

## Time for a Change?

What do you think about changing the clocks twice a year? Do you notice it? Do you like the lighter evenings or the extra hour in bed? Perhaps, like Spain's Prime Minister, Pedro Sánchez, you think it might be *time* to stop.

Pedro Sánchez has said he wants to end the clock changes in the future. He believes moving the time forward in spring and back in autumn doesn't save much energy anymore and can make it harder for people to get used to a new routine.

He now wants to talk to other European countries that are part of the European Union about the idea and see what they think. If everyone agrees,



**Pictured:** A clock in autumn leaves. The time is moved back by one hour in autumn. **Source:** Canva.

the clock changes could stop from 2026 for some countries. The UK government has not yet said what it thinks.

Over 70 countries across the world change their clocks each year, but they do it on different dates and at different times of the year!

***If you could vote, would you keep changing the clocks twice a year or stop it?***

## Mosquitoes Move North

For the first time, scientists have found mosquitoes living outdoors in Iceland. They discovered three of the tiny insects, two females and one male, near a garden in the Kjós area, just north of the country's capital city, Reykjavík. Until now, Iceland was one of the few places in the world with no mosquitoes living there.

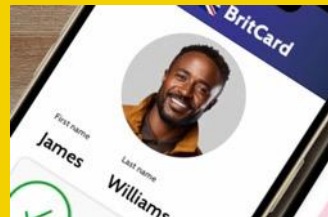


**Pictured:** A Culiseta annulata mosquito. **Source:** Canva.

That's because Iceland is a very cold country with long, freezing winters, and mosquitoes usually need warmth to survive. The mosquitoes found belong to a type called *Culiseta annulata*, which can survive in colder weather. Experts think the insects might be able to live in Iceland now because the winters have become a little warmer. 'It shows how the climate is changing,' said scientist Carla Vieira. Only a few mosquitoes have been spotted so far, but scientists are keeping an eye out to see if more arrive next summer.

***What do you notice about insects in the summer and winter?***

### Should everyone have an identity card?



I think people should only need to have a digital ID if they choose to.

**Annabelle**

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# Scaffold-free Parthenon

Visitors can now view the Parthenon temple in Athens, Greece, free of scaffolding for the first time in 200 years! The most recent construction shell had been installed 20 years ago, part of ongoing work by conservationists to restore and maintain the western facade of the structure. There is currently an unobstructed view of the iconic white Pentelic marble temple. The magnificent Parthenon on the Acropolis hill was built in honour of Athena, the Greek Goddess of Wisdom and War. It was erected after a victory over the Persians in the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC. The Parthenon measures about 70 metres long and 31 metres wide. There were 46 outer columns and 23 inner columns, each with 20 flutes. The roof used to be covered with large, overlapping marble tiles. Right now, people will get the clearest view of the monument for centuries, before work begins again



**Pictured:** Parthenon temple in Athens, Greece.  
**Source:** Canva.

later this month. 'At least two generations have not seen the Parthenon visually free,' said Greece's culture minister Lina Mendoni. 'To see the Parthenon completely free, as it stands today, is something that has not happened for at least 200 years.'

**Do you know any facts about the Parthenon?**

**Are there any monuments that you would like to visit?**

# Double-decker Trains



Eurostar has revealed plans to run double-decker trains through the Channel Tunnel for the first time. It has ordered 30 double-decker, high-speed Celestia trains from manufacturer Alstom, with the option to order 20 more! They expect the first six trains to be on the tracks in 2031. Each will be 200 metres long and 4.33 metres high. If two trains ran together, as they do now, there would be room for 1,080 people. The Eurostar trains will operate in Germany, Belgium, France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom, pulling into London's St. Pancras International railway station via the Channel Tunnel.

**Pictured:** Eurostar trains. **Source:** Eurostar on Facebook.

The only other time a double-decker passenger train was on Britain's rail tracks was during an experiment that began in 1949! 'By choosing Avelia Horizon to renew its fleet, Eurostar is confirming its desire to combine technological performance, energy efficiency and passenger comfort. This new-generation train, designed to meet the demands of international very high-speed traffic, embodies our vision of sustainable and competitive European mobility,' said Henri Poupart-Lafarge, Chief Executive Officer of Alstom.

**Would you like to travel on a double decker train?**

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I think it will be easier if adults can just show a card on their phone instead of needing lots of paperwork.  
**Sana**

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