



OLD FLETTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Update - Monday 2nd March 2026

Welcome back — I hope you all had a lovely half term break. It has been great to see children return to school ready to learn. This week, I want to share both an important safeguarding message and some significant news about the future leadership of our school

Celebrate Success This Term

I am very pleased to celebrate the outcome of the recent Headteacher recruitment process. Following a thorough and careful selection process led by governors, our current Deputy Headteacher Mr Neal Dickson has been appointed as the new Headteacher from this September. This appointment reflects many years of consistent commitment, strong leadership and a deep understanding of our school community. Over time, he has played a key role in shaping the direction of the school, always keeping the needs of children at the centre of his work. He knows the school well, understands both its strengths and the areas we continue to develop, and brings with him a clear sense of purpose for the future. Governors were particularly impressed by his knowledge of the school, his ambition for all pupils and his ability to lead with both clarity and care. On a personal note, I am genuinely pleased to see him take on this role. Having worked closely together, I know the commitment and thoughtfulness he brings to his work each day. While change always brings a moment of reflection, there is also a great sense of confidence in knowing the school will be in capable and dedicated hands. I am sure you will join me in wishing him every success as he prepares to lead Old Fletton into its next chapter. Mr Dickson, myself and the governors will be looking at leadership recruitment as a priority as we now have a Deputy Head vacancy - we will keep you updated.

Celebrating Learning Before Half Term

Before the half term break, we enjoyed some wonderful learning beyond the classroom:

- **Year 2** had a fantastic visit to Peterborough Cathedral, bringing their learning to life in a meaningful and memorable way.
- **Year 5** visited two different Christian churches in the city, deepening their understanding of faith and community.

The children represented the school brilliantly and we are very proud of them.

Respecting People

A Serious Safeguarding Message – Social Media and Phones

Over recent weeks, we have had to deal with an ever increasing number of serious incidents linked directly to unsupervised phone and social media use. I need to be very clear — at primary school age, children are not ready to safely manage the risks that come with this. All the APPs that children are on, they are not legally old enough for.

We have dealt with:

- Racist and homophobic language
- Serious unkindness, including fat shaming
- Spamming of chats, images and voice notes
- Content and behaviour that meet the threshold of criminal offences

We are also seeing children:

- Messaging extremely late into the night
- Messaging in the early hours of the morning
- Becoming involved in situations they are not emotionally equipped to handle

This is deeply concerning. I therefore ask all parents to seriously consider:

- Whether a smartphone is even appropriate at this age
- Whether allowing your child access to social media or group chats is suitable
- Checking devices daily as part of a routine
- Setting clear boundaries around screen time. Removing phones from children, especially in the evenings and at night

We will continue to educate and put sanctions in for children in school, but this must be a shared responsibility between home and school.

Diary Dates

Y6 SAT's Information Evening

Tuesday 3rd March at 5:15pm

Author Event - Mark Grist (selected students)

Wednesday 4th March

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March

Book Stall (Usborne's Community Book Pledge)

Thursday 5th March, after school

British Science Week

Friday 6th March - Sunday 15th March

Book Fair

Thursday 12th March - Tuesday 17th March

Comic Relief

Friday 20th March
(dress down & share a joke with class)

Y6 PGL Residential Trip

Monday 23rd March - Wednesday 25th March

Y5 Salvation Army Performance

Wednesday 25th March

Attendance (23rd - 27th February)

RLH	97.4%	3EB	97.9%
RML	96.9%	4RP	97.8%
1NG	96.8%	4SF	97.1%
1CF	91.3%	5SM	97.6%
2JR	95.5%	5BT	97.7%
2AM	99.0%	6SS	93.1%
3JM	97.4%	6UB	95.3%

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 10th February children from Reception through to Year 6 participated in this year's Safer Internet Day. The theme this year was the safe and responsible use of AI and pupils participated in activities demonstrating their knowledge and understanding of this. From understanding that Alexa is not a real person in your home to being able to suggest responsible uses for a chatbot, this highly relevant topic promoted discussion across the school. Well done to everyone involved.

Leaflet template activity sheet

Title: AI Chatbot (Sageley,)

What is an AI chatbot?
An AI chatbot is a robot that acts like a person but is not. You can talk to it but sometimes it does weird things.

What is safe to use an AI chatbot for?
You can practice times table and languages etc or ask it about information.

Why is it better to get support and advice from a person over an AI chatbot?

Reason 1 If you are at school and you don't have your phone and need support AI can't be there.	Reason 2 People actually always give the right advice.	Reason 3 AI doesn't give advice.
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Who can you talk to if you need help or support?
Parents, care taker, child line, teachers, friends and youth etc.

chat bot

Leaflet template activity sheet

Title: AI can be good but sometimes bad!

What is an AI chatbot?
It's a computer program that can help with all sorts of things.

What is safe to use an AI chatbot for?
Facts, homework (both sensible) Ask what a preposition is, adjective, determiner etc.

Why is it better to get support and advice from a person over an AI chatbot?

Reason 1 A person will talk about it with you about what an AI chatbot.	Reason 2 A person can actually help you.	Reason 3 A person will stay on the same subject but an AI might change it.
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Who can you talk to if you need help or support?
Childline services, family, school and friends.

Leaflet template activity sheet

Title: AI: ups and downs! 101

What is an AI chatbot?
A program that helps you with lots of stuff.

What is safe to use an AI chatbot for?
Facts, homework, queries, etc.

Why is it better to get support and advice from a person over an AI chatbot?

Reason 1 Humans have feelings AI doesn't. Just	Reason 2 Humans can help you! Have	Reason 3 Humans can see your feelings! FUN!
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Who can you talk to if you need help or support?
Childline, care taker, family, friends. REMEMBER: you are loved!

Leaflet template activity sheet

Title: Safe and not safe things on AI!!!

What is an AI chatbot?
An AI chatbot is something you can ask questions to. It is mostly safe but it could show you something inappropriate and not your own.

What is safe to use an AI chatbot for?
Ask for answers for questions. Learn how to write something, learn different languages and more.

Why is it better to get support and advice from a person over an AI chatbot?

Reason 1 AI doesn't know your emotions.	Reason 2 AI can't give you advice.	Reason 3 AI can't use AI to help you because you can't have your phone.
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Who can you talk to if you need help or support?
A trusted adult, teacher, parents or child line.

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EASTER HALF TERM CAMPS

FUN SPORTS CAMPS FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION - SCHOOL YEAR 8 AT THE FOLLOWING VENUES:

- ALDERMAN JACOBS PRIMARY (PE7 1XJ)
- BISHOP CREIGHTON (PE1 5DB)
- COPA (PE1 5LQ)
- DOGSTHORPE ACADEMY (PE1 4LH)
- FOURFIELDS PRIMARY (PE7 3ZT)
- HAMPTON GARDENS (PE7 8HR)
- LEIGHTON PRIMARY (PE2 5PL)
- MANOR DRIVE ACADEMY (PE4 7EP)
- STANGROUND LEISURE CENTRE (PE7 3BW)
- WILLIAM LAW PRIMARY (PE4 5DT)
- WOODSTON PRIMARY (PE2 9ER)

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HAF CAMPS

CAMPS FOR CHILDREN AGED RECEPTION - SCHOOL YEAR 11
Is your child eligible for benefit related free school meals?
If the answer is yes, you can apply for FREE* camps for 5 - 16 year olds at 1 venue of your choice (listed below).
*Fully funded by the DfE

FREE* CHILD CARE

EASTER HALF TERM

BISHOP CREIGHTON (PE1 5DB) 7-10 APR	COPA (PE1 5LQ) 7-10 APR	DOGSTHORPE ACADEMY (PE1 4LH) 30 MAR-2 APR
HAMPTON GARDENS (PE7 8HR) 7-10 APR	LEIGHTON PRIMARY (PE2 5PL) 30 MAR-2 APR	MANOR DRIVE ACADEMY (PE4 7EP) 30 MAR-2 APR
STANGROUND LEISURE CENTRE (PE7 3BW) 30 MAR-2 APR	WILLIAM LAW PRIMARY (PE4 5DT) 30 MAR-2 APR	WOODSTON PRIMARY (PE2 9ER) 7-10 APR

APPLY NOW!

Camps: 9am-3pm.
Option to pay extra on the day to stay for the remaining 2 hours @ £3 per hour

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Kids with Bricks
Wk beginning 9th February

This week in our Lego club we were challenged to build The Ice Hockey Player.

The winner of this weeks challenge is:

Maisie



YOU ARE INVITED TO

Bring a Bag, Bring a Change

Scan for more

Join us for a fun, community-focused evening supporting families across Peterborough while reducing textile waste.

What's Happening?

- Donate a bag of old or outgrown school uniforms
- Free creative workshops - upcycle & decorate a jumper
- Learn about sustainability and simple ways to make a difference
- Support the Second Chance Uniform Shop
- Inspiring local partner stalls, including: The Co-op, Fairtrade, PECT, Peterborough Recycling Team

Open to everyone.

Thursday 5 March, 5pm-8pm

Roots & Rise, Queensgate Shopping Centre, Peterborough, PE1 1NT



Peterborough City Council, PECT, Queensgate, Centralcoop, RSPCA, Department for Education