

Coverage Spring 1 Secondary England 2026



| Week | News Story | Focus Question | British Value Link | Protected Characteristics | Job of the Week | UN Article |
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| 5 th January | The National Year of Reading 2026 is a special year across the UK, created to help children and grown-ups enjoy reading more. | What role will reading play in our future? | Mutual Respect and Tolerance | All | Advertising copywriter | 29 AIMS OF EDUCATION |
| 12 th January | Famous online creators have come together at the 1 Billion Followers Summit in Dubai to talk about how their influence affects people around the world. | Can famous people help others make good choices? | Individual Liberty | Age | Social media manager | 13 SHARING THOUGHTS FREELY |
| 19 th January | Recently, a new award, called the Jane Goodall Earth Medal, has been created to celebrate people who work to help others and care for the world. | Can awards encourage people to help others and care for the world? | Mutual Respect and Tolerance | Religion or Belief | Corporate responsibility and sustainability practitioner | 12 RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS |
| 26 th January | The Football Association (FA) has published a review looking at behaviour in football across England. | Does how we behave matter as much as how well we play? | Rule of Law | All | Sport and exercise psychologist. | 31 REST, PLAY, CULTURE, ARTS |
| 2 nd February | A toy company called Mattel has released a new Barbie doll designed to represent people who have autism, with features such as a fidget spinner and noise-cancelling headphones. | Does seeing yourself in a toy or story help you feel like you belong? | Individual Liberty | Disability | Equality and diversity officer | 2 NO DISCRIMINATION |
| 9 th February | The government in the UK is considering new rules to help keep children safe online through consultation on whether children under 16 should be allowed to use social media. | Should children have social media? | Rule of Law | Age | App developer | 17 ACCESS TO INFORMATION |