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Russia is showing off its military strength today to celebrate the country's victory over Nazi Germany at the end of the Second World War. The parade in Moscow's Red Square includes 11,000 soldiers, tanks and fighter jets while President Putin maintains the offensive against Ukraine.

Attacks by Russian forces have been intensifying in the east of the country – a school in the Lugansk region was hit this weekend killing at least 60 civilians according to President Zelensky. Across the stricken state in Mariupol, more than 170 people were evacuated last night, some of whom had taken refuge in a factory as Russian troops continued to attack.

Newly-sworn in, President Macron will take part in Europe Day celebrations at the European Parliament in Strasbourg today, which includes the closing of the Conference of the Future of Europe one year after its launch. The French head of state will then travel to Berlin for his first foreign trip in his second presidential term to meet the German Chancellor, Olaf Scholz, where discussions will focus on the war in Ukraine.

News on the outcome of François and Penelope Fillon's appeal is expected today. The couple were accused of creating a fictitious role for Mrs Fillon at the expense of French taxpayers. The general prosecutor's office has demanded a five-year sentence for Mr Fillon and a two-year suspended sentence for his wife.

A final farewell to the singer Régine will be held today in Paris. Régine died on the 1st of May at the age of 92 and the funeral service will take place at the Père-Lachaise cemetery.

And finally to sport and football news where PSG have been held to a third draw in a row by Troyes last night. The final score was two all on day 36 of Ligue 1.