

Sweets you can no longer buy

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Every generation has a sweet it misses. Some British sweets were discontinued altogether, some were quietly renamed, and a few were brought back after the public demanded them. Here are the ones people ask about most, with links to the full story of each.

Gone for good

Spangles. Square boiled sweets with a dimple on each side, made by Mars from 1950 to 1984. In 2008 they topped a poll of the brands Britons most wanted back. See [Spangles](#).

Pacers. Chewy mint sweets from Mars with green peppermint stripes, sold from around 1976 until 1985. They started life as Opal Mints, a sister to Opal Fruits. See [Pacers](#).

Aztec. A Cadbury bar of nougat and caramel, launched in 1967 to take on the Mars bar and discontinued in 1978. A revival in 2000 did not last. See [the Aztec bar](#).

Texan. A chewy nougat and toffee bar covered in chocolate, sold with cowboy adverts. It was withdrawn in 1984 and only briefly brought back in 2005. See [the Texan bar](#).

Callard and Bowser toffees. The Callard and Bowser range of English toffees was discontinued in the early 2000s, and after Wrigley bought the business in 2004, the Callard and Bowser and Nuttall's names were dropped, apart from Altoids mints.

Sharps of Maidstone. Once claiming to be the largest toffee maker in the world, Sharps stopped making toffee in Maidstone when its factory closed in 2000. See [Sharps toffee of Maidstone](#).

Still here, but renamed

Opal Fruits. Launched by Mars in 1959 and renamed Starburst in the UK in 1998. The sweets live on, but the name many people grew up with has gone. See [Opal Fruits](#).

Marathon. Britain and Ireland knew the Snickers bar as Marathon until 1990, when Mars changed the name to match the rest of the world. See [when Marathon became Snickers](#).

Midget Gems. In 2022 Marks and Spencer, Tesco and Maynards Bassetts renamed them Mini Gems. See [Midget Gems](#).

Back by popular demand

Wispa. Cadbury dropped the Wispa in 2003. Fans campaigned online, even getting on stage at Glastonbury, and Cadbury brought it back in 2007, then for good in 2008. See [the Wispa comeback](#).

Riley's Toffee Rolls. Made in Halifax from 1907, dropped in the 1990s, and revived in 2008 when the recipe turned up in a family cookery book. See [Riley's Toffee Rolls](#).

Caramac. Created by Mackintosh's and launched in 1959, withdrawn by Nestlé in 2023, then brought back for a limited time in 2024. See [Caramac](#).

The survivors

Plenty of old sweets never went away. Fry's Chocolate Cream, launched in 1866, is the oldest chocolate bar brand still sold, and many traditional boiled sweets are still made the old way. In our own pick and mix you will find aniseed balls, mint imperials and cherry lips among the old names. For the whole list, see [old fashioned sweets from A to Z](#) and [traditional English sweets](#).

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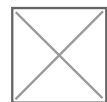
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