

# #BigAssembly

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September, Picture News hosted its big back-to-school assembly, all about celebrating differences and overcoming adversity. The assembly took place following a summer of news dominated by stories of unrest. The message: even in difficult times, there are ways to spread love, light and hope. Picture News founder and host of the webinar, Katie Harrison, was joined by a staggering 501,310 people - perhaps you were one of them! The whole Picture News team were thrilled to see so many schools participating, especially after another popular assembly featuring Paralympian, Stef Reid, reached 427,343 viewers in

July. After the assembly, Katie commented, 'We were blown away by your insightful thoughts and contributions. It really highlighted what a wonderful future generation we have!' Don't worry if you missed out this time, keep your eyes peeled for future big assemblies to join!



**Pictured:** Picture News mascot, Peter Bear!  
**Source:** Picture News.

# Castle for a Classroom!

Imagine starting school in a castle! That's exactly what happened for some students in Exeter. This year, the new school term began at a very special place - Powderham Castle! The castle is over 600 years old and is full of history, with big stone walls, grand rooms, and beautiful gardens. The students will be learning in this amazing setting while their usual school building gets some repairs. For now, Powderham Castle is their classroom! One student, Lucy, said, 'It's so exciting to have our lessons in a real castle! It feels like we're living in a fairy



**Pictured:** Powderham Castle, Exeter.  
**Source:** bryce\_isobel on X.

tale.' The castle offers lots of space for learning, and the children will even get to explore some of its historic rooms and gardens during their breaks. This is a school term they will never forget! The students are enjoying their new, temporary home, and everyone agrees it's a magical place to learn.

## How can we respond to unexpected events?



*I think they should stay calm and speak to each other because that's their only company.*

**Rosalee T, 10**

## 'Whaley' Strange Looking Plane!

Plane spotters were excited to watch as an Airbus Beluga made a rare landing at London's Heathrow Airport. The unusually-shaped transporter was carrying parts for a plane that has been grounded since earlier this year. The vehicle is reported to be the 'world's most bizarre plane'. Due to its oversized cargo hold on top, it resembles a beluga whale. The Airbus A300-600ST (Super Transporter), or Beluga, is a specialised wide-body airliner used to transport aircraft parts and outsize cargo, such as helicopters!



**Pictured:** The Airbus BelugaXL.  
**Source:** Airbus on X.

Airbus currently operates a fleet of six Beluga planes. The mega-planes measure 56 metres long, have wingspan of nearly 45 metres, and can carry up to 40 tonnes of cargo in their fuselage. The aircraft is even temperature-controlled to also carry sensitive deliveries, such as satellites or precious paintings.

**Would you like to see this giant plane?**

**Have you ever watched a plane land or take off?**



## Tiny Tiger

San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance are celebrating the birth of a Sumatran tiger cub at San Diego Zoo Safari Park, in California, USA. The zoo shared, 'First-time mum Jillian gave birth to a healthy male cub 🐅'. Mum and cub are both healthy and bonding behind the scenes. With less than 600 Sumatran tigers left in the wild, this birth is incredibly significant for the genetic diversity of the population 🐅❤️'. Sumatran tigers are critically endangered and the tigers at San Diego Zoo are part of a worldwide 'Species Survival Plan'. The park is very proud of their new tiger mum and her keepers. Senior Vice President, Lisa Peterson, said, 'Jillian's care team has done an exceptional job monitoring her and her cub throughout this process, and it has been a joy for them to watch her enjoy motherhood. We hope this cub will allow our guests to gain a greater



**Pictured:** The Sumatran tiger cub at San Diego Zoo Safari Park.

**Source:** San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance on X.

understanding of this incredibly special species and the importance of conserving their natural habitats.' The park looks after over 3,000 animals from more than 300 species. Living there are a large array of endangered animals from every continent, except Antarctica. The park is involved in a number of programmes that work towards growing the numbers of these endangered species.

**Do you know any interesting Sumatran tiger facts?**

### How can we respond to unexpected events?



*We can respond to unexpected events by trying to be positive, having hope that things will work out for the best.*

**Jasper H**

