



## Keeping you safe online

ON Tuesday 6 February Safer Internet day was celebrated globally and our school was part of that celebration. We would like to share some of what we learnt with you.

### Five tips to keep children safe online in 2018

The internet is central to the way our lives work in 2018. It's key to the jobs many of us do and we use social media to organise our lives and stay in touch with our friends and family. Becoming familiar with how to use the internet and technology is also an essential part of children and young people's education, to prepare them for the future. But we need to make sure they are safe.



Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is on 6 February and is an annual international event to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. The theme this year is "Create, Connect and Share Respect". To mark the day we've got five top tips and some useful links to help parents and carers keep children and young people safe online:

1. **Talk about internet use with your child.** Keeping communication open about their online habits is the best way to keep your child safe as they get older. It's vital they feel able to talk about their experience without fearing they're going to get into trouble.
2. **Supervise younger children.** Children need to learn how to use the internet safely. Completely banning them from going online won't do this, so supervised use is the best way to start. NSPCC have tips on [keeping children safe online](#).
3. **Model good use of the internet and technology to your children.** Our children do notice the amount of time we spend on our devices, what we say and post – they learn how to behave online from us.
4. **Check your child's privacy settings on their social media accounts (and your own).** Settings should be set to private, so that only friends or followers can see photos and personal information. The UK Safer Internet website has help on [social media safety settings](#) and the NSPCC have tips on being [Share Aware](#).
5. **Set family filters provided by your Internet Service Provider (ISP).** Both on your home broadband and on your family's mobile devices. The [Ofcom site](#) has advice on mobile phone network safety settings. You can also set safety settings on search engines (like Google) and on browsers. You can set family filters provided by your Internet Service Provider (ISP) on your home broadband and on your family's mobile devices you can find out how here [ISP safety](#).

The [UK Safer Internet website](#) and the school website (parents section) have lots of advice on all the things mentioned above to help you make your child safer online.

