



Picture News For Parents



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Hello!

It's Katie from Picture News here. If you're reading this newsletter, your child's school uses our weekly news resources, so I thought it'd be helpful to fill you in on everything Picture News schools have been up to this term! Let's get started...



News Recap

Special What can football teach us about the world?

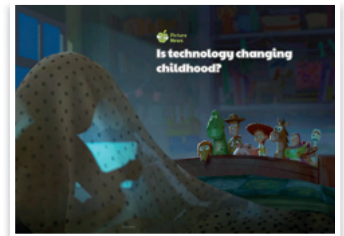
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To celebrate the biggest-ever World Cup in the US, Mexico and Canada, this resource explored what football teaches us about other people and places in the world. Children discussed why countries want to host the tournament, and what football shows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

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.

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.

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.

Join in weekly news conversations



Remember Picture News schools receive a weekly Take Home resource, which is great for parents and carers to get involved in news discussions too!

It's an opportunity to extend news learning at home, and get the whole family involved in talking about what's happening in the news.



Social media ban: Advice for parents



This term has seen news of the social media ban for under-16s. Picture News schools covered this topic back in February, when conversations in UK Parliament emerged following Australia's social media ban for under-16s.

Now the ban has been announced for the UK, lots of schools and parents have been in touch for ways to talk about this with children.

You know your children best and each child's experience of the online world is different. Some may be frustrated, others relieved. But you may find the blog linked below useful to guide some of your conversations around the social media ban for under-16s.

READ THE BLOG

P.S. For some thought-provoking stats on children's screen time, check out our recent Instagram post [here](#).



Big World Cup Primary Party!

Talk about an end of year party! This month, we welcomed children online 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.



Has the World Cup been topic of conversation in your family?

CATCH UP ON YOUTUBE



Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday - Live Celebration!

It was the 100th birthday of national treasure, Sir David Attenborough, this term! And what better way to celebrate than with our biggest-ever online birthday party, which saw over 7,000 schools join!

With special guest naturalist and explorer, Steve Backshall – you may recognise him from CBBC's *Deadly 60* – we looked back at Sir David's life, his legacy, and the importance of protecting the natural world.

Steve told us about his adventures and what Sir David means to him.



How did your child's school celebrate Sir David's birthday?



Bye for now!

That's all from me for now – the summer break is almost here! I hope you have a wonderful time together during the school holidays.

Another edition of Picture News for Parents will be published ahead of October half term, but in the meantime you can keep up with all-things Picture News on our socials (linked below).

And as always, any questions or feedback are welcome!

Speak soon,

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