

ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER.



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE: CHANGES TO THE ONLINE SAFETY ACT EXPLAINED

The Department for Science, Innovation and Technology has published a press release outlining how the Online Safety Act aims to help keep children safe online. The press release sets out information on: data privacy; virtual private networks; legal adult content; and support for the Online Safety Act.



[Keeping children safe online: changes to the Online Safety Act explained - GOV.UK](#)

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SAFER INTERNET DAY – Tuesday 10th February 2026



The theme for Safer Internet Day 2026 has been announced:

“Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.”

A suite of free resources will be available to support schools in both the primary and secondary phases. In previous years, these have included activities, quizzes, and assemblies to help learners engage with online safety topics in practical and age-appropriate ways.

All resources will be published and accessible [Safer Internet Day 2026 - UK Safer Internet Centre](#) once available.

BBC BITESIZE LIVE LESSON – SAFER INTERNET DAY 2026

BBC Bitesize will be delivering a special Live Lesson for Safer Internet Day 2026, helping pupils explore how to stay safe online.

This 30-minute interactive session, designed for KS2 pupils, will guide learners through real online safety challenges in an engaging and age-appropriate way.



The Live Lesson will be broadcast at 11:00am on Tuesday, 10th February 2026, and will be available to watch on this page, on CBBC, and on BBC iPlayer.

To find out more visit: [Safer Internet Day 2026 – Live Lesson - BBC Teach](#)

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NSPCC LEARNING

NSPCC Learning has published a series of expert insight videos on online safety. The series includes talking head contributions from a range of practitioners and young people. The films aim to help those working and volunteering with children to explore what online safety means, recognise the risks children face, and understand how to support children's safety online.

Watch the films: [Online safety: expert insight videos](#)

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BBC BITESIZE GUIDE TO AI – FREE RESOURCES FOR SECONDARY LEARNERS

The **BBC Bitesize Guide to AI** helps young people understand what artificial intelligence is, how it works, and how it impacts their everyday lives.

This free seven-part series offers short, accessible films designed to build digital literacy and critical thinking around AI. Each episode starts with a relatable question, explains key concepts through real examples, and ends with practical advice for using AI responsibly.

Episodes include:

1. How to use AI tools to create art
2. How do I trust my social feed?
3. How to use AI for revision
4. Is AI bad for the environment?
5. How could AI support my wellbeing?
6. How to use AI to generate pictures
7. How to use AI to style an outfit

All episodes are freely available on BBC Bitesize – [HERE](#).

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The information in the newsletter is given to help promote the safety of children and young people online.

Every care has been taken to ensure the information and any recommendations in the newsletter are accurate at the time of publishing. Schools must make their own judgements when sharing our recommendations with parents and carers and, where appropriate, always risk assess with their pupils and whole school community in mind.

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