Internet timeline

- **1950** – Use of mainframe computers began to grow. These were large and expensive
- **1961** – First email sent. Computers were linked using the telephone network which let them send basic text only messages
- **1969** – The first internet, called ARPANET, established. To start with It joined four computers in the USA together
- **1975** – The first personal computers begin to be introduced. IBM and Apple were a couple of the brands releasing PCs
- **1988** – First transatlantic fibre-optic cable begins operation
- **1989** – Tim Berners-Lee invented the World Wide Web at CERN in Switzerland. This is the part of the internet websites run on
- **1992** – 130 websites exist
- **1992** – First text message sent
- **1995** – Google Search engine launched
- **1999** – Nokia introduces a mobile phone that could connect to the internet
- **2000** – 17 million websites exist
- **2005** – First YouTube video (“Me at the zoo”) uploaded
- **2005** – 1 billion internet users (about 15% of the global population)
- **2007** – First iPhone
- **2014** – 1 billion websites exist
- **2017** – Global Tik Tok launched (2017) Started in China in 2016
- **2020** – 4.7 billion internet users (about 60% of the global population)
- **2023** – 91% of the population of Europe estimated to use the internet. In Africa the figure is 37%
- **2026** – About 6 billion internet users (about 75% of the global population)