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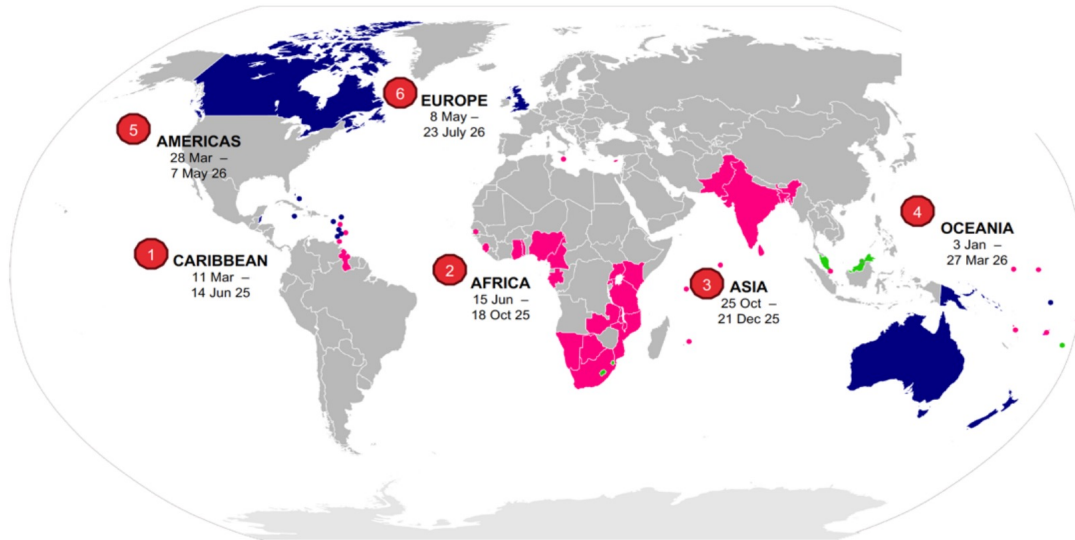
- In the run-up to the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games, each of the 74 nations and territories that make up the Commonwealth are taking part in the King's Baton Relay.
- For the first time ever, every Commonwealth nation and territory have their own baton, carved from a Pollok Park ash tree, which they'll customise and decorate to represent their culture.
- The Relay is taking place over 500 days, as it makes its way across the 74 nations and territories before the Games this summer.

THE BATONS



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- So far, the King's Baton Relay has made its way across the Caribbean, Africa and Asia. And now it's travelling around the nations and territories of Oceania.
- From March, the Relay will visit the Americas and Europe before finishing right back here in Glasgow, in July.
- The event was created through a partnership between Commonwealth Sport, The Royal Commonwealth Society and Glasgow 2026.

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- Each nation and territory showcases sport and culture as part of the Relay, involving athletes, cultural figures and members of the community.
- As well as celebrating diversity across the Commonwealth, the Relay focuses on tackling plastic pollution along the journey, with a plastic clean-up in each place.
- As part of the Commonwealth Clean Oceans Plastics Campaign - launched by The Royal Commonwealth Society - athletes and communities are encouraged to come together to prevent one million pieces of plastic from polluting Commonwealth waters.
- So far, more than 450,000 pieces of plastic have been collected!

SCHOOLS' BATON RELAY

- The Schools' Baton Relay is inspired by the King's Baton Relay and is the opportunity for your school to build some excitement in the run-up to the Games.
- In your school or learning community, you'll be gifted a wooden baton carved from the same Pollok Park ash tree as the official batons. You'll be asked to think of ways you can customise it, in a way that uniquely represents your school and local area, and how they protect the environment.
- Can you think of any ideas that might work effectively on your baton?



WHAT COULD YOUR DESIGN INCLUDE?

You might have thought of:

- landmarks, places or symbols from your local area
- famous moments or people in your community (e.g. a famous, athlete, historical figure or local leader)
- patterns, colours or words that represent your school or community
- ideas about nature, recycling, climate or protecting the future
- how the baton will be passed between schools

YOUR CHALLENGE

Create a baton design that shows:

- who you are as a **learning community**
- shared values, identity and pride
- ideas about **sustainability**

You need to submit:

- **one sketch or digital design**
- **up to 50 words** explaining your idea

Your design can be colourful, symbolic, detailed or simple – what matters is the meaning behind it.

Your school or learning community **will create a physical baton** and add the chosen design onto it.



WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE BATONS?



- Once the headteachers have chosen the design for the baton, your school will participate in the Schools' Baton Relay.
- This is an opportunity for every learning community to plan events or activities that celebrate the community, with the baton at their heart.
- For your part of the relay, you will be involved in:
 - a physical movement (e.g. a walk or sporting event)
 - a sustainability project (e.g. a plastic clean-up)
- These are opportunities for the community to come together, celebrating diversity, culture, sport and the environment.
- Can you think of any specific ideas for events that you could plan and create as part of the Schools' Baton Relay?

GET STUCK IN!



- Over the next few weeks, you'll learn more about how your school is going to be involved in the Baton Relay.
- As a country, we're really excited to be hosting the Commonwealth Games this year and can't wait for the Games to begin in July.
- The Relay is one of many opportunities that you'll have to get involved with the Games this year, and a great opportunity to celebrate and represent your school and community, while learning more about the different people, culture and places across the Commonwealth.
- So, share your ideas with your teachers and get stuck in!



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