

# Seagull Squawk Showdown!

There are so many different sounds that birds can make – ducks quack, owls hoot and magpies chatter. But one bird’s call has inspired a very unusual competition!

At this year’s European Seagull Screeching Championship, people showed just how impressive a seagull’s squawk can be! Many dressed up as seagulls and tried their best to copy the sound of the birds. A panel of judges listened carefully to decide who had the most realistic squawk. The organiser, Claude Willaert, said the event hopes to help people think kindly about seagulls, which are sometimes seen as noisy or cheeky birds. The event took place in the seaside town



**Pictured:** A seagull squawking! **Source:** Canva.

of De Panne in Belgium, where around 70 people of all ages took part. People travelled from more than 15 countries to join in. There were plenty of laughs and cheers from the crowd, with no prize for winning – just the joy of taking part! Claude said, “When you are on holiday, you always remember the waves of the sea and the calls of the seagulls.” ***Did you know that seagulls have excellent memories and can remember places where they have found food before?***

# School Bus Solution

Have you ever been on a school bus? Well, some football fans are planning some bus journeys in a very different way this summer – and they’re not going to school! A group of Scotland football fans are getting ready for the FIFA World Cup 2026 in the United States in June.



**Pictured:** The Scotland fans will travel to matches on a yellow school bus! **Source:** Canva.

They will need to travel to stadiums in the US to watch the matches. But there is a problem... getting to the stadiums is very expensive using public transport. So, the fans came up with an idea – they decided to hire school buses instead! They thought that when schools are closed, the buses might not be in use. The plan worked, and they have been able to hire a number of buses, so lots of fans can travel together. One fan, Davy Hood, said, “We came up with the idea of ... these school buses”, although as the buses are made for children, there won’t be much leg room for the adults! Davy joked taller fans might end up a little squashed! ***What do you think of their idea?***

## What is the best way to support people who need extra help?



We should be inclusive. Also, improved technology can be used to people's advantage.

**St. Michael's Amazing Ants**

# Wear It Green Day

It's 'Wear It Green Day' on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May! It's an awareness day, run by the Mental Health Foundation to promote ways to boost mental health. People are encouraged to wear green and raise funds and awareness for good mental health. By going green, schools, workplaces and communities can help raise vital funds for research, awareness for mental health, and help deliver programmes to support good mental



**Pictured:** Pixie Lott on wear It Green Day 2025. **Source:** Mental Health Foundation on Facebook.

health in every community. Singer-songwriter Pixie Lott wore green to support Mental Health Awareness Week last year, saying, "Wear It Green Day is such a simple but powerful way to show solidarity and make a difference. I hope people across the UK will come together, wear green in whatever way they like with pride, and help raise funds for the incredible work the Mental Health Foundation does to prevent poor mental health and achieve the goal of good mental health for all."  
**Is your school taking part in 'Wear It Green Day'? Do you think awareness days are useful?**



**Pictured:** Nature-inspired ways to boost your mental health. **Source:** Mental Health Foundation on Facebook.

# Roar of Approval

To celebrate 200 years of the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) the Royal Mint has released a new £2 coin! The coin is designed to highlight and raise funds for the zoo's extensive conservation work. It features three animals from the ZSL's most significant conservation programmes: the Sumatran tiger, the Socorro dove, and the Partula snail.



**Pictured:** A Partula snail on The Royal Mint's commemorative ZSL £2 coin. **Source:** The Royal Mint on Facebook.



**Pictured:** A Sumatran tiger in Tiger territory at the zoo with a two-metre wooden replica of The Royal Mint's commemorative ZSL £2 coin. **Source:** The Royal Mint on Facebook.

The Royal Mint posted, "The coin was officially launched at ZSL London Zoo, where a giant two-metre wooden replica was presented to the Zoo's Sumatran tigers to give their roar of approval. The replica formed part of the tigers' daily enrichment programme, activities designed to stimulate natural instincts such as stalking and hunting. A portion of net proceeds from the coin will be donated to ZSL, supporting the charity's global conservation work across more than 70 countries."

**Who or what would you design a coin to celebrate?**

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We should ask people how we can help them. So, we can provide the support they actually want.

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