

# Best of British

<b>Artist / Band</b>	<b>Week Beginning</b>
Spice Girls	02.09.24.
Elton John	09.09.24.
Dua Lipa	16.09.24.
Coldplay	23.09.24.
David Bowie	30.09.24.
Amy Winehouse	07.10.24.
Adele	14.10.24.
Ed Sheeran	21.10.24.



# The Spice Girls

- The **Spice Girls** are a British Pop group who formed in 1994.
- The group has five members.
- Each member uses a nickname initially given to them by Melanie Chisholm:
  - **Sporty Spice = Melanie C**
  - **Baby Spice = Emma Bunton**
  - **Scary Spice = Melanie Brown**
  - **Posh Spice = Victoria Beckham**
  - **Ginger Spice = Geri Halliwell**
- Their debut album, *Spice*, sold more than 28 million copies worldwide. It is the best-selling album by a female group in music history.
- They have sold over 75 million records worldwide.
- This makes them the best-selling female group of all time. It also makes them the most successful British band since The Beatles.
- The members reunited in 2007. They released a *Greatest Hits* album in November and said a world tour would start in December.



In 2012, they reunited again to perform at the closing ceremony of the 2012 Summer Olympics in London

# Elton John

- **Elton John** has sold over 300 million records worldwide.
- He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 1998 for his services to music and charity.
- He has written soundtracks for films and musicals and was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1994.
- In 2024, **Elton John** became the 19th person to have won the prestigious awards of an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony, earning the title 'EGOT'.



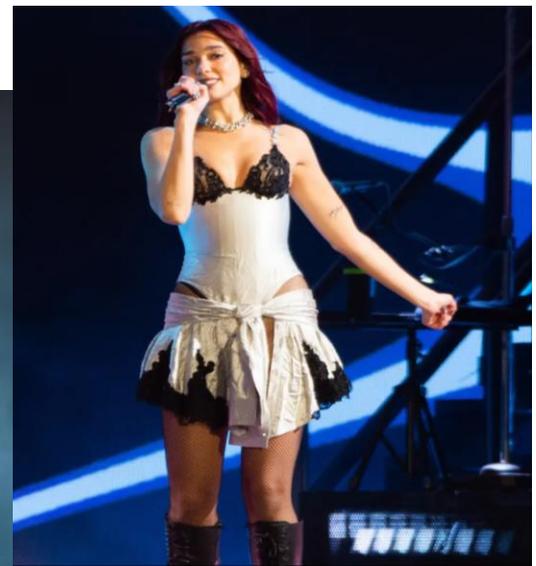
Elton John has two children with David James Furnish who is a Canadian-British filmmaker



# Dua Lipa



- She was born in London to Albanian parents and because of this, Dua can speak two languages – English and Albanian!
- Dua started off recording covers of songs on YouTube
- In 2018, Dua Lipa made history at the Brit Awards by becoming the first female solo artist to receive five nominations.
- Dua headlined Glastonbury in 2024.





# Coldplay



**Coldplay** are an English rock band formed in 1997 in London

The group's members are :

- **Vocalist/pianist = Chris Martin**
  - **Guitarist = Jonny Buckland**
  - **Bass player = Guy Berryman**
  - **Drummer = Will Champion**
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- **Coldplay** became famous around the world with their 2000 song "Yellow"
  - **Coldplay** have sold over 40 million albums
  - They are the first band to headline Glastonbury 5 times
  - They also performed at the closing ceremony of the 2012 Summer Olympics in London



# David Bowie

- **Bowie** created more than 25 albums, selling about 200 million copies over more than 50 years.
- He created music unconstrained by genre and played instruments including keyboard, harmonica, mandolin, koto and stylophone.
- He appeared in multiple films and TV shows and supported a variety of charities.
- In 1969, 'Space Oddity' entered the UK charts and was Bowie's first big hit.
- In 1972, **Bowie** performed 'Starman' dressed as a character he called Ziggy Stardust and reached a new level of fame.
- He caused a fashion sensation and redefined what a musical performance could be.



# Amy Winehouse

- She was an English singer and songwriter known for her deep, expressive vocals and her eclectic mix of musical genres, including Soul, Rhythm, Blues, Reggae and Jazz.
- Her first album was called Frank and it was released in 2003. Her follow-up album, Back to Black, in 2006, went on to become an international success and one of the best-selling albums in UK history.
- At the 2007 Brit Awards it was nominated for British Album of the Year, and she received the award for British Female Solo Artist. The song "Rehab" won her a second Ivor Novello Award.
- At the 50th Grammy Awards in 2008, she won five awards, tying the then record for the most wins by a female artist in a single night and becoming the first British woman to win five Grammys.



# Adele

- **Adele** went to a special school that was good at teaching music and drama. Lots of other famous people went there too.
- Adele's first CD came out in 2008. It was called '19' because Adele was 19 years old when she wrote most of the songs.
- This album was very popular. Adele's next album was called '21'.
- Adele's third album was called '25'. Her song called 'Hello' became very famous.
- Adele's album '30' came out in 2021 and she won a Brit Award for 'Song of the Year' in 2022.





# Ed Sheeran

- Ed Sheeran has sold more than 150 million records worldwide, making him one of the world's best-selling music artists.
- He names his guitars - They're called Lloyd, Felix, Cyril and Nigel.
- He started to learn how to play the guitar in primary school.
- He has toured with Taylor Swift.
- He loves to play with his Lego and has even wrote a song called LEGO House!
- He has a life motto, it's: **"Smile more, eat some chocolate!"**