



Bawnmore Community Infant School and Cygnets Pre-School Newsletter



17th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everyone after the break – I hope you had time to rest, recharge and enjoy precious moments with family and friends. It has been a real pleasure to see the children return to school so positively, settling quickly back into routines and demonstrating our shared values both in and out of the classroom.

This half term promises to be a busy and exciting one, with many opportunities including trips, our Family Fun Day, assemblies and our helpers afternoon tea. We are looking forward to building on the excellent progress already made, ensuring that every child continues to feel supported, challenged and inspired to do their very best.

I would also like to thank all parents who have already taken the time to complete our recent parent questionnaire. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to do so, there is still time to share your views, which we greatly value as part of our ongoing commitment to working in partnership with families. Please use this link: [SpringTerm Parental Feedback Questionnaire – Fill out form](#)

As always, thank you for your continued support. I look forward to another successful and rewarding half term for our whole school community.



Have a great weekend,
Pam Davey
Head of School

Art Club Creations



Values Book

Date: 17.4.26			
Class	Child's Name	Award	Reason
RD	Isabella	Wonderful Work	For fantastic independent writing of the nursery rhyme Humpty Dumpty!
	Sully	Certificate	For being such a kind and encouraging friend.
	Alba	Values Sticker	For trying hard with her writing even though it has been tricky this week.
	Meda	Values Sticker	For a fantastic, positive and engaged learning attitude, everyday!
	Theo	Values Sticker	For trying hard to remember his phonics sounds.
RS	Rosie	Wonderful Work	Amazing independent adding in continuous provision.
	Ares	Certificate	For always showing kindness and humility towards his peers. Ares has grown in so much confidence and it is a pleasure to see.
	Isobel	Values Sticker	For a wonderful independent writing of Baa Baa Black Sheep.
	Pippa	Values Sticker	For her passion and enthusiasm for her writing and phonics.
	Griff	Values Sticker	For showing huge amounts
1H	Henry	Wonderful Work	For his best work yet, retelling the Naughty Bus story.
	Carter	Certificate	For trying really hard with his writing and letter formation.
	Emily H	Values Sticker	For having awesome facts about transport!
	Lenny	Values Sticker	For using lovely vocabulary in his writing.
	Elsie	Values Sticker	For always being positive and a kind person.
1R	Charlie	Wonderful Work	For fantastic effort with his story wrtiing about the Naughty Bus!
	Snikitha	Certificate	For a brilliant attitude to all of her learning, and always helping others too!
	Isabelle	Values Sticker	For really applying herself to achieve her best and beyond.
	Siya	Values Sticker	For settling back into the school routine so well. We're so pleased to have you back!
	Ryan	Values Sticker	For building resilience and knowing it's okay to make mistakes and learn from them.
2K	Charlie	Wonderful Work	For a fantastic castle inspired by Paul Klee
	Chaarvi	Certificate	For working really hard on her handwriting and presentation!
	Dylan	Values Sticker	For demonstrating marvellous maths skills.
	AJ	Values Sticker	For showing a great attitude towards his learning
	Muaad	Values Sticker	For great independent reading
2W	Conan	Wonderful Work	For a great castle inspired by Paul Klee
	Nefeli	Certificate	For striving to be ambitious in her writing!
	Leo	Values Sticker	For stretching himself with descriptive vocabulary
	Gia	Values Sticker	For being an all round wonderful role model
	Emily	Values Sticker	For showing care for others both in the classroom and around school

Celebrations

Attendance Award

Congratulations to 1H and 1R, our Attendance Champions this week, with an impressive 97.9% attendance!
Our whole school attendance was 94.6%.
Thank you for supporting us with this.



Assembly Award

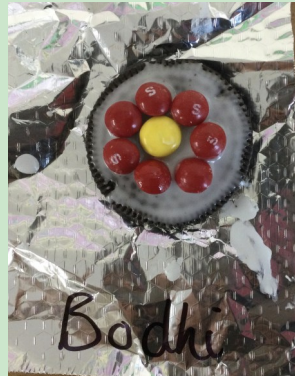
Congratulations to RD who have been chosen as our Assembly Champions this week.

Lunchtime Award

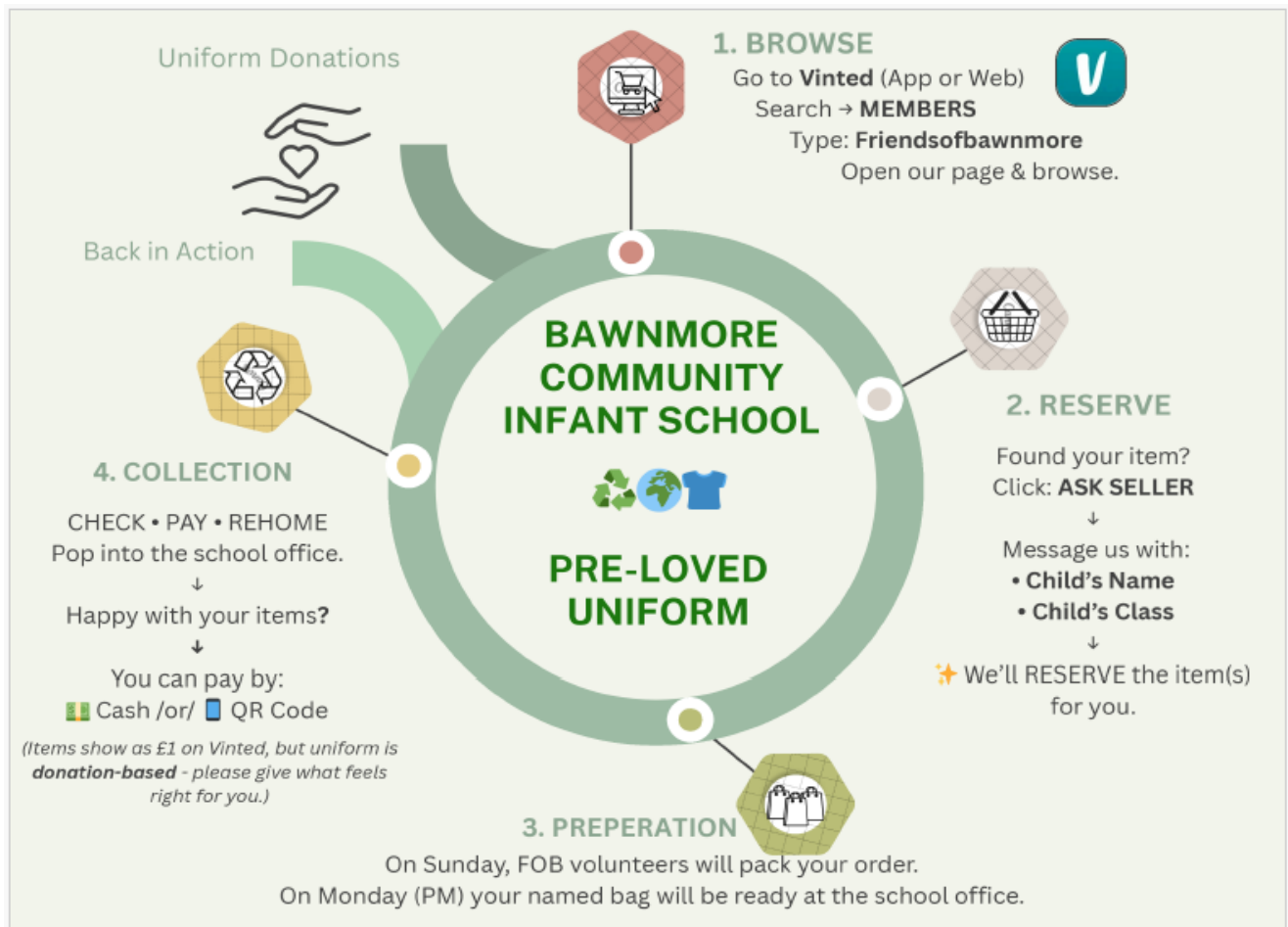
Congratulations to 1H who have been chosen as our Lunchtime Winners this week.

Puffins

Spring has arrived in Puffins, and the classroom has been bursting with colour and creativity. The children have enjoyed making vibrant window suncatchers with real flower petals, painting lovely hyacinths using cotton buds, and crafting their own sweet Oreo spring flowers.



Friends of Bawnmore



Save Money • Re-Use • Support School FAQs ?

Do I pay on Vinted?

No - please do NOT pay through Vinted. Use ASK SELLER to reserve only. If you pay using Vinted you pay buyers protection and postage!

What if I can't find what I need?

It may be out of stock or being saved for an event. Get in touch and we'll try to help.

What if I no longer want the item after viewing?

No problem! Just leave unwanted items in the bag and we'll return them to stock. Uncollected items will be removed from reservation the following Monday.

How much is it per item?

All uniform is donation-based. Items are listed as £1 on Vinted purely for technical reasons and to allow the reservation system to work. Families are invited to donate whatever they feel is appropriate when collecting items.

Why did we choose Vinted?

We chose Vinted because it is a well-established and easy-to-use platform for selling preloved clothing online. We considered several options including Facebook Marketplace, eBay and Uniformly, but Vinted works particularly well for school uniform.

It allows families to browse and reserve items easily, does not require social media, and helps us make non-logo uniform items available to more families.



FAMILY FUN DAY

Bawnmore Community Infant School

Saturday 9th May

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Join us! This event is open to the whole community

ENTRY FEES



£1 per person



£5 for a family up to 8 people

WHAT'S ON



Entertainment



Food & Bar



Face Painting



Fun Activities

Picnic Welcome



Calendar

Our Calendar is available on our website. You can link the website calendar to your phone– never miss an event again! We do our best to ensure the calendar is updated as it changes and changes are shown in red here.

2	w/b 20 th April	During the school day	All pupils		Allergy Awareness Week 2026 will take place from April 20th to 26th, aiming to raise awareness about allergies and their impact on people's lives. The children will be taking part in an assembly to increase their understanding of allergies and the difficulties
2	Thu 23 rd April	8pm		Online	The FOB committee will be meeting to discuss upcoming fund-raising ideas and projects.
3	Tue 28 th April	During the school day	Year 1 Chil- dren		Year One visit to the Motor Museum. More details available on MCAS. Free places available for those receiving PP funding. Please speak to the office for further details.
3	Tue 28 th April	During the school day	Year 2 pupils		NSPCC 'Speak out. Stay safe' workshops for Year 2 pupils.
3	Fri 1 st May	2.30pm	All parents and car- ers	Classrooms	Interactive Parents and Carers Session. Join your child and their class teacher for a mini topic lesson. A great chance to see what goes on in the classroom. If you have multiple children in school and wish to see them at the same time, please let your children's class teachers know and we will ensure that they are in the same classroom.
3	Fri 1 st May	12noon	School Council	Mrs Tower's Classroom	Eco-Council Meeting
	May		All		National Walking Month. How many walks can you go on throughout May? Keep count at home and return your total by Monday 1st June. Children to be sent home with certificates.
4	Mon 4 th May		All		School closed – Bank Holiday
4	Fri 8 th May	During the school day	Year 2 pupils		Year 2 will be enjoying a Medieval Banquet.
4	Fri 8 th May	During the school day	All pupils		We will be celebrating David Attenborough's 100 th birthday with a special picnic lunch and activities.
4	Sat 9 th May	1pm-4pm	All	School Grounds	Family Fun Day. The children will be providing entertainment-bring your picnic and rug and get comfy for the afternoon! Food, bar, bouncy castle, music, games and activities. Why not invite your friends?

5	11th-17th May	During the school day	All pupils		Mental Health Awareness Week. The Mental Health Awareness Week 2026 theme is "Action", focusing on moving from awareness to practical, sustainable steps to improve mental health. Led by the Mental Health Foundation, the week runs from 11-17 May 2026, urging action for yourself, others, and structural change. Children will take part in various activities throughout the week that boost our mental well-being and help us to manage our emotions when they are heightened. On Wednesday, come to school wearing a green accessory- this isn't a non-
5	Tue 12 th May	During school day	All pupils	School Hall	Kittle Photography – class photographs. All pupils will have their photograph taken with their class and you will then have the chance to purchase this. All children should wear full uniform on this day- NOT PE kit.
5	Thu 14 th	Whole School	All pupils		Dare to be different day. Break the rules for a donation to FOB. More details to follow!
5	Fri 15 th May	12noon	School Council	Mrs Tower's Classroom	School Council Meeting
6	Fri 22 nd May	Morning	All pupils, parents and carers	BJS Field	Sponsored Walk. It's National Walking Month and walking is great for your mental health! Join us as we walk, run and jog around our local school's field. How many laps can you complete? Children can be sponsored to take part with prizes for the class who raise the most money, children who complete the most laps etc. All money will go towards school funds, providing greater opportunities for the children.
6	Fri 22 nd May	3.10pm	All		End of half-term.

Half Term Holiday

Saturday 23rd May – Sunday 31st May

Summer 2 2026

Week	Date	Time	Who	Where	Description
1	Mon 1 st June	8.45am-3.10pm	All	Drop off/pick up from playground	All pupils return to school.
1	Thu 4 th June	8pm		Online	The FOB committee will be meeting to discuss upcoming fund-raising ideas and projects.
1	Fri 5 th June	12noon	School Council	Mrs Tower's Classroom	Eco-Council Meeting

2	w/b 8 th June	During the school day	Year 1 and 2 Pupils	Classrooms	Phonics Screening Check. Year 1 pupils and some Year 2 pupils will take part in their end of Phonics Screening Check as part of
2	Tues 9 th June	7.30pm	Sep '26 Reception Parents/ Carers	School Hall	New Parents' Evening. Welcome meeting for parents and carers of children starting in Reception in September 2026.
2	Tues 9 th June	7.30pm	Sep '26 Pre-school Parents/ Carers	Pre-school	New Parents' Evening. Welcome meeting for parents and carers of children starting in Pre-school in September 2026.
2	Thu 11 th June	9.30am- 11am	Sep '26 Pre-school Parents/ pupils		Pre-School Stay and Play Morning. An opportunity for all pupils starting in Pre-School in September 2026 to come into school with their parents and carers and join in with some lovely activities with some of their new teachers.
2	Fri 12th— Sat 13th June	5pm	Year 2 Pupils	School	Year Two pupils are invited to join the Year Two team for an end of year campfire, movie and sleepover! This is a reward event and will only be open to invited pupils with a consistent track record of following our school mission. Pupils will have the option to just attend the evening event only or to stay over. More details to follow.
2/3	Fri 12 th and Mon 15 th June	During school day	All pupils	Classrooms	Across the school, the children will be taking part in outdoor learning activities. They may need wellies and waterproof coats if the weather is bad or hats and sun cream if we are lucky!
3	15- 19th June	During school day	All pupils		FOB will be running a Fathers' Day Shop. 1 free present each available for those receiving PP funding. Please speak to the office for further details.
3	Wed 17 th June	9.15am- 11.15am			Cygnets and Reception workshop morning. A chance for our Cygnets pupils to come into main school and join in with our Reception pupils.
3	Thu 18 th June	During school day	Cygnets and Re- ception Pupils		Cygnets and Reception pupils will be visiting Stratford Butterfly Farm. More details available on MCAS. Free places available for those receiving PP funding. Please speak to the office for further details.
3	Fri 19 th June	8am, 9.05am, 1.15pm and 2.15pm	Dads (or other car- ers) and their chil- dren	School Hall	Fathers' Day Events 8am Dads (or other carers) are invited to book in and have breakfast in the hall with their children. Only £2.50 per adult! Places strictly limited due to the space available in our hall. 9.05am or 2.15pm Active Dads. Come and join Miss Sprayson's PE session for Dads (or other carers) and their children. Siblings are welcome to team up! Places strictly limited due to the space available in our hall. 1.15pm Cygnets Dads (or other carers) are invited to join their children for a special Fathers' Day Ploughman's Lunch. Only £2.50.
3	Fri 19 th June	12noon	School Council	Mrs Tower's Classroom	School Council Meeting

4	Mon 22 nd June	During the school day	Year 2 Pupils	Rugby School	Year 2s may like to take part in the “Big Dance and Play” at Rugby School’s Festival on the Close. More details available on MCAS. Free places available for those receiving PP funding. Please speak to the office for further details. Only 30 places
4	Tue 23 rd June	1.30-3.00	Year 2 Pupils	BJS	Our Year 2s have been invited to watch a professional production of “Alice in Wonderland” at BJS as part of their transition programme. All our Year 2s will be attending, regardless of the junior school they will be joining in September.
4	Thu 25 th June	9.05- 10.05am	Sep ’26 Rec Parent s/ pupils	School Hall	Reception Stay and Play Music Morning. An opportunity for all pupils starting in Reception in September 2026 to come into school and join in with some lovely activities with their new
4	Fri 26 th June	During the school day	All		Non-uniform Day. Children are invited to wear non-uniform in return for a donation for our Summer Fayre tombola or raffle.
4	Fri 26 th June	3.30pm- 5.30pm	All	School grounds	Summer Fayre. Come along to our annual Summer Fayre organised by FOB to raise funds for our school. Please let us know if you would be able to help with this event.
5	Mon 29 th	2.15pm	School volunteers	School Hall	Adults who have volunteered this year in school will be invited to attend a ‘thank you’ afternoon tea hosted by our School Council with entertainment provided by Year Two pupils.
5	Thu 2 nd - Fri 3 rd July	5pm	Year 2 Pupils	School	Year Two pupils are invited to join the Year Two team for an end of year campfire, movie and sleepover! This is a reward event and will only be open to invited pupils with a consistent track record of following our school mission. Pupils will have the option to just attend the evening event only or to stay over. More details to follow.
5	Fri 3 rd July	During the school day	All pupils	School Hall	Whole School Poetry Performance. This event is not open to parent and carers. Each class will perform a poem for the rest of the school and receive feedback from our guest judge. Children will then perform their poems in our end of year assemblies.
6	Wed 8 th July	8.45am- 3.10pm	All pupils		Warwickshire Schools Induction Day. Children will be invited to spend the day in their new classes/ schools.
6	Thu 9 th July	3.15- 4.30pm 4.45-6pm	All Pupils	School Hall	End of Year Discos. Reception and Year 1 pupils are invited to attend a disco from 3.15pm-4.30pm. Year 2 are then invited to a special “Leavers Disco” 4.45pm-6pm. Free places available for those receiving PP funding. Please speak to the office for further details.
6	Fri 10 th July	12noon	School Council	Mrs Tower’s Classroom	Final School and Eco Council Meeting of the year. We will have a treat and discuss our highlights from the year.

7	Mon 13 th July	9.30am- 11.30am	All pupils	School grounds	You are invited to come and watch our Sports Day. If the weather is bad, the event will be moved to Wednesday 15 th July 9.30am-11.30am. Children to wear sports kits and an item to
7	Tue 14 th July	During School Day	Local Pre- schools	Reception Classrooms	Local Pre-schools are invited to book in to bring small groups of children for a short visit to familiarize the children with the setting before induction day.
7	Wed 15 th July	9.30am- 11.30am	All pupils	School grounds	Reserve Sports Day
7	Wed 15 th July	R 1.20pm Y1 1.45pm Y2 2.20pm	All	School Hall	Year Group End of Year Assemblies. Families are invited to watch their child(ren)'s assembly. 2 tickets per family will be issued. Reception-1.20 p.m. Year 1- 1.45 p.m. Year 2- 2.20pm Children can be taken home following their performance.
7	Thu 16 th July		Cygnets + Parents/ Carers	Cygnets Buildings	Cygnets End of Year Celebration. Parents and carers are invited to celebrate their child's time in Cygnets with a special assembly and activities.
7	Thu 16 th July	During the school day	Year 2 Pupils		Year 2 will be taking part in a water fight during the school day. Please send your child in with a change of clothes.
7	Fri 17 th July	3.10pm	All		End of school year

Summer Holidays
Saturday 18th July – Monday 31st August
(Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September: Staff Training Days- School closed to children)
Children return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2026

Extra Curricular Opportunities

Some extra-curricular opportunities are **free to all children**. Children who receive **Pupil Premium funding** may be able to access a paid-for club **free of charge**. Please speak to the **admin team**. All school run clubs are available to book on the MCAS app.

Day	Activity	Led By	Timings	Year Groups
Monday	Maths in Action	Mrs Holston	3.10pm-4.10pm	By invitation only
Tuesday	Music Lessons	Rocksteady	8.30am-11am	Reception, Years One and Two
Tuesday	Gym	Miss Sprayson	3.10pm-4.10pm	Reception, Years One and Two
Tuesday	Cookery	Miss Bourton	3.10pm-4.10pm	Reception
Thursday	Art	Mrs Lear and Mrs Wig-ginton	3.10pm-4.30pm	Years One and Two
Thursday	Shooting Stars	Mrs Thomas and Miss Sprayson	3.30pm-4.10pm	Years One and Two
Friday	Outdoor	Miss Sprayson	3.10pm- 4.10pm	Reception, Years One and Two
Friday	Football	DM Coaching	3.10pm-4.30pm	Age 5 and above

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2025-26

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).

First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.

Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.

Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.

Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.

Online Safety Top Tips

For parents and carers of 3-7s

This Safer Internet Day, we are starting a conversation about how to use AI technology safely and responsibly. Whilst your 3 to 7 year old may not yet be ready to use the internet independently, use our top tips to start good online habits now that will help keep them safe in the future.

■ Enjoy going online together

Spending time online together with family is an important learning experience for the youngest internet users. Not only will you both enjoy the quality time together, but you can supervise their usage and guide them to make the safest choices.

▲ Talk about their online experiences

Help give your child the words to explain what they're experiencing online by starting conversations about the internet and technology as early as possible. Talking regularly about what they love doing online, as well as any worries they may have, will help establish this habit and mean they're more likely to come to you for help as they get older.

● Make use of settings and controls

Parental controls and other safety settings can help protect your child from online harms, including upsetting or inappropriate content. Think about how your child uses technology, for example if you have a smart TV or a voice assistant at home, and explore specific settings to support your household.

◆ Introduce simple ideas about AI technology

You don't need to be a computing expert to start conversations at home about AI. Explaining that a voice assistant is a computer, not a person, or helping your child to understand that not everything they see online is real, is a good start. Encourage them to ask questions about the technology in their lives, and even if you don't know the answers, you can find them out together.

✱ Make sure they know they can always come to you

The most important thing for your child to know is that you are always there to support them, online and offline. Encourage them to talk to you if anything they experience makes them feel worried or upset, and show them they can trust you to stay calm, listen and help make things better.



Every Tuesday in term time from 3:00-4:30 at the BEC Woodlands Centre.

Drinks, snacks, games, colouring, work space and wifi.

You're welcome to either come after you've picked children up to grab a drink, pop in instead of waiting outside or in the car or wait with your children between school pick-ups or for an after school club to finish.

If you have any questions email alex.holton@becchurch.org.uk. We'd love to see you there - no need to book, just pop in.



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