



*February is*



Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans +  
**History Month**

*What does this mean?*



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*Families come in all sorts of shapes and sizes. Some children have a mum and a dad; some have step-mums and step-dads. Some children live with one parent; others have two mums or two dads. Some children live with carers or parents who they are not biologically related to.*





LGBT+ stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender. The + is an inclusive symbol to mean 'and others' to include people of all identities. Transgender people are people whose gender identity is different to the gender they were born with.

Just like families, relationships come in different forms too...

### **Straight or heterosexual**

A straight or heterosexual person is someone who falls in love with, or wants to have a relationship or partnership with, people who are the opposite gender to them. For example, a man who is in a relationship with a woman, or a girl who is in love with a boy

### **Lesbian**

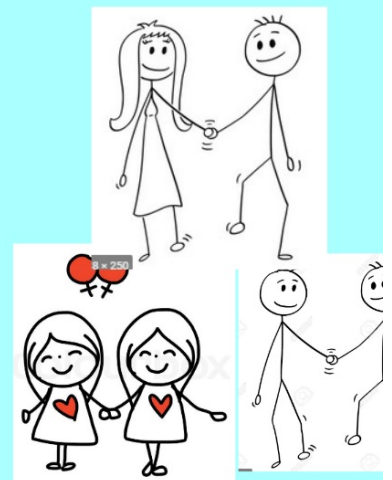
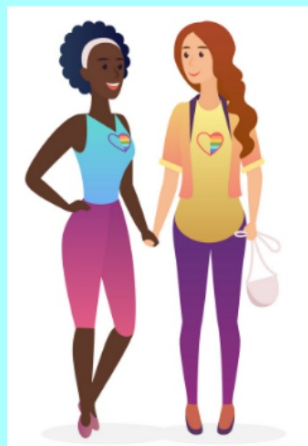
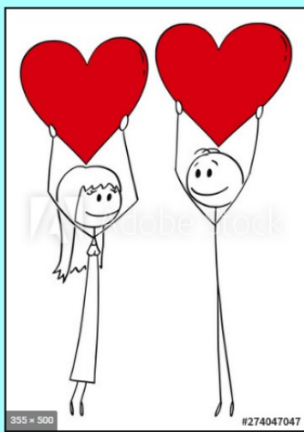
Lesbian is word to describe a woman who falls in love with, or wants to have a relationship or partnership with, other women. For example, a girl who is in love with another girl, or two mums who are in love with each other

### **Gay**

The word gay refers to someone who falls in love with, or wants to have a relationship or partnership with, people who are the same gender as them. For example, a man who loves another man or a woman who loves another woman, this includes two dads or two mums

### **Bisexual**

Bisexual is a word to describe someone who falls in love with, or wants to have a relationship or partnership with someone of the same gender as them *or* with someone of a different gender to them. A bisexual person might say that the gender of the person they fall in love with doesn't matter to them.





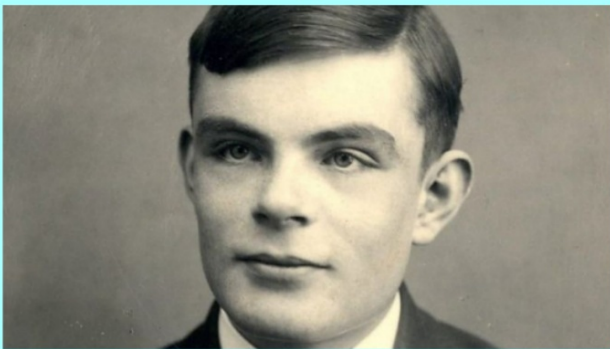


*During LGBT+ History Month, we celebrate people from the LGBT+ community. It hasn't always been celebrated - it used to be illegal to be gay and many people still feel uncomfortable talking about the subject.*

*Let's look at this Newsround clip to see why it's important that we do celebrate LGBT+ History Month.*



## Alan Turing



Alan Turing was a mathematician who cracked the 'Enigma Code', saving millions of lives. During the 1950s, however, being gay was illegal and he was arrested because of it.

In 2013, he was pardoned for his 'crime' and in 2017 the government officially pardoned other men like Alan Turing, who had also been given criminal records. This came to be known as the Alan Turing Law.

Now, he is being celebrated by the Bank of England!





Ellen DeGeneres

*The voice of Dory!*



Ellen DeGeneres is an American actor, comedian and talk show host who publicly 'came out' as lesbian (this means that she told everybody she knew) and was the first openly lesbian actress to play an openly lesbian character on television - a move which attracted worldwide attention.



Janelle Monáe

Janelle Monáe is an American singer, songwriter and actor. She has received 8 Grammy Award nominations and in her music, covers themes like race, sexuality and women's rights. Her third album was dedicated to young LGBT people who have experienced bullying in school.



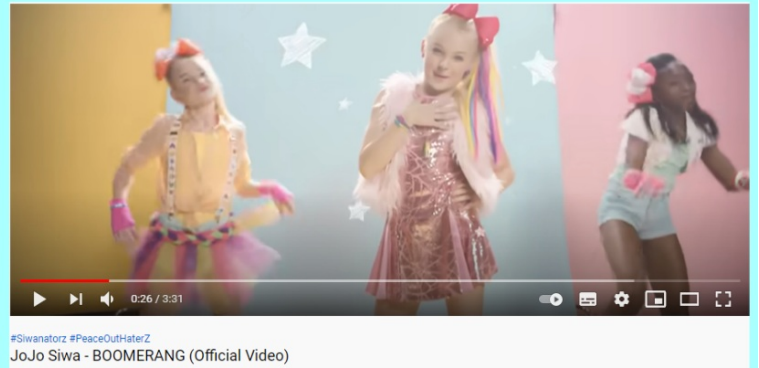


## Elton John



Elton John is one of the most successful singers and songwriters of all time - he has sold over 300 million records!

In 1992, Elton 'came out', which means he told the world he was gay and now he is happily married to a man called David Furnish and they have two sons.



## JoJo Siwa

JoJo Siwa is an American dancer, singer, actor and You Tube personality. Over her different social media accounts, she has more than 42 million followers.

She is also famous for her 'JoJo bows' which became fashionable in 2016 among primary-aged children.

JoJo came out in 2021, publicly celebrating her relationship with her girlfriend.

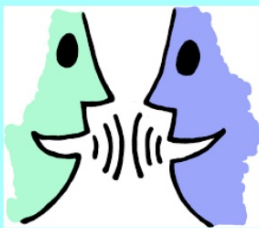
## Olly Alexander



Olly Alexander is the lead singer of British band Years and Years. He is also an actor and an advocate of the LGBT+ community. This means he supports them. He also support mental health issues and uses his fame to help both causes.



*This year's theme for LGBT+ History Month is Art and Politics*



PARTNER TALK

*How has art used expression to bring about change and justice for equality in any area of modern life? Think about our street art topic...*





