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Principal's Message

We want our school to be a place where we are safe: to learn, have fun and work hard. A place where we are kind and mindful of everyone and have positive attitudes for our bright futures.

Wishing you a very warm welcome back after the Easter break- I hope you had a restful time and enjoyed the fun and delicious treats over the holiday.

Thank you so much for the wonderful outfits on display to celebrate our Culture Day - pupils and staff looked amazing!

The final term is now underway and we have lots of events, activities and opportunities for you and your child to take part in over the coming weeks.

Please do keep yourself up to date by regularly reading this Newsletter as well as checking the website and the Arbor app to make sure you don't miss anything!

There are Residentials, Y6 and Y2 SATS, Spark Art performances, a Creativity Council Takeover of the De Montfort University to name but a few!

Liz Latham.

Dinner Bookings

Here are dates for booking your child's dinner

For wk/b 27th April order by Sun 19th April

For wk/b 4th May order by Sun 26th April

For w/b 11th May order by Sun 3rd May

It's always a good idea to talk with your child about the choices so that they know what to expect!

Last few Class Assembly Dates

Here are the last few class assembly dates. Class assemblies are on a Tuesday at 2.50pm in the main hall. See you there!

Marcella Ferreira 5th May 26

Tom Fletcher 12th May 26

Oge Mora 9th June 26



Attendance Counts- Moments

Matter It is vital to ensure that your child is in school, on time, every day. Please contact the school office if you need help with this- we are happy to support if we can. The class with the highest attendance this week is **Sharna Jackson with 99.3%**. Classes are very excited to win the attendance cup and competition is really fierce- you can help by ensuring your child attends school every day! Please do ring the office if your child is unwell so that we can keep records updated.

Dates for your Diary

Boys Football at Herewoode Academy	20 th Apr
Yr 2 Mini Sports Festival	23 rd Apr
Girls Football at Herewoode Academy	27 th Apr
Colour Dash Event	1 st May
Bank Holiday	4 th May
Y5 Orchestra Unwrapped trip to De Montfort Hall	6 th May
SATs week for Y6 pupils	11 th May
Creativity Council Event at DMU	17 th May
SparkArt performances	19 th May
Football Finals at Beaumont Park	20 th May
Year 4 residential	20 th May
SparkArt performances	21 st May
Break up for half term	22 nd May



Picture News

Picture News

As you may know, we work closely with Picture News which we use as a weekly assembly. The aim is to generate discussions with pupils about events and happenings in the news both at home and around the world. Please do ask your child to tell you about some of the things they discuss in class! Picture News love to receive feedback about their assemblies and offer all sorts of advice and tips around talking to children – please see their newsletter below and, if you have 5 minutes to spare, please fill in the online survey by clicking the link here:

[Survey for parents: Talking with children | Picture News Forms](#)

Special Educational Needs

The government's SEND White Paper - Every child achieving and thriving will bring changes on how support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) will work. Leicester City are developing their local SEND Reform Plan in response to the changes and are holding events for parents and carers to:

- Hear what the SEND White Paper means locally
- Learn about proposed SEND reforms
- Share views, experiences and ideas
- Help shape services in the future

Please sign up here [Shaping the future of SEND in Leicester event – LCC Family Hub](#) to attend one of the local events or find out more information about the changes and what they will mean.



Picture News For Parents



April 2026

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?

2nd March 2026



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?

9th March 2026



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?

16th March 2026



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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