

Here are stories from pages 2, 5, 6 and 13 of First News. Read the stories, and then try the puzzle. To help you, we have underlined the answers to the crossword puzzle clues in the stories – but you will need to match the correct word with each clue!



## UK NEWS

### SOMERSET

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### SCOTLAND

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### TELFORD

#### ELTON LOVES SCHOOL'S SONG

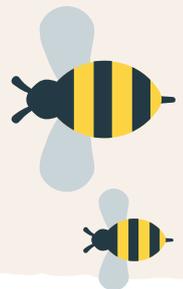
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#### WATCH OUT BEES!

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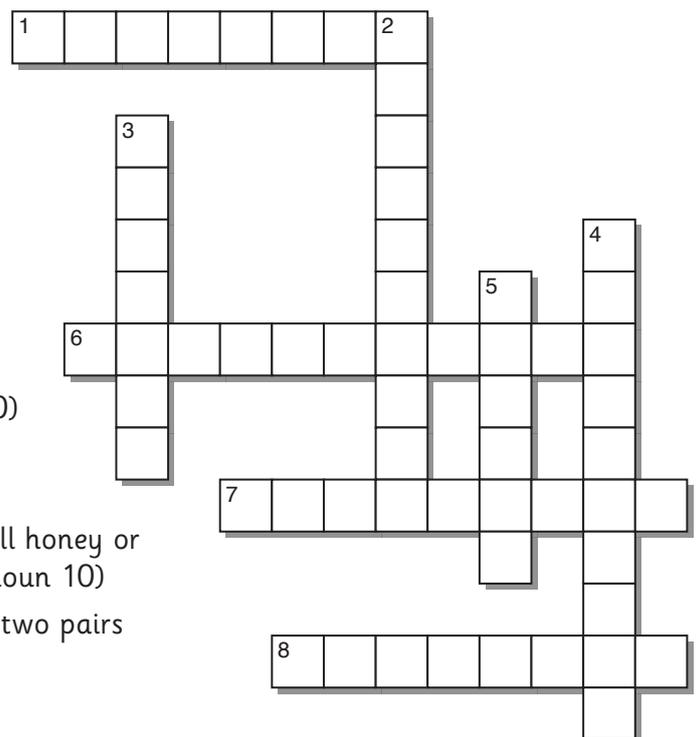


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#### DOWN

- 2) An area in which a community of people live (noun 10)
- 3) Belonging to the very distant past; no longer exists (adjective 7)
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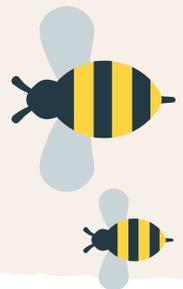
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