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26 th August	A nine-year-old girl is set to make history as the youngest person ever to represent the UK internationally in any sport. Bodhana Sivanandan, from Harrow, northwest London, has been selected for the team representing England at the Chess Olympiad in Budapest in September.	Should your age ever stop you from doing something?	Democracy	Age	 12 RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS
2 nd September	Over the summer, many protests took place in England and Northern Ireland. Following the protests, communities in many towns, including Middlesbrough, organised clean-up efforts that united people from all faiths and races.	How can communities help each other in times of difficulty?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Race	 2 NO DISCRIMINATION
9 th September	Space agency, Nasa, says two astronauts stuck on the International Space Station (ISS) won't return to Earth until next year. Sunita Williams and Barry 'Butch' Wilmore originally went on an eight-day mission but so far have remained for two months.	How can we respond to unexpected events?	Individual Liberty	Religion or Belief	 18 RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS
16 th September	The Wildlife Photographer of the Year shortlist has recently been announced, with just 100 photos left in the competition, following a record-breaking 59,228 entries!	How can photos shape the world?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Age	 17 ACCESS TO INFORMATION
23 rd September	The UK's first teacherless classroom, using AI (artificial intelligence) instead of human teachers has opened. David Game College, a school in London, opened its new course for twenty GCSE pupils in September.	Will classrooms of the future be teacherless?	Rule of Law	Religion or Belief	 28 ACCESS TO EDUCATION
30 th September	Book publishing company, Penguin Random House UK, has revealed a new book-vending machine at Linlithgow Academy, near Edinburgh, Scotland. The machine gives the pupils access to more than seventy different books from Penguin's 'Lit in Colour' reading lists.	How important is it to know about the author behind the book?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Race	 13 SHARING THOUGHTS FREELY
7 th October	The company, Amazon, has told all staff they need to return to the office five days a week, ending the option to work from home.	How important are human interactions?	Individual Liberty	All	 32 PROTECTION FROM HARMFUL WORK
14 th October	UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, has faced questioning and criticism recently for accepting free gifts.	Why do people give gifts?	Rule of Law	Race	 41 EQUITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION
21 st October	Following a ten-year campaign, music exam boards have announced they will now be including Sikh sacred music, also known as Kirtan, on their syllabus.	What impact can music have on our lives?	Democracy	Religion or Belief	 30 MINORITY CULTURE, LANGUAGE AND RELIGION

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28 th October	People in the USA will head to the polls on Tuesday 5th November to elect the next US president. The winner will serve a term of four years in the White House, starting in January 2025.	What are the qualities that make a good leader?	Democracy	Sex	 42 EVERYONE MUST KNOW CHILDREN'S RIGHTS
4 th November	A 23-year-old British climber has become the youngest woman to summit the world's fourteen highest mountains. Adriana Brownlee reached the 8,027m peak of Shishapangma in Tibet, at around 8am on 9th October.	How can our hopes and dreams help us to succeed?	Individual Liberty	Age	 12 RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS
11 th November	This year, Anti-Bullying Week takes place on 11th-15th November with the theme, 'Choose Respect'. As part of the week, Odd Socks Day is on Tuesday 12th November, with odd socks being worn to celebrate what makes us all unique.	What impact can bullying have on a community?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	All	 2 NO DISCRIMINATION
18 th November	A discovery of more than 6,000 ancient Maya structures, including a city of pyramids, has been named Valeriana. Hidden by jungle canopy in the Mexican state of Campeche, the city was discovered by chance.	Why is discovery important?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Race	 17 ACCESS TO INFORMATION
25 th November	This year's Earthshot Prize winners have been announced. Prince William, who launched the prize in 2020, closed the award ceremony in Cape Town, South Africa. The Earthshot Prize celebrates and supports people and companies working to provide innovative solutions for climate and environmental issues..	How can we raise awareness of important issues?	Democracy	Religion or Belief	 29 AIMS OF EDUCATION
2 nd December	The Football Association (FA) has laid out new plans aimed at raising awareness and increasing participation in disability football.	What does it mean to feel included?	Individual Liberty	Disability	 23 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
9 th December	Wicked, the hugely successful Broadway musical, has recently premiered worldwide as a film.	Should everyone have the opportunity to be a star?	Individual Liberty	Age	 31 REST, PLAY, CULTURE, ARTS
16 th December	It is thought the number of cards sent this festive period will be lower than in previous years, as stamp prices have increased.	How can we show others we care?	Rule of Law	Religion or Belief	 14 FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND RELIGION

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6 th January	Birdwatch 2025 is an annual UK-wide citizen science project, held in January, in which people help gather data to support the work of scientists.	Is it our responsibility to protect local wildlife?	Rule of Law	Race	 29 AIMS OF EDUCATION
13 th January	Prime Minister Keir Starmer has stated that building new homes is a 'top priority'. The government has announced changes to planning rules, aiming to make it easier to build homes in the countryside.	Should you be allowed to build homes anywhere?	Democracy	Age	 27 FOOD, CLOTHING, A SAFE HOME
20 th January	The UK government's culture secretary, Lisa Nandy, has written to video-sharing platforms, such as YouTube and TikTok, asking them to actively share more educational content for children.	Should YouTube have more rules for younger users?	Rule of Law	Age	 17 ACCESS TO INFORMATION
27 th January	New data has shown that 2024 was the Earth's hottest year on record, warming by 1.5°C.	Who should be involved in key decisions for the world?	Democracy	Race	 24 HEALTH, WATER, FOOD, ENVIRONMENT
3 rd February	Tennis player Emma Raducanu has revealed that she would like to meet darts champion Luke Littler after stating her respect for his recent achievement in becoming a world darts champion.	Do you need to feel under pressure to achieve great things?	Individual Liberty	Age	 29 AIMS OF EDUCATION
10 th February	The Nepalese government has announced that, from September, climbers aiming for the world's highest mountain will have to pay just over £12,000 (\$15,000) during the main climbing season	Should we be allowed to travel anywhere we like?	Mutual Respect & Tolerance	Religion or Belief	 30 MINORITY CULTURE, LANGUAGE AND RELIGION
17 th February	Global retail giant, Amazon, has announced its first UK drone deliveries will take place in Darlington as part of a trial.	Are drones the future of delivery?	Democracy	All	 16 PROTECTION OF PRIVACY

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24 th February	A girls' football team, in York, has launched a campaign called 'Girls can have short hair – get over it'.	Why do we judge people based on their appearance?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Sex	 2 NO DISCRIMINATION
3 rd March	The Times newspaper recently asked young people aged between 18 and 27 (also known as 'Gen Z') what they thought about their lives and life in the UK.	Is it important to feel proud of where you come from?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Race	 7 NAME AND NATIONALITY
10 th March	The Princess of Wales has recently shared pictures drawn by herself, Prince George, Princess Charlotte, and Prince Louis of each other.	How can we make connections with others?	Individual Liberty	Religion or Belief	 15 SETTING UP OR JOINING GROUPS
17 th March	750 schools in England have been chosen to trial free daily breakfast clubs, to see whether they could work for all schools.	Is it important to have a morning routine?	Rule of Law	Age	 24 HEALTH, WATER, FOOD, ENVIRONMENT
24 th March	World leaders from around twenty countries are creating a group or 'coalition'. According to UK Prime Minister, Starmer, they will work together to support Ukraine.	Do world leaders have a duty to help other countries?	Democracy	Race	 38 PROTECTION IN WAR
31 st March	English football team, Manchester United, have announced plans to build the biggest stadium in the UK.	Should stadiums be used for more than just football?	Democracy	Sex	 12 RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS
7 th April	Ex-England football manager, Sir Gareth Southgate, says he fears young people are spending too much time gaming and online, and that they need better role models beyond social media influencers.	What qualities should a positive role model have?	Individual Liberty	Age	 29 AIMS OF EDUCATION

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21 st April	Singer, Ed Sheeran, has written a letter to UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, asking for more money to support music education in schools.	Should music be part of every school day?	Democracy	Disability	31 REST, PLAY, CULTURE, ARTS
28 th April	Workers in Birmingham have been on strike (choosing not to work) since January because they don't think the way they are being treated, or their pay, is fair.	Whose job is it to keep our local places clean and tidy?	Mutual Respect	Sex	24 HEALTH, WATER, FOOD, ENVIRONMENT
5 th May	The government has recently announced that a new theme park will be built in the UK, which is due to open in 2031.	What makes somewhere special to visit?	Individual Liberty	Disability	12 RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS
12 th May	Three teenagers from Indore, India – Dhruv Chaudhary, Mithran Ladhania, and Mridul Jain have created a salt-powered fridge.	What everyday items could be changed to help others?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Age	6 LIFE, SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT
19 th May	A vehicle once used by Pope Francis to wave and greet people—called a popemobile—is being turned into a mobile health clinic for children in Gaza.	Can donating something important be a powerful way to show you care?	Individual Liberty	Religion or Belief	14 FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND RELIGION

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26 th May	The UK government has launched an online exhibition to show five different designs for a new national memorial for Queen Elizabeth II.	What are some special or meaningful ways to remember someone?	Democracy	Religion or Belief	 31 REST, PLAY, CULTURE, ARTS
2 nd June	The UK has a new astronaut currently training with NASA in the United States of America (USA) for the next six months.	How does it feel to be the first to do something?	Individual Liberty	Sex	 29 AIMS OF EDUCATION
9 th June	Zoos, aquariums and safari parks in Great Britain will soon have to follow new rules to help them take better care of animals.	What do animals need to be happy and healthy in zoos?	Rule of Law	Disability	 3 BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD
16 th June	Big Ocean is a new K-pop band from South Korea, and all three of its members have hearing loss.	What can we learn from people who communicate in different ways?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Disability	 23 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
23 rd June	Nearly 140 years after it sank, a team of divers has discovered the wreck of a ship called the SS Nantes off the coast of Devon, in southwest England.	Why do people explore the past?	Individual Liberty	Race	 17 ACCESS TO INFORMATION
30 th June	Taxi company, Uber, wants to test cars in London that can drive by themselves, without a person at the wheel.	Are driverless taxis a good idea?	Democracy	Disability	 13 SHARING THOUGHTS FREELY
7 th July	Scientists in Australia have discovered that some of the country's first human beings lived in high mountain caves about 20,000 years ago.	What makes somewhere a good place to live?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Race	 27 FOOD, CLOTHING, A SAFE HOME
14 th July	Yuliia Brykailo, a Ukrainian mother who moved to the Isle of Man after fleeing the war, has written a children's book inspired by her daughter Veronika's experience of settling into a new school.	How can stories help us understand others?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Race	 2 NO DISCRIMINATION