

Toads on the Road!

A toad-ally brilliant event is happening near the city of Bath, England, this spring. A road called Charlcombe Lane is closed so toads, frogs and newts can cross safely to a pond to lay their eggs. When spring arrives, these amphibians wake up from their winter sleep and make the journey back to the pond they visit each year to lay their eggs. Frogs jump, newts walk and wriggle, and toads shuffle along – but roads can be tricky for them. Closing the road means vehicles can keep out of their way. From 9th February - 29th March, volunteers are going out each evening to give the toads a helping hand. They gently pick the animals up and carry them across to the grass and bushes



Pictured: A toad crossing the road!
Source: Canva.

on the other side. This happens in many places across the UK. In fact, there are more than 200 patrols helping amphibians during their spring journey! One volunteer said, 'It feels good to help them get home safely'. Charlcombe Lane has closed every spring since 2003 with help from the local council. It's all part of the campaign called 'Toads on Roads!' **What catchy name would you give it?**

Tre-fee Fountain

Visitors to the famous Trevi Fountain in Rome, Italy, now pay a €2 fee (about £1.70) to step into its popular viewing area. The city says the small charge will help manage crowds and care for the fountain. This is no ordinary fountain – the Trevi Fountain is more than 250 years old and is one of the largest



Pictured: The Trevi Fountain in Rome, Italy.
Source: Canva.

fountains in Rome. It was finished in 1762. At the centre stands a huge stone figure, called Oceanus, with water rushing and tumbling all around him. People from all over the world come here to throw a coin over their shoulder into the water. There is a tradition that says if you throw one coin, you will return to Rome one day. Twice a week, thousands of coins are collected from the fountain and given to charity. Even with the new fee, visitors are still lining up to make a wish. One tourist said they would simply 'pay and smile'. **What do you think about the new fee?**

Should children have social media?



Going outside and playing with our friends is so much better for our mental and physical health.
Crescent

Double Digits

This June, Picture News will be 10 years old! We are hoping to plan some celebrations as we enter into double digits. We would really love to hear any ideas you have about what we should do! Picture News co-founder, Katie Harrison, thanked teachers saying, 'I'd like to thank you so much for being part of our journey. Picture News has been completely shaped by you and your children. I really had no



Pictured: Happy Birthday Picture News.
Source: Picture News.

idea the impact it would have, and the wonderful community it would become. I honestly can't thank you enough and look forward to hearing any ideas! 🥰🥳'

Please let us know your ideas for how we should celebrate reaching this milestone!

What do you think we should do?



Pictured: Children singing happy birthday.
Source: Canva.

George's Journey



Pictured: George Pig and Jodie, who played his audiologist.
Source: Jodie Ounsley on Facebook.

The makers of the TV show, Peppa Pig, have announced that George Pig is growing up, and his storylines are expanding too. Gladiator Fury (real name Jodie Ounsley) will appear in a special episode of Peppa Pig in March. Jodie, who was born deaf, will voice George Pig's audiologist and share the news that Peppa's little brother is moderately deaf in one ear. Audiologists diagnose, manage, and treat conditions that affect hearing and balance. The storyline is about George's hearing loss and will see him receive a hearing aid. The episode has been developed in partnership with the

National Deaf Children's Society. Jodie Ounsley described how being part of the episode made her feel really proud, saying, 'This story is so close to my heart. Thinking about my own journey and everything my parents went through in those early days, I can't help but feel that something like this back then could have meant so much. Representation truly matters, especially for little ones who are still learning to understand themselves and their place in the world. I'm so excited to see this story help bring awareness, start conversations and hopefully encourage deaf kids to feel proud of who they are.'

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I don't think that children need social media. We can stay in touch with our friends other ways.
Livy

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