



## (MICROLEARNING)

### WORLD BRAILLE DAY

In 2019, the United Nations declared January 4 as World Braille Day in order to promote awareness about Braille and the contributions of Louis Braille.

Braille is a tactile representation of alphabetic and numerical symbols using six dots to represent each letter and number, and even musical, mathematical and scientific symbols. Braille (named after its inventor in 19th century France, Louis Braille) is used by blind and partially sighted people to read the same books and periodicals as those printed in a visual font.

We hope to celebrate World Braille Day by learning about the different lived experiences of our peers and better understanding the history of Braille.

#### ARTICLES



- [How the braille alphabet works](#) (4-minute read)
- [Modern Day Braille](#) (5-minute read)

#### VIDEOS



- [The incredible story of the boy who invented Braille | BBC Ideas](#) (4-minute video) \*Top Pick of the Week\*

#### Actions for the week:

1. Pay attention to ATMs, elevators, calculators, signs, and other things containing braille.
2. Learn more about [Louis Braille and the history of braille.](#)

Learn more about St Mary's inclusion efforts and become an active ally by joining our [Disability Network](#). If you would like to join or just find out more about the Disability Network at St Mary's, please email [Disabilitynetwork@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:Disabilitynetwork@stmarys.ac.uk)

Thank you for joining us in this week's Microlearning!

#### LONGER ACTIVITIES TO FURTHER EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE



- [Braille Facts](#) (4-minute read)
- [World Braille Day: Blind artist 'breaks down barriers' with art experience](#) (8-minute video)