

Early Years Coverage Autumn 1 2024



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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.	When should we take turns?	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.	What jobs can we help with?	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.	Why do our plans sometimes change?	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!	Why do people take photographs?	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.	How do teachers help us?	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.	What do you love about books?	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.	Would you enjoy working in an office?	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 BEST LAW FOR CHILDREN APPLIES
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 musical instrument interests you?	Democracy	Religion or Belief	 30 MINORITY CULTURE, LANGUAGE AND RELIGION

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28th October	People in the USA will head to the polls on Tuesday 5 th November to elect the next US president. The winner will serve a term of four years in the White House, starting in January 2025.	Who are the leaders around us?	Democracy	Sex	
4th 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 9 th October.	What is your dream?	Individual Liberty	Age	
11th November	This year, Anti-Bullying Week takes place on 11 th -15 th November with the theme, 'Choose Respect'. As part of the week, Odd Socks Day is on Tuesday 12 th November, with odd socks being worn to celebrate what makes us all unique.	How can we help make our class a happy place?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	All	
18th 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.	What have you found whilst out and about?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Race	
25th 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 help to look after and care for our world?	Democracy	Religion or Belief	
2nd 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	
9th 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	
16th December	It is thought the number of cards sent this festive period will be lower than in previous years, as stamp prices have increased.	Why do we write and send cards?	Rule of Law	Religion or Belief	








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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.	What do you know about birds?	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.	What do you love most about where you live?	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.	What do you enjoy watching or playing on a screen?	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.	What problems can the weather cause?	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.	How do you become the best at a sport?	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	Would you like to climb a mountain?	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.	What would you use a drone for?	Democracy	All	 16 PROTECTION OF PRIVACY






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24th February	A girls' football team, in York, has launched a campaign called 'Girls can have short hair – get over it'.	How does hearing kind words make us feel?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Sex	 2 NO DISCRIMINATION
3rd 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.	What or who are you proud of?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Race	 7 NAME AND NATIONALITY
10th March	The Princess of Wales has recently shared pictures drawn by herself, Prince George, Princess Charlotte, and Prince Louis of each other.	How do you have fun with your family?	Individual Liberty	Religion or Belief	 15 SETTING UP OR JOINING GROUPS
17th March	750 schools in England have been chosen to trial free daily breakfast clubs, to see whether they could work for all schools.	What do you do every morning?	Rule of Law	Age	 24 HEALTH, WATER, FOOD, ENVIRONMENT
24th 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.	Why do people have meetings?	Democracy	Race	 38 PROTECTION IN WAR
31st March	English football team, Manchester United, have announced plans to build the biggest stadium in the UK.	Would you like anything new to be built near you?	Democracy	Sex	 12 RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS
7th 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.	Who are your role models?	Individual Liberty	Age	 29 AIMS OF EDUCATION








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21st 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.	What do you love most about music?	Democracy	Disability	
28th 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.	How do you help to keep places clean and tidy?	Mutual Respect	Sex	
5th 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 do you like or dislike about theme parks?	Individual Liberty	Disability	
12th May	Three teenagers from Indore, India — Dhruv Chaudhary, Mithran Ladhania, and Mridul Jain have created a salt-powered fridge.	What could we invent to make the world a better place?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Age	
19th 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.	Should we give things away we don't need?	Individual Liberty	Religion or Belief	

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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 do you like to see in a garden?	Democracy	Religion or Belief	
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.	Where would you like to explore?	Individual Liberty	Sex	
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 you like or dislike about zoos?	Rule of Law	Disability	
16 th June	Big Ocean is a new K-pop band from South Korea, and all three of its members have hearing loss.	How can we communicate with everyone?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Disability	
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.	What boats and ships are seen at sea?	Individual Liberty	Race	
30 th June	Taxi company, Uber, wants to test cars in London that can drive by themselves, without a person at the wheel.	How do you usually travel?	Democracy	Disability	
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 do you need in your home?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Race	
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 we help people feel welcome?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Race	