

What's happening in the news this week?



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

20th - 26th November 2023



**How can we show
compassion to
others?**





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?



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





Read the information below, which explains more about warm spaces.

What is a warm space?

A warm space is a place that is open to the public, where people can go to keep warm and spend time with others - free of charge. They are set up by local councils, charities, or communities and provide people with a warm place to spend time during cold winter days, as heating bills become more and more expensive.

Where can you find warm spaces?

Any building can be used as a warm space. The most common are cafés, village halls and libraries. Some businesses are also opening their doors during the cold winter months.

What are some other provisions of warm spaces?

Many warm spaces provide other community support and activities, including free hot drinks, children's film evenings, coffee mornings for elderly people, and 'knit and natter' sessions, with the aim of bringing communities together.



A warm space held in a church. Source: Warm Welcome UK.

As well as being a warm place to visit in winter, what are some of the other benefits of warm spaces?



Look at the resource below, which shows some people struggling.

A person struggling to carry their shopping bags.



Someone who has lost their favourite toy.



Someone who doesn't have anyone to play with and is feeling sad and lonely.



A community of people who have had their homes and belongings destroyed in a flood.



Why are they finding things hard? How do you think each of them feels?



Look at the resource below, which shares some of the ways communities can come together and help each other during winter.



Check in on each other. Ask people if they are okay, offer a friendly smile to someone as you pass by, hold a door open for someone.



Organising or attending local events such as coffee mornings, craft evenings and film nights so people can be together.



Donating food, clothing or money to local charities or giving time to help them sort and distribute items.



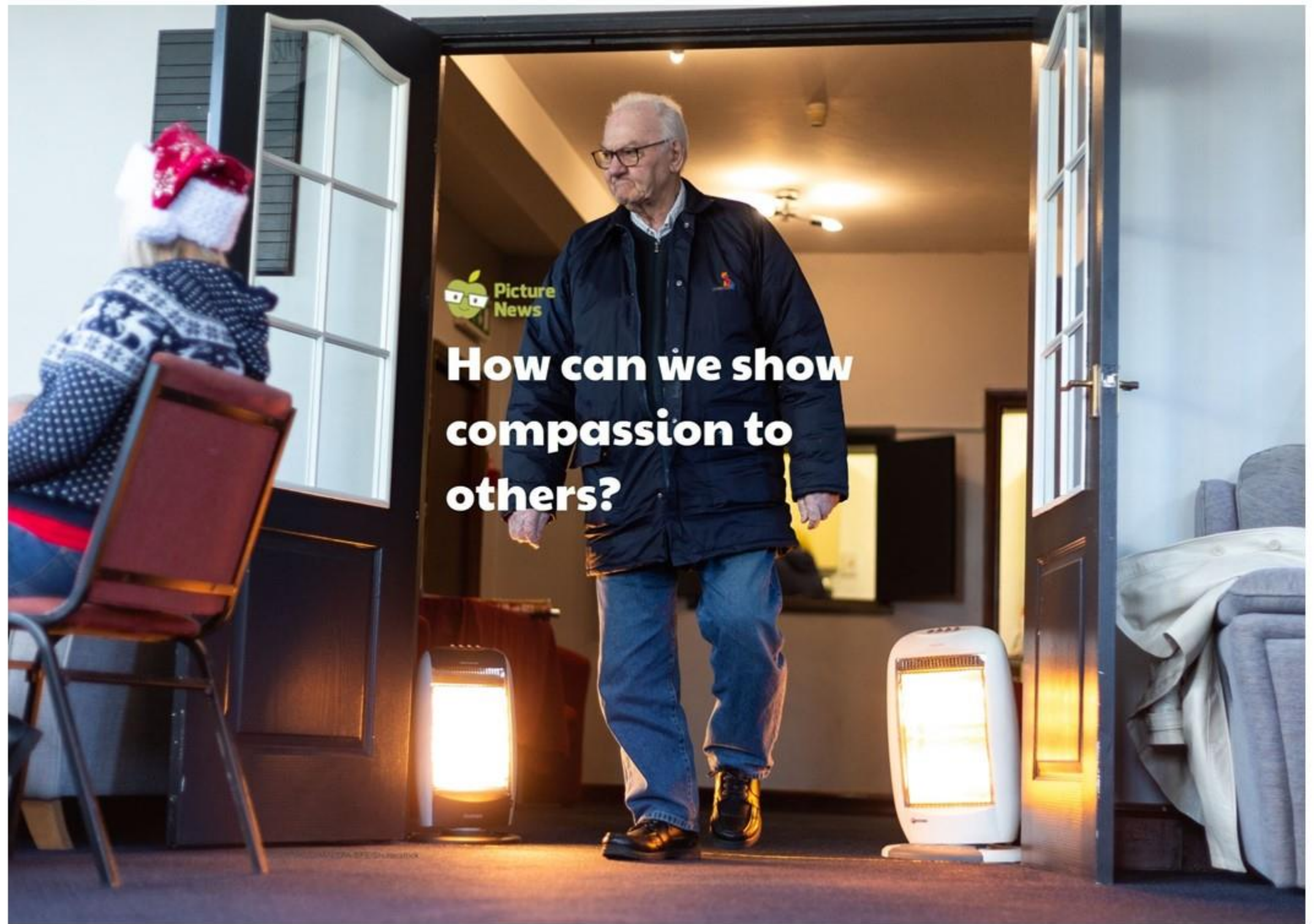
Helping neighbours keep their paths clear from snow and ice so that they are safer to use.



Can you think of any other ways communities can come together during winter?



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Reflection



Warm spaces have several benefits for communities. As well as helping provide warmth during the cold winter months, they can offer opportunities to meet new people and try different activities in a safe and free environment.





Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Life is not the same for everyone.
By showing compassion, we ensure our
behaviour, actions and words affect
others in a positive way.

Protected Characteristics



Winter can affect different generations of people in different ways. No matter our age, we should be treated fairly. We should be able to help others and receive help if we need it.





UN Rights of a Child



We have the right to food, clothing and a safe place to live so we can develop in the best way. The government should help families and children who cannot afford this.



Useful vocabulary



Campaign

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Can you use them in your writing this week?



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- Look at this week's poster. What do you think this week's story could be about? The poster image shows a warm space in Derbyshire. Do you know what a warm space is – have you heard of the phrase before?
- Read the information found on the assembly resource, which explains more about warm spaces. As well as being a warm place to visit in winter, what are some of the other benefits of warm spaces?
- Watch this week's useful video, telling us about the Warm Welcome campaign, which runs throughout the year. Share your thoughts on the campaign and its impact. What does feeling warm on the 'inside' mean? How important is this?
- Some describe the volunteers behind the warm spaces as compassionate. What do you believe this means and why do you think they are described in this way?

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KS1 focus

What does it mean to show compassion?



- Write 'compassion' on the board. Have you heard of this word before? Do you know what it means? Can you say it in a sentence?
- Some people describe compassion as 'love in action' because to show compassion you need to do something; to act. Can you describe what love is? How does it feel to be loved by your family and friends?
- Look at resource 1, which shows some people struggling. Why are they finding things hard? How do you think each of them feels?
- Focus on the child who has lost their favourite toy. Do you feel sad and sorry for them? Do you want to help them? What could you do to help e.g., look for their toy, listen to them, give them a hug?
- Showing compassion means sharing the sadness, loneliness or sorrow someone else is feeling when they may be finding things difficult and doing something to help. Look back at the other people on resource 1. How would you show them compassion?
- Discuss times when you have shown compassion for others e.g., you have raised funds for something, you have helped a friend who was sad or lonely. How did caring for others and helping them make you feel?
- Has anyone ever shown you compassion? Do you agree with compassion being described as love in action?

Reflection

Showing compassion is feeling the same as someone who is struggling and doing something to help. By showing compassion to everyone, even if we do not know someone, we can make the world a better place.



KS2 focus

What are some other ways communities can come together during winter?



- Think about winter. What months are associated with winter in the UK? Can you describe the weather, including the temperature? How many hours of daylight are there?
- Compare a typical evening in the summer with one in the winter. Do you play outside more in the summer?
- During the winter, there are fewer hours of daylight and lower temperatures, meaning heating and lighting homes costs more. Often, the way people choose to spend their evenings may be less sociable. Can you think of any other difficulties people may face in winter that they do not have in the spring or summer?
- Look at resource 2, which shares some of the ways communities can come together and help each other during winter. Can you think of any other ways?
- What celebrations/events tend to take place during winter? Sometimes special celebrations and events can be used to highlight issues affecting people in our communities and provide opportunities to help. Do you think this is a good idea? Should we help each other during other times too?
- Winter can be a very lonely time for some people. Have you ever felt lonely? Discuss how important your friends and family are.
- Think of ways you can help others in your community by showing care, kindness and compassion, which we can all afford to give.

Reflection

For many people, winter is a difficult time. We all face different struggles and hardship but we can come together to help each other.



KS2 follow-up ideas

Option 1

Use this opportunity to discuss ways you can help your community this winter. Think about:

- Is there anything you can do individually? E.g., check up on someone, smile at someone, hold a door open.
- Could you organise an event such as a second-hand winter coat swap or sale?
- Is there anything you could organise as a school? Perhaps a community coffee morning or games afternoon?
- Can you find out if there are any charities providing help that you could promote in your school and local area?

If you are already offering help to your local community this winter or you come up with a new or different way to help, get in touch and let us know so we can share your ideas and make a difference to other communities too!

Option 2

People often mention 'layering up' to help keep us warm in winter.

- Have you heard this phrase used before? What do you think it means?

Plan an experiment to investigate the effect layers have on keeping something warm. Think about:

- What equipment do you need e.g., beakers, warm water, materials, thermometers, stopwatch?
- How will you monitor and record your experiment?
- How will you make sure your experiment is a fair test?
- What do you predict will happen?



KS1 follow-up ideas

Option 1

Think about winter.

- Can you describe the different types of weather we might experience in winter?
- What might the temperature be?
- What do trees, hedges, people's gardens look like?
- What clothing do you often wear?

There are four seasons. Winter is one of the seasons.

- Can you name the other three seasons?
- What clothing might you wear in each?
- What might the temperature be?
- What do trees, hedges, people's gardens look like?

Fold a piece of paper twice so that it makes four sections. Label each section one of the four seasons and make a list of the clothing you might wear in each.

Option 2

Design a textured winter jumper! You can draw the outline yourself or use the one below.

- What materials will you use? Cotton wool, fabrics, paper, sequins?
- What colours will you use?
- Will your design be patterned such as stripes, spots, swirls, zigzags or will it be an image?
- How will you attach the materials to your design?



This week's useful websites

This week's news story

www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leeds-67299725

This week's useful video

Warm Welcome campaign
<https://youtu.be/L1kogXWiAT8>

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Ancient Cold-Water Coral



Pictured: Some of the corals on Cacho De Coral in the Galápagos Marine Reserve. Source: Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) X page.

A recent expedition has found two pristine, ancient, cold-water coral reefs in the Galápagos Islands Marine Reserve that are filled with life! The marine reserve is one of the largest in the world. It covers 133,000 square kilometres and surrounds the Galapagos Islands in the eastern Pacific Ocean. The research, conducted by scientists from the Schmidt Ocean Institute, has discovered one reef that measures 800 metres, and another that is 250 metres long. The reefs have been dated as thousands of years old. 'The Galápagos Marine Reserve is an area of outstanding biological importance,

connected to partner marine protected areas across the Eastern Pacific. Finding such deep and long-lived reefs takes us important steps closer to protecting hidden dimensions of ocean diversity and understanding the role that deep habitats play in maintaining our ocean's health,' said Charles Darwin Foundation's CEO, Stuart Banks, who explained the importance of the study. 'These fascinating new findings continue to feed important research to inform better management of existing and future marine protected areas in the region.'

Saving Seals

Lizzi Larbalestier, a volunteer for British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR), has won an international award for saving hundreds of animals. After caring for injured seals in her own property for nine months, Lizzi built and runs a larger, fully functioning hospital for injured seals in Cornwall. She has also volunteered through the BDMLR to rescue many kinds of sealife, including whales, dolphins, and porpoises. She has recently been awarded the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) Animal Action Award for her heroic efforts. Lizzi, who stresses that her accomplishments have been achieved as being part of a hardworking team, spoke

about the hospital saying, 'The pups get rescued by any one of us volunteer medics and, if necessary, get brought into the hospital where a vet will check them over and create a treatment plan. We have clear protocols to ensure pups get the very best care, it is a real team effort. We offer critical care for these animals post-rescue, [and] this stabilises the pups and prepares them to move to larger rehabilitation centres.' The seal patients then move on to the Cornish Seal Sanctuary or West Hatch RSPCA facility, before being released back into the wild.

Do you think you would enjoy volunteering to help animals?



Pictured: A Seal. Source: BDMLR Cornwall Seal Hospital Facebook page.

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Prince of Wales is awarded green Blue Peter badge!



Pictured: His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales with his green Blue Peter badge. **Source:** BBC Press Office @bbcpress X page.

His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales, has been awarded with a green Blue Peter badge by presenter, Joel Mawhinney, at Blue Peter's special 65th Birthday celebration. The green Blue Peter badge was introduced in November 1988, and since then it has recognised and rewarded children, who show they care about the planet, climate change, recycling, protecting animals and their habitats. Prince William was presented with the green badge for his work with The Earthshot Prize. The Earthshot Prize awards were set up three years ago by the Prince to fund projects that aim to save the planet. They promote five 'Earthshots' or goals: Protect and Restore Nature; Clean Our Air; Revive Our Oceans; Build a

Waste-free World; and Fix Our Climate. Every year, there are five winners, who each receive a £1 million prize and the support of the organisation to 'accelerate their projects and continue making a positive impact on people and the planet.' Prince William said at the awards, 'Our winners and all our finalists remind us that, no matter where you are on our planet, the spirit of ingenuity, and the ability to inspire change, surrounds us all.' Appearing on the Blue Peter special birthday programme, the Prince also helped Joel introduce the 'big badge wall', which showcases drawings and letters sent in by viewers on the subject of nature and the environment. **Would you like to be awarded a Blue Peter badge?**

Last week's topic:

How important is it to understand money?



I think it is very important to learn about money whilst we are at school because when we are older we will need to learn how to budget and pay our bills.

Nora

I don't think that we need to learn about coins as my parents pay for everything online or with cards. We need to learn how to use these.

Katya

I think it is very important as I need to make sure I have enough for all the things I want to buy.

Charlie

Let us know what you think about this week's news?



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Things to talk about at home ...

- As well as warmth, what other benefits do you think warm spaces will provide for communities?
- Can you think of any other ways that we can support each other during difficult times?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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