



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! Let's get started...



What's been in the news?

Topics schools have explored this term!

Should school uniforms be the same for everyone?

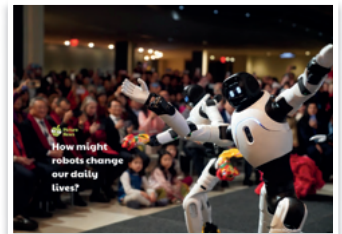
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News about a school in Wales deciding to remove skirts as a uniform option was the focus of this resource. This news led to discussions about having a choice, how uniform can help us feel part of a community, and learning about school uniforms around the world.

How might robots change our daily lives?

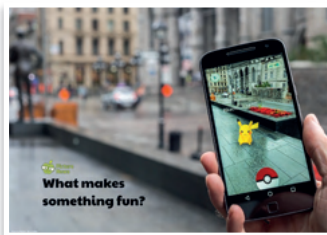
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Humanoid robots dancing for China's Lunar New Year gala made headlines, and got children thinking about what robots can do, what impact they can have on our lives, and how they might change in future!

What makes something fun?

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Pokémon is 30! This news inspired children to think about what they like to do for fun, whilst finding out more about how the brand is celebrating its birthday, and reflecting on how Pokémon has changed over time.

What should represent a country?

30th March 2026



The Bank of England's decision to include wildlife on future banknotes was this week's focus. This led children to discuss what they think should feature on the new notes, find out about other countries' currencies, and consider what banknotes can represent.

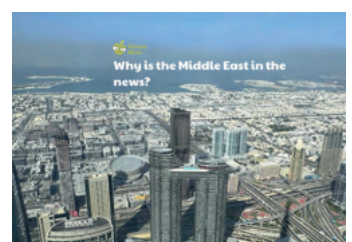
At home support: Talking about the Middle East

Conflict in the Middle East has made headlines throughout the term, and our team at Picture News are here to support teachers and parents.

Handling conversations about war and conflict can be tricky, but there are some key approaches to keep in mind. We can't control the events and headlines, but as parents and carers, we can choose our response and how we choose to use this moment to support children and highlight some key lessons.

You might find our support blog useful, offering some advice for navigating news about the Middle East with children.

We hope this helps. ❤️



[Middle East news support here](#)

How do schools use their Picture News resources?

Over 6,000 schools are using Picture News for their assemblies and classroom discussions, and our team are always so happy to see how the resources are brought to life each week.

Here are some of our favourite examples from this term!



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 a great opportunity to extend news learning at home, and get the whole family involved in learning from what's happening in the world.



Follow along for more updates and highlights



We're building a community of teachers and parents online as we share regular updates about learning from the world around us, celebrating our schools' Picture News work, and offering support for navigating the news with children.

I've linked our social channels below for you – come and say hello! 🙋



What's up next for Picture News schools?

Sir David Attenborough on his 100th birthday – LIVE Celebration Assembly!

He's a national treasure, so what better way to celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday this May than with a live assembly for schools?! We're expecting over 1 million children to join us live, to learn about Sir David's legacy and the importance of the natural world!

Joe Wicks – BIG School LIVE Workout for Mental Health Awareness Week

You might remember him from 'PE with Joe' during the Covid school closures, and soon he'll be joining Picture News LIVE for the Big School Workout! Coinciding with Mental Health Awareness Week, the assembly will get children moving as we reflect on the importance of caring for our mental and physical wellbeing.



We're sure children will come home with lots of tales from joining these assemblies!

Survey



We're conducting some research to learn how parents feel about discussing the news with children. This will help us understand the challenges families face, and how they can be supported when the news feels tricky to talk about!

If you could complete our short, anonymous survey (it should just take a few minutes!) we'd be so grateful.

Take the survey here ➡

Bye for now!

That's all from me for now – the Easter break is just around the corner and the Mini Eggs are calling! I hope you have a wonderful time together during the holidays.

Another edition of Picture News for Parents will be published at the end of the Summer term, but in the meantime you can keep up with all-things Picture News on our socials.

And as always, any questions or feedback are welcome!

Speak soon,

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