



# LETTERS

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## Hello!

Welcome to the final Letters from Picture News edition of the school year! This newsletter reflects on the news stories covered this half term, shares updates from Picture News HQ, and includes important skills for children to navigate the news over summer.

## Pack Recap

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

### \*Special Pack\*

**How can a flag help people feel seen and supported?**

June 2025

This special resource celebrated Pride Month and the 'Trainbow' campaign led by train companies. Children thought about what it means to feel represented, the importance of flags, and how communities can support inclusion.



**How does it feel to be the first to do something?**

2nd June 2025

Dr Rosemary Coogan is training with NASA and may be the first British woman to go to the Moon. This news sparked children's conversations about life in space, the role of astronauts, and inspiring 'firsts' throughout history.



**What can we learn from people who communicate in different ways?**

16th June 2025

This resource focused on the new K-pop band, Blue Ocean. All three of its members have hearing loss, which led to discussions around experiencing music differently, using British Sign Language, and the many ways we can communicate.



**\*Special Pack\***  
**How can your community be a 'superpower'?**

June 2025

To honour Refugee Week, we created a special resource all about this year's theme, 'Community as a Superpower'. Thinking about the Refugee Week festival, children reflected on the importance of connection and feeling welcomed.



## What's been happening?

### The Big End of Year Live Assembly

We welcomed schools from all around the country online, to wrap up the school year! Together we explored the big news events of the year, learned what makes a good news report, and celebrated what's been happening in local areas.

Did you join us? Be sure to share your pupils' news reports with us!



## A growing team

In June, we welcomed Claudia to the Picture News team! With expertise in secondary teaching and theology, Claudia will be involved in creating our weekly news resources. You may have also spotted her presenting Virtual Picture News!



ABOUT  
THE  
TEAM >

# Thank you, Picture News Partners!



This school year saw the start of Picture News Partners – a collaboration with 12 schools who are huge advocates of the resources and support us to improve them even more, sharing their feedback and expertise!

## THANK YOU to everyone at...

- Duncan Forbes Primary
- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Y Login Fach
- Mount Carmel Catholic Primary School
- Shield Row Primary School
- St Stephen's Primary School
- Newburgh Primary School
- Billinge St Aidan's C E Primary School
- Yorkley Primary School
- Park Lane School, Prague
- St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
- Doncaster School for the Deaf
- Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School



# Introducing the Picture News Booster Kit!

Get ready for September and enhance your Picture News subscription with our brand-new Booster Kit.

## The pack includes:



## PLUS:

Picture News badges and your very own Peter Bear!

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# September teacher training

Be sure to sign up for free training to kick off the new school year – perfect to include part of your training day!

## Welcome to Picture News Primary

1st September 2025, 11:00am - 11:45am

[Register here](#)

Suitable for teachers, TAs and SLT, we'll provide an overview of your weekly Primary pack, share practical examples for using the resources across school, and answer your questions.



## Welcome to Picture News in the Early Years

1st September 2025, 1:00pm - 1:30pm

[Register here](#)

Open to all Early Years Practitioners curious to learn more about optimising Picture News, we'll share a resource overview and suggestions for using the resources in the provision areas, with time for your questions.



## Welcome to Picture News Secondary

2nd September 2025, 11:00am - 11:45am

[Register here](#)

Great for secondary staff new to Picture News or wanting to learn more, we'll explore the cross-curricular links within Picture News Secondary and how to embed the resources within your setting. There'll be time for a Q&A too!



# Goodbye - bring on the holidays!



What a year it's been! We're so inspired by schools' Picture News work, and the positive impact that global awareness is having in your settings.

I'm sure you're ready for a well-deserved rest! Have a lovely summer, and thank you for your continued support for Picture News.

Catch us on social media to keep in touch over the summer, and I'll be back with another newsletter in October!

Take care 😊

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# Summer News Skills!

Feel free to share our top 4 tips with your pupils, to help them make sense of news they encounter over the summer holidays.

1

## Talk to trusted adults

Navigating the news in a safe space with a trusted adult can help you make sense of what's happening. How could you share your opinions together respectfully?



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## Find out more using your media literacy learning!

Social media highlights lots of content that can be fact, opinion or misleading. To help you work out the nature of the content you've found, remember the REAL acronym.

**R**esearch **E**valuate **A**nalyse **L**earn

Can you find the story reported by multiple reputable sources?

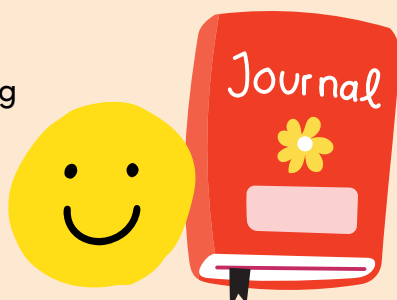
What effect does the story and its wording try to create?

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## Explore ways to express your thoughts about the news

News stories can make us all feel lots of emotions. To help you work out your response to the news, you might like to try:

- Artwork
- Post-its with thoughts and ideas
- Smiley faces
- Poetry
- Talking
- Journaling



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## Think about what you can control

Some news stories might make us feel worried or helpless. If this happens, remember to think about the things you can control, like:

- Responses and reactions – being respectful to others
- Having hope
- Showing empathy
- Taking positive action

What steps can you take to use your voice, take action and make a difference, based on what you've learned in the news?