



# A CRACKING CHRISTMAS RECORD!



**SUCCESS!** The guys pulled an impressive 30 crackers in one minute!

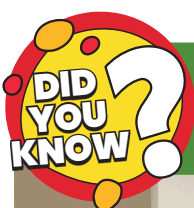
It wouldn't be Christmas without a cracking record or two! We sent three *First News* readers from Walnut Tree Walk Primary School to the Guinness World Records (GWR) office in London to interview the Editor in Chief, Craig Glenday. They chatted all things record-breaking, before having a go at breaking some records themselves. Here's how they got on.

## Hi Craig! So, what's your main job at Guinness World Records?

It's really deciding what goes into our famous Guinness World Records book every year. We get thousands of applications and we have to go through them all. Most of them actually don't make it into the book; in fact, most of them don't even make it as records because they're too daft or illegal, or just not really records! My team choose which records do get in and which pictures go in. It takes us a whole year to do one book. The minute we finish one, we start the next one, so we're already halfway through the 2026 edition!



Saffron, Santi and Bobby get the lowdown from Craig

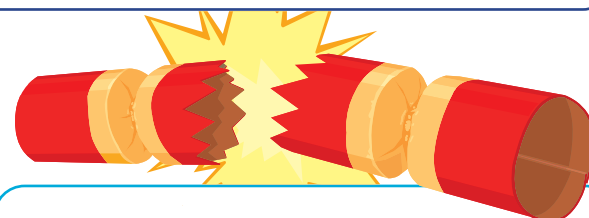


THE team has already designed the cover for the 2027 Guinness World Records book!



## What's the weirdest record you've had to judge?

We see so many interesting things! I love the fingernails records – Diana Armstrong hasn't cut her fingernails for about 27 years! She just decided not to do it, and now they're 1,306.58cm in total! Another one that I've not adjudicated on but find strange is banzai skydiving. You go up in a plane with a parachute and you throw the parachute out of the plane and you wait as long as you can before jumping out to see if you can catch up with the parachute. It only has to go wrong once and it will never go wrong again because you'd be squished.



## Which records did we break on the day?

**Record attempt 1:** Fastest time to type the alphabet (under-16s)



**Record attempt 2:** Fastest time to arrange ten books in alphabetical order – English alphabet (under-16s)



**Record attempt 3:** Most Christmas crackers pulled in one minute by a team of two (under-16s)



## Have you broken any records yourself?

No. Because we work here, we're not allowed. But, before I became the editor, I set the record for the farthest distance to stretch a Curly Wurly chocolate bar. I had three minutes to stretch it as far as I could without it breaking and I got to 91cm. Now, the record is four times that!



## What has been the scariest record to watch?

The man holding his breath for the longest time. To prove he was doing it, he had to go underwater, so he sat in a tank of water for about 25 minutes. It was scary to watch live, as anything could happen. [Do not try this at home!]

## What record would you most like?

The richest man? Ha! No, I'd love to go into space! I love records to do with space and astronauts.

## WANT TO BREAK A RECORD YOURSELF?

Check out the Guinness World Records website by scanning the QR code. You'll find all sorts of under-16s records you can have a go at with your family and friends this holiday!

The Guinness World Records 2025 book is out now.

