

### **Tour of Britain** Mens Race

**Activity Pack** 

# **About the race**

The Tour of Britain is an exciting sports event that takes place in the UK. Every September, the Tour of Britain men's race covers over 1,000 kilometres of British roads over roughly one week.

This year's race will take place over six days. Each day is called a 'stage' and is a separate race. The race will start in Scotland and finish in Suffolk. The riders will race through different villages and towns, competing in stages with different terrains, including mountain climbs and sprints.

The race attracts top international cyclists, including Olympic and Tour de France champions.



#### The Tour is coming to Sheffield!

This year, South Yorkshire will host the third stage of the race. It's the first time in almost 20 years that Sheffield has been a part of the Tour of Britain!

On Thursday 5 September the race will start in Sheffield city centre, pass through Rotherham and Doncaster then finish in Barnsley.

Earlier this year, thousands of people in villages and cities all over Britain came out to cheer for the riders in the Tour of Britain women's race and the atmosphere was incredible! Now we're lucky enough to be hosting this exciting event in our city.

Its going to be a fun and memorable event and everyone is welcome. You can watch the race in the city centre or pick a spot along the route. The full route details can be found at www.welcometosheffield.co.uk

Left: Lizzie Deignan wins Queen of the Mountains during the women's race

# Fun facts & quiz

The **peloton** is the big group of cyclists in a race who ride close together to save energy and go faster, like a team moving as one!



More than 3 million bicycles are bought in the UK every year.



**Lotte Kopecky** from Belgium won the 2024 women's Tour of Britain in June.



Britain's Mark Cavendish set a world record when he won 10 stages of the Tour of Britain.

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## **Get Involved**

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#### You and your school can get involved by watching the race!

If the race goes past your house or through your village, you could give the riders a fun and friendly welcome. In this pack, there's an activity to design your own race jersey and a guide for creating bunting.

We'd love to see your designs so ask a parent or carer if they'd share a picture of your creation with us on social media.

These can be held up along the race route to decorate our communities and show our pride.

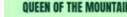
#### **Tour of Britain jerseys**

Riders in the race can win jerseys. This year there are four jerseys that riders are competing for. They are:

- Sprint winner
- King of the mountains
- Best young rider
- Race leader









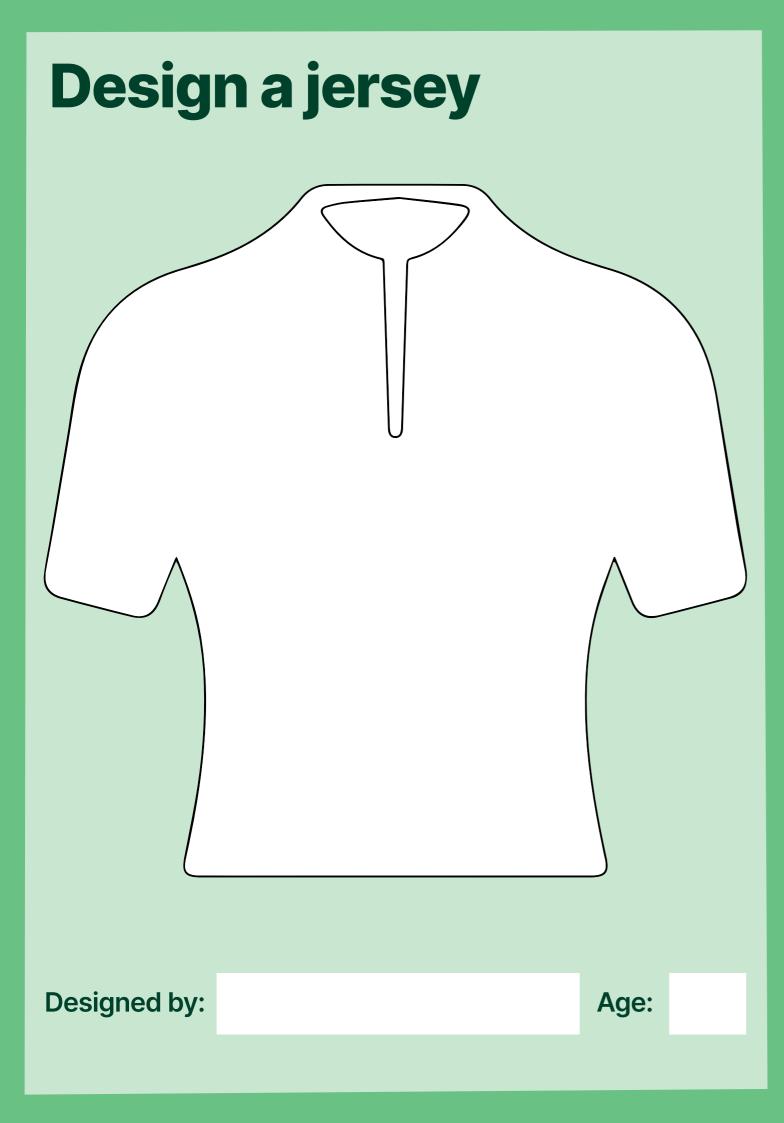


You can see some examples of the Tour of Britain's jerseys below.

On the next page, there's a blank jersey. If it was your job to design a jersey, what would you include? Colour in the jersey to show us your design.



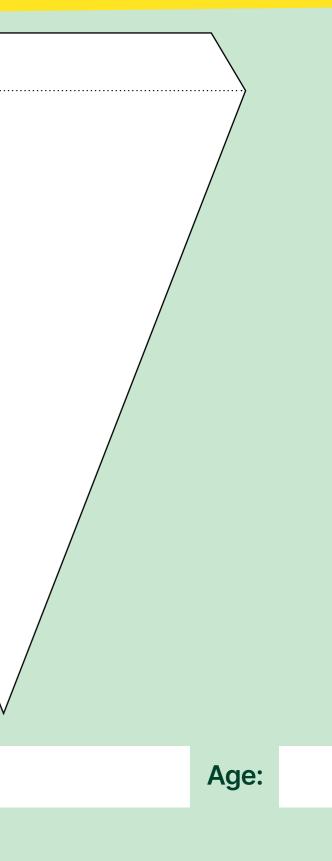




### Make your own bunting

**Suggested template for your bunting flags!** You can recreate this shape onto paper or cardboard and carefully cut it out with help from an adult. Make it smaller or bigger depending on the size of bunting you want to make. Add your design and secure some string in the space above the triangle.

Designed by:



## **Further Information**

Parents and carers can find further information about the Tour of Britain on our Welcome to Sheffield website. Tour of Britain 2024 (welcometosheffield.co.uk)

We'll be including information on:

- The route and road closures
- How to get involved
- Fun ways to get involved in cycling in Sheffield.

#### Quiz answers from page 3

Q: How many kilometers does the Tour of Britain usually cover?

A: Over 1,000 kilometers

Q: In what month does the Tour of Britain take place each year?

A: September

Q: What are the different sections of the Tour of Britain race called?

#### A: Stages

Q: In which Yorkshire town does stage three of the Tour of Britain finish this year?

#### A: Barnsley

Q: Which famous cycling race had a stage in Sheffield in 2014?

A: Tour de France