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Dear Parents/Carers

Please find detailed below some key information and updates.

Safer Internet Day: Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, Safer Internet Day sees thousands of organisations get involved to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. This year, Safer Internet Day will take place on the 10th February, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'. 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
- and the risk of misuse of AI

As we all know, parents/carers play a crucial role in empowering and supporting children use digital technologies responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Parental guidance, education and influence have a significant and long-lasting impact on children's safety and wellbeing in the online world. In order to support with this, the Safer Internet Centre has created a range of top tips and advice for parents/carers covering how to talk about AI, helping them to use new technology in safe and responsible ways.

- 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 can complete the [UK Safer Internet Centre's interactive quizzes](#) 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?
- Who would you talk to if you saw something worrying online?

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

Maths Information Session: Recently, you will have received a letter from Mrs Bishop (Deputy Headteacher/Maths Leader) regarding the maths information session for parents/carers, which takes place on Wednesday 11th February. Workshops will be held in classrooms and staff will be available to oversee children at school in order to facilitate your attendance. If you would like to attend, please complete the following form: <https://forms.gle/tQ3HSXAh84ZyF9Gr7>

Staffing: Sadly, Mrs French (LSA/HLTA) will be leaving Mandeville at half-term. It has been a pleasure to work alongside her and she is going to be really missed by pupils and staff alike. I would like to thank Mrs French for all she has contributed to Mandeville and wish her every success and happiness for the future.

Community: As always, there is a lot happening in our local area. Please see the link below to the latest copy of The Sawbridgeworth Flyer Magazine: <https://e-magazine.flyeronline.co.uk/p/sawbridgeworth-flyer/27-01-2026/r/1/1/6975/2089774>

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Miss Kara Hales
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