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19 départements are now affected by the heatwave alert issued by Météo France, with the highest temperatures forecast for Wednesday and Thursday. The heat will start to lessen from Friday but in the meantime, we can expect highs of 42 degrees in the Rhône valley.

Today saw record-breaking temperatures in parts of France, with 43.5 degrees in Puy Saint Martin in the Drôme and 42 degrees near Cogolin in the Var.

Five of the country's schools will not be ready to re-open their doors to students at the end of the summer break in September. The establishments were too badly damaged during the riots that took place nationwide in late June and early July following the death of young Nahel at the hands of police. The Minister of Education Gabriel Attal, who was on a visit to Dijon today, confirmed that a total of 250 educational facilities were damaged during the riots.

Greece has been hit by wildfires again with an outbreak of 60 blazes over the past 24 hours. The evacuation of a district just outside of Athens has been ordered and tens of thousands of people are affected.

To sports now and the world athletics championships in Budapest. French athlete Keven Mayer's fate hangs in the balance as the double world champion is plagued with an injury to his Achilles tendon. Mayer is due to compete in the decathlon event. He may have to sit this one out to not scupper his chances in the Paris Olympic Games which are now less than a year away.

The Italian singer Toto Cutugno died today at the age of 80. Toto won Eurovision in 1990 and wrote for an array of French singers including Joe Dassin, Michel Sardou and Dalida. During his career, Toto Cutugno sold a whopping 95 million records across the world.