



I LOVE COOKING

FLORENCE BARNES (YEAR 5)



Hello! My name is Florence Barnes, and I'm excited to share my passion for baking and cooking with you.

My Future

In the future, I aspire to win an award for my baking. I hope to create new dishes and eventually open my own restaurant. My dad is the head chef in our family, and I serve as the sous chef. My mom and Harry are happily our taste-testers. Personally, my favorite dish is a curry or chicken tikka masala. Dad says that when I turn 11, I'll be in charge of the kitchen, making and serving dinner. Our pizza definitely deserves an award—it's delicious! 🍕

Desserts

Here's a list of my favorite desserts: brownies, cookies 🍪, flapjacks, cake, and scones with jam (all delicious). The brownies have a soft texture with a sweet, gooey center. The cookies are sweet with melted chocolate chips, making them, in my opinion, the best in the world! The flapjacks are delightfully sticky, and the scones are incredibly yummy! I wish I could enjoy them every day.

CREATIVE CORNER

AAHANA PATEL AND FLORENCE BARNES

Cats that meow alot through the night
Cats that roll across the carpet
Cats that play roughly with their owners
Cats that sleep tiredly in their soft bed

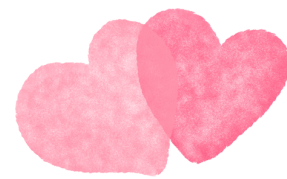
Cats that purr are happy
Cats that wag their tails are angry and fed up
Cats that jump about are excited
Cats are great and fun to play with

Cats are sometimes messy
Cats are super fun



Play by Aahana Patel

Play
Playing inside playing outside
Playing with friends Playing by
yourself,
Playing is fun, it is never unknown.



JOKES CORNER! by Florence Barnes

What's a cow's favourite song?
👉 I Like to MOOOOOVE It! 🐮



Knock, knock!
— Who's there?
— Lettuce.
— Lettuce who?

👉 Lettuce in! 🥬 🚪

What happened to the elephant's nose?

— It's dry and brown.
👉 Oh! You mean its trunk! 🐘

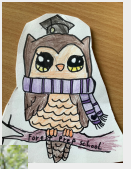
Knock, knock!

— Who's there?
— Doctor.
— Doctor who?
👉 Exactly! 😂

Knock, knock!

— Who's there?
— Boo.
— Boo who?
👉 Aww, don't cry! 😭 😊

THE FOREST CALLER



**HARRIET
YEAR 6**

BACK TO SCHOOL



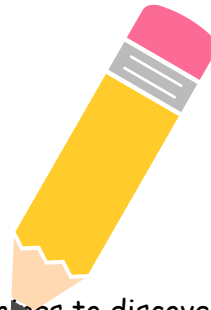
Back to school! It might not sound super exciting, but hey—we've got to do it! Why? Because, for some mysterious reason, our parents want us to *learn stuff*! 😊

School is actually awesome. It helps us learn, explore, and get ready for the future. Plus, it's full of surprises and adventures every day!

Getting Ready

Getting ready is easy: all you need are pencils, pens, pencil crayons, a bag, and a water bottle. Each has its special job:

- **Pencils & pens** - for writing
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- **Pencil crayons** - for colouring and decorating your work
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- **Bag** - for carrying everything you need
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- **Water bottle** - for staying hydrated during busy days
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Why I Love School

I love coming back after a holiday. There are always new things to discover: goats in the school garden, fresh equipment, bright classrooms, and even new teachers! Sometimes there are fun lessons, exciting projects, and even surprise activities. But my absolute favourite part? Seeing my friends again!

Making School Fun

School isn't just about lessons—it's about making friends, playing games, and enjoying new experiences. You might join a sports team, learn a new skill, or create an amazing piece of artwork. Every day brings a chance to try something different!

Tips for a Great Start

- Say hi to your friends—they'll be happy to see you too!
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- Keep your bag organised so you can find things quickly.
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- Bring a big smile—it makes everything better!
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- Be curious and ask questions; school is the perfect place to explore.
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So if you're feeling a bit sad that the holidays are over, don't worry! School is full of fun, learning, laughter, and little surprises that make every day special. Let's make this school year the best one yet! ❤️



AUSTRALIA MEET BY MOLLY PICKERING

Last week, my rugby club and a few others went to Boden Rugby Club to meet the Australia team! It was so exciting. When the players arrived, they came off the bus and headed straight onto the pitch to train. We got to stand at the side and watch them practise — they were amazing! 🤩 About a quarter of the way through, one of the players came over to me and my friends to have a chat. He was really friendly and even asked us about our rugby clubs. At the end of the session, I was so lucky — I got a hat signed by all the players! 🧢🌟 It was such an incredible experience, and I really enjoyed every moment.

🏈 Australia Rugby Facts!



- The Australia Women's National Rugby Union Team is called the Wallaroos.
- They played their first Rugby World Cup in 1998, finishing in fifth place.
- Their best result so far was third place in 2010.
- The name "Wallaroos" comes from the Wallaroo Football Club, one of the oldest rugby clubs in Australia.
- They are famous for their fast and exciting style of play and are a big inspiration to other teams around the world!
- Australia also has another top women's team — the Aussie Women's Sevens, who play 7-a-side rugby.
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It was an unforgettable day meeting such talented players. Watching the Wallaroos train has definitely inspired me to keep practising and dream big! 🌟🏆

NORTHERN LIGHTS BY CHARLOTTE TIAN

Hi! I'm Charlotte Tian, and I'm going to tell you about the Northern Lights.

The Northern Lights are like a magical rainbow in the sky! They swirl, wave, and spiral in colours like green, purple, pink, blue, yellow, and orange. 🌈

Where Do They Appear? 🌌

The Northern Lights appear in an area called the auroral oval, which is around the North Pole. They can be seen in countries like Canada, Alaska, Greenland, Iceland, Scandinavia, and northern Russia. The lights are created when solar particles from the Sun bump into gases in Earth's atmosphere. When there's a big solar storm, the lights can even be seen further south, sometimes as far as the UK!

You can see them best in Norway, Sweden, Iceland, Finland, and Alaska. Sometimes you can even go dog sledding while watching them dance! 🐕❄️

The lights happen when particles from the Sun hit Earth's air and make it glow. Most of the time they are green, but sometimes red and purple appear too!

Fun fact: Other planets have them too, and in the south they are called the aurora australis. 🌟

The Northern Lights are like nature's very own light show—so pretty, you won't want to blink! 🤩🌟



THE GREAT PLAGUE BY DRON ASHWIN



The Great Plague began in the 17th century (1665-1667), marking one of the most devastating epidemics in human history. It claimed around 100,000 lives in London alone within just a single year, decimating nearly a quarter of the city's population. This outbreak, caused by the *Yersinia pestis* bacterium, spread rapidly due to crowded living conditions and poor sanitation.

Interestingly, the nursery rhyme "Ring-a-ring o' roses" is often linked to the Great Plague and the theme of death. The rhyme's lyrics are thought to reference symptoms of the plague, such as the rosy rash, sneezing, and the widespread loss of life. This connection adds a dark historical context to what is now a playful children's song.

Many nursery rhymes originating from the UK have similar backstories tied to significant historical events. These rhymes often served as veiled commentaries or coping mechanisms for the public, capturing the essence of the times in which they were created.

CONCERT BY ISLA MARSHALL

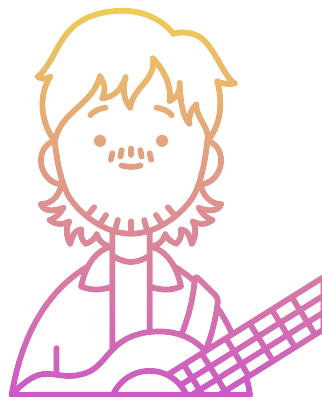


So I am Isla and soon, I will be going to a concert! The singer is Ed Sheeran and he wrote the songs "Bad Habits" and "Shivers."

The newest song Ed Sheeran has written is "Azizam" and these are the words:

• *Azizam**

Meet me on the floor tonight
Show me how to move like the water
In between the dancing lights
Be mine, be mine
Azizam
I want to be nowhere but here with you now
I want to be one in the space
I want to be tangled and wrapped in your cloud
I want to be close to your face
Azizam



My favourite

Some of my favourite Ed Sheeran songs are "Shivers," "Bad Habits," "Shape of You," "Azizam," and "Castle on the Hill."

Who is coming?

I am obviously not old enough to go to a concert since I am only in Year Six, so I will be going with my mum and we are both very excited and we can't wait! I hope you enjoyed my article. See you soon, Ed Sheeran!



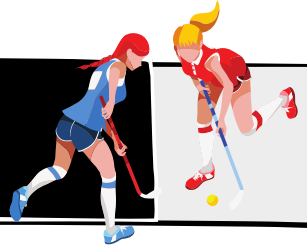
LITTER PICKING BY ALICE MORGAN

Hello! I'm Alice Morgan, and I'm 7 years old. I live in Altrincham.



We should all take care of our environment. Please make sure to throw your rubbish in the bin. Be the best version of yourself. Everything is better when everyone is smiling. You can make others happy by simply putting your rubbish in the bin. So, remember to always dispose of your rubbish properly!

ALL ABOUT ME BY HANNAH PARTINGTON



Hi, my name is Hannah and I am 10 years old. I love hockey and playing on my VR headset. I am really excited to tell you about me because I have lots of interesting facts about myself, like watching TV, playing with my younger brother Ethan, and especially sports.

I also have some top tips on how to get you off your feet. You can create a family sports day or even just play football or maybe even tennis—any sport you like; mine is HOCKEY. There are also some websites where you can get ideas on how to keep fit and healthy.

I love music; I also like all kinds of music and I listen to it on my headphones. If you don't have headphones, then just use your parents' phone or computer, or even an iPad or tablet—it's the same thing.

I love parties, and last weekend my family had a christening for my cousin. She is called Bronte, she is 2 years old, and she got to blow out her Baptism candle. It was so fun watching my little cousin at her Baptism.

Now let's get back on track with me. Where did I leave off before I started talking all about my cousin? Ah yes, I was talking about parties. Right now I am going to tell you about my family. My mum is a sustainability specialist and my dad works in finance and accountancy. My little brother is in year 2. I also love it when my younger cousins come round to play at my house. My youngest cousin is called Georgie, and the eldest of the children is ME. I am the eldest, and it is great fun because my cousin Bella helps me out quite a lot with the younger ones; she is the second eldest.

Bye for now, but I am sure that you will be reading another one of my articles very soon.



CONKERS BY HARRIET FARRELL



Conkers are awesome!

You get to go out and collect them, polish them up, and then... BATTLE with them! ✨ I've got about eight conkers sitting proudly in my desk — my little army of shiny brown champions! Now, I won't go on too much (I promise 🙊), but did you know conkers have a really cool history? The horse chestnut tree came to Britain in the late 1500s. People used to play similar games using hazelnuts or even snail shells (eww!), but by the 1700s, the conker game we know and love had begun! The name "conker" might come from the French word "conque" meaning shell, or maybe from the word "conquer" — which totally fits, because it's all about winning those battles! 🏆 The game became super popular in the 1800s when horse chestnut trees spread all over the country.

⚠️ Fun (and slightly scary) fact: Don't ever eat a conker! They have a chemical called Aesculin, which is poisonous and can make you really sick. So — conkers are for playing, not snacking!

🔦 DID YOU KNOW!?

During the World Wars, conkers were actually used to make explosives! How wild is that?! So next time you see a shiny conker lying on the ground this autumn, pick it up and get ready for some smashing good fun! Thanks for reading — and happy conkering! 🌰🎯🔫

THE BOUNDARY STONE BY CHARLOTTE TIAN



On October 6th, 2025, Year 4 went on an exciting trip to Eyam. It took about an hour to get there. We saw an amazing stone called The Boundary Stone, which was used during the plague! I'm going to tell you all about it below...

Coins

The Boundary Stone has little holes in it for money! A long time ago, when Eyam had the plague, people from the nearby village of Stoney Middleton brought food and left it at the stone. The people from Eyam would leave coins in the holes to pay for the food. The coins were soaked in vinegar because people thought that would stop the plague germs. How clever is that?! People still leave coins there today to show respect.

Where Is the Boundary Stone?

The Boundary Stone is in the fields between Eyam and Stoney Middleton. You have to be careful because there are electric fences and nettles along the way (ouch! 🌿⚡).

On the walk, you can also see the Riley Graves. It's a circle of stones on a hill where six children and a father were buried after the plague. Amazingly, the mother and one child survived. It's very sad but also really special to see.

Facts!

- The Boundary Stone has six holes drilled into it for the vinegar coins.
- The vinegar was used because people believed it killed the infection.
- In old times, boundary stones were used to mark land so no one could move them or steal land!
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Visiting the Boundary Stone was amazing — it felt like stepping back in time! I'll never forget learning about the brave people of Eyam who helped stop the plague from spreading.



Friendship by Alice Morgan

Friends are kind and helpful
Relationships are beneficial
Independence is valuable
Enthusiastic people are truly admirable
Nice people make great friends
Dress up smart and be kind
Summer is really cool





I said goodbye to our guide and returned to my hotel. My trip was over, and I went to sleep feeling satisfied.

MYTHOLOGY BY DRON ASHWIN



No, myths aren't real like historical facts are, but they're stories that hold special meaning or teach us lessons. Some myths may even have a bit of historical context or reveal what many people have felt and experienced. Today, when we hear the word "myth," we might think it means something that's not true, but for the people who made them, these stories were super important. They helped explain the world, shape beliefs, and give people a way to understand tricky situations.

Understanding Mythology

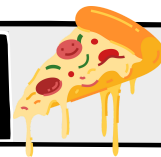
Mythology comes from the Greek words *mythos* for "story-of-the-people" and *logos* for "word" or "speech." It's all about studying and understanding the special stories or fables from different cultures, which we call myths. These stories explore various aspects of being human, including what's right and wrong.

Key Insights:

- Mythology includes a bunch of traditional stories that explain things about nature, how people act, or what certain cultures believe.
- Myths often have magical beings, heroes, or amazing events.
- The word "myth" comes from a Greek word meaning "story," and there are old myths from places like Mesopotamia.
- Myths are full of symbols and often connected with religion and specific cultures.

Unlike legends, which might be based on real stuff, myths usually have deep symbolic or spiritual meanings and are found in lots of cultures, like Norse, Greek, Hindu, and Mesopotamian traditions.

MYSELF BY ALICE MORGAN



Hiya! I'm Alice Morgan, and guess what? I'm 7 years old! I have a super cute little sister named Rose who's 2 and she talks A LOT! My best buddy is Elysse, and we're in the same class. I just love the colour blue. Oh, and pasta and pizza are my absolute faves! And when it comes to sweets, Twix is the best ever!



MYSELF BY AAHANA PATEL

My name is Aahana Patel, and I am 7 years old. I have a younger brother named Sithant, who is 4 years old. His favorite food is apples, and his favorite colour is green. As for me, my favorite colour is blue, and I absolutely love cats!



THE TRAITORS BY FLORENCE BARNES

Hi! My name is Florence Barnes, and I'm going to tell you all about the exciting show The Traitors!

THE HOST

Claudia Winkleman is the host of The Traitors (and also Strictly Come Dancing!). She makes the show super exciting with lots of drama and cliffhangers—so you'll never know what's going to happen next!

HOW LONG IS A SERIES?

Each series has about 11 or 12 episodes full of action, mystery, and surprises. I've watched Series 3 and I'm now on Series 2, Episode 8. My favourite series so far is Series 2. Guess what? They're launching a new celebrity series on the first Thursday of October 2025!

WHAT DO THE TRAITORS DO?

In the game, some players are "Traitors" and some are "Faithful." The Traitors pretend to be Faithful while secretly trying to "eliminate" the others and get closer to winning the prize money.

- If two Faithful win, they share the money.
- If a Traitor and a Faithful win, the Traitor takes all the money!

It's full of surprises, strategy, and a little bit of sneaky fun!





AUTUMN BY HANNAH PARTINGTON



Hello everyone! I know you might be feeling a bit down that summer is over, but Autumn is here! You can carve pumpkins in October, now that farmers are beginning to plant their seeds. Do you want to know what Eve and I consider our favourite month? It's October!

Our favourite thing to do is carve pumpkins and enjoy trick-or-treating at Halloween. The reason we prefer October is that it offers the perfect weather for relaxing indoors.

It would be lovely to see all the Halloween activities you enjoy, like carving pumpkins or simply relaxing with your friends. Let me give you some ideas: you can play lots of board games or make cupcakes for your class or workmates to lift their spirits.

Now about Halloween, I'm sure you all love it (since you get plenty of sweets). Eve and I love it too, as you can imagine; we enjoy a variety of sweets.

MY TRIP TO THE SERIOUS-NONSENSE FESTIVAL BY NEEL UDAS



Edward Lear was a man who made short, funny stories called limericks. They were five lines long, with the first, third, and last lines rhyming, and the second and fourth lines rhyming differently.

On a Saturday at 9.30 am, I was in the car. I saw 4 motorways, 18 streets, and 58 houses. I was thinking of a good idea for my game devices to save progress. I was determined to try it. It did work because I tried it on my Switch that was next to me. It worked when I tried.

I met the people we were meeting. After waiting for 5 minutes, we saw them while we watched an acrobatics show on climbing poles. The next thing was breakfast at a bakery/café. I ate a sandwich which was long; it was 11 am and I didn't eat anything. I wasn't hungry at all since I don't eat much.

I got £30 for my birthday and received a Phoenix LEGO set. I also got a Nintendo Switch gift card with £15 on it, and I bought Pico Park and Brain Games. I also have 10 Minecoins for Minecraft on my Nintendo Switch. I looked at a card shop called Card Empire with loads of cards and items; some are £3,400,000.00, like Charizard Holo, or cheaper, like Charizard from Obsidian Flames for £1,000.00.



MOULIN ROUGE- THE SHOW BY MOLLY PICKERING



I'm head over heels for Moulin Rouge! It's the absolute best show in the universe! Here are some dazzling facts:

- Moulin Rouge is a family-friendly spectacle for all ages!
- My love for Moulin Rouge is off the charts!
- Those dancers can kick up a storm—29 times in just 30 seconds!
- This iconic Parisian cabaret, famous for its French Can-Can, even high-kicked its way into the Guinness World Records in 2014.



The Moulin Rouge Saga

Picture this: It's 1899 in Paris, and a young Englishman falls head over heels for Satine, the glittering star of the Moulin Rouge. But—uh-oh—she's promised to a Duke by the manager in exchange for funding his next big show. The young lovebirds sneak around, but as Satine's wedding day looms, she's hiding a heart-wrenching secret from both her love, Christian, and the Duke.

Drama!



PANDAS BY EVE XIA

Pandas are black and white bears from China that love to eat bamboo, spending most of their day doing so. They are skilled climbers and swimmers but don't hibernate, and they have a special wrist bone that acts like a thumb for gripping food. Baby pandas, or cubs, are born tiny and pink.

Panda fur!

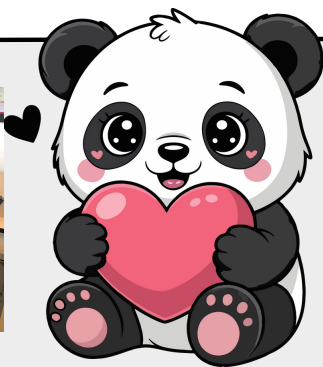
Their most famous feature is their black and white fur, with black on their ears, eye patches, legs and shoulders, and white on their face, neck and torso. Their fur is thick and oily, helping to keep them warm in their cool, mountain home.

Panda features!

Born tiny and pink, panda cubs grow into large animals that are excellent climbers and use a special wrist bone as a "false thumb" to grip food. Although generally peaceful, pandas communicate with sounds and scent marks, and their unique adaptations help them survive in their misty mountain habitats.

What do pandas eat?

Pandas eat mostly bamboo, spending up to 16 hours a day munching on leaves and shoots. Bamboo isn't very nutritious, so pandas eat a lot to stay healthy, consuming up to 18 kg or more a day. Giant pandas have powerful jaw muscles and wide, flat molars to help them crush and chew tough bamboo stems.



YEAR 6 ROLES BY ISLA MARSHALL

Hi! We're in Year 6, and we just got our roles! Roles are like special responsibilities, and it's super exciting. Here's who does what, in alphabetical order:

- Abinish - French Captain 🇫🇷
- Faye - Swimming Captain 🏊♀️
- Aiden - Jordan House Captain 🏠
- Jade - Sports Captain 🏆
- Seb - Head Boy 🧑
- Lilia - Head Girl 🧑
- Kian - Chorlton House Captain 🏠
- Harriet - Chairwoman 🪑
- Harry - Jordan House Captain 🏠
- Ffinlo - Mimwood House Captain 🏠
- Harris - Deputy Head Boy 🧑
- Tilly - Music Captain 🎵
- Isla (me!) - Art Captain 🎨
- Hannah - Chorlton House Captain 🏠
- Molly - Mimwood House Captain/Maggie Handler 🐶
- Lara - Kersal House Captain/Maggie Handler 🐶
- Robyn - Deputy Head Girl 🧑
- Charlie - Football Captain ⚽
- Hugo - Swimming Captain 🏊♂️
- Leo - Kersal House Captain 🏠
- Eve - Netball Captain 🏐
- Clinton - ICT Captain 💻

🎨 ART CAPTAIN – ISLA



ROLE: LEAD THE CLASS IN
ALL THINGS CREATIVE!
HELP ORGANISE ART
PROJECTS, INSPIRE YOUR
CLASSMATES, AND MAKE
OUR CLASSROOM
COLOURFUL AND FUN.



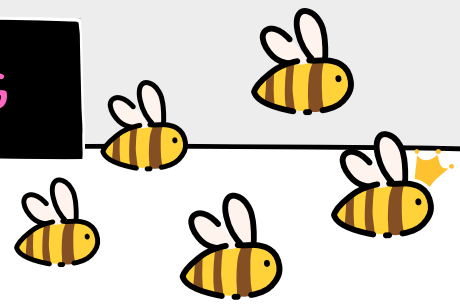
DODGEBALL BY NEEL UDAS AND DRON ASHWIN

On October 13th, Dron, myself, and our squad of eight dodgeball warriors joined the ISA dodgeball showdown, battling it out with seven schools, including the infamous St. Ambrose Prep. We plunged into about 8 to 10 games, but in our debut match, the sneaky rivals pulled a fast one, dashing across the court when the ref wasn't looking!

Most of our epic clashes ended in a stalemate, all thanks to Mason's rocket-launching arm and Dron's precision throws that had a bullseye hit rate of 99%! The competitors were Forest Park, Hulmes, St. Ambrose, and our valiant team, Forest, along with three mystery squads. Neel held his own, playing it cool with throws that seemed like a cinch to catch, only to turn the tables and knock out the unsuspecting foes!



BEES BY MOLLY PICKERING



Fun facts

People also ask

What type of bees live in the UK?

There are over 270 bee species in Britain ranging from the well known honey bee, to bumblebees and solitary bees.

Should I leave honey bees alone?

If on arrival, the beekeeper finds that it is not honey bees then they are unlikely to be able to help. Most honey bee swarms are not aggressive but please keep away and leave them alone. Honey bee swarming is natural and the bees are just looking for a new home. Bumblebees are best left alone.

Do I need a licence to keep bees in the UK?

You aren't required to have a license to keep bees in the UK. Often, local landowners will give you permission to put bees on their property. If you're looking to keep bees on an allotment you should check with your allotment association or local council as they often have specific restrictions.

What month do bees swarm in the UK?

In the UK, honey bee swarming season typically occurs from May to July, with the peak activity often seen in May and June. Swarming is a natural process where a colony reproduces by splitting, with the old queen leaving with a portion of the bees to establish a new hive.

Should I remove a honey bee nest?

If honey bees have established a hive in an area where they've become a safety risk to you or your pets, such as a high-traffic area, school, or daycare center, removal may be necessary to prevent stings and potential allergic reactions.

What month are bees most active in the UK?

The period between mid-April and mid-June is the most active time of year for bees and wasps in the UK. In fact, Pest Control Services sees an increase in bee and wasp calls every year during these few weeks.

How to tell if bees are honey bees?

Honey bees have a warm amber-brown color to their body. They have a striped abdomen and fewer hairs on their abdomens compared to bumble bees. If you look closely, you will see that honey bees have a more heart-shaped face compared to other bees. Females carry pollen in tight balls on their hind legs.

Where do bees go in the winter in the UK?

Honey bees in the UK don't migrate to find warmer weather like other winged animals, they prefer to stay close to home just like we do! In fact, honey bees rarely leave the hive during the winter months.

