

What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

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help shape a better future?**



Let's look at this week's story

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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



How does it make me feel?



sad

despondent
disconsolate
dismal
doleful
downhearted
forlorn
gloomy
melancholic
miserable
woeful
wretched

angry

aggrieved
annoyed
discontented
disgruntled
distressed
exasperated
frustrated
indignant
offended
outraged
resentful
vexed

happy

beaming
buoyant
cheery
contented
delighted
enraptured
gleeful
glowing
joyful

confused

addled
baffled
bemused
bewildered
disorientated
indistinct
muddled
mystified
perplexed
puzzled

excited

animated
elevated
enlivened
enthusiastic
exhilarated
exuberant
thrilled

worried

agitated
anxious
apprehensive
concerned
disquieted
distraught
distressed
disturbed
fretful
perturbed
troubled
uneasy

overwhelmed

engulfed
inundated
overburdened
overloaded
saturated
submerged
swamped

afraid

alarmed
apprehensive
daunted
fearful
frantic
horrified
petrified
terrified

guilty

ashamed
compunctious
contrite
culpable
penitent
responsible
rueful

jealous

bitter
covetous
desirous
envious
envying
resentful
wary

thankful

appreciative
grateful
gratified
indebted
obliged
relieved

shocked

astonished
astounded
disconcerted
distressed
dumbfounded
horrified
staggered
startled
stunned
surprised

disgusted

affronted
appalled
horrified
repelled
repulsed
revolted
sickened

inspired

activated
encouraged
exhilarated
galvanised
influenced
motivated

embarrassed

ashamed
awkward
chagrined
demeaned
discomposd
humiliated
self-conscious
uncomfortable
uneasy
unsettled

interested

absorbed
captivated
curious
engaged
enthralled
fascinated
gripped
intrigued
riveted

This week's story looks at events related to ...





Read the information below, which provides details about the 'Standing with Giants' installation.

What is the 'Standing with Giants' installation?

The 'Standing with Giants' installation is made up of 1,475 silhouettes across the wild meadow fields of the British Normandy Memorial called 'For Your Tomorrow'. The 1,475 giants reflect the number of servicemen who died serving under British command on D-Day itself. The installation is open from 21st April to 31st August 2024.



Picture: The imagined final 'Standing with Giants' installation. **Source:** SIAD Studio.

Normandy is so important. We must remember the cost of freedom and the sacrifice made.



Pictured: World War II veteran, Henry Rice. **Source:** The Royal Society of Saint George.

Can you imagine how the veterans still alive today feel when they visit the beaches in Normandy?



Look at the resource below, which shares some examples of the anniversaries of some special events.

Remembrance Day



Bonfire night



Birthday



Easter



Diwali



What do you think these people are celebrating or remembering?



Look at the resource below, which shares some information about what happened on D-Day.

The D-Day landings were a key date in World War II. They marked a huge turning point. After five years of war, on 6th June 1944, Allied forces landed on the beaches of Normandy in France and began to break through the German army.

What happened on D-Day?

The majority of the Allied forces were made up of soldiers from the UK, the USA and Canada. Many other countries also participated, including Australia, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Poland.

In the early morning of 6th June 1944, thousands of ships set out from the south coast of England. They were supported by over 11,000 planes. Troops started to land on the beaches along an 80km stretch of the Normandy coastline at 6:30am. It was not the nearest part of France to the UK, but it was chosen to avoid some of the heaviest German defence at the narrowest point, where the invasion was expected. Planes and gliders also dropped Allied soldiers behind the German defences, who took control of roads and bridges, making it harder for the German army to send more troops to the Normandy coastline.

By the end of D-Day, 156,000 troops had been put ashore. The attack continued for eleven months.



Why is it called D-Day?

The name D-Day is used by the military for an event they may not yet have a date for. It allows them to organise and plan it in advance. Other military operations have been named D-Day, but it is now connected with the landings in Normandy. Operation Neptune was the codename used for the landings on the beach, and was part of the larger Operation Overlord.



Soldier statue commemorating D-Day.

Why do you think this day is so important?



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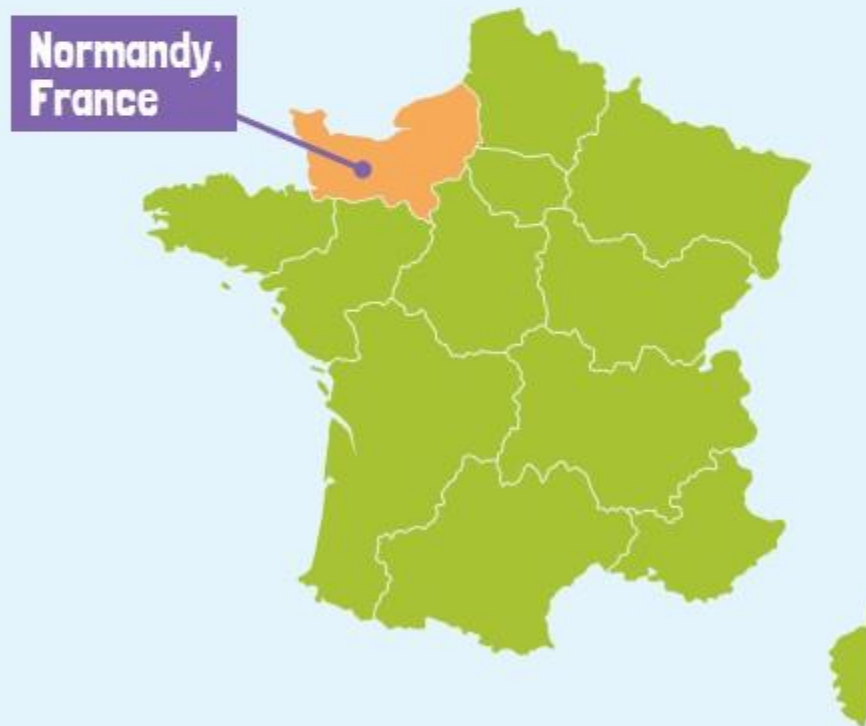


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Reflection



Events like D-Day have shaped history. Learning from the past and remembering the sacrifices others have made is a powerful way to create a better future and recognise all that we have now.





Mutual Respect and Tolerance

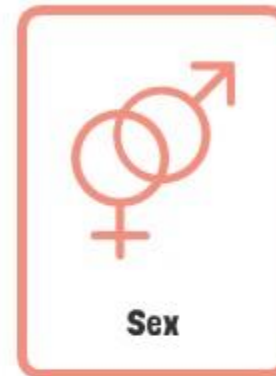
Life is not the same for everyone. Learning about times in the past that others have experienced can help us develop empathy and respect.

Protected Characteristics



The events and experiences in our lives and the lives of others (including those beyond living memory) can shape our beliefs.

We should never be treated unfairly because of our beliefs.





UN Rights of the Child



D-Day happened 80 years ago and was a turning point in World War II. Wars still happen in today's world. We have the right to be protected during war. No child under 15 can join the army or take part in war.



Useful vocabulary



Allied forces

Armies from different countries who are fighting on the same side in a war.

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Installation

A large-scale, visual artwork, often made from a variety of materials and displayed for a limited time.

The **installation** is open from 21st April to 31st August 2024.

Sacrifice

Something given up, for the sake of an important cause.

We must remember the cost of freedom and the **sacrifice** made.

Servicemen

Men serving in the armed forces.

The statues honour each of the **servicemen** who lost their lives on D-Day.

Silhouette

The solid, dark shape of a person or object against a light background.

The 'Standing with Giants' installation is made up of 1,475 **silhouettes**.

Veteran

A person who has served in the armed forces.

A World War II **veteran** ... has called for schools to teach children more about D-Day 1944.

Can you use them in your writing this week?

Surprise School Singer!

Children at the Fairlight Primary and Nursery School were flabbergasted when, who should enter their Friday assembly, but Ed Sheeran! The superstar singer performed three of his hit songs and then spoke to the children about his life in the music industry and the importance of learning about music. The visit was organised by Create Music,



Pictured: Ed performing at the Brighton primary School. **Source:** @createmusicUK on X.

a project which aims to provide arts and music education for all children. The headteacher explained that none of the children had known about the visit, and 'their faces were amazing when we opened the door.' He also added that Ed 'was absolutely brilliant, an amazing person and very humble.' As a parting gift, the popstar left the school five of his own guitars!



Pictured: Assembly excitement! **Source:** @createmusicUK on X.

A Pitter-Patter of Poo!

As the sun goes down in a little town near Grantham, in the Midlands, huge clouds of starlings swirl in the sky. Starlings are a type of small bird with long, sharp beaks and small, pointed wings. At this time of year, they gather in large groups known as 'murmurations'. They are a sight to behold as the tens of thousands of birds twist and turn in the air, creating amazing shapes and patterns. However, the locals are getting a little fed up with the birds, as their droppings are causing quite a mess! One resident explained that he was caught

short and bird poo landed on his head! He added, 'It was fun to start with, it was great to watch. But it's just the mess it makes.' Others are taking measures including washing windows every day, covering cars and furniture with plastic and remembering an umbrella!



Pictured: Starling murmuration. **Source:** Canva.

Is it fair to judge others based on first impressions?



No, you have no idea about someone until you get to know them. People are always surprising me! Logan

Rhino Rewild

Forty rare southern white rhinos have moved to their new home at the Munywana Conservancy in Zululand, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. They are the first of 2,000 privately owned white rhinos to be relocated under African Parks' massive 'Rhino Rewild' programme. African Parks is a non-profit conservation organisation that manages twenty-two national parks across twelve countries. It purchased the rhinos last year with the aim to 'rescue and rewild' them over the next ten years. Thokozani Mlambo, Chairperson of the Makhasa Trust (part of the Munywana Conservancy) said, 'We are extremely pleased to receive



Pictured: A rhino being released.
Source: African Parks on Facebook.

these forty rhino from African Parks, to supplement the current population of white rhino at our community conservancy. We see this as recognition of the important role that community-owned land plays in conservation, and we are proud to be collaborating in such a significant partnership to rewild rhino across our continent.' Southern white rhinos were thought to be extinct, until less than a hundred were discovered in South Africa in 1895!

Do you know any white rhino facts? Have you heard about any other rewilding projects in Africa or other parts of the world?



Pictured: The transportation of forty rhinos to the Conservancy. **Source:** African Parks on Facebook.

Rethinking Recycling

Recycling Minister, Robbie Moore, has announced that a new, easier approach to recycling will be introduced in England. The new rules, brought in by the government, mean that households will be able to put all their recycling together for one collection. Ministers hope that this simpler idea will help boost recycling levels across the country. Recycling collectors will accept plastic, metal, glass, paper and card in one bin. English councils will also be able to take food and garden waste at the same time. Robbie Moore said, 'We all want to do our bit to increase recycling and reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill – but a patchwork of different bin collections across England means it can be hard to know what your council will accept. Our plans for Simpler Recycling will end that confusion: ensuring that the same set of



Pictured: People with all their recycling in one container. **Source:** Canva.

materials will be collected regardless of where you live.'

Do you think that more recycling will be done if it is simpler and easier? Can you think of any ideas to increase the waste we recycle, rather than send to landfill?

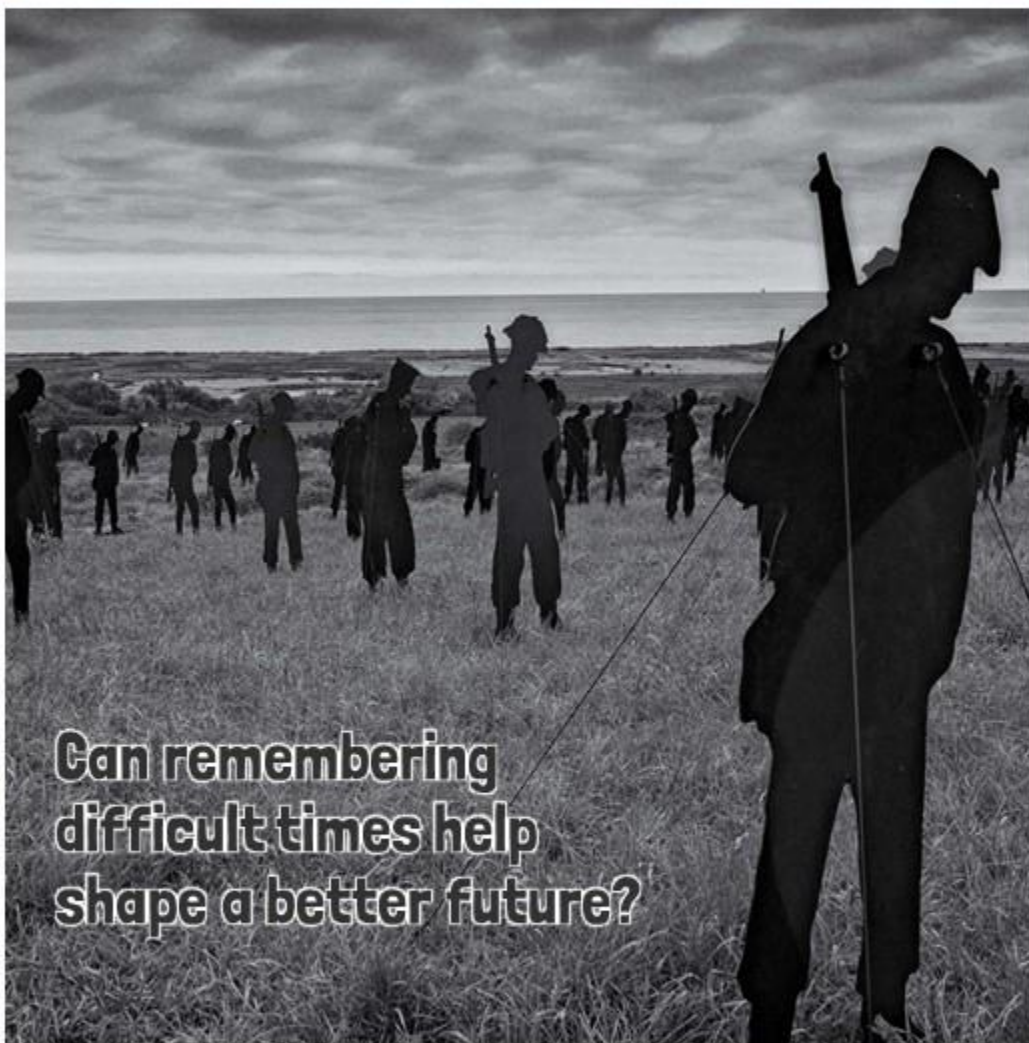
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I don't think it's fair to judge others by their first impressions because these girls won all of their matches and the boys were underestimating them. Ada

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Things to talk about at home ...

- > Can you ask someone at home about their awareness of the World Wars? Do they have, or do they know anyone with, memories of the wars?
- > This week's poster image shows a tribute to all the soldiers, who lost their lives on D-Day in France. Do you know if there are any local events or tributes to D-Day being held in your local area?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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