

## A Smashing Potato Idea!

From crispy chips to fluffy mash, potatoes can be cooked in many ways! Have you got a favourite? But a farmer from Cambridgeshire, England, had a big problem recently when an order for his potatoes was suddenly cancelled. Luke Abblitt had packed 540 bags ready for a fish and chip shop, but they were no longer needed. The potatoes would not stay fresh for long, so Luke had to think quickly. Instead of letting them go to waste, he came up with a kind and spud-tacular idea! He chose to give them away to people who needed them. Soon, charities and food banks got in touch. The potatoes were shared with groups helping families in the local area, and lots of people were very grateful. Luke said, 'I

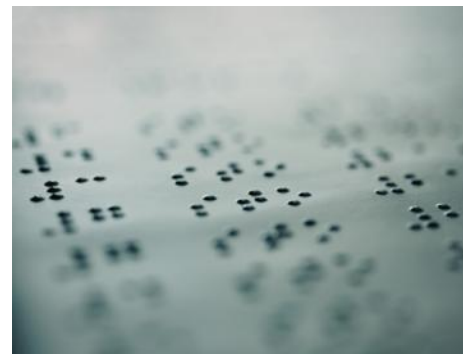


**Pictured:** Farmer Luke Abblitt and the potatoes he donated. **Source:** @Downondaintreefarm on Instagram.

was trying to turn it into something positive and get them to people that really are struggling.' All the potatoes were given away in just two days! Luke said it felt 'heart-warming' to help others. The special type of potatoes Luke grows are called Sagitta spuds, which are popular for making chips! **What do you think of Luke's idea? We think it's absolutely s'mashing!** 🍟

## Braille Medals for the Games

Have you ever won a medal? What was it for and what was it like? The medals for the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland, will be a little different this year. For the first time, they will include braille – a system of raised dots that people can feel to



**Pictured:** Braille is a system of raised dots that helps blind or visually impaired people to read and write. **Source:** Canva.

read and write. The medals were designed by artist Militsa Milenkova. She wanted them to be for everyone, including people that use braille who are blind or have difficulty seeing. The medal also includes shapes inspired by the city of Glasgow. Militsa said, 'I'm so proud that the design is tactile and accessible'. The Games will include ten sports and six para sports, with around 3,000 athletes from 74 nations. It is one of the few competitions where athletes with and without disabilities compete together.

**Is it important to make things accessible for all? Why?**

### Why do some people become so important to the world?



People become important when they make a big difference to the world and inspire others to do good things too.  
**Robin**

## What Did Orion See?

NASA has shared more than 12,000 photographs from the Artemis II mission, giving people around the world a new view of the Moon, Earth and life inside a spacecraft.

The pictures were taken during last month's 10-day journey into space. Four astronauts travelled around the far side of the Moon in a spacecraft called Orion, before returning safely to Earth. The mission did not land on the Moon, but it helped NASA test important equipment for future



**Pictured:** A glimpse of the Moon with the Earth in the distance, from Orion. **Source:** @NASA on X.

journeys. NASA says they are hoping to make a moon landing in 2028, and hopefully every year after. Some of the new photos show the Moon's crater-covered surface. Others show Earth looking small, bright and blue against the darkness of space. During the mission, NASA astronaut Victor Glover said, 'Humans probably have not evolved to see what we're seeing. It is truly hard to describe. It is amazing'. They remind us that photographs can help us explore places most people may never visit. Dr Lori Glaze, from NASA, said the Artemis II astronauts are 'charting new frontiers for all humanity'.

**What can pictures teach us about our place in the universe?**



**Pictured:** Half-illuminated Earth, from Orion. **Source:** @NASA on X.

## Buzzing About Bees!

On 20<sup>th</sup> May, people around the world will celebrate World Bee Day. It is a special day to think about bees and other pollinators, and the important job they do. Bees help to pollinate many plants. This means they move pollen from flower to flower, helping plants grow fruit, seeds and more flowers. Without pollinators, many of the foods we enjoy would be harder to grow. World Bee Day began in 2018 after Slovenia suggested the idea to the United Nations. The date, 20<sup>th</sup> May, was chosen because it was the birthday of Anton Janša, an important early beekeeper from Slovenia. Janša admired bees and once wrote, 'Among all God's beings there are none so hard-working and useful to man ... as the bee'. The 2026 theme is 'Bee together for people and the planet'.



**Pictured:** A honeybee collecting pollen from a lavender plant. **Source:** Canva.

It reminds us that humans and bees have worked side by side for thousands of years, from collecting honey to caring for hives.

But many pollinators are under threat because of habitat loss, harmful chemicals, disease and climate change. The good news is that everyone can help. Planting bee-friendly flowers, avoiding pesticides, buying local honey and leaving wild spaces for insects can all make a difference.

***If bees could send humans a message on World Bee Day, what do you think they would say?***

### Why do some people become so important to the world?



Some people become important because they help lots of people and teach things we didn't know before.

**Daisy, 10**

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