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Hello!

How are you? Hasn't that half term just flown! Summer 1 has been full of very exciting live assemblies and updates from our HQ. This newsletter looks back on some thought-provoking news stories, reflects on Katie and Rob's 10-in-10 challenge, and includes support for Early Years teachers. So let's get started!

News Recap

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



What makes a great place to live?

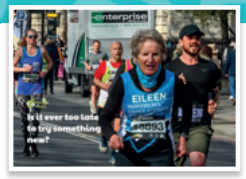
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With a new town being developed in East London, this news led to discussions around what a town should have, what the children like about their local areas, and the importance of living alongside each other well.

Is it ever too late to try something new?

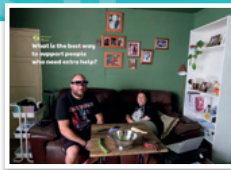
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News about 82-year-old Eileen Hieron taking part in the London Marathon was the focus for this resource. Having only started running in her 70s, Eileen's challenge inspired discussions around trying something new, challenging ourselves and supporting one another to achieve our goals.

What is the best way to support people who need extra help?

27th April 2026



This resource focused on new AI-supported glasses, which help people with dementia. This got children thinking about how technology can help us and how we might use AI in our lives, whilst reflecting on how we can be there to care for others.

Why do some people become so important to the world?

4th May 2026



In honour of Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, this resource explored his legacy and impact on the natural world. Children also thought about other people who have inspired us to care for the environment and reflected on how one person's voice can make a big difference.

Picture News turns 10... how did Katie and Rob celebrate?

Summer 2026 is our 10th birthday, and to mark the milestone, Picture News co-founders, Katie and Rob Harrison, took on a challenge to remember!

Supporting the Brathay Trust, Katie and Rob ran 10 marathons in 10 days around Lake Windemere, passing supporters and children cheering at Hawkshead Primary each day.

Thank you so much to our schools for your support for Katie and Rob during their challenge – it was such a great source of motivation for them!



Did your pupils create their own 10-in-10 challenge? Whether it's learning a new language or trying a new sport, we'd love to see! Tag us on social media or email your 10-in-10s to help@picture-news.co.uk

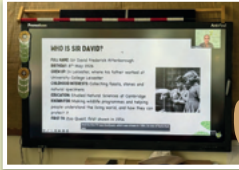


Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday - Live Celebration!



On 8th May, it was the 100th birthday of national treasure, Sir David Attenborough! 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, 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.



If you joined, thank you for helping us create this historic assembly to celebrate Sir David. He is so special to many of us!

The BIG School Live Workout with Joe Wicks!



And if the Attenborough assembly wasn't enough... schools also got to join the Big School Workout, live with the nation's PE teacher, Joe Wicks!

Broadcast from a primary school in Surrey, Joe Wicks and Picture News founder Katie Harrison led the PE session for children (and their teachers!)



Coinciding with Mental Health Week and the end of SATs, we focused on why we should include exercise in our routines, and thought about the importance of wellbeing and how exercise can support our mental health.



Boosting speaking and listening in the Early Years

It's summer term now (already!) and if your Early Years children need extra support with developing confidence to speak in front of a group or build new vocabulary, you may find our Picture News in the Early Years resources handy.



The resources explore the same story as Picture News Primary each week, but with an EY focus on speaking and listening, and helping children link what's happening in the world with their own lives and experiences.

If you'd like to try the latest Picture News Early Years resource, just tap the button!

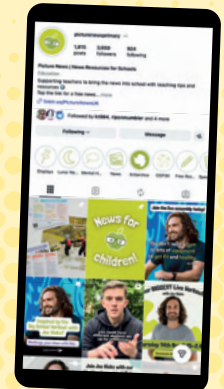
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Keeping up with key dates



From World Bee Day to Science Week, there are so many topical events and dates that have the potential to be introduced to your class!

Over on our Picture News social, we regularly share the key days coming up so be sure to follow along for inspiration and ideas for covering these in school! Tap the buttons below to head to our pages.



Upcoming next half term...

We're planning lots of exciting live assemblies for children and teacher training webinars for Summer 2! Keep an eye on our Live Events webpage and social media to hear all about them.



Goodbye!

Thanks for reading Summer 1's newsletter - hope you found it useful! Take a look at our socials to find out about some very exciting opportunities next half term (our pages are linked below!)

Have a lovely, restful half term break.

Take care!
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