

# Coverage Spring 1 Primary England 2026



Week	News Story	Focus Question	British Value Link	Protected Characteristics	UN Article
5 <sup>th</sup> 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	 29 AIMS OF EDUCATION
12 <sup>th</sup> 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	 13 SHARING THOUGHTS FREELY
19 <sup>th</sup> 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	 12 RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS
26 <sup>th</sup> 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	 31 REST, PLAY, CULTURE, ARTS
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	 2 NO DISCRIMINATION
9 <sup>th</sup> 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	 17 ACCESS TO INFORMATION