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Hello!

Welcome to the first newsletter of the academic year! And what a start to the year it has been. From brand-new resources all about what's happening in the news, to a huge live assembly celebrating Black History Month, there's been lots for schools to get involved with!

Keep reading for updates on training and events, and learn how schools have been using Picture News resources.



News Recap

Let's reflect on some of this half term's news focuses...

What makes a building special?

8th September 2025



This resource explored the relocation of a church in Sweden which fascinated people around the world. The news led children to discuss the significance of important buildings, and what makes a building special to them.

Can sport bring people closer together?

29th September 2025



News of the running organisation parkrun's new project, 'parkrun primary', was the focus of this resource. In response, there were conversations about feeling connected to others through exercise and the impact community sport events can have on us.

What makes a community feel proud of its history?

Special Pack October 2025



This special pack explored Black History Month and the 2025 theme, 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride', including news of a community in Manchester standing proud together. The resource asked questions about having pride in backgrounds and heritage, and how we can support our communities.

What can we learn from people who prove others wrong?

6th October 2025



News of Ellie Goldstein becoming the first contestant with Down's syndrome to participate in a full series of Strictly Come Dancing was the focus of this resource. This led to discussions about how we can include everyone and what it means to prove yourself to others.

Members Area update

Alongside Primary useful resources, you can now find additional materials for Picture News Early Years, Secondary, or Symbols if you subscribe to those resources!

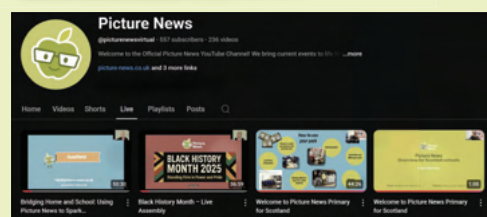
Take a look at the Members Area Useful Resources section, and download some handy extra resources to enhance your Picture News sessions.



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YouTube update!



CHECK OUT
OUR YOUTUBE
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We're now livestreaming on YouTube! Keep up-to-date with live training and events for teachers and pupils by subscribing to our channel.

Black History Month Live Assembly, with BBC's Swarzy Macaly!

Over 4,300 schools joined us for the Black History Month Live Assembly with Swarzy!

Together we celebrated 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride', thinking about being empowered with pride in who we are, respecting who others are, and exploring important figures in the Black community who inspire pride and power.



IF YOU MISSED THE SESSION, CATCH UP HERE

Upcoming training and events

There are lots more opportunities for teachers and pupils to join our live events next half term!

How to Handle Tricky and Sensitive News in Schools

Tuesday 4th November, 2:00pm – 3:00pm

[Register here](#)

Join Katie Harrison to learn how to effectively embed current affairs in school, communicate your news learning with parents/carers, and navigate sensitive news with pupils.



Introducing the Big Question Challenge!

Thursday 6th November, 1:30pm – 2:00pm

[Register here](#)

An introduction to the brand-new Big Question Challenge, open to all pupils and their teachers! We'll explore the details of the challenge, and what schools need to do to get involved. Not one to miss!



School Spotlight

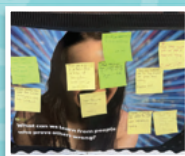
A huge shout out to the schools who have shared their Picture News sessions online this half term!

Nursery at **Roby Park Primary** exercised in their classroom, inspired by the Picture News resource all about the new project, 'parkrun primary'!



Year 5 at **St Anthony of Padua Catholic Primary** joined the Black History Month Live Assembly, then designed their own inclusive community hubs, inspired by the special pack.

St Peter's Church of England Primary shared their Picture News display, full of insightful thoughts in response to the big question, 'What can we learn from people who prove others wrong?'



Introducing The BIG QUESTION Challenge!

A special sneak peek for our newsletter readers...

After October half term, we're launching our brand-new awards – The Big Question Challenge!

Designed to get children thinking deeply about the world around them and taking positive action, the Big Question Challenge is open to all schools.



Stay tuned for updates in Autumn 2 to learn how to enter!



Don't Just Consume the News... Create It! For KS2 pupils

Wednesday 26th November, 1:30pm – 2:15pm

[Register here](#)

Great for building media literacy and creativity skills, this is a new session for pupils to learn all about news production and how they can create their own factual news stories!



Festive Fun!

Friday 12th December, 1:30pm – 2:30pm

[Register here](#)

It'll be here before we know it! Join the Picture News team as a class or key stage for this year's Festive Fun, including quizzes, festive activities and crafts.



Goodbye!

Thank you for reading the Autumn 1 edition of Letters from Picture News. Look out for another newsletter, along with a newsletter to send home to parents, at the end of Autumn 2.

In the meantime, follow our social channels (included below!) to keep up-to-date with new resources, training and event opportunities, and some office sneak peeks.

Take care!

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