



Beechcroft Infants School

Online Safety Newsletter

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Digital Leaders:

The Digital Leaders have been doing an amazing job of supporting the rest of their class within their computing lessons. They have been taking part in Computing and Online Safety challenges each week and have recently entered a Purple Mash game creating competition. If anyone needs any support with computing, then why not ask the class Digital Leader!

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming a regular part of children's online experiences. From chatbots and homework apps to creative tools, AI can offer exciting opportunities for learning and play.

But it also brings risks, especially when children aren't sure what's real, who they're talking to, or how AI works.

Many parents and carers feel unsure about how to explain AI to children. This guide offers practical advice to help families talk about AI in ways that build understanding, encourage curiosity, and keep children safe.

What is AI?

AI stands for Artificial Intelligence – computer systems that can perform tasks that typically require human intelligence. Children may already be using AI without realising it, as many popular tools and platforms now include AI features.

Examples include generative tools like ChatGPT, Copilot, and Gemini, which can help with writing, coding, and problem-solving.

Common AI examples include:

- chatbots that answer questions or simulate conversations
- generative tools that create images, stories, or music
- deepfake technology that can produce realistic but fake videos or voices
- AI summaries on search results which offer a quick answer with links to sources.

It is becoming increasingly common for AI to be built into popular apps, devices and websites. It's important to check which apps and services your child uses and whether they include AI features.

Please check out the guide on the NSPCC website for more details:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-to-children-about-ai/>



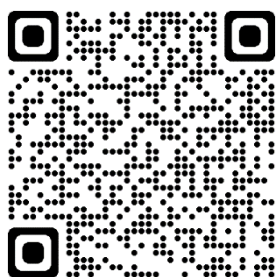


Spring fun and Easter activities on CBeebies

Enjoy Easter 2026 with your CBeebies friends. In this fun Easter and spring collection you can find free Easter games and puzzles for under 5s featuring CBeebies favourites like Bluey, Hey Duggee, Supertato and JoJo and Gran Gran. Easy Easter craft ideas and DIYs to try with your kids during the Easter and spring breaks. Print and colour your own Easter cards and download colouring sheets to keep them busy. Watch special Easter clips, with spring animals and activities to try this season.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/curations/spring>

Scan the QR code to access the school website:



YouTube Safety Update: New Parental Controls March 2026

YouTube have published their latest update on how parents can support their child on YouTube.

YouTube will now allow parents to set the amount of time viewing Shorts – this can even be set to zero. YouTube Shorts are short videos, usually less than 60 seconds long, which when continuously watched, can lead to excessive screentime.

Furthermore, parents will also be able to set bedtime and 'take a break' reminders.

If you would like to find out more about supervised accounts on YouTube, then this article explains the different settings available:

https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420?hl=en-CB&ref_topic=15279060&sjid=15225282118002181205-FU



Have a happy and safe Easter Holidays.

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