

Planet Hero!

Dr. Jane Goodall



People and Planet

World-famous scientist!

English primatologist (a scientist who studies primates), Dr Jane Goodall was born on **April 3, 1934**. From the age of 10, she knew that she wanted to move to Africa and **live with wild animals** - and in **1960**, aged 26, she finally arrived in **Tanzania** to study chimpanzees.

Despite having no formal academic training, Jane spent thousands of hours **observing** the chimpanzees, giving them **names**, and learning about their **society**. Amazingly, she witnessed apes creating and using **tools** - something scientists thought only humans could do! - and recorded them **cuddling** and **caring** for family and friends. She concluded that, like humans, chimpanzees experienced emotions and had **distinct personalities**.

This revolutionary discovery changed the study of animal behaviour forever!



Dr Goodall eventually stopped her research in **1986** and has spent the last 35 years raising awareness through the **Jane Goodall Institute**, protecting chimps from threats like deforestation and the illegal wildlife trade.

Did you know?

- Jane travels around **300 days a year!** She gives **talks** around the world, **inspiring people** to care about chimps and **protect** the planet.
- Jane has been **vegetarian** since the 1970s, and recently became **vegan!**
- Dr Goodall is also known as **Dame Jane Goodall**, after she was made Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (DBE) in **2003**.



Jane got to know many wild chimpanzees!



FUN FACT!

In **1991**, Jane founded '**Roots & Shoots**', a global education programme that helps kids get involved in projects that do good for their **local community, wildlife, and the environment**.

FUN FACT!

Jane attended **Cambridge University** from 1961 until she obtained her **PhD** in 1966. She was one of few people in history to be admitted **without a college degree!**