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28 th August	The use of dogs in schools and classrooms is becoming increasingly common, with 'therapy dogs' - as they are often referred to - being used to help pupils feel calmer and less anxious.	Can pets make good companions in schools?	Individual Liberty	Religion or Belief	 28 ACCESS TO EDUCATION
4 th September	Almost ten years ago, 44-year-old Torbjørn Pedersen from Denmark left his job and family behind to begin a life-changing journey. His goal was to visit every country in the world without flying on a plane. In May this year, Pedersen successfully visited his 203rd and final country, the Maldives.	What can we learn from new adventures?	Individual Liberty	Race	 10 CONTACT WITH PARENTS ACROSS COUNTRIES
11 th September	In Canada, the government in the province of Ontario is set to pass a new law that will make it compulsory for children aged 12 and under to wear lifejackets on boats.	Should lifejackets be compulsory for all on open water?	Rule of Law	Age	 3 BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD
18 th September	More than 100 schools across the UK have been affected by a potentially dangerous concrete used in their construction between the 1950s and the mid-90s.	Is a school more than just a building?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	All	 28 ACCESS TO EDUCATION
25 th September	In recent weeks, both India and Russia's space agencies have tried to send unmanned missions to the lunar South Pole. Whilst Russia's shuttle crashed into the Moon's surface, after spinning out of control, India has become the first nation to land near the Moon's South Pole.	How important is space exploration?	Individual Liberty	Race	 17 ACCESS TO INFORMATION
2 nd October	The 2024 edition of the Guinness World Records has been released. This year, over 30,000 applicants submitted their achievements, but only 2,638 records were selected for the edition, which features more than 80% new and updated records.	Can anyone break a world record?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Religion or Belief	 3 BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD
9 th October	October is Black History Month in the UK. This year's theme is 'Saluting our Sisters' - highlighting the role Black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities in the UK.	How does change happen?	Democracy	Race	 2 NO DISCRIMINATION
16 th October	The tree at the centre of the world-famous 'Sycamore Gap' on Hadrian's Wall, England, has reportedly been deliberately felled on the night of 28th September and was discovered by walkers the next morning.	How can we remember things that were important to us?	Individual Liberty	Religion or Belief	 12 RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS








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23rd October	Wales has reduced its maximum speed limit in residential areas, close to homes and schools, from 30mph to 20mph, becoming the first nation in the UK to introduce these measures.	Should speed limits be lowered in your local area?	Rule of Law	Age	 6 LIFE, SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT
30th October	Kenyan long-distance runner, Kelvin Kiptum, crossed the line in a new world record time at this year's Chicago Marathon, wearing Nike Alphafly 3 'super shoes'.	Should 'super shoes' be allowed in races?	Rule of Law	Race	 7 NAME AND NATIONALITY







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6th November	A study, conducted by the government and backed by the Money and Pensions Service, has estimated that around 5.4 million children in the UK do not have the money skills they will need in adulthood.	How important is it to understand money?	Individual Liberty	Age	 26 SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC HELP
13th November	A new robot called Digit, designed to be human-like and that is capable of lifting and moving items, is being tested in warehouses of the online retailer, Amazon.	Are there some jobs robots could never do?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Religion or Belief	 32 PROTECTION FROM HARMFUL WORK
20th November	Community centres, libraries, businesses, and churches across the UK have been set up as free warm spaces to help provide warmth and companionship during the winter months.	How can we show compassion to others?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Age	 27 FOOD, CLOTHING, A SAFE HOME
27th November	Scientists have found more flowering plants, moss, and algae in Antarctica in the last 10 years than usually grow in 50 years, and the extent of floating sea ice there has hit record lows.	Who is responsible for Antarctica?	Individual Liberty	Religion or Belief	 29 AIMS OF EDUCATION
4th December	Scientists monitoring a volcano in Iceland have said an eruption could happen within days. The Fagradalsfjall volcano previously erupted two years ago, in 2021 - the first time in over 800 years.	What is it like to live through an uncertain time?	Rule of Law	Race	 39 RECOVERY AND REINTEGRATION
11th December	British litter-pickers have become world champions in the Litter-Picking World Cup (also known as the SpoGomi World Cup) after sifting through nearly 60 kilograms of rubbish in the Japanese capital to win the first-ever contest of its kind.	What is rubbish?	Individual Liberty	Religion or Belief	 24 HEALTH, WATER, FOOD, ENVIRONMENT
18th December	Twinpike Way, a street in York, is also known as Twinklepike Way as usually in December, every home is lit up with incredible festive lights to raise money for charity. After 20 years and raising over £100,000 for charities, the homeowners have collectively decided that it's time for a break this year.	Are decorations an important part of celebrations?	Democracy	Age	 14 FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND RELIGION

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8 th January	10-year-old Teddy Cottle from Oxfordshire has launched a petition calling for Apple to change the glasses emoji, also known as the 'nerd' emoji, as he says it gives the wrong impression of glasses-wearers.	Are emojis an important part of communication?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	All	 2 NO DISCRIMINATION
15 th January	A study from the University of Valencia, in Spain, found that print reading could boost skills by six to eight times more than digital reading, for example, on an e-reader or tablet.	Is an e-reader better than a book?	Individual Liberty	Religion and Belief	 17 ACCESS TO INFORMATION
22 nd January	Motorists in Britain could be completing journeys using driverless cars by 2026 the transport secretary, Mark Harper, has predicted.	Will self-driving vehicles change our lives?	Rule of Law	Disability	 3 BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD
29 th January	A new BBC television programme, called Style It Out, gives nine young promising fashion designers from all over the UK the chance to compete in designing different outfits. The winner will have their clothes showcased at London Fashion Week.	Is fashion important?	Individual Liberty	Religion and Belief	 29 AIMS OF EDUCATION
5 th February	45-year-old Mar Galcerán from Spain has become the country's first elected parliamentarian with Down's syndrome.	What makes someone inspirational?	Democracy	Disability	 23 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
12 th February	Pupils in England will have the choice to take a GCSE exam in British Sign Language (BSL) from 2025. BSL is a form of communication using hand gestures and other movements.	Should we learn sign language at school?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Race	 30 MINORITY CULTURE, LANGUAGE AND RELIGION

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26th February	In countries across Europe, including Romania, Belgium, France, Hungary, Poland and Greece, tractors have been blocking city streets and motorways as farmers protest against certain European Union (EU) rules.	How can you make your voice heard?	Democracy	Religion or Belief	13 SHARING THOUGHTS FREELY
4th March	Across the UK and Ireland, the charity, World Book Day, will be holding its annual celebration on Thursday 7 th March. The day is a chance to celebrate and encourage reading in schools and homes.	How do you think World Book Day should be celebrated?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Age	31 REST, PLAY, CULTURE, ARTS
11th March	Ministers have confirmed plans to ban the use of mobile phones in English schools and have released guidance for headteachers. The guidance is not statutory and offers schools different ways to introduce the ban.	Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?	Rule of law	Religion or Belief	41 BEST LAW FOR CHILDREN APPLIES
18th March	Many families travelled to Glasgow for an event that claimed to channel the magic of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.	What's the best way to handle disappointment?	Individual Liberty	Religion or Belief	31 REST, PLAY, CULTURE, ARTS
25th March	Poverty-fighting charity, Oxfam, recently released a new report on inequality and global corporate power. It found that the world's five richest people have more than doubled their fortunes from a combined total of £321 billion to £688 billion since 2020. The wealth of the poorest 60% (nearly five billion people), has fallen.	Should there be a limit on how rich one person can become?	Individual Liberty	Sex	26 SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC HELP

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