



## World Braille Day 2025

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[World Braille Day](#), celebrated on 4th January, commemorates the birth of **Louis Braille**, the inventor of **Braille**, a **tactile code** that empowers **blind and visually impaired** individuals to **access written information**.

- **Louis Braille:** Louis Braille (1809–1852) was born in France, and lost his sight at the age of three.
  - At ten, he received a scholarship to the Royal Institute for Blind Youth in Paris, where he developed the **Braille system** after being inspired by an army captain's "**night writing**" system.
    - The "night writing" system, created by **Charles Barbier de la Serre** in 1815, used **12 raised dots** and was designed for soldiers to communicate silently in the dark.
- **Braille System:** It uses 6 raised dots in a **3 × 2 matrix** to form characters, distinguishable by their arrangement.
  - Braille can be written with various tools, including slates, braille writers, and electronic devices.
  - Despite the rise of [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\)](#) and voice technologies, Braille remains crucial for independence, especially for those congenitally blind.



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