



UK Safer Internet Day 2025



Tuesday 11th February is UK Safer Internet Day and the theme this year is **Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams**

online.

Our Mission Masters have been planning an assembly to share the messages which focus on teaching children to identify and avoid scams, and how to seek support if they are worried. The teachers will follow this up in class with age related lessons.

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

- What's your favourite thing to do online?
- Have you ever seen a scam online? How did it make you feel?
- What signs would you look out for to spot a scam?
- What advice would you give to your friends about scams?
- Who would you talk to if you saw a scam online?
- What more can I do to help you feel safe online?

A key part of protecting children from online harms is through talking about this at school and at home. Celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

You can complete the [UK Safer Internet Centre's Interactive quizzes](#) with your child about the theme. Their [top tips for parents](#) can be found [here](#).

Big Hearted Friday



February is heart month and for those that live with the challenges of heart disease it is a special time of year when awareness is spread.



Elliot in Elder bravely shared his story with his class today with great clarity. Elliot has a single ventricle heart condition, often referred to as half a working heart, and he has so far had 3 open heart surgeries before he started school. He shared his condition with his friends and explained the oxygen levels in his blood are lower than theirs. He used his oximeter to measure his friend's levels and demonstrated how his are lower.

Elliot and his family are supported by Little Hearts Matter, the only charity in the UK dedicated to supporting and empowering children like Elliot.

His parents would be very grateful if you are willing to help by donating to the charity. You can do so by texting FRIDAY3, FRIDAY5 or FRIDAY10 to 70470 to donate £3, £5 or £10.

Elliot can be very proud of the way he shared his story today.

Extended Playtime Lands Well

The children really enjoyed their extra play as part of Children's Mental Health week today. They had the opportunity to stay indoors and colour, take part in origami tutorials and try out yoga. The penalty shoot out organised by Owen, Vinnie and Laiken proved particularly popular.

Diary Dates:

Tues 11th Feb: UK Safer Internet day

Weds 12th Feb: Positive Mindset Parent Workshop

Weds 12th Feb: Rec & KS1 Author visit: Mevan Babakar

Thurs 13th Feb: 9:15 KS2 Achievement Assembly

Thurs 13th Feb: Last day of Term 3 for pupils

Fri 14th Feb: INSET Day—school closed to pupils

Mon 24th Feb: Start of Term 4

Mon 24th Feb: Positive Mindset Parent Workshop

Tues 25th Feb: Author, Mevan Babakar, visiting Rec & KS1:

Mon 3rd March: Leaf Literature Festival Begins

Thurs 6th March: PTA Quiz Night

This week's Champions!

This week we have been focussing on the school value of respect. This week our nominees are:

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	Jack & Lilli
Reception	Harry & Ava
Year 1	Phoebe & Max
Year 2	Charlie & Elliot
Year 3	Lily H & Oscar
Year 4	Arlo & Isaac
Year 5	Callum & Jackson
Year 6	Ivy & Jude

2025/2026 Term Dates



The term dates for the next academic year along with our planned INSET days are now available on the [school website](#).

Attendance Champions this week

Our attendance champions this week are once again Year 4 with impressive attendance of 98.6% . Year 1 and Year 3 also have attendance exceeding our target of 97% this week. The national average is currently 94.3%. Thank you for your continued efforts with attendance.

Community Litter Pick

Two former parents, Claire Stone and Sarah Beresford , have set up a group to care for the orchard trees and copse area in the field opposite school adjacent to Walkers Playing fields.

Many of the trees were originally planted with the help of a Blackhorse enrichment group.

From 10am-1pm on Sunday 23rd February they are aiming to clear litter from the area around the ditch that runs from the playing field, through the meadows and out towards the Leap Valley. If you are free on that date and willing to help please scan the QR code to register. Remember to wrap up warm and wear wellies and gloves.



This week's Champion...

Respect is our focus this week and Phoebe in Birch has been chosen as our Champion.

Mrs Wilson writes "Phoebe really deserves her champion status! She has put in 100% effort into all of her learning and has been

more confident to take on challenges, what a Brave Bear! Phoebe shows kindness to her classmates and is always so polite to all the adults and her peers. Her classmates have been over the moon that Phoebe is the champion this week which really says it all! Phoebe you are such a superstar! Well done you.



Notices

Playground: Many of you have asked about when the Challenge on the edge of the school playground will be safe for the children to use. It is being mended during half-term and will open again at the start of term 4.

Menu changes: The ever popular fish finger and chips option on the menu will be served on Thursday 13th February. Maria is currently working on an exciting celebration menu to mark the opening of the school building for the celebration week after half term. More details to follow next week.