

44,381 VOTERS HAVE THEIR SAY

Are elections just popularity contests? The majority of young people say yes.

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UP FOR DISCUSSION: ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2024

This week, VotesforSchools voters will be answering the question: "Do you know how to resolve conflict respectfully?"

Why not discuss what you think about this question at home? Is maintaining respect during conflict easy?

THIS WEEK'S BIG READ: THE ORIGINS OF CHIDLINE

Childline is an organisation that has helped millions of under-18s over the last three decades. It was founded by TV host Dame Esther Rantzen, who had the idea after an episode of her show, *That's Life*, focused on child abuse.

The helpline, which is confidential and available anytime, opened on 30th October 1986. On its first night, it received a remarkable 55,000 calls. Since then, it has become an important resource for children needing help with issues like bullying, mental health, and domestic or relationship abuse.



COMPREHENSION CHALLENGE

- How long has Childline been available for?
- Who set up Childline?
- What prompted Childline to be set up?
- When did Childline officially launch?
- Which issues can Childline help children with?

HISTORIC WIN FOR TRUMP

Donald Trump has been elected as the 47th President of the United States after he won the 270 electoral votes needed to secure the race. The President-elect will be officially sworn in on Monday 20th January 2025.



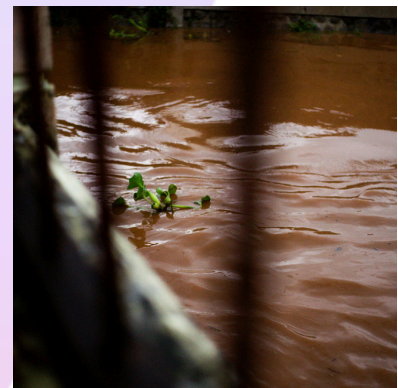
A NEW DAWN

Kemi Badenoch was elected as the new leader of the Conservative Party. After a hard-fought contest, Kemi beat five other candidates for the top spot. She is now the first Black woman to lead a major UK political party.



FLOODS IN SPAIN

Rescue efforts are still underway in Spain as it recovers from devastating floods caused by heavy rainfall. More than 1,000 military personnel have been deployed to help with rescue and clear up. Weather warnings remain in place.



UNIVERSITY FEES RISING

The UK Government will raise the cost of studying at university. From September 2025, tuition fees in England will go up from £9,250 to £9,535 a year. Tuition fees have not increased since 2017.

