ON THIS DAY

▲ **1996:** The worst mass murder in modern British history took place at Dunblane primary school in Scotland when a gunman shot dead 16 young children, their teacher, and himself

1813: Sweden joined the Grand Alliance against Napoleon and his allies

1974: Charles de Gaulle airport was inaugurated in Paris

1990: The Soviet parliament voted to end the political monopoly of the Communist Party after 72 years

2002: The UN Security Council passed a resolution that for the first time called for a separate Palestinian state alongside Israel