

Topics for Summer and Autumn 2026

Date	Topic	
29 May 2026	What does it mean to be English?	The other nations of the British Isles (Scots, Welsh, Irish) all seem to have a National identity. What do you think defines Englishness?
5 June 2026	Memes; how do they affect our social behaviour?	The word meme was first defined in 1976 as an idea or behaviour pattern that spreads by imitation. It's now often used to mean an internet meme. How do memes affect our behaviour.
12 June 2026	Do we think for ourselves?	Do we really form our own opinions? Or do we select from what's on offer from our chosen media platform?
19 June 2026	Why do some dreams and memories stick and others fade?	
26 June 2026	Are we saving the planet by covering our green and pleasant land with solar panels and wind turbines?	
4 September 2026	Save our high street	How would you make Drffield town centre more attractive to visitors and residents?
11 September 2026	Does the UK need to be a player on the world stage?	
18 September 2026	You have won £50,000. You must spend it or lose it. What would you spend it on?	
25 September 2026	Good intentions?	Government (and commercial) initiatives and policies sometimes achieve the opposite of what is intended. Can we avoid these outcomes?
2 October 2026	What can you see from your window?	A brick wall? Herds of wildebeest? Tell us why you like or hate the view (sketches optional)
9 October 2026	How could we improve democracy?	
16 October 2026	Have we become ungovernable?	
23 October 2026	Should first aid be taught in schools?	
30 October 2026	Are we ready for "Robo-taxi"?	Self driving vehicles are being tested. Are we ready? Would we trust them?
6 November 2026	Reclaim the streets	If you had responsibility for addressing congestion and parking problems, what would you do?
13 November 2026	Should we eat more venison?	The UK produces less of its own food than it used to and prices are increasing. Should we make more use of animals that might need culling?
20 November 2026	Why do we conform?	Businesses close for things like a state funeral, often at considerable cost. Why is there so little resistance to this practice?
27 November 2026	Lies and spin	How is news presented by the various media outlets and does this significantly influence public opinion?
4 December 2026	Excuses and scapegoats	How much do people blame government or other organisations for their own shortcomings?

11 December 2026	How can the phenomenon of money or corruption buying political influence be curtailed?
18 December 2026	Do we need to be concerned about the UK becoming an authoritarian state?
25 December 2026	No meeting
1 January 2027	No meeting
8 January 2027	Planning meeting
15 January 2027	How did we get where we are today? We don't know quite where we will be by 2027, but we will talk about the process that got us there.