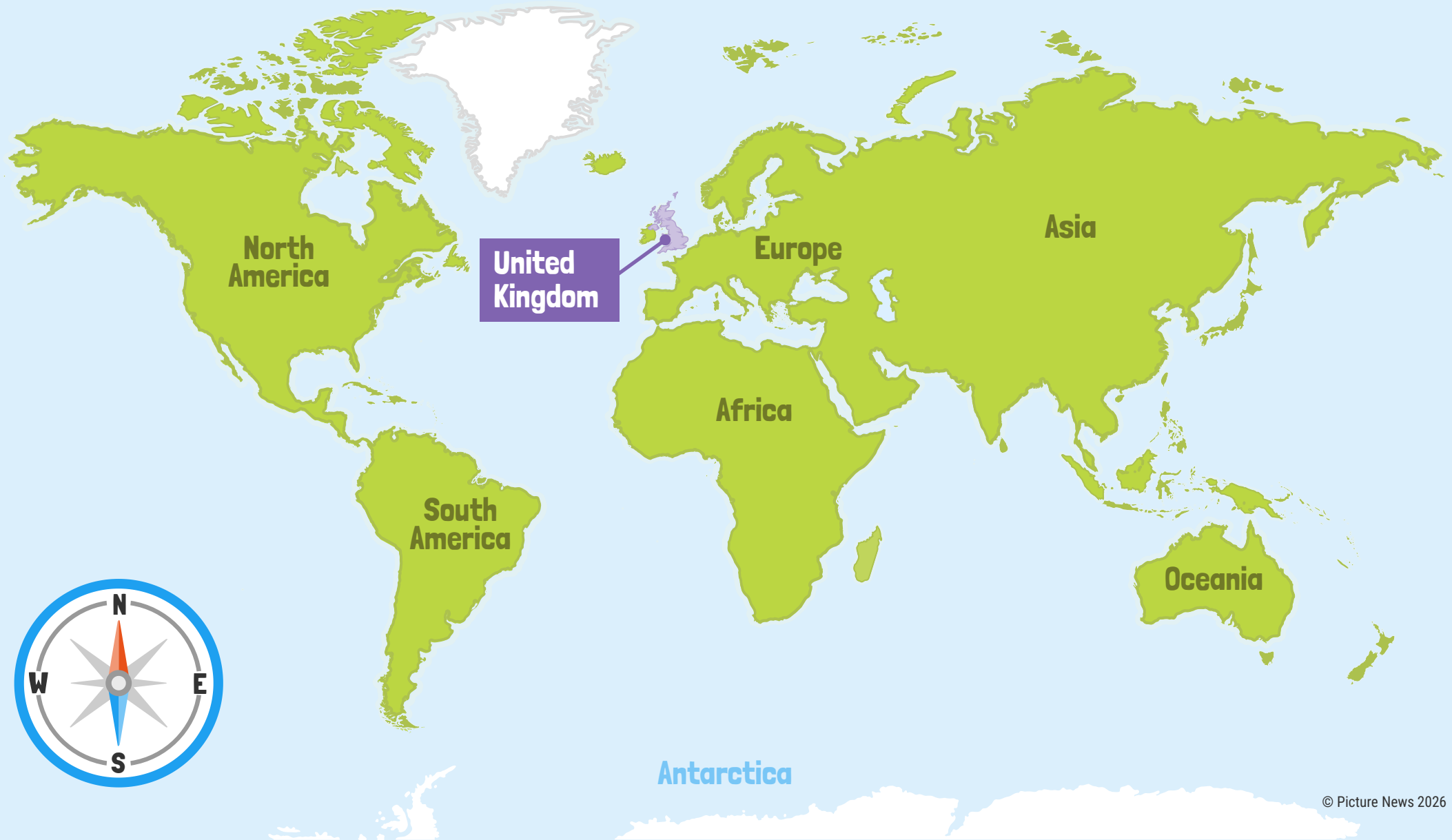


This week's story looks at events related to ...



What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

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**Do we learn more
from winning or
losing?**

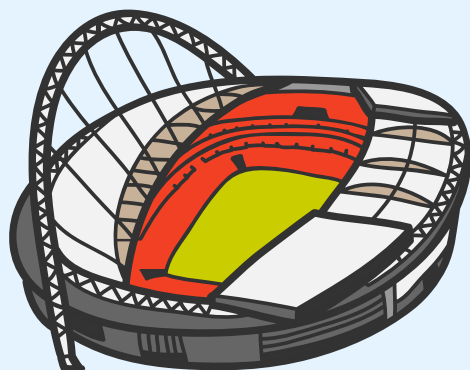


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Let's look at this week's story

Last weekend, football teams Manchester City and Chelsea competed in the Men's FA Cup Final at Wembley Stadium. The FA (Football Association) Cup is one of the oldest football competitions in the world, with teams from across England and Wales taking part each year. Millions of people watched the match, supporting their teams and hoping to see them win the famous trophy. For the players, reaching the final is a huge achievement after months of hard work.



Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).





Read the information found below all about the FA Cup. Millions of people in the UK and around the world watch the final. Why do you think it is popular with so many?

The FA Cup

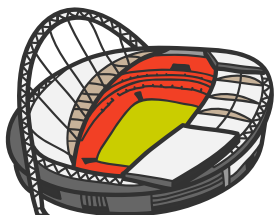
It's a football competition where teams across England and Wales play against each other.

The FA Cup started in 1871 and is one of the oldest football competitions in the world.



Since 1970, there have been Women's FA Cups as well as Men's competitions.

Teams from different leagues can play against each other, so sometimes smaller teams beat bigger teams!



The final is played at Wembley Stadium in London.

What happens during the FA Cup?

1. Teams play matches throughout the season.
2. Winners go through to the next round.
3. The final two teams play at Wembley Stadium.
4. The winning team lifts the FA Cup trophy!

Think about...

How do you think the winning team felt?

How do you think the losing team felt?

What do you think it would feel like to play in a big match like this?

The FA Cup Final

The FA Cup Final is the last football match in the tournament, where two teams compete to win the trophy.



Pictured above: Manchester City fans at the Semi-Final. **Source:** Michael Zemanek/Shutterstock



Pictured above: Trevoh Chalobah of Chelsea during the Semi-Final. **Source:** News Images/NurPhoto/Shutterstock



Look at the resource below, which shows some different examples of good sportsmanship in football.



Helping someone up

A player helps another player after they fall.
What does this show?



Shaking hands

Players shake hands before or after a match. Why is this respectful?



Comforting a teammate

Sometimes players feel upset after a match.
What could others do to support them?



Listening to the referee

Players listen carefully, even if they feel disappointed.
Why do games need rules?



Celebrating kindly

Players celebrate together without teasing the other team.
How can we enjoy winning respectfully?



Saying well done

A player congratulates someone from the other team.
How might this make them feel?

Which of these do you do already? Which could you get better at?



Look at the resource below, which shows some memorable FA Cup moments.



The first FA Cup Final, 1872

The FA Cup began in the 1871–72 season and the first final was played in 1872. Wanderers beat Royal Engineers 1–0.

The 'Matthews Final', 1953

Blackpool came from behind to beat Bolton Wanderers 4–3. Stanley Matthews helped inspire the comeback, and the match became one of the most famous FA Cup finals.



Crystal Palace triumph, 2025

Crystal Palace beat Manchester City 1–0 to win their first ever major trophy, with Eberechi Eze scoring and Dean Henderson saving a penalty.

What could we learn from each of these examples?

Consider things like resilience, perseverance, teamwork, belief, respect, determination.

Wimbledon beat Liverpool, 1988

Wimbledon shocked many people by beating Liverpool 1–0. Goalkeeper Dave Beasant saved a penalty, helping his team win against the favourites.

Wigan beat Manchester City, 2013

Wigan Athletic beat Manchester City 1–0 after Ben Watson scored a header in the final minutes of the game. It is remembered because the result was so unexpected.



Did you know?

The FA Cup Final is played at Wembley Stadium in London. Wembley has 90,000 seats, making it the largest sports stadium in the UK.

British Values



I Really Do Matter!



Which British value do you think this week's story highlights?



The story highlights **Mutual Respect and Tolerance** when players and fans value the hard work of everyone on the pitch, no matter who they support.

By following the same rules and listening to the referee, players in the FA Cup demonstrate **Rule of Law**, which helps make the competition honest, safe and fair.



Do you agree with either person, or think something different?

Protected Characteristics



Which protected characteristic do you think this week's story highlights?



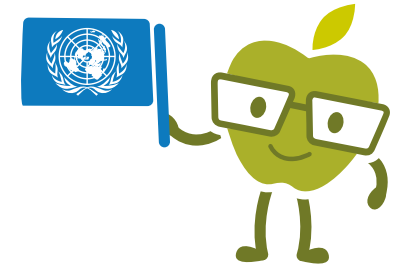
This story links to **Religion or Belief** because it reminds us that in football, everyone should be treated fairly and respected for who they are and what they believe.

Share your thoughts. Do you agree?





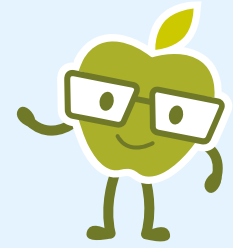
UN Rights of the Child



Every child should have the freedom to show their support for a team by cheering, wearing their kit, and sharing their views on the game.



Reflection



Winning can feel exciting, but losing can also teach us valuable lessons about effort, resilience and improvement.

