

Old fashioned sweets: the A to Z

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Here is the old fashioned British sweet shop in alphabetical order. Each entry has a line about the sweet and a link to its full story, with dates and sources.

A to C

- **Acid drops.** Sharp boiled sweets made with citric or tartaric acid: [acid drops](#).
- **Aniseed balls.** Hard, reddish brown aniseed sweets built up in layers around a single seed: [aniseed balls](#).
- **Aztec.** Cadbury's nougat and caramel bar, 1967 to 1978: [the Aztec bar](#).
- **Barley sugar.** Golden boiled sugar, traditionally twisted into sticks: [barley sugar](#).
- **Bazooka Joe.** Bubble gum from 1947, with a comic strip in every wrapper from 1953: [Bazooka Joe](#).
- **Berwick cockles.** White mints with red stripes, made since 1801: [Berwick cockles](#).
- **Black Jacks.** Black, aniseed flavoured chews from the 1920s: [Black Jacks](#).
- **Blackpool rock.** Thick seaside rock with the town's name all the way through: [Blackpool rock](#).
- **Brighton rock.** The seaside rock that named a Graham Greene novel: [Brighton rock](#).
- **Bullseyes.** Striped peppermint boiled sweets, also called black bullets: [bullseyes](#).
- **Butterscotch.** Doncaster's buttery boiled sweet, presented to Queen Victoria in 1851: [butterscotch](#).
- **Caramac.** The caramel bar from 1959, withdrawn in 2023 and briefly back in 2024: [Caramac](#).
- **Chocolate coins.** Foil wrapped chocolate money for the Christmas tree: [chocolate coins](#).
- **Coconut ice.** Pink and white coconut squares, traditionally made at home: [coconut ice](#).
- **Coltsfoot rock.** Brittle rock flavoured with coltsfoot, made by Stockley's in Lancashire: [Coltsfoot rock](#).

D to H

- **Dip Dabs.** Barratt's sherbet with a strawberry lolly, since 1935: [Dip Dabs](#).
- **Dolly mixtures.** Tiny fondant shapes and jellies for small children: [dolly mixtures](#).
- **Drumsticks.** Swizzels' chewy milk and raspberry lolly, since 1957: [Drumstick lollies](#).
- **Edinburgh rock.** Soft, crumbly Scottish sticks, nothing like seaside rock: [Edinburgh rock](#).
- **Everton Mints and Everton toffee.** The sweets behind Everton FC's nickname, the Toffees: [Everton Mints](#) and [Everton toffee](#).
- **Fisherman's Friend.** Lozenges made in Fleetwood since 1865: [Fisherman's Friend](#).
- **Flying saucers.** Wafer discs full of sherbet: [flying saucers](#).

- **Fox's Glacier Mints.** Clear mints with Peppy the polar bear, since 1918: [Fox's Glacier Mints](#).
- **Fry's Chocolate Cream.** The oldest chocolate bar brand still sold, from 1866: [Fry's Chocolate Cream](#).
- **Fruit Salad.** Raspberry and pineapple chews from Barratt: [Fruit Salad chews](#).
- **Fudge.** Sugar, butter and milk, with a Cornish clotted cream tradition: [fudge](#).
- **Gobstoppers.** Layered boiled sweets that last for ages: [gobstoppers](#).
- **Harrogate toffee.** Made to hide the taste of the spa water, since 1840: [Harrogate toffee](#).
- **Hawick Balls.** Minty, buttery Borders sweets loved by Bill McLaren: [Hawick Balls](#).
- **Highland toffee.** McCowan's chewy bar from Stenhousemuir: [Highland toffee](#).
- **Honeycomb or cinder toffee.** Toffee full of bubbles: [honeycomb toffee](#).
- **Humbugs.** Striped peppermint boiled sweets: [humbugs](#).

J to P

- **Jelly Tots.** Rowntree's sugar coated fruit jellies, since 1965: [Jelly Tots](#).
- **Kendal Mint Cake.** The peppermint sugar bar that went up Everest: [Kendal Mint Cake](#).
- **Kola cubes.** Sugar dusted cola cubes: [kola cubes](#).
- **Lemon drops.** Sugar coated lemon boiled sweets: [lemon drops](#).
- **Liquorice Allsorts.** Bassett's mixture from 1899: [Liquorice Allsorts](#).
- **Liquorice Catherine wheels.** Coiled liquorice around a jelly button: [liquorice wheels](#).
- **Love Hearts.** Swizzels' message sweets, since 1954: [Love Hearts](#).
- **Midget Gems.** Firm fruit gums, renamed Mini Gems by some sellers in 2022: [Midget Gems](#).
- **Mint imperials.** White mints with a hard shell, pan drops to Scots: [mint imperials](#).
- **Moffat toffee.** A boiled sweet with a tangy centre, from Dumfriesshire: [Moffat toffee](#).
- **Opal Fruits.** Renamed Starburst in 1998: [Opal Fruits](#).
- **Pacers.** Mars' striped mint chews, until 1985: [Pacers](#).
- **Parma Violets.** Violet flavoured tablets from Swizzels, since 1946: [Parma Violets](#).
- **Pear drops.** Pink and yellow boiled sweets: [pear drops](#).
- **Pineapple chunks.** Golden, sugared pineapple sweets: [pineapple chunks](#).
- **Polo.** The mint with the hole, from York in 1948: [Polo mints](#).
- **Pontefract cakes.** Black liquorice discs stamped with a castle: [Pontefract cakes](#).

R to Y

- **Rainbow Drops.** Sugar coated puffed maize and rice, from the 1930s: [Rainbow Drops](#).
- **Refreshers.** Fizzy tablets or chewy sherbet sweets, depending on the maker: [Refreshers](#).
- **Rhubarb and custard.** Two tone boiled sweets named after a British pudding pairing: [rhubarb and custard sweets](#).
- **Riley's Toffee Rolls.** Halifax toffee revived from a family cookery book: [Riley's Toffee Rolls](#).
- **Scottish tablet.** Firm and grainy, recorded since the early 1700s: [Scottish tablet](#).

- **Sherbet Fountains and sherbet lemons.** Sherbet with a liquorice stick, and lemon sweets with a fizzy centre: [Sherbet Fountains](#) and [sherbet lemons](#).
- **Soor plooms.** Sharp green sweets from Galashiels: [soor plooms](#).
- **Space Dust.** Popping candy from the makers of Pop Rocks: [Space Dust](#).
- **Spangles.** Square boiled sweets, 1950 to 1984: [Spangles](#).
- **Sugar mice.** Fondant mice with string tails: [sugar mice](#).
- **Sweet cigarettes.** Now sold as candy sticks: [sweet cigarettes](#).
- **Texan.** The cowboy bar withdrawn in 1984: [the Texan bar](#).
- **Toffee apples and treacle toffee.** Bonfire Night sweets: [toffee apples](#) and [treacle toffee](#).
- **Uncle Joe's Mint Balls.** Made in Wigan since 1898: [Uncle Joe's Mint Balls](#).
- **Victory V.** Lozenges first made in Lancashire in 1864: [Victory V](#).
- **Walker's Nonsuch.** Toffee made in Longton, Stoke on Trent, since the 1890s: [Walker's Nonsuch](#).
- **Wham.** Chewy bars with fizzy bits, from the early 1980s: [Wham bars](#).
- **Yellowman.** Crunchy honeycomb toffee from the Ould Lammas Fair: [yellowman](#).

For toffees in more detail, see [old fashioned toffee](#), and for the ones that disappeared, see [sweets you can no longer buy](#).

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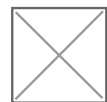
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