

For schools / educators:

Media release from [Your school name]

For immediate release

Contact [name], [title], [school] [phone] or [email]

**[Insert name of school] in [city/town/village] are taking part in Road Safety Week with Brake, the road safety charity**

- [insert name of school] join more than 3,400 schools and organisations across the UK taking part in Road Safety Week with Brake from 17-23 November 2024
- [insert name of school] will be [add details of what you are doing here – e.g. running assemblies and road safety lessons to celebrate their Road Safety Heroes who make roads safer and support after a crash]
- 1,695 people died on UK roads in 2023 and 28,967 were seriously injured<sup>1,2</sup> – road deaths and serious injuries show no significant signs of reduction
- For local road casualty statistics please contact news@brake.org.uk

Pupils at [insert name of school] will join millions of people across the UK learning about the impact of road crashes and celebrating the work of people who support after a road crash, during this year's Road Safety Week.

Organised by Brake, the road safety charity, Road Safety Week 2024 runs from 17–23 November, beginning with the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims on Sunday 17 November.

Pupils from [insert name of school] will use free resources provided by Brake to learn about road safety in class, in assembly and at home. The theme is Road Safety Heroes, celebrating the incredible work of the NHS, police, emergency services and others who support people following a road crash. Lessons, discussions, activities, games and videos will teach the children important road safety messages and help them understand how they can be Road Safety Heroes too.

Pupils from [insert name of school] will also participate in fundraising, taking on the Brake 5 Challenge by [details of what you are doing] on [date] at [location]. All money raised will support Brake's work campaigning to end road death and harm and supporting families bereaved and seriously injured in road crashes.

To find out more, sign up and take part, go to [www.brake.org.uk/road-safety-week](http://www.brake.org.uk/road-safety-week).

Road Safety Week is delivered by Brake, the road safety charity, and sponsored by Autoglass.

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## Notes to Editors

### References

1. Department for Transport (2024) Reported road casualties Great Britain, [annual report: 2023](#) and [supporting data sets](#).

2. Police Service of Northern Ireland (2024) [Road traffic collision statistics](#).

For local road casualty statistics please contact [news@brake.org.uk](mailto:news@brake.org.uk)

### About Brake, the road safety charity

Brake is a national road safety charity, founded in 1995, that exists to stop deaths, serious injuries and pollution on roads, and to care for families bereaved and injured in road crashes.

Brake campaigns for safe and healthy roads through seeking government policies and investment to end the carnage, and through projects that help communities, schools and employers promote safe and pollution-free streets locally. Brake delivers Road Safety Week, the UK's biggest road safety campaign.

Brake is the national provider of care and support to victims of road crashes and their families through the [National Road Victim Service](#), helping families cope with the shock, turmoil and devastation that road crashes cause families across the UK every day.

[www.brake.org.uk](http://www.brake.org.uk)

### Preferred language use

Words are important and using the wrong word, intentionally or unintentionally, can cause distress or harm, specifically when describing traumatic events. We ask you to consider the following language principles when reporting stories related to road crashes:

- Please do not use 'accident' in relation to road crashes. Please use 'crash' or 'collision'. This is because road crashes are not accidents and are highly preventable. E.g. a car crashing because the driver has drunk a considerable amount of alcohol is not an accident.
- Please use 'road deaths' rather than fatalities. 'Casualties' is also an acceptable term when referring to deaths and serious injuries although this may be less impactful.
- Where possible please use 'people who walk or cycle' or 'people who walk and ride' rather than 'cyclists', 'pedestrians' etc. This is because it is very rare for people to only use one form of transport. Many people will drive, cycle, walk, ride and therefore should not be segregated into seemingly opposing group.

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