



# Picture News For Parents



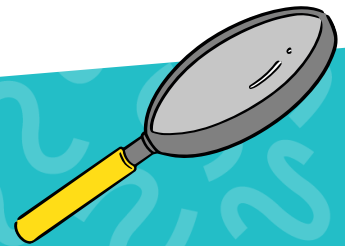
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## Hello!

This is your Summer term edition of Picture News for Parents – a newsletter for families and wider school communities, to learn about the positive impact exploring the news can have on children and young people.

Receiving this newsletter means your child's school uses Picture News, a weekly current affairs resource! We'll reflect on the recent Picture News topics schools have explored, and share advice for navigating the news with children over the summer holidays.

## Picture News Recap!



### **\*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?

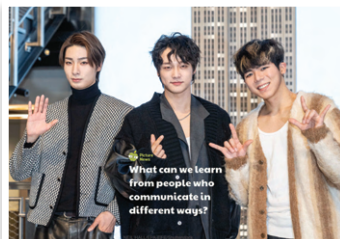
2nd June 2025



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?

3rd March 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.

# At home: Summer skills for navigating the news

As the summer holidays approach, we've collated our top 4 tips for supporting children with the news at home over the school break.

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## Encourage conversation with trusted adults

Navigating the news in a safe space with a trusted adult can help children make sense of what's happening. How could you share your opinions together respectfully? Keep reading for our news conversation prompts!



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## Keep up media literacy learning

Social media highlights lots of content that can be fact, opinion or misleading. To help children confirm the validity of the news story, encourage them to exercise the media literacy skills they have developed in school with Picture News.

Think about:

### Research Evaluate Analyse Learn

Together, 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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## Express thoughts and feelings about the news

To support self-expression, work out which approach suits the children best. You might like to try:

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



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## Think about what can be controlled

News stories can sometimes make us feel worried or helpless. If this happens, encourage children to think about the things they can control, like:

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

What steps can children take to use their voice, take action and make a difference, based on what they've learned in the news? How can you help facilitate this?

# News conversation starters

What do you think about this news story?

How does it make you feel?

Have you ever experienced anything like this, or come across anything like this before?  
When was it? Where was it?

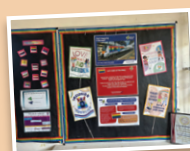
How do you think the people involved in the story feel?

Can you describe how somebody with a different opinion from yours might feel?

# How schools have used Picture News this term!



Reception at **Roby Park Primary** were inspired by the resource all about the K-pop band, Blue Ocean, and learned some sign language together.



**Manor Green Primary** created a fantastic display to celebrate Pride Month using the Picture News special pack!

**Benchill Primary School** enjoyed a classroom discussion all about Dr Rosemary Coogan training with NASA. Some very important themes covered!



# Goodbye

I hope you've found this newsletter useful for supporting news exploration with children.

Look out for the next edition at the end of the Autumn term! In the meantime, follow us on social media for more child-friendly news.

Take care!

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