

# HAWLEY HEADLINES

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## Managing Children's Lives Online



Supporting children's safety is a shared responsibility between families, schools and wider society. Having spoken to many families, this responsibility has become increasingly complex as our children's lives are now intertwined with the digital world. I understand that parents face difficult decisions about how to balance protecting children from online harm with enabling access to spaces that are now central to learning, socialising and play.

The Children's Commissioner Dame Rachel De Souza, has collaborated with children in England to produce this attached guide and activity pack that could be a useful tool to have a discussion at home.

Jaguars, Pumas and Panthers had an online safety workshop this week to discuss the issues about children and their tech. 'Some of the things that we talked about were surprising.' 'I have set myself timers so I don't stay on my device for too long.' 'I told my family about what I learnt, it was really interesting.' Ask your child what they learnt, maybe it will surprise you. Hawley Primary will be participating in Safer Internet Day activities on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February.



Safer Internet Day 2026 | Tuesday 10 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

[saferinternetday.org.uk](http://saferinternetday.org.uk)



## Attendance Matters

January tends to be the season for sniffles, coughs and bugs. I know it's tough when everyone seems to be coming down with something, but being in school really does make a difference. When children are here, they're learning, seeing their friends, and keeping up with what's happening in class. Missing days here and there can quickly add up and make it harder for them to keep up. If it's just a bit of a sniffle or a mild cold, they're usually fine to come in – being at school and keeping active often helps them feel better.

This is really important: if your child can't come to school, please ring the office every single day they're off. Call us on 01276 31048 before 9am and let us know:

- Your child's name and class
- Why they're not in - saying unwell or poorly is not enough
- When you think they'll be back

We need to hear from you each day – children being absent from school, particularly repeatedly and/or for prolonged periods, can act as a vital warning sign of safeguarding concerns, so early intervention is key. Well done Zebras for being the healthiest class in school this week with 98%