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1st September	In a recent survey, 600 parents and 400 six- and seven-year-olds were asked to name the everyday things around them that they find incredible or awe-inspiring.	What do you think makes something a wonder of the world?	Democracy	Religion or belief	
8th September	A church in Kiruna, which is one of Sweden's largest wooden buildings, has been carefully moved 5km to a new location.	What makes a building special?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Religion or Belief	
15th September	Schools in the UK will soon need to give more lessons on democracy, how voting works, and how the country is run.	Why do we vote?	Democracy	Age	
22nd September	Guinness World Records is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. The book was first published in 1955, and is now sold in over 100 countries.	Can anyone break a record if they try hard enough?	Individual Liberty	Age	
29th September	Running charity, parkrun, has announced a new project called parkrun primary, which is bringing junior parkrun events closer to primary schools.	Can sport bring people closer together?	Individual Liberty	Disability	
6th October	Ellie Goldstein, a 23-year-old model from Ilford, has been announced as a contestant on Strictly Come Dancing. She is the first person with Down's syndrome to take part in a full series of the show.	What can we learn from people who prove others wrong?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Disability	
13th October	This year marks the 80th anniversary of the United Nations (UN), an international organisation founded after the Second World War in 1945, to help countries work together and prevent future conflicts.	What makes a good peacekeeper?	Rule of Law	Race	
20th October	The UK government is planning to bring in digital identity cards, which people could keep on their phones or have as a physical card.	Should everyone have an identity card?	Rule of Law	Race	

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27th October	This year's Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to María Corina Machado from Venezuela. The Nobel Prizes are special international awards, given each year to people who have made outstanding contributions to science, literature, and peace.	What makes someone worthy of a Nobel Prize?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Sex	Research Scientist	
3rd November	An animal charity, called Redwings Horse Sanctuary, has asked the government to make fireworks quieter to help protect animals and people.	Should fireworks be changed so we protect animals and people at the same time?	Individual Liberty	Disability	Animal Care Worker	
10th November	The 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference, known as COP30, will be held in Belém, Brazil, from 10th to 21st November.	What would you tell world leaders if you were at COP30?	Rule of Law	Race	Environmental Consultant	
17th November	Nike has revealed a new type of powered shoe called Project Amplify, which uses small motors to boost a person's walking and running movement.	Can technology ever help us too much?	Democracy	Disability	Software Developer	
24th November	McDonald's has changed the colours of its famous Happy Meal box for the first time in the UK, making it white on three sides, so children could colour and design it themselves.	What are some of the different ways we can express ourselves?	Individual Liberty	Religion or Belief	Creative Therapist	
1st December	On Friday, the Princess of Wales will host her annual carol service, which will bring people together to celebrate kindness, connection, and community.	How important is it for us to feel a sense of togetherness?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	All	Events Manager	
8th December	An adventurer named Darren Edwards, who is paralysed from the chest down, is preparing to travel 137 miles across Antarctica using a sit-ski.	How might challenges help us grow?	Individual Liberty	Disability	Firefighter	
15th December	This winter, a charity called Small Acts of Kindness has sourced, packed and distributed over 10,000 'Warm in Winter' gift bags across Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.	What does kindness look like?	Democracy	Age	Nurse	

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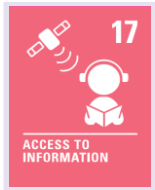
5th January	The National Year of Reading 2026 is a special year across the UK, created to help children and grown-ups enjoy reading more.	What role will reading play in our future?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	All	Advertising copywriter	
12th January	Famous online creators have come together at the 1 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	
19th 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	
26th 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.	
2nd 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	
9th 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	

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16th February	A new series of the television programme, Gladiators, has recently returned to screens.	Do gladiators make good role models?	Individual Liberty	All	Personal Trainer	
23rd February	Scientists at NASA are preparing to send astronauts back to the Moon, as part of a new space programme running over the coming years.	Why do people explore space?	Democracy	Race and Sex	Aerospace Engineer	
2nd March	Brynteg School in Wales has said that from September, skirts will no longer be part of the school uniform. Instead, all children will wear trousers or shorts.	Should school uniforms be the same for everyone?	Mutual Respect	Sex	Garment Technologist	
9th March	During China's Lunar New Year Gala, one of the world's most-watched TV shows, humanoid robots danced and performed kung-fu moves on stage.	How might robots change our daily lives?	Individual Liberty	Religion and belief	Robotics Engineer	
16th March	his week's news is about Pokémon, which is celebrating 30 years since it was first created.	What makes something fun?	Rule of Law	Age	TV and Film Producer	
23rd March	Athletes from around the world have been competing in the Winter Paralympic Games in Italy.	What makes someone a champion?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Disability	Project Manager	
30th March	The Bank of England, that designs and makes the UK's banknotes, has said that future notes might include British wildlife, such as animals or plants, instead of historical figures.	What should represent a country?	Democracy	Religion and belief	Financial Advisor	

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13th April	A new town, called Barking Riverside, is being built in East London to help provide more homes in the local area.	What makes a great place to live?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Religion and Belief	Town Planner	
20th April	An 82-year-old runner, Eileen Hieron, has shown that age hasn't stopped her trying something new.	Is it ever too late to try something new?	Individual Liberty	Age	Physiotherapist	
27th April	New AI-supported glasses to help people with dementia or memory problems have won a £1 million prize.	What is the best way to support people who need extra help?	Individual Liberty and Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Disability	Care Worker	
4th May	Sir David Attenborough, a famous naturalist and broadcaster, is celebrating his 100th birthday.	Why do some people become so important to the world?	Democracy and Rule of Law	Age	Climate Scientist	
11th May	This week, countries from across Europe and beyond are taking part in the Eurovision Song Contest.	How can music bring people together?	Democracy and Mutual Respect and Tolerance.	Race	Sound Engineer	
18th May	It's the FA Cup Final between Manchester City and Chelsea at Wembley Stadium.	Do we learn more from winning or losing?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance and Rule of Law	Religion and Belief	Sports Performance Analysist	

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25th May	This week, people in the UK and across the world are celebrating Eid al-Adha.	Why do people celebrate different things in different ways?	Individual Liberty and Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Religion and Belief	Recruitment Consultant	
1st June	Teenage sisters, Tala and Farah Mousa from Gaza, have created a project called Build Hope.	How can people create hope during difficult times?	Democracy and Individual Liberty	Sex	Housing Officer	
8th June	June 8th is World Oceans Day, a time when people around the world think about how to care for the seas and the creatures living in them.	How can we protect the oceans?	Rule of Law and Mutual Respect and Tolerance.	Age	Oceanographer	
15th June	Film maker, Pixar, has shared that the new Toy Story 5 film will explore how children are spending more time using screens and digital technology.	Is technology changing childhood?	Individual Liberty and Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Age	Search Engine Optimisation Specialist	
22nd June	India has started one of the world's biggest counting projects, its national census.	How does every person count?	Democracy and Individual Liberty	All	Economist	
29th June	Scientists are monitoring a climate trend called El Niño, which begins in the Pacific Ocean and can affect weather in different parts of the world.	How much should the weather influence our decisions?	Individual Liberty and Mutual Respect and Tolerance.	Disability	Meteorologist	
6th July	Squishy dumpling toys have become popular with many children in recent months.	What makes something popular?	Individual Liberty and Rule of Law	Age	Trading Standards Officer	
13th July	People living in remote parts of the Amazon rainforest in Ecuador are using solar-powered canoes to travel along rivers.	How can we travel while protecting nature?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance and Individual Liberty	Race	Cabin Crew	

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