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Hello!

What a half term it's been, that's Spring term done! I hope it's been a fun and productive one for you. As you unwind for the Easter holidays, this newsletter explores what Picture News schools have been up to recently, shares a brand-new poster, and looks ahead to some VERY exciting live assemblies happening in Summer term. Eeeek – we can't wait!

News Recap

This half term has been packed with news stories to learn from! Let's look back on some of them...



Should school uniforms be the same for everyone?

2nd March 2026

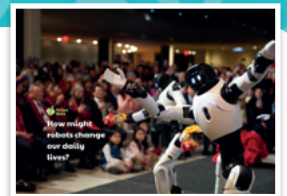
News about a school in Wales deciding to remove skirts as a uniform option was the focus of this resource. This news led to discussions about having a choice, how uniform can help us feel part of a community, and learning about school uniforms around the world.



How might robots change our daily lives?

9th March 2026

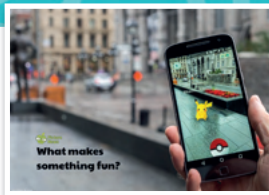
Humanoid robots dancing for China's Lunar New Year gala made headlines, and got children thinking about what robots can do, what impact they can have on our lives, and how they might change in future!



What makes something fun?

16th March 2026

Pokémon is 30! This news inspired children to think about what they like to do for fun, whilst finding out more about how the brand is celebrating its birthday, and reflecting on how Pokémon has changed over time.



What should represent a country?

30th March 2026

The Bank of England's decision to include wildlife on future banknotes was this week's focus. This led children to discuss what they think should feature on the new notes, find out about other countries' currencies, and consider what banknotes can represent.



Science Week – Live Experiment

Did you join Katie, Rob and Hannah for the Science Week Live Assembly in collaboration with Classroom Secrets?

We conducted a live experiment to showcase the ocean layers, as Hannah shared her ocean expertise with the children.



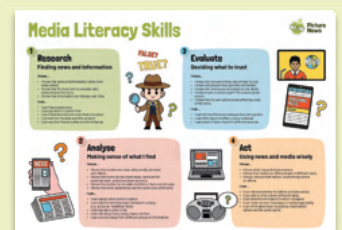
Catch the highlights on our Instagram

Media Literacy *new* poster

Spotted this on your Members Area? ••

A brand-new 'I Can, I Know' poster with media literacy objectives, useful for checking and building media literacy skills.

You might want to pop it on a display board to refer back to in your Picture News sessions!



What's been happening?

World Book Day – Teacher Costumes!

This February saw the return of World Book Day, much loved by children – and teachers!

And the teachers at Picture News schools did not disappoint.

Check out our Top 10 Teacher WBD Costumes round up on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) page!



Teacher Support: Talking about the Middle East

News about conflict in the Middle East has made headlines this half term, and lots of our schools have been in touch for support on how to address the events in school.

You might find our Middle East special packs and blogs useful – I've linked them below. 🍀



Blog for teachers/parents: How to talk to children about conflict in the Middle East

Middle East special pack: Suitable for primary pupils

Middle East Symbols resource: Created using Widgeo symbols, supporting SEND learners

School Shout Out

We're loving how our Picture News Digital Ambassadors are taking to their online platforms to showcase their incredible resource work.

Here are some great posts from this half term!

St Luke's CofE Primary School

In their fantastic St Luke's TV show, the Diversity Champions discussed their Picture News resource all about robots, shared their display and voiced their thoughts on the story.

WATCH IT HERE

Kingswood School

Teachers and pupils at Kingswood have been busy this half term creating their Picture News displays and watching Picture News Virtuals!

Check out their post for some lovely display inspiration.

TAKE A LOOK

Survey

We're conducting some research about how the news is taught in schools, and would love to hear from you! Your answers will help us shape the support we provide to schools,

to help young people make sense of the world around them.

If you could complete our short teacher survey (it should just take a few minutes) we'd be so grateful.

We've also put together a short survey for children, which could make for an interesting classroom activity!

Take the teacher survey here

Take the children's survey here

Upcoming next term!

Some very exciting live assemblies for children lined up! You won't want to miss them, so tap the links below and secure your school's place.

10 in 10 – Doing something amazing together! LIVE Assembly!



Tuesday 21st April, 9:15 – 9:45

[Register here](#)

The Picture News co-founders are taking on a huge challenge of running 10 marathons in 10 days, so this assembly is all about the launch of the Children's 10-in-10 Challenge, for schools to complete a special challenge of their own!

Sir David Attenborough on his 100th birthday – LIVE Celebration Assembly!

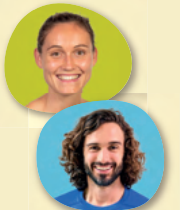


Friday 8th May, 2:15 – 2:45

[Register here](#)

A special live assembly celebrating the legacy of Sir David Attenborough, to celebrate his 100th birthday! We'll talk about the importance of protecting the natural world, and how we can all use our voice to make a change.

Joe Wicks – BIG School LIVE Workout for Mental Health Awareness Week



Thursday 14th May, 2:15 – 2:45

[Register here](#)

You'll remember him from 'PE with Joe', and now he's set to join us for a BIG School Workout! Get your pupils ready for a half hour of movement and fun, as we celebrate Mental Health Awareness Week by nurturing our mental and physical wellbeing.

See you next time

That's all from me for now – the Easter holidays are just around the corner and the Mini Eggs are calling! I hope you have a wonderful, restful break, as we prepare for a very exciting Summer term! I'll be back with another newsletter at the end of Summer 1, but in the meantime you can keep up with all-things Picture News on our socials (linked below!)

Speak soon,

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