

Celebrating Black British History

Explore, Learn, and Celebrate Our Shared History!

- **Black History Month is celebrated every October in the UK to honour the history and culture of people with African and Caribbean heritage.**
- **The 'Empire Windrush' arrived in Essex in 1948, marking the start of the Windrush Generation who helped rebuild Britain after the Second World War.**
- **Mary Seacole was a famous Jamaican-born nurse who set up the 'British Hotel' to care for sick and injured soldiers during the Crimean War.**
- **John Blanke was a talented Black trumpeter who performed at the royal courts of both King Henry VII and King Henry VIII in the 1500s.**
- **In 1963, the Bristol Bus Boycott successfully campaigned against unfair treatment, leading to important new laws about equality in Britain.**
- **Ellie the Elephant reminds us that history is full of diverse stories; learning about leaders like Dr Harold Moody helps us understand how Britain became the country it is today.**

Did you know? Did you know that Black people have been part of British history since at least Roman times? One of the most famous examples is the 'Ivory Bangle Lady', a wealthy woman of North African descent who lived in York during the 4th century!

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