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Smart Tech...Safe Choices!

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of **Spring 1**, I can hardly believe how quickly this half term has flown by! This will be our final newsletter of the half term, and what a wonderful way to round it off — celebrating learning, digital responsibility, and the fantastic achievements of our pupils.

This week at St. Michael & All Angels, we embraced Internet Safety Day 2026, celebrated annually on Tuesday 10th February, with enthusiasm, curiosity, and plenty of hands-on activities.

This year's theme, "Smart Tech, Safe Choices", has guided our school-wide learning as pupils explored what it means to use technology thoughtfully and responsibly.

A huge special thank you to Mr Barker, our Computing Lead, for providing all of the brilliant resources, activities and support that made this week such a success. His dedication and expertise have helped create meaningful experiences for all our children.

Navigating the Digital World with Confidence

Throughout the week, pupils took part in a rich programme of interactive lessons, discussions and practical activities designed to help them:

- ✓ Explore how artificial intelligence influences the world around them
- ✓ Understand how to stay safe when using digital devices
- ✓ Think carefully about the choices they make online
- ✓ Build confidence as responsible, respectful digital citizens

Our mission remains the same; to equip every pupil with the lifelong digital skills and knowledge they need to thrive safely in an ever-changing, interconnected world.

Find Out More Online

To continue supporting your child at home, please visit the Computing and E-Safety page on our school website.

You'll find:

- ✓ The Computing curriculum for each year group
- ✓ Helpful advice for keeping your child safe online
- ✓ Links to recommended websites and family-friendly resources
- ✓ Simply search for the St Michael & All Angels CofE Primary & Pre-School – E-Safety at Home section.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this half term. We hope you enjoy a restful break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting Spring 2.

Mrs Berry

☀️ Year 1 – "Password Power: The Secrets to Staying Safe!"

Year 1 children explored how they use the internet and discussed the important safety rules they should always follow. They also learned why strong passwords matter and had great fun creating their very own super-secure passwords to help protect their online world.



Year 2 – "True or False? The Great Online Detective Challenge!"



With AI becoming more present in everyday life, Year 2 pupils investigated the difference between real and fake information online. They learned that AI can sometimes generate incorrect facts because it uses previously fed data. The class practised spotting reliable sources and deciding when information can be trusted — an essential skill for the digital age.



Year 3 – "Fact, Feeling or Fear? Forming Opinions About AI!"

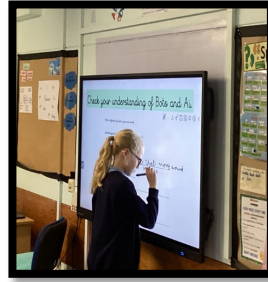
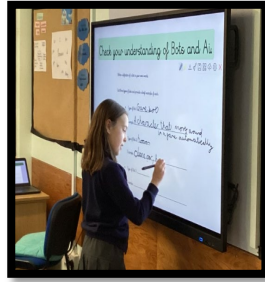
Year 3 delved into the increasingly talked-about world of artificial intelligence. They explored a range of beliefs and opinions people hold — from the idea that AI can support hospitals and schools, to concerns about its potential risks. Pupils discussed these viewpoints and began to form their own thoughtful opinions about AI and the internet.





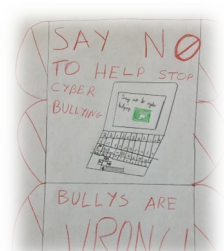
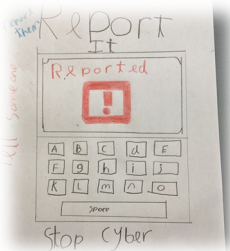
Year 4 – “Meet the Bots! Understanding Human-Like Technology”

In an exciting, hands-on lesson, Year 4 pupils stepped into the shoes of both a “bot” and a “user.” They had the chance to *program* each other using simple instructions, just like an algorithm guiding AI. This helped them understand how bots work, along with the benefits and risks of human-like technology.



Year 5 – “Stop, Think, Support: Exploring Cyberbullying in the Age of AI”

Year 5 focused on the serious issue of online bullying, especially how AI tools can sometimes contribute to negative online behaviour. They examined both the advantages and challenges of AI, then created powerful posters to raise awareness about cyberbullying and highlight the charities and organisations that can help those affected.



Year 6 – “Click, Capture, Report: Taking Action Against Online Bullying!”

Year 6 learned how to safely gather evidence if online bullying occurs understanding screenshots, time stamps, and how to report concerns effectively. They discussed their responsibility as digital citizens and reflected on the crucial role they will play in promoting a safer online future for themselves and others.

