



LETTERS

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Hello!

You've made it to the end of Summer 2! Hope this half term has gone well for you – it's always a busy one, isn't it? As we unwind and prepare for the big break, let's recap on the recent news children have learned from, and think about how we can help our children keep safe online over the summer.

News Recap

Special What can football teach us about the world?

June 2026

To celebrate the biggest-ever World Cup in the US, Mexico and Canada, this resource explored what football teaches us about people and places in the world. Children discussed why countries want to host the tournament, and what football shows us about cultures, teamwork, respect and diversity.



How much should the weather influence our decisions?

29th June 2026

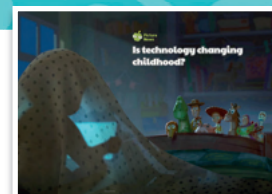
This resource looked at the El Niño climate pattern, and how it affects weather all over the world. Prompted by news of El Niño returning, children learned how meteorologists track weather, and considered how we can thoughtfully prepare for different types of weather.



Is technology changing childhood?

15th June 2026

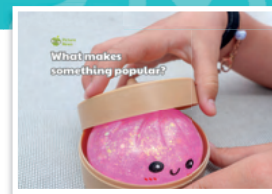
With the launch of Toy Story 5, this pack focused on the film's plot about the impact of technology on childhood. Children reflected on how toys and children's pastimes have changed, and the importance of imagination, creativity, and spending time together whilst using screens responsibly.



What makes something popular?

6th July 2026

News of the viral dumpling squishies and discussions around their suitability and popularity with children was this resource's focus. This inspired conversations about how we can ensure the squishies are safe to play with and how toys can become a trend.



Thank you, Digital Ambassadors

This year we launched our brand-new Digital Ambassadors programme, where Picture News schools share how they're learning about the news with the resources on their social media platforms.

We've seen some incredible posts from our ambassadors – from showcasing their brilliant pupil-led sessions, to sharing their eye-catching news displays.

If you're interested in becoming a Digital Ambassador next year, tap the button on the right.



Kingswood School



St Benet's Primary

BECOME A DIGITAL AMBASSADOR



Exploring the Amazon Rainforest

With our special guest!



Alongside Oddizzi, creators of geography resources and videos for schools, we welcomed thousands of children across the country to explore the Amazon Rainforest!



We were thrilled to be joined by Chumpi Washikiat during his visit to the UK, a respected elder and leader of the Achuar Indigenous Nation in Ecuador. Chumpi told us all about what life is like in one of the world's most extraordinary rainforests and why the Amazon means so much to his community.

Children thought about why we can all play a part in protecting the Amazon, and made their own pledge to help protect the rainforest.

RE-WATCH THE AMAZON RAINFOREST LIVE ASSEMBLY WITH CHUMPI HERE!



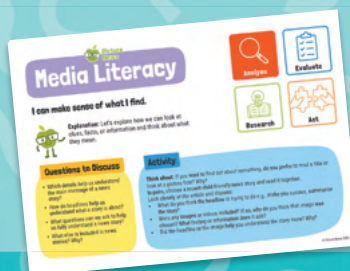
Media Literacy Summer Skills

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As we prepare for the summer break, children may be spending more time online over the holidays. To help them make sense of the content they may encounter, you might like to go over some key Media Literacy skills before the end of term.

If you're a Picture News school, you'll find the Media Literacy slide in your weekly packs. They're great to embed media skills and exploration each week!

For some extra activities which focus on the 4 key skills – analyse, evaluate, research, act – tap the button below.



Media Literacy Activity Pack

Big World Cup Primary Party!

Talk about an end of year party! We welcomed children around the UK and beyond for a special live assembly inspired by the World Cup! Ahead of the final, we celebrated the excitement of the tournament whilst reflecting on the highs and lows of the school year.

The children shared some incredibly insightful thoughts as we discussed what football can teach us about teamwork, resilience, pride, disappointment and belonging.

Thanks for joining us!



CATCH UP ON YOUTUBE



See you next time

What a year it's been! From celebrating our 10th birthday, to hosting our biggest-ever live assembly about Sir David Attenborough, and hosting the Big School Workout with Joe Wicks – it's been a jam-packed year.

On behalf of the whole Picture News team, we really hope your school has enjoyed everything we've shared this year and that it's been useful for you! Thank you so much for your continued support – we're so honoured to help you build your pupils' understanding of the world.



Academic Calendar 2026 - 2027

If you're looking to get organised for September, we've produced the brand-new academic calendar for 2026-2027.

It includes all the key dates and events coming up, along with space to add your own notes. A great way to plan topical lessons and activities inspired by what's happening in the world.

You'll find the calendar on your Picture News Members Area, or you can request it for free below.



GET THE 2026 - 2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR



The summer holidays are just about here, making this the last edition of Letters from Picture News for the school year. I'll be back in touch ahead of October half term with your next newsletter.

In the meantime, head to our social channels to keep up with all-things Picture News. We'll be sharing useful content over the holidays, so be sure to give us a follow so you don't miss anything. 😊

Hope you have a fabulous summer and a very well-deserved break!

Take care,

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