



FirstNews EDUCATION



PROVEN TO BOOST PUPIL LITERACY AND READING MOTIVATION

First News is the award-winning weekly national newspaper for children:

- Read by over 2.6 million young people every week
- Trusted by parents and endorsed by teachers worldwide
- Packed with up-to-date, engaging articles by expert journalists

First News Education resources, used by thousands of schools, are proven to:

- Boost pupil progress in literacy and critical thinking
- Embed a reading for pleasure culture using award-winning non-fiction
- Equip pupils with the knowledge to be engaged global citizens



“Using First News and the reading activities has been so productive and rewarding both for the pupils and for those of us who have seen their confidence and interest in reading soar.”

Stitch Byrne, teacher, Perrott Hill School



The impact of First News Education in schools

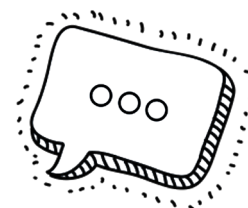
The National Literacy Trust carried out an independent evaluation of the impact of using First News Education resources in school. The research, conducted in 2015 with over 500 children in Key Stage 2 before and after using First News Education resources, showed positive changes in both students' reading attitudes and attainment.

Significant improvement in reading skills

- Participating children made significantly more reading progress than expected during the eight-week period (measured using the New Group Reading Test)
- There were particular improvements in pupils' reading comprehension skills
- Young people developed more confidence in their own reading abilities

Increased motivation to read more widely

- There were significant increases in the number of pupils reading other materials in their free time including both fiction books and non-fiction books
- Children became more likely to read newspapers in their free time
- Three quarters of children thought newspapers are interesting and more than half thought they were fun, after the eight-week period





UNLOCK THE POWER OF NEWS-BASED READING WITH FIRST NEWS EDUCATION

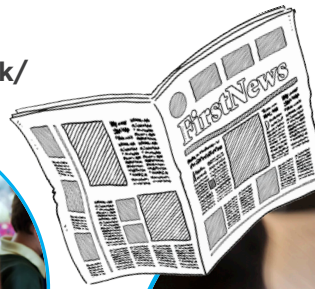
First News Education supports teachers to bring news literacy into classrooms and also foster a reading for pleasure culture, with a range of options for KS2 – KS3

FIRST NEWS NEWSPAPER: Inspire young readers with the First News weekly newspaper, a unique source of non-fiction, packed with engaging news for all interests and abilities, from bite-sized articles to in-depth special reports.

FIRST NEWS ENGAGE AND ENGAGE PRO: Develop pupils' literacy skills with interactive, self-marking comprehensions, vocabulary puzzles, polls and debate topics, all exploring the week's top headlines from around the world.

FIRST NEWS ENGAGE PRINTABLES: Dive deeper into the latest news with printable literacy activity sheets. Through guided exploration of selected articles, pupils will strengthen their reading, comprehension and global awareness.

Find out more and subscribe at <https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/>



FEEDBACK FROM TEACHERS AND PUPILS

“We have lengthy discussions about what pupils read in First News. I've had reports from parents about the discussions that are taking place at home, round the dinner table, in the car on the way to and from school, walking the dog!”

**ISABEL PORTER, YEAR 4 TEACHER,
FITTLEWORTH PRIMARY**

“I've seen so many positives from using the newspapers and resources during our Guided Reading sessions, particularly with reluctant readers who enjoyed being able to be in control of what, and where, they started reading the newspaper.”

**EMILY WARRICK-BAKER, YEAR 3 TEACHER AND
READING LEADER, ALDERSBROOK PRIMARY**

“First News changed my thinking of news.”

“It's amazing and helps me find out more about what is going on in the world.”

“I love the interesting stories and feel comfortable reading everything in the newspaper.”

