

What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

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Should everyone using our roads learn the Highway Code?



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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).
This week's Virtual Assembly [here](#).

This week's story looks at events in ...



How does it make me feel?



sad	angry	happy	confused	excited	worried	shocked	afraid
despondent disconsolate dismal doleful downhearted forlorn gloomy melancholic miserable woeful wretched	aggrieved annoyed discontented disgruntled distressed exasperated frustrated indignant offended outraged resentful vexed	beaming buoyant cheery contented delighted enraptured gleeful glowing joyful	addled baffled bemused bewildered disorientated indistinct muddled mystified perplexed puzzled	animated elevated enlivened enthusiastic exhilarated exuberant thrilled	agitated anxious apprehensive concerned disquieted distraught distressed disturbed fretful perturbed troubled uneasy	astonished astounded disconcerted distressed dumbfounded horrified staggered startled stunned surprised	alarmed apprehensive daunted fearful frantic horrified petrified terrified



Read through the information below, which outlines some of the main changes to the Highway Code.

What is the Highway Code?

The Highway Code contains advice and rules for people on Britain's roads. What are the 3 biggest Highway Code changes?

1 New hierarchy of road users

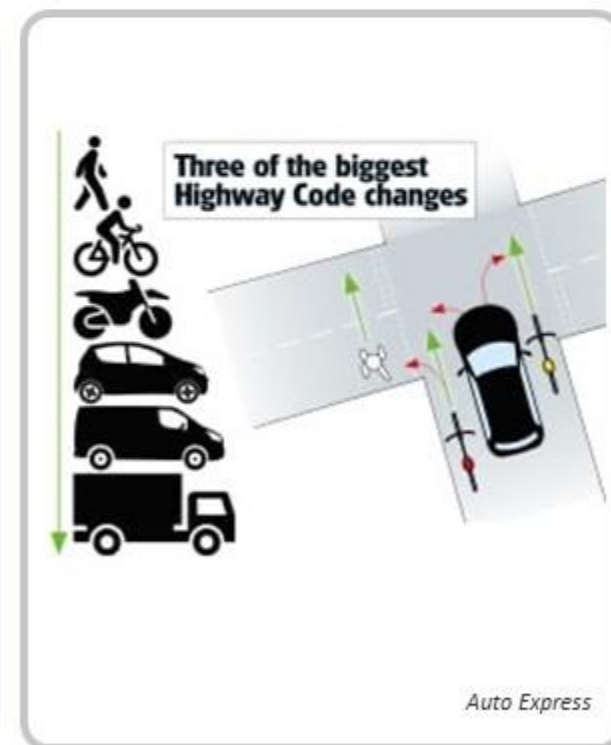
Drivers of vehicles that can cause the greatest harm in the event of an accident should have the greatest responsibility to take care and reduce the danger to others. This applies most strongly to drivers of lorries, cars/taxis, and motorcycles. Cyclists and horse riders likewise have a responsibility to reduce danger to pedestrians.

2 New priority for pedestrians at junctions

At a junction, drivers, motorcyclists, horse riders and cyclists should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which a driver is turning. Drivers should give way to pedestrians waiting to cross a zebra crossing and pedestrians and cyclists waiting to cross a parallel crossing.

3 New priority for cyclists when cars are turning

A driver should not cut across cyclists, horse riders or horse drawn vehicles going ahead when the driver is turning into or out of a junction or changing direction or lane. This applies whether they are using a cycle lane, a cycle track, or riding ahead on the road and drivers should give way to them.



Share your thoughts on the changes. Do you think they will make the roads a safer place?



Look at the resource below, which shares some of the rules from the Highway Code, which may affect us.

Whilst travelling in a car, seatbelts must be worn at all times. Children under 12 years old or less than 135cm tall must use a child seat.



Help other road users see you by wearing something light-coloured, bright or fluorescent in poor daylight conditions. At night, wear something reflective.



The Green Cross Code is advice given to all pedestrians about crossing the road. All children should be taught the Code and should not be allowed out alone until they can safely use it.



Pavements should be used, if provided. If there is no pavement, walk on the right-hand side of the road so that you can see oncoming traffic.



We often use these places to help us cross the road.

- Do you know what they are called?
- How do they work?

Do you know about these rules? Can you think of any others you know?



Look at the resource below, which shares some of the ways people could be informed about changes to the Highway Code.

Letter

Send every household a letter.



Social media

Share changes on social media.



Phone

Phone everyone.



Which do you think would be the **most effective** way to inform everyone of the changes to the Highway Code?

News articles

Share updates in newspapers and news articles online.



News channels

Ensure news channels include the information and create an advertisement with the updates.



Discuss the benefits and drawbacks of each.

Reflection



The Highway Code is in place to keep us all safe on our roads, it's important we are aware of the rules and keep up to date with any changes.





Rule of Law

The Highway Code is a set of rules and advice for people using roads to follow. They are in place to help keep everyone safe.





UN Rights of a Child



All adults should do what is best for children. Adults can help us learn how to use pavements and roads so we can keep ourselves and others safe.



Useful vocabulary



Accuse

Claim that somebody has done something wrong.

*The government has been **accused**, by some in the media, of not making the updates clearer and known to road users.*

Hierarchy

A system of organising into different ranks or levels of importance.

*An update to the Highway Code has introduced a **hierarchy** of road users.*

Pedestrian

A person who is walking.

*The new rules aim to make things safer for **pedestrians**, cyclists and horse riders.*

Priority

Something that is regarded as more important than the others.

*The Highway Code has introduced a hierarchy of road users, which creates 'clearer and stronger **priorities**' for pedestrians.*

Responsibility

Something that is your job or duty to deal with.

*Whose **responsibility** do you think it is for people to keep updated about any changes to the Highway Code?*

Update

To give someone the most recent information.

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Can you use them in your writing this week?



Flying Solo!

At 19 years and 199 days old, Zara Rutherford, from Brussels in Belgium has made aviation history by becoming the youngest female to fly solo around the world! The route she took, in a Shark Aero aircraft, spanned across 52 countries and 5 continents. Zara took off from Belgium, in the ultralight, high-performance, innovative and fast cross-country airplane on 18th of August 2021. The round the world trip, where she couldn't fly at night and had to negotiate some tough weather conditions, was completed when she landed on the 20th of January 2022. Zara Rutherford, who now holds a Guinness World Records title, said on her website, "Through my round the world trip I'm hoping to encourage other girls to start flying too or (/and) enter STEM [science, technology, engineering and mathematics] related careers. Only 5% of commercial pilots are women, and 15% of computer scientists are women! That's an extremely low number considering these are amazing careers with wonderful opportunities."



Pictured: Zara Rutherford with and flying the Shark Aero aircraft.
Source: Guinness World Records Twitter page.

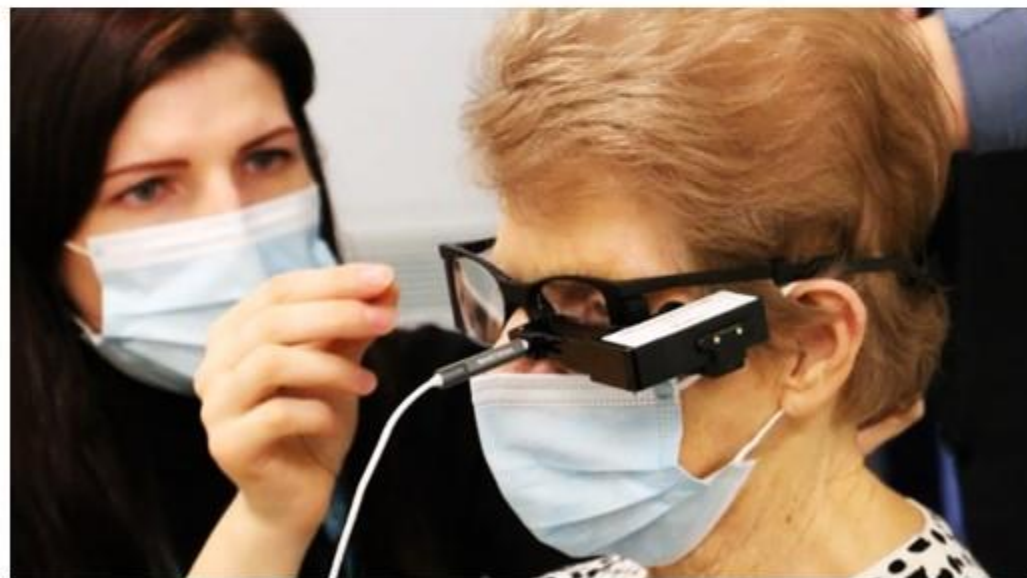
Are there any World Records that you would like to break?

Bionic eye implant

The UK's first bionic eye implant has been switched on in the blind eye of a patient at Moorfields Eye Hospital, in the London Borough of Islington. The 2mm-wide microchip could help her to see properly again! The patient has to wear special glasses, containing a video camera that is linked to a small computer attached to her waistband. The breakthrough, experts say, offers the hope of returned sight to people suffering vision loss because of dry Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD) and involves a revolutionary chip that is implanted behind the blind left eye. Hi-tech camera glasses she was given to wear this week, captured

the scene in front of her before relaying the data to the implant, that then sent an electrical signal to her brain, just like natural vision. "Losing the sight in my left eye through dry AMD has stopped me from doing the things I love, like gardening, playing indoor bowls and painting with watercolours," the patient said. "I am thrilled to be the first to have this implant, excited at the prospect of enjoying my hobbies again and I truly hope that many others will benefit from this too."

Pictured: The patient having her special glasses fitted.
Source: Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Twitter page.





Pictured: A Jack Russell terrier

Sausage Drone!

A missing Jack Russell terrier, called Millie, has been lured to safety by a sausage attached to a drone! The three-year-old dog had slipped her lead and disappeared close to dangerous mudflats in Hampshire. Mudflats are wide areas of muddy coast, exposed by low tide, where rivers meet the sea or ocean. After sightings of Millie, several rescue missions were launched involving the coastguard, police, firefighters and even volunteers on kayaks. All these attempts failed and, as a

last resort, rescuers decided to attach a sausage on a cord to a search and rescue drone, which then flew close to the lost dog to encourage her to come to them before the tide came in. Chris Taylor, from Denmead Drone Search and Rescue said, "It was a crazy idea!" He added, "We certainly would consider using sausages again: every dog and search operation is always going to be different. But if we were ever in a similar situation again, we would employ the same methods to lure the dog."

Last week's topic:

Should everyone learn sign language?



People don't have to learn sign language if they don't want to but if they want to have a new skill then they can choose to learn sign language.
Erin - age 9

I think everyone should learn sign language because then we can understand the difficulties that deaf people have.
Samiksha Saha - age 8

I think people have their likes and dislikes, but as a child of deaf parents I would like it to be learnt more and more people should know about it because it is amazing, and they should have a choice to learn it.
Finn - age 10

Let us know what you think about this week's news?

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Things to talk about at home ...

- > What do you already know about the Highway Code? Can you ask any adults who you live with what they know?
- > Do you think it's important for everyone using our roads to know about the Highway Code? Who do you think should be responsible for making sure we know and understand the rules?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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