

News from the Federation – 17th October 2025

How to keep children safe online is an issue we know many parents are concerned about – the challenge is enormous: children today have access to far more concerning material online than ever before, and, if we are honest, are often more proficient than the adults at accessing things we may not want them to see. As part of our PSHE and Computing curriculum, children will discuss these dangers and how to keep themselves safe online, but there is a difference between being taught in class and the reality of manoeuvring through the world on a phone.

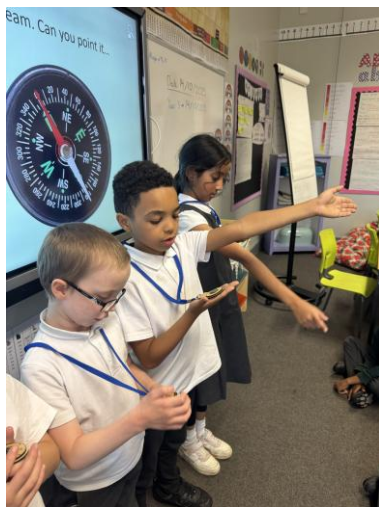
Sometimes, the risks do not come from obvious places. The site **Quora**, on the face of it an innocent information site that is unlikely to be blocked by online filters, has been used to host inappropriate material that children should not be seeing. It is therefore very important that parents are vigilant to their child's use of the internet, and please do discuss this with your child at home! The NSPCC have some useful resources for parents to support with what is an increasingly challenging area.

Mr Monro

Year 3 Explorers

In Science, the Y3s explored forces and magnets and linked our learning to Geography by investigating directions and navigation. They used compasses to find North, South, East, and West, helping them to understand how people use direction to explore and locate places. This made them wonder: how did people in the Stone Age know where these directions were without compasses? If they had used compasses, they could have travelled more accurately between hunting grounds, water sources, and settlements.

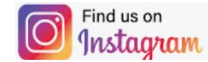
Year 3 also thought about Stonehenge and how its stones are carefully aligned with the sunrise and sunset, showing that even without compasses, people in the Stone Age used the position of the Sun and stars to understand direction and time.



School Photographs

Please be aware that individual school photos will take place on Thursday 23rd October. Sibling photographs will be available from 8.00 – 8.40 by coming through the front entrance – parents must stay with their children and take them to the classrooms as normal after their photos are taken.

[Instagram](#)



Term Dates:

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Thursday 23rd October
Year 2 at Clay Farm

Thursday 23rd October
School Photographs

Friday 24th October
Last Day of Autumn 1

Monday 3rd November
First Day of Autumn 2

Wb Monday 3rd/10th November
Parent Consultations

Wednesday 5th November
Open Classrooms

Tuesday 10th November
Flu Vaccinations

Hot Chocolate!

There will be a hot chocolate sale, run by the Year 3 team, on Wednesday 22nd October after school. This will be a cash only event, raising money for the PTA, so please do bring some spare change along and have a warm drink with us.



Bikes/Scooters

If you do leave a bike or scooter at school, please can we encourage that you lock these in the bike racks during the day.