FORDCOMBE NEWS

Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Fordcombe Families,

Safer Internet Day 2026 – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI

Safer Internet Day 2026 | Tuesday 10 February
Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre
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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:

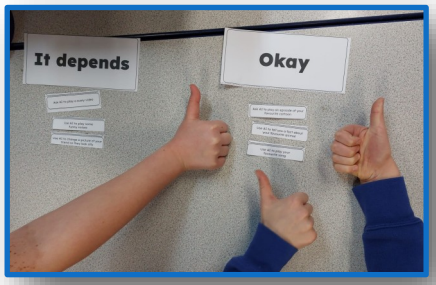
- the news and content we see,
- the way we work, including using AI for homework or studies,
- and the risk of misuse of AI, for example to create realistic scams or non-consensual nude images.

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 tops 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?



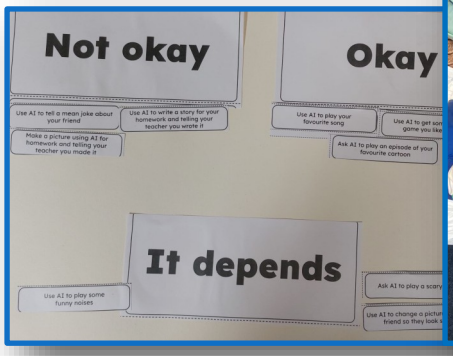
A key part of protecting children and young people from online harms is through preventative education. By talking about this in school and at home, we can all work towards keeping children safe when they are online. Celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for you to re-emphasise the online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

Kind regards,
Julie Burton

Elm

For Safer Internet Day, Elm Class discussed the appropriate use of AI and how to respond to its misuse. We worked in groups to sort different scenarios into Okay use, not okay, and it depends. We then shared our thoughts as a class.

They also enjoyed a Roman Feast today, rounding off their fantastic Roman learning this term. They had fun making their own Roman bread and laurel wreaths.



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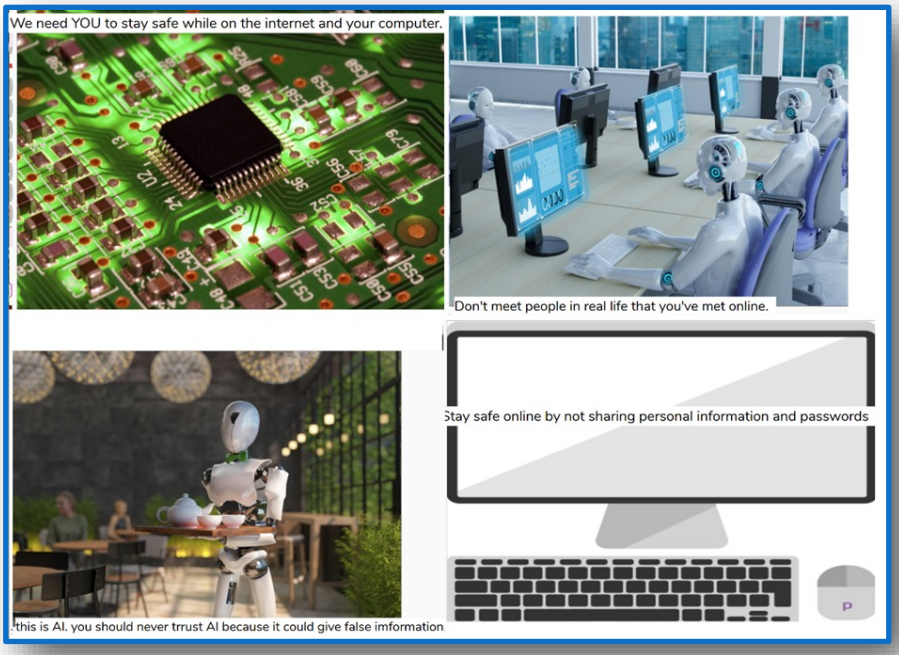
Oak

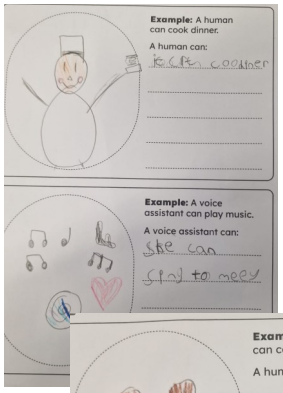
This week in Oak class, year 6 have completed a round of mock SATs assessments. I will share your children's scores and targets with you at parents' evening after half term.

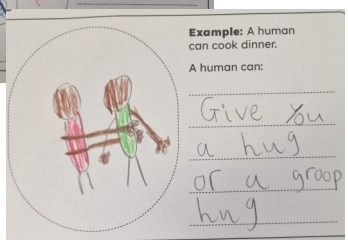
Year 5 have been immensely patient working around these tests and I am hugely grateful to Mrs Bell for working with them. One of the tasks year 5 had to complete was a poster all about Safer Internet Day, with a particular focus on sensible use of AI.



In art, we are continuing to create our memory boxes…lots of pictures to come soon!

Beech

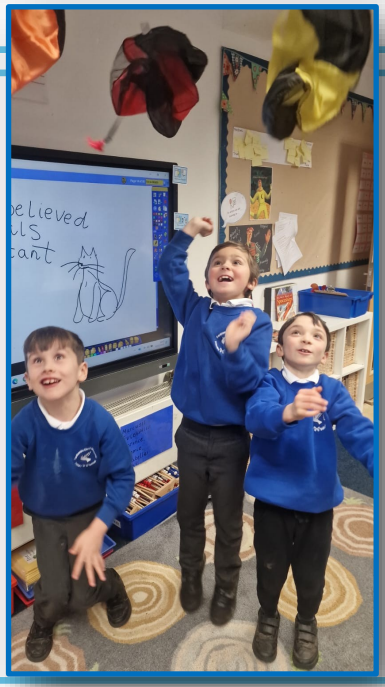




A busy week in Beech class. The children have been learning about the Muslim faith and particularly the Prophey Muhammed. They loved hearing stories about how he protected animals large and small.

As part of Safer Internet Day, we looked at things humans could do that a voice assistant could not - giving hugs being the top choice!

We have also loved playing with the pop up rockets and parachutes to conclude our history topic, how we learned to fly.



Ash

Look at these incredible penguins!t

The children in Ash class have so enjoyed this topic!

500 word story competition

To all the budding authors in our school - we challenge you to write a story of no more than 500 words. Show off all your writing skills and use your fantastic vocabulary. The deadline for entries is Friday 27th February. Prizes will be awarded on World Book Day. Good luck!

Celebrating our values this week:

All of Ash - showing love and care
Florence - for perseverance
Charlie - for perseverance

Sports leader awards:

Annabelle

Lunch leader awards:

Zoe and Ayati

Stars this week:

Olivia for her writing
Isabella for her beautiful illustrations
Lewis for fantastic recall of facts
Tommy for giving his best
Emily for always being super sensible
Gabby for working hard and being really focused in class

Elm class topping the chart with 100% this week!

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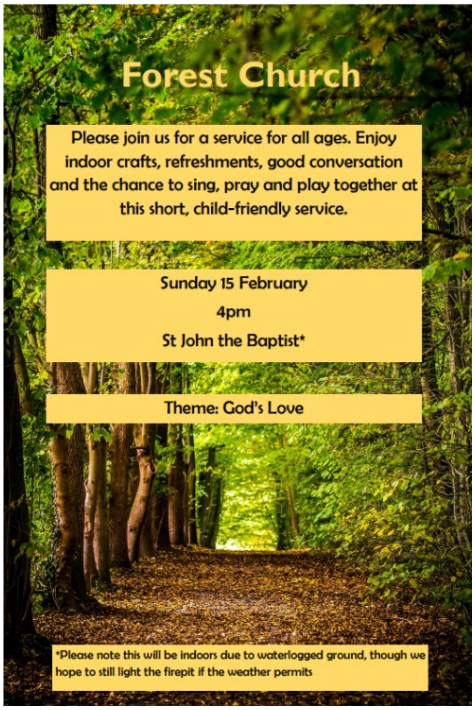
Dates for your diary

February 23rd	School closed - INSET day
February 24th	Lancaster Questionnaire (Well-being) for Year 6
February 26th	Parents Consultations
March 2nd	Netball match - Home v Chiddingstone
March 5th	World Book Day
March 6th	Book and Bake!
March 10th	Ash class hearing and vision screening
March 25th	Travelling Book Fair visit for 1 week
March 27th	Non-school uniform day (£1 donation)
March 30th	Elm and Oak Swimming Week

Other early dates for your information:

June 17th	Residential
July 3rd	Sports Day
	(Join us at 12:30 for a picnic before activities start)
July 13th	Oak Class production
July 20th	Leavers' Service at the Church
July 21st	Awards Assembly and Leavers' send off



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