It's called *Golden*. Two songs from it have already been released: Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Pie Jesu* and Sir Karl Jenkins' *Benedictus*. The album is out soon!

**What's your favourite track?**

My favourite is easily *Pie Jesu*, it's so catchy. It's easy to sing and it's the one song I've sung the most for sure, including in my audition for *BGT*!

**Tell us a fun fact about yourself.**

I love basketball, but I'm not very good at it. I'm trying to get better though.

**What's your biggest dream?**

To become a professional opera singer! I want to travel the world and experience new cultures and new music.

Malakai's *Golden* is out on Friday 21 July via Universal Classics & Jazz in association with Classic FM.





# CHAMPION HOT DOG EATER!

HOW many hot dogs do you think you could eat in just ten minutes?

Well, the legendary Joey Chestnut managed 62 hot dogs in that time, winning his 16th Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest. He managed to eat 14 more than the second-placed contestant! Joey is a competitive eater (yes, that's an actual thing) and is ranked first in Major League Eating.

The women's contest was won by Miki Sudo, who ate 39.5 hot dogs for her ninth title in ten years.

Both champs have vowed to return and defend their titles next year.



# Mayor marries croc-like creature!



THE Mayor of San Pedro Huamelula in Mexico has married a croc-like reptile called a caiman.

Victor Hugo Sosa wed the caiman called Alicia Adriana as part of an ancestral ritual. The marriage of a man to a female caiman has taken place in the area for 230 years. It commemorates peace between the Chontal and Huave indigenous groups and it is believed to bring good fortune to the town.



You may kiss the caiman!



# Are flying cars coming?



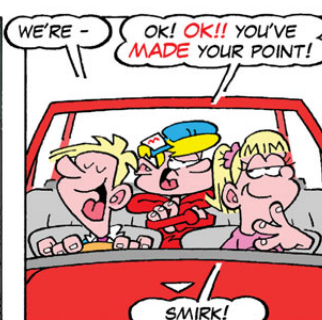
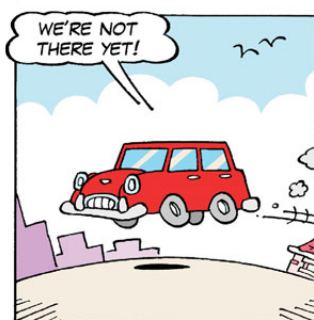
THEY could be! That's because the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the US has given a car permission to fly.

Alef Aeronautics has created a fully electric flying car, called the Model A, that can drive on the road but also take off and land vertically. The FAA has given the vehicle a special airworthiness certificate for research, development and exhibition. Alef says its flying car is unique because it can fit in a normal car parking space.

The Model A was inspired by the movie *Back to the Future II* and is now available to pre-order. It's thought one will cost around £240,000. Alef hopes the vehicles will be ready for delivery by late 2025.



Written and illustrated by Paul Palmer

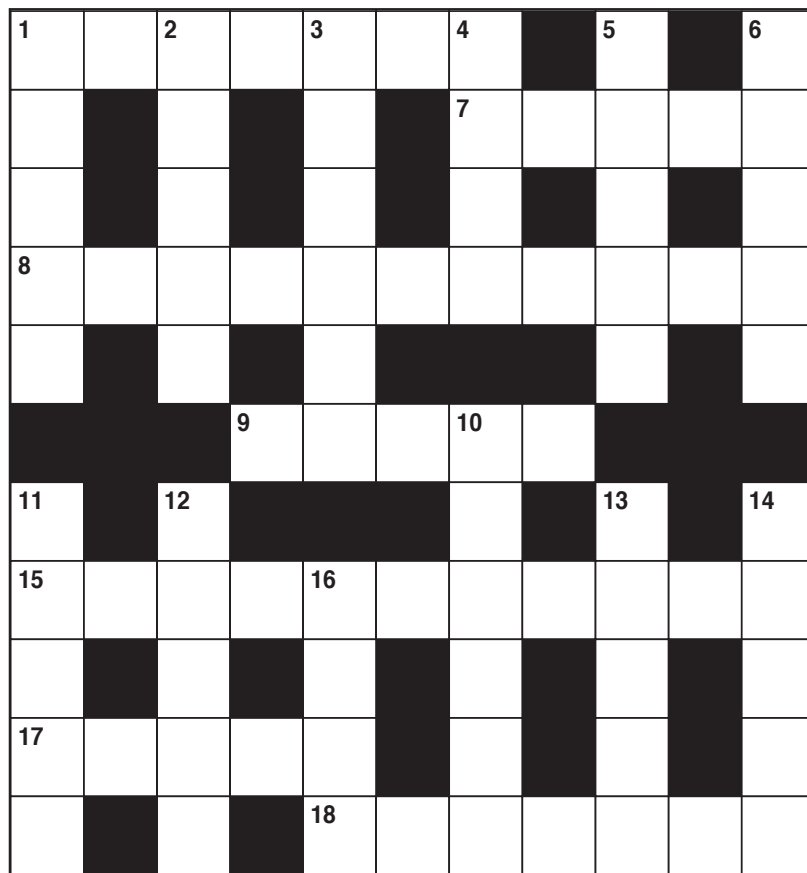






# CROSSWORD

CAN you complete our crossword puzzle using the clues below?



## ACROSS

- 1 In depot (anagram) (7)  
 7 Thoughts or concepts (5)  
 8 Very impressive (11)  
 9 The opposite of tight (5)  
 15 Shrubbery or vegetation (11)  
 17 Under (5)  
 18 Less blunt (7)

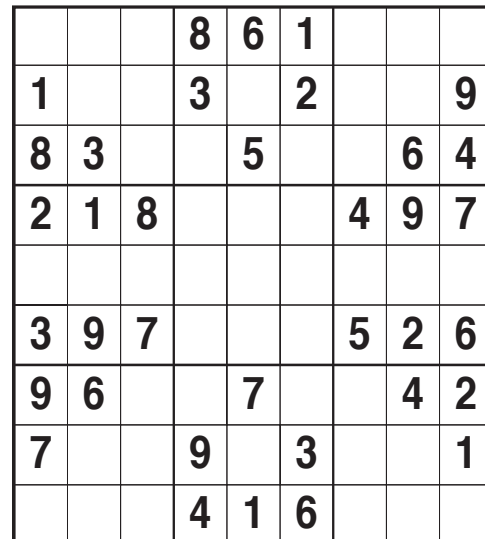
## DOWN

- 1 Money container (5)  
 2 Alphabetical reference list in a book (5)  
 3 A permanent mark or design added to someone's skin (6)  
 4 Computer storage device (4)  
 5 Large stringed instrument (5)  
 6 Seize or take power by force (5)  
 10 \_\_\_\_\_ Williams: female former tennis star (6)  
 11 Sources of light (5)  
 12 Heroes (5)  
 13 Clean by brushing (5)  
 14 Something that you sit on (5)  
 16 Arguments (4)



# Sudoku

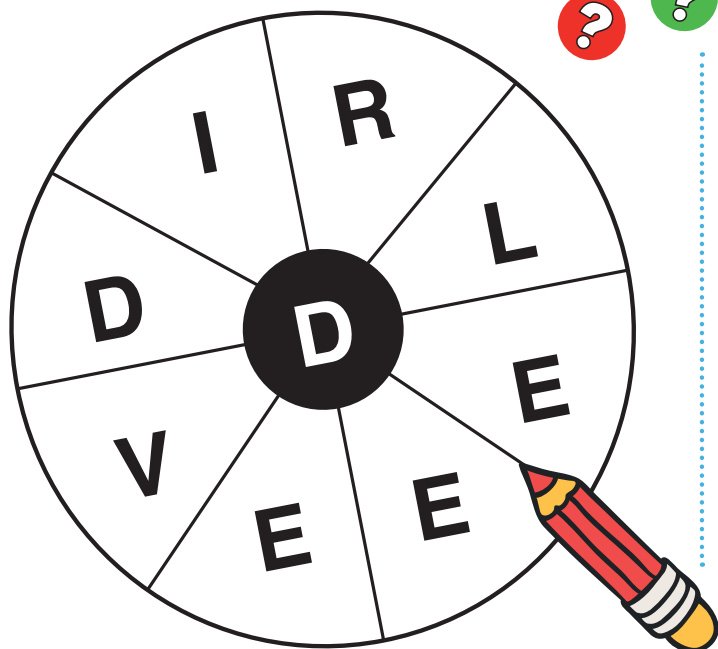
CAN you complete our sudoku puzzle, filling in the numbers one to nine?



**COMPETITIONS:** You can enter *First News* competitions in one of two ways.  
 1. Go to [firstnews.co.uk/competitions](http://firstnews.co.uk/competitions) and follow the instructions.  
 2. Email us at [win@firstnews.co.uk](mailto:win@firstnews.co.uk) putting 'competition name' (e.g. Holiday), in the subject box. Please note: *First News* will not share your personal details with third parties. *First News* will only use your details to contact the competition winners. *First News* competitions are only open to those aged 17 and under and residents of the UK & Republic of Ireland, except employees of *First News*, First Group Enterprises Ltd, Reach plc and any associated companies and their families. Winners will be the first correct entries drawn after the closing dates. No purchase necessary. No responsibility can be accepted for entries that have been lost or damaged in transit. *First News* will not enter into any correspondence. All winners will be notified accordingly and their names and location will be available on request. No cash alternative for any prizes will be offered. The winner may be required to partake in media activity relating to the competition.

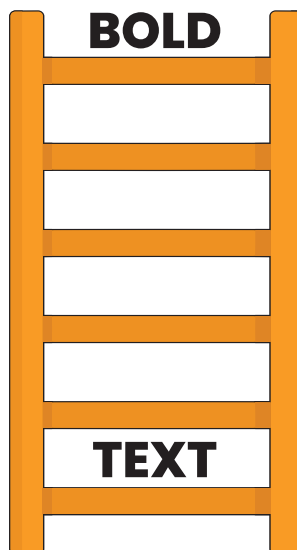
## Word wheel

SEE how many words of three or more letters you can make, using the middle letter in each one. And can you find the word that uses all the letters?



## Word ladder

SEE if you can get from the top of the ladder to the bottom by changing one letter at a time to make a new word.



## LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

**Word wheel:** confusion.

**Word ladder:** road, roar, soar, spar, span, spin.

**Spot the Difference:** 1) teacher's hair is longer, 2) more leaves on plant, 3) flask changed colour, 4) extra wooden scissor block on table, 5) bit of maths equation is missing at the bottom.

**What on Earth?:** A) Monopoly, B) Scrabble, C) Rubik's Cube, D) Jenga, E) Chess, F) Connect Four.



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4	7	1	2	8	9	6	5	3
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# SPOT **THE** DIFFERENCE

CAN you spot the five changes we've made to this picture from *Saturday Mash-Up! Live*? You can catch the brand-new series live on CBBC and BBC iPlayer every Saturday.



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# THE WORLD IS WINNING THE WAR ON BLINDNESS DISEASE



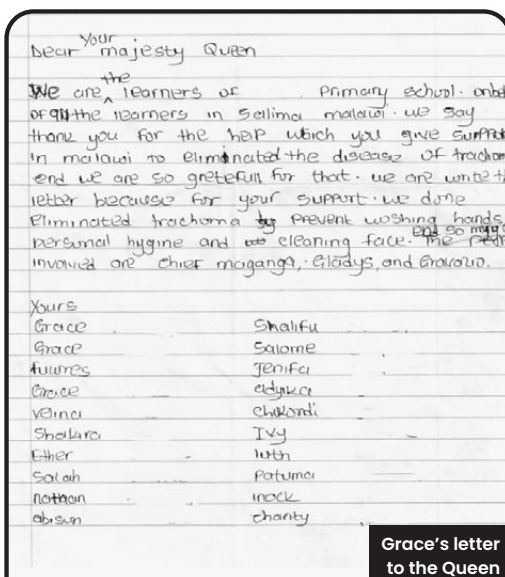
TRACHOMA is one of the oldest diseases known to humans. Signs of serious eye infections, almost certainly caused by trachoma, have been found in human skulls from the Ice Age, 8,000 years ago. Although millions of people are still at risk of going blind from trachoma, there is good news, as many countries are stamping it out.

## What is trachoma?

Trachoma is a very painful eye disease that is spread through contact with infected flies, hands, clothing and bedding. At first, trachoma makes your eyes itchy, but if it's not treated the eyelid becomes scarred and your eyelashes turn inwards, so that they scrape against your eyeball. It's very painful and feels like you have sand or thorns in your eyes. Some people pull out their eyelashes to stop the pain. Eventually, if people don't get treatment, they might even go blind.

## Is there a cure?

Trachoma is preventable and, in the early stages, treatable. This May, two countries, Benin and Mali, announced that they had defeated the blinding disease. They are the 16th and 17th countries in the world to celebrate this amazing goal and the World Health Organization says that there are now millions fewer people at risk of getting the disease.



Grace's letter to the Queen

## A letter to the Queen

Last August, a Malawian girl called Grace, aged 14, and her classmates wrote letters to Queen Elizabeth II in the UK, as well as their village chief, an eye doctor and a local health worker. They had just heard some exciting news that they wanted to share – they had helped their country eliminate trachoma.

## Keeping clean

One way to stop the blinding disease spreading is to keep your hands and face clean. The children in Grace's after-school club were proud that, by encouraging their friends and families to pay attention to keeping clean, they had helped their country fight trachoma and eventually stop it in its tracks.

Alongside the efforts from the children, it took the Malawian Government and lots of partner organisations, spearheaded by the charity Sightsavers, more than 12 years to eliminate trachoma. Grace and her friends wrote to Her Majesty to say thank you, because Malawi was supported with funding from The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust as part of her legacy to help eliminate trachoma across the Commonwealth.

## Royal visit

Although Queen Elizabeth II died before the letter could be delivered, Grace was able to read it to Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Edinburgh, when she visited Malawi last



Grace reads her school's letter to Queen Elizabeth II to HRH the Duchess of Edinburgh

October. It said: "On behalf of all the learners in Salima Malawi we say thank you for the help which you give support in Malawi to eliminate the disease of trachoma and we are so grateful for that."

## Looking to the future

Grace would like to be a nurse when she grows up, so that she can help people who are sick. She said: "For generations to come, students like me can grow without the threat of trachoma. I'm proud to be from Malawi; if we can eliminate trachoma, we can do anything."



Students of the Teen Club at their school in Salima, Malawi, begin to write a group letter to those involved in the Malawi trachoma elimination programme, to celebrate the good news that trachoma has been eliminated in Malawi







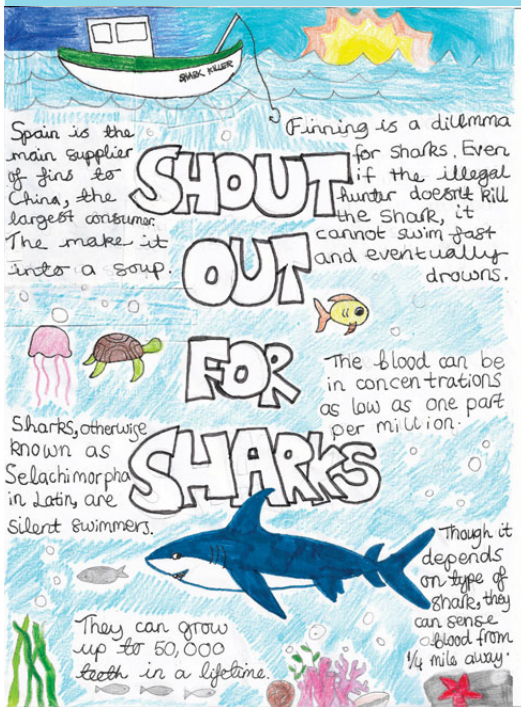
# CELEBRATING SHARK AWARENESS DAY

DID you know that 14 July marks Shark Awareness Day? To celebrate, we chatted to legendary wildlife presenter and naturalist Steve Backshall to get his view on the wonder of sharks, the charity Bite-Back and what we can all do to help improve the image of sharks.

## ● Sharks have a bad reputation. What can we do to change that?

They are an animal that has been demonised [made to look evil] and yet there are so few people actually harmed by sharks around the world. It's a balance that needs to be corrected and it's something that we all can play a part in doing. So, every single time you see a newspaper print: "Demon shark spotted in British waters!" and it's a harmless basking shark, then it's up to us to say to that newspaper: "No, that's factually incorrect, you can't say things like that." Every time they talk about a "Man-eating great white shark spotted in the middle of the North Atlantic!", well, there are no people in the North Atlantic, so how can it possibly be

**First News teamed up with Bite-Back to launch the Shout Out For Sharks campaign and hosted a competition challenging students to change people's thinking about sharks, by creating a campaign poster, artwork, poem, or something else that they chose. We can now reveal the winner... so massive congratulations to Esther Atkins, aged 11**



Steve dives with sharks!

a man-eating shark? It's about the type of language that's used in the media.

## ● How many species of shark are under threat of extinction?

There are only about 450 different species of shark around the world. Of those, around half are listed as vulnerable, endangered or critically endangered. A lot of the others are 'data deficient', which means we simply don't know. Sawsharks are right on the cusp of extinction and it's likely that if we haven't lost them already, we will in my lifetime.

## ● How much do we still have left to find out about sharks and the oceans?

A huge amount! We're only just beginning to develop technologies that follow them throughout their lives. For all of human history we've only been able to investigate them when they're dead – when they're caught on fishing lines – or from the very, very small amount of science that's been done in the top 20 metres of the ocean. So very few species of sharks have been filmed doing even the simplest things like mating, giving birth or even naturally feeding. There are elements to their behaviour that we just assume based on studying the stomach contents of dead animals, and that's not enough, it's not a decent way of understanding the genuine life history of an animal.

## ● How long have you been involved with the Bite-Back shark conservation charity?

For about eight years. To me they are a very important charity because they're homegrown and have gone all the way: rattling the cages of people at the top of the tree in Government and heading towards changing laws to protect sharks. It's proof that anyone can make a difference, which I think is amazing.

To find out more about the *First News* and Bite-Back Shout Out For Sharks campaign and to access free resources about shark conservation, head to [first.news/sosresources](https://first.news/sosresources).



**ANEESHWAR Kunchala** is an eight-year-old wildlife campaigner. He shot to fame as a finalist in *Britain's Got Talent* and has appeared on *America's Got Talent: All-Stars*, too. He even has a Guinness World Record for being the world's youngest documentary presenter! Aged seven, Aneeshwar presented the Sky Kids documentary *COP27: Six Ways To Save Our Planet*. Head to [first.news/sixways](https://first.news/sixways) to watch it now.

**Aneeshwar's Animal of the Week is...**

## THE ORANGUTAN



### HABITAT:

Orangutans are adapted to the rainforests of Borneo and Sumatra.

### FUN FACTS:

- Orangutans are the largest tree-dwelling mammal.
- Orangutans are very intelligent animals and have been seen making 'gloves' out of leaves to hold prickly fruit.
- Orangutans make their nest every day.

### SPECIAL SUPERPOWER:

Orangutans have long, strong arms reaching their ankles that are great for helping them to live in trees.

### CONSERVATION STATUS:

All three species are classed as critically endangered on the IUCN Red List.



Aneeshwar's painting of an orangutan

## Take part in this year's Big Butterfly Count!

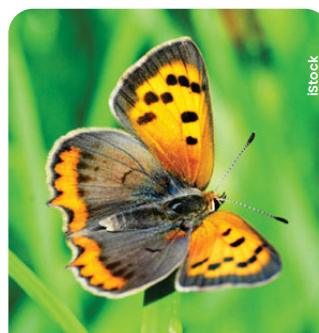
FROM 14 July until 6 August, Butterfly Conservation is asking you to get outdoors and count butterflies!

The Big Butterfly Count is a UK-wide survey that aims to check the health of our environment.

To join in, all you have to do is count the number of butterflies you see,

and the different types. That includes some day-flying moths too. Then you share your findings with the Butterfly Conservation charity, who can look at what's happening across the UK.

Find out more and download a handy butterfly chart at [bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org](https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org).







HELLO! I'm Milly, the *First News* FYI News Club leader. These pages are your place in *First News* to share anything you like with other *First News* readers. This can include what's going on where you live, what you think about what's happening in the news, as well as sharing your funniest moments, biggest achievements and even your pets!

If you'd like to feature on this page, just get your teacher to set up a *First News* FYI News Club at your school. You'll also get opportunities to take part in our weekly news show from Sky Kids, FYI! Just head to [first.news/fyinewsclub](https://first.news/fyinewsclub) or scan the QR code below.

# VICTORIOUS IN SCHOOLS F1 COMP



THE Lenovo F1 in Schools UK National Final took place recently, and some pupils from Lindley Junior School who took part wrote in to tell us all about it.

by Ohio Lightning Raccoons, Lindley Junior School

ON Saturday 1 July, we went to the national finals of the F1 in Schools competition in Leeds, where we achieved third place nationally!

We had to design and make our F1 car that was powered by a CO<sub>2</sub> canister, then we raced it against 22 other teams, and came sixth.

We had to give a presentation to a selection of judges and create a portfolio explaining everything we did.

The thing we enjoyed the most was talking to the judges because it boosted our confidence, and it became less scary having to talk to different judges. It was also interesting because one of the judges designed actual F1 cars and explained what she did as a career!

We also learnt lots of things while doing this project: we have a better understanding of STEM, we have developed our computing skills and learned how we need an aerodynamic car body to win the races, and finally, we are better at working as a team.

We had a great time and hope we can enter again next year!

## Kids take over Borough Market



Some pupils selling their produce

SIXTY primary school pupils from 12 schools sold their school-grown produce at London's Borough Market last week.

The children wanted to show *First News* readers their stall. They learnt loads about growing fruit and vegetables, and every penny raised is going to be used by a charity called The Felix Project to provide meals for vulnerable families across London. Wow!

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## Dig for victory



Bagshot Infant School in their allotment

BAGSHOT Infant School created an RHS Allotment at Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival and sent us a photo of it to share with *First News* readers!

The garden drew on the history of their own school grounds, which were turned into allotments during the two World Wars.

Pupils created their allotment using traditional growing methods such as pea sticks and bean poles, along with more modern growing walls made from upcycled pallets.

Eden, a pupil at the school, said: "I like the plants we grew in the allotment as they are really pretty and tasty. I am very proud that Bagshot Infant School was chosen for the Best Community Allotment and that I had the chance to go and see it at the Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival."

Do you have a story you'd like to share with other *First News* readers? Just get a parent/guardian to send it in via email to [newsdesk@firstnews.co.uk](mailto:newsdesk@firstnews.co.uk)



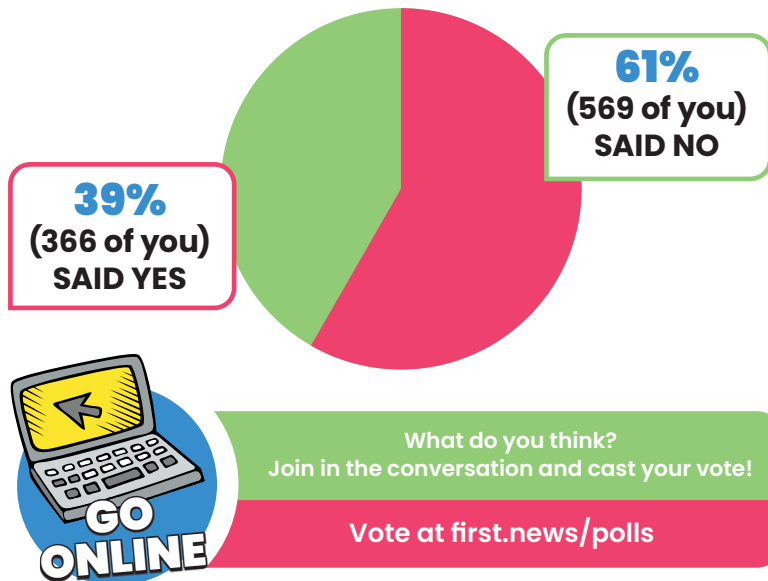


# THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION



We asked 935 of you...

Would you be happy to eat lab-grown meat?



## YOTO CARNEGIES SHADOWERS' CHOICE

RUTH attended the Yoto Carnegie awards and met the Shadowers' Choice Medal winners for writing and illustration. She wrote in to tell us all about it.

by Ruth, Tring School

I was fortunate enough to attend the Yoto Carnegie awards ceremony.

The winner of the Shadowers' Choice Medal for Writing, *I Must Betray You*, was my personal favourite due to the eye-opening facts about the Romanian Revolution, and the unexpected twists.

I was thrilled to have the chance to interview author Ruta Sepetys, who said: "I was shocked but so delighted to know that the readers have chosen this book, giving voices to more than 23 million

Romanian people who never had a chance to tell their story."

I then interviewed Joe Todd-Stanton, who won the Shadowers' Choice Medal for Illustration for his book *The Comet*. He said: "It feels incredible knowing that kids – the people who I write these books for – have chosen my book and are the ones who've actually voted for it. That makes it so special."

Attending the event was a unique opportunity to meet the shortlisted authors and illustrators, for which I'm grateful.



# Student wins playwriting competition!

KEIRA Grierson won playwriting competition New Views. Her play *3.2.1* was performed on the Olivier stage, so carry on reading below to find out about her experience.

by Keira Grierson

Last week my play *3.2.1* was presented at the National Theatre as part of the New Views competition.



Taking part in New Views has been an eye-opening inspirational experience that provided me with so many opportunities, exposing me to the professional writing industry.

It has made me

consider my future, and how I'd love to pursue a career in writing, as well as being a surreal chance to explore and witness the characterisation of my script be brought to life on the Olivier stage.

Seeing my script win the competition and go on to being professionally directed and performed was highly emotional, as its topical message of beauty standards and social media is something I feel very passionate and close to.

Additionally, my poetry form being explored and recognised by professional directors, actors and writers was a privilege that has provided me with the space to explore my own creativity.





# FirstNews Quiz

THE answers to all these questions can be found in the pages of this issue. Why not set yourself, or your friends and family, a time challenge to see who can get the highest score in the quickest time? See how well you did by checking the answers at the bottom.

**1** What are squirrels doing to stay cool in hot weather?



**2** What have two owls that were found under the Glastonbury main stage been named?



**3** Who is cycling from Mongolia to Manchester?



**4** Which football club has been fined for price-fixing?

**5** What was the average global air temperature on Thursday 6 July, a new record?



**6** Who does England player Katie Zelem say would be the most annoying to sit next to on the flight to the World Cup in Australia?



**7** What type of shop has started selling crumpet, soy sauce, tomato ketchup and pickle flavoured food?



**8** What was the name of the first computer that was able to remember programs?



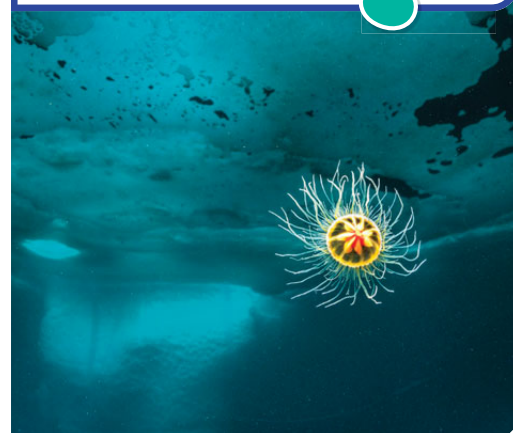
**9** Which group of activists has targeted golf courses in Spain as a protest against the amount of water used to maintain them?

**10** On what date did the Apollo 11 rocket take off for the moon?

**11** Who will be the support band on Taylor Swift's European tour next year?

**12** How many hot dogs did Joey Chestnut manage to eat in ten minutes?

**13** What is a benthic hydromedusa?



**14** In May this year, which two countries announced that they had defeated the eye disease trachoma?

**15** Who has become the first woman to manage a professional men's team in English football?



**Answers:**  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

THE winning pictures of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's Environmental Photography Award have been revealed, and we think you'll agree that they're pretty mind-blowing.

The annual awards celebrate photographers who are raising awareness of major environmental issues, such as biodiversity, climate change and the oceans.

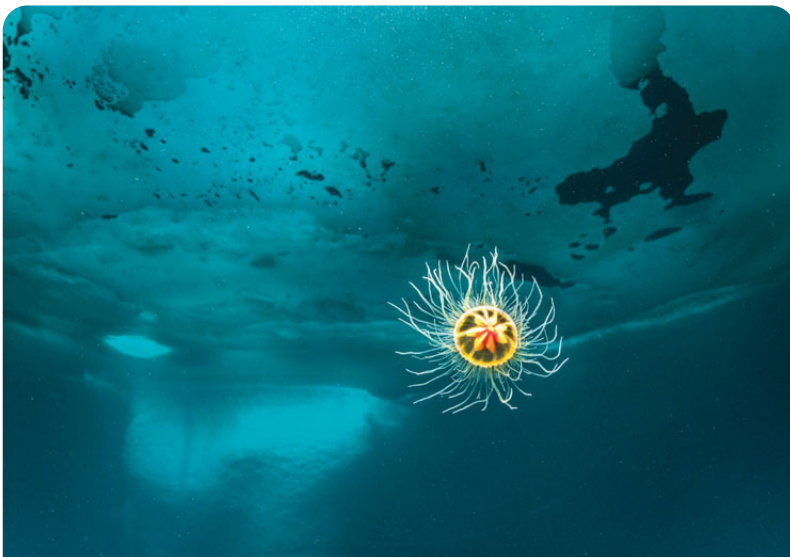
The awards include five different categories: Polar Wonders, Into The Forest, Ocean Worlds, Humanity versus Nature and Change Makers: Reason For Hope. We've included a few of our favourites here, but which is yours?



### JURY'S DISTINCTION HUMANITY VERSUS NATURE

*Coexisting with Sea Level Rise* by Giacomo d'Orlando

A fisherman sits in his flooded house. The photographer said that the fisherman had raised his house twice to avoid flooding, but can't afford to do it again.



### 1ST PLACE POLAR WONDERS

*Tiny Umbrella* by Franco Banfi

Banfi captured this tiny jellyfish, a benthic hydromedusa, swimming past an iceberg in Greenland. The circular 'bell' of this jellyfish is less than a centimetre wide.



### 1ST PLACE CHANGE MAKERS: REASON FOR HOPE

*Airborne* by Marcus Westberg

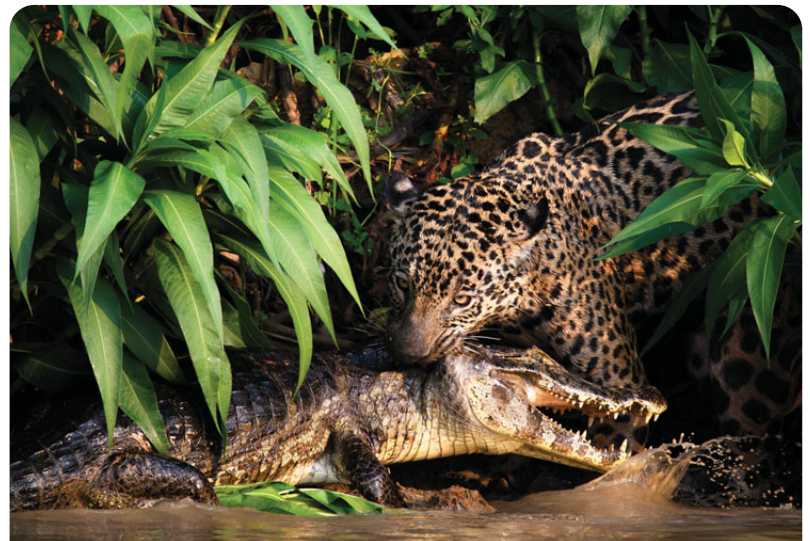
These elephants are fine! When the elephant population grows too big for a small national park, they are moved to a larger national park. Rangers put the elephants to sleep temporarily with tranquilliser darts, then the animals are placed in lorries by cranes. A second injection then wakes them up before they arrive at their new home.



### STUDENTS' CHOICE POLAR WONDERS

*Baby it's Cold Out There!* by David Feuerhelm

This chilly view of an ice cave in the Mýrdalsjökull ice cap on Iceland was voted the favourite by a selection of school students in Monaco.



### JURY'S DISTINCTION INTO THE FOREST

*Predator versus Predator* by Clément Fontaine

This striking image shows a jaguar holding a caiman by the neck. Fontaine took the picture after following the jaguar for almost a day along the river.





# YOUNG LIONS ROAR TO VICTORY!



**ENGLAND won the European Under-21 Championship, after a last-minute penalty save by James Trafford.**

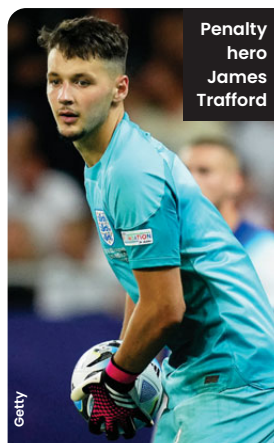
The Young Lions last lifted the trophy in 1984 when they beat Spain in a two-leg final. In the 2023 tournament, held in Georgia and Romania, England faced the same opponents in the final. Both teams had proved they were contenders for the title with some impressive performances, especially in the semi-finals. England overcame Israel 3-0, while Spain thrashed Ukraine 5-1.

The final at the Batumi Arena in Georgia started at a blistering pace, with both Anthony Gordon and Morgan Gibbs-White almost getting on the scoresheet early on. Spain soon started to fight back and the game became

more even. Just before half-time, England took the lead when a free kick by Cole Palmer was deflected in by Curtis Jones.

England spent much of the second half defending, but grew in confidence as the clock ticked down. Then, with only a minute left, Spain were awarded a penalty when Levi Colwill was judged to have brought down Abel Ruiz. Ruiz took the penalty, which was brilliantly saved by goalie Trafford, who then also blocked Aimar Oroz's follow-up to see England celebrate with a 1-0 victory.

It's been an incredible campaign for the Young Lions, especially for Trafford, who didn't concede a goal. No other team in the history of the tournament has kept six clean sheets in a row.



Penalty hero  
**James Trafford**

## Female first for Forest Green

**HANNAH Dingley has become the first woman to manage a professional men's team in English football.**

The 39-year-old was named as the caretaker manager after Forest Green Rovers sacked Duncan Ferguson after six months in charge of the team.

"I'm really excited for this next step of my career," Dingley said. "Pre-season has just begun and the full season kicks off very soon. It's an exciting time in football. I am grateful for the opportunity to step up."

Previously, she had been in charge of the club's academy, and launched a girls' academy to help develop female players.

The club's chairman, Dale Vince, said that Dingley was the "natural choice" for the role and had done a "fantastic job" leading the academy.



Fans encourage the team's new boss



Hannah Dingley

IN 1999, Italy's Carolina Morace became the first woman to coach a professional men's team, when she took charge of Viterbese. She resigned after two matches, saying that the club's president was interfering too much.

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under par at the US Women's Open saw America's Allisen Corpuz claim her first victory on the LPGA Tour. Finishing three shots ahead of England's Charley Hull and South Korea's

Jiyai Shin, Corpuz was the only player to be under par on all four rounds. She had mixed fortunes on her final round though – as well as holing six birdies, Corpuz also hit three bogeys.



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wickets remained when England reached 254 runs to defeat Australia in the third Test at Headingley. After England were beaten in the first two Tests, they couldn't afford to lose this

match. Set a target of 251 runs in their second innings, an impressive tally of 75 from Harry Brook helped settle supporters' nerves, before Chris Woakes and Mark Wood's partnership secured victory. The fourth Test begins at Old Trafford on 19 July.



Harry Brook

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years after his last second-place finish in Italy, Lando Norris finished runner-up again, this time at the British Grand Prix.

The McLaren driver even led for part of the race at Silverstone,

but was overtaken by Red Bull's Max Verstappen, who went on to win his sixth race in a row. Norris held off a challenge from Lewis Hamilton to stay in second for the rest of the race.

