

# SWEET SHOPS

I don't think I've ever actually been in a real sweet shop, but I can definitely appreciate the concept!

A confectionery store (more commonly referred to as a 'sweet shop' in the United Kingdom, a 'candy store' in North America, or a 'lolly shop' in Australia) sells confectionery and the intended market is usually children. Most confectionery stores are filled with an assortment of sweets far larger than a grocer or convenience store could accommodate. They often offer a selection of old-fashioned treats and sweets from different countries. Very often unchanged in layout since their inception, confectioneries are known for their warming and nostalgic feel.

Although sweets, themselves, go back thousands of years, actual candy stores didn't appear until much, much later. The village of Pateley Bridge claims to have the oldest confectionery store in England, and, in fact, in the world, founded in 1827, and the building it occupies dates back to 1661!

Akisato Ritō's *Miyako meisho zue* (An Illustrated Guide to the Capital) from 1787, describes a confectionery store situated near the Great Buddha erected by Toyotomi Hideyoshi, then one of Kyoto's most important tourist attractions.

In 1917, there were 55 confectionery shops in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, which then had a population of only 70,000 people. [Wikipedia]

"The Great Buddha Sweet Shop" from Akizato Rito's *Miyako meisho zue* (1787)

