



## **The News**

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Three percent of schools nationwide are currently partially or completely closed due to the heatwave. The figures have come in from the Ministry of Education, which states that more than 1,500 schools are providing childcare services for pupils. The heatwave has hit its peak this afternoon, with 68 départements on amber weather alert and 16 on red alert. In the Ile de France, temperatures have soared to more than 40 degrees. The Eiffel Tower will be closed to visitors until tomorrow.

In the wake of the violent storms that hit the Alps yesterday evening, the SNCF has confirmed that there will be no trains in the coming days between Paris and Milan. Some of the worst flooding in 70 years has devastated several towns in the Maurienne Valley.

A motion of no confidence is under discussion in the Assemblée Nationale this afternoon. It was tabled by the Socialist group after the failure of the negotiations on pension reform that had been dubbed the “pensions conclave”. The far-right party Rassemblement Nationale has already made clear that it will not be voting to support the motion, which means that it is very unlikely that the current government under François Bayrou will fall.

The Assemblée Nationale will also see the formal vote on the bill to overhaul Mayotte this afternoon. More than six months after cyclone Chido devastated the island, this bill will enable the island to be rebuilt and will also grant the people of Mayotte the same social benefits as in mainland France by 2031.

And finally to football, this afternoon, plans will be unveiled for a channel dedicated to Ligue 1 as club presidents meet with LFP Media. The channel is expected to be broadcast by the league itself and details on subscription prices are forthcoming.