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Dear Parents and Carers,

Safer Internet Day Tuesday 10th February 2026 – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI

This week, our school joined others nationwide to celebrate Safer Internet Day 2026, the largest global online safety campaign. This year's theme, 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI,' focuses on teaching children and young people the skills to use AI technology safely and responsibly, and highlights available support.

From voice assistants, to chatbots, to algorithms, AI technology is playing an increasingly large role in all our lives. It is important that we find time to discuss these tools and the impact they can have on our own and our families' online experiences, including:

- the news and content we see,
- the way we work, including using AI for homework or studies,
- the risk of misuse of AI, for example to create realistic scams or non-consensual nude images.

We encourage you to join us in celebrating by continuing the conversation about AI technology at home. Here are some helpful resources:

- You can complete the [UK Safer Internet Centre's interactive quizzes](#) with your child.
- Read the UK Safer Internet Centre's top tips for parents and carers [here](#).
- You can share the UK Safer Internet Centre's [top tips for children and young people](#) with your child.

You may also like to use one of these prompts to start a conversation with your child:

- What's your favourite thing to do online?
- Have you ever used an AI tool? How did it make you feel?
- What do you like about AI technology?
- Do you have any worries about AI technology?
- What advice would you give to your friends about using AI?
- Who would you talk to if you saw something worrying online?
- What more can I do to help you feel safe online?

A key part of protecting children and young people from online harms is through preventative education. By talking about this in school and at home, we can all work towards keeping children safe when they are online. Celebrating Safer Internet Day is a fantastic opportunity for you to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

Separate to the above, you informed parents, via In the Know in January that we have attached a **Parent/ Carers guide, on 'Managing Children's Digital Lives'** on the school website under the **Safeguarding and E-safety** tabs, for all parents/ carers to access. The Children's Commissioner has worked with children to produce this guide, to shed light on online safety and managing digital habits so parents/ carers are confident protecting their children and having difficult conversations if they occur.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please contact your child's Year Team in the first instance.

Yours Sincerely,

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