



# Picture News For Parents



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## Hello!

Welcome to the Autumn term's edition of Picture News for Parents – a newsletter that helps you stay updated with your school's news coverage, and shares support for handling current affairs and media literacy at home.



## Picture News Recap!

### Should fireworks be changed so we protect animals and people at the same time?

3rd November 2025



Redwings Horse Sanctuary asked the government to make fireworks quieter to help protect animals and people. This inspired conversations about how we can consider the impact of our actions on others, the many ways we can make celebrations special, and the alternatives to fireworks we might see.

#### Conversation idea:

How could community events in our local area make sure they include everyone?

### What would you tell world leaders if you were at COP30?

10th November 2025



This resource was all about the COP30 meeting in Brazil. This led to conversations in schools about the purpose of the meetings, what climate change is, and positive climate actions people can take.

#### Conversation idea:

What actions do/can we take at home to help the environment?

### Why should we raise awareness of hidden disabilities?

November 2025



This special pack focused on nine-year-old Katie Thirling, who has been awarded the British Citizen Youth Award Medal of Honour for raising awareness of living with a hidden disability. Schools discussed stomas and why they're needed, and the impact raising awareness of hidden disabilities can have on others.

#### Conversation idea:

How can we show kindness to people in our community?

### How important is it to feel a sense of togetherness?

1st December 2025



The Princess of Wales' annual carol service, which aims to bring people together to celebrate kindness, connection, and community, was this resource's focus. The pack asked questions about what and who makes children feel they belong, and how we can welcome others.

#### Conversation idea:

Where do you most feel like you belong?

## Media Literacy at Home **BLOG >**

This term saw the announcement of National Curriculum changes, planned for 2028. Within that change is the introduction of compulsory Media Literacy lessons for children.

Picture News schools use their weekly resources to develop media literacy skills, supporting children to encounter news content, and analyse and discuss the content they see.

Building media literacy skills can be extended at home, too!

Our blog details some key ways to build media literacy skills at home – check it out.



Analyse



Research



Evaluate



Act

## Live Assembly from ANTARCTICA!

Earlier this month we hosted the world's first-ever live assembly broadcast from Antarctica to over 4000 schools!

In collaboration with 2041 Schools, Robert Swan OBE joined live – 600 miles away from the South Pole.



He shared his stories from the ice, discussed the importance of protecting the frozen continent, and inspired children everywhere to be champions of Antarctica! 🌍

Did your school community join in too? Tell us what they thought!

**Check out 2041 Schools here >**

## Celebrating Picture News schools this year!

From creating thoughtful conversations, to inspiring children to lead their very own Picture News assemblies, we're so impressed by how schools have brought Picture News resources to life this year.

Take a look at some fab examples from 2025!



## Handling difficult news at home

**We're often asked by school communities and parents/carers for advice on talking about sensitive news events with children and young people.**

You might like to bookmark our Sensitive News blog, which details some key tips for handling tricky conversations about upsetting events children might encounter in the news or online...

**BLOG >**

### Quick tips:

#### Weigh up the details to share based on age & developmental stage

Young children may better relate to broader, more familiar concepts, e.g., fair/unfair, kind/unkind. Older children may be able to handle more details. You know your children best!



#### Talk in the morning

This gives children and young people more opportunities throughout the day to reflect and come back to you with their thoughts or concerns to navigate together.



#### Share stories of positive actions

From community initiatives to fundraising efforts in response to events, often there are thought-provoking examples of humanity prompted by difficult news events to share with children.



## Keep updated with the Take Home resource

Each Picture News pack includes a Take Home resource. It's a great way for parents, carers, and wider school communities to keep updated with news coverage and conversations in school, and can support news exploration at home too!



## Goodbye

Many thanks for reading this edition of Picture News for Parents – I do hope you found it useful and it can spark more conversations about the world at home.

As always, feel free to get in touch with any suggestions for future newsletters.

Take care!



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