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Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2026 will take place on the 10th of February 2026, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Smart tech, safe choices - Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'.

Safer Internet Day is exploring the impact of AI on our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good, and giving advice and guidance that empowers people to use AI safely and responsibly.

We recommend checking children's devices (if they have them) regularly and being mindful of:

Content: What are they accessing online?

Conduct: Are they behaving safely and responsibly?

Commerce: Are they making any in-app purchases or sharing too much?

Contact: Do you know everyone they are in contact with in real life?

[Click link for more info](#)

Residential trips

I understand that in previous years year 5 have had a residential trip. Last year, the decision was taken that financial pressures on parents were making a trip in year 5 and another in year 6, prohibitively expensive. That is why no trip has been planned for this year's year 5.

If a significant number of parents of current year 4 children contact us regarding a potential trip next year, we can review this decision for next year.

Big Walk and Wheel and Parking

This 10 day-challenge encourages as pupils to walk, scoot or cycle to school and runs from 16th -27th March. Please get involved if you can as parking continues to cause concern and reports of incidents involving children nearly being hit by cars keep coming in. If you live a significant distance from school, you can still join in by driving but parking well away from school and walking and wheeling the last section of the journey.

Heald Green Social Club have been in touch to stress that parking on the corner by the club outside of the designated spaces and by people who are not patrons of the club is illegal. They have written to say, 'Twice a day, your pupils' parents show a complete disrespect for the privacy notices on our land, and consequently, put the lives of children and adults alike at risk'.

I will be meeting with our local councillor in March to continue to try to improve the situation but whatever course of action we take, we will be relying on all parents to drive and park safely and legally. Thank you to all of you who do just that and to all of you who have responded to our consultation.





Support for the grown-ups guiding growing minds

Want to know more about supporting your child's Mental Health and Wellbeing?

Drop into the Family Hub for a brew and a friendly chat with local services.

Thriving from Tots to Teens

Thursday 12th February
9:30-11:30am

One Stockport Family Hubs Garners Lane,
Adswood, SK3 8QW



This drop in session will include; showcase of resources plus professionals providing useful information and tips

Early Years £1.50; everyone else £3

Early Years 2.30pm - 2.50pm

Years 1, 2 & 3 3.00pm - 3.45pm

Years 4, 5 & 6 4.15pm - 5.15pm

Party Clothes for everyone

Attendance

Here are the top three classes this week for attendance. Well done to Nursery & 3/4TL for having the highest attendance this week.

Class	Attendance
3/4TL	97.4%
N	97.4%
2J	96.9%

Please ensure your children are in school every day on time. Every

Kind regards,

Stuart Kelly
and the Etchells staff

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Start well, live well and thrive
Working together with communities
to support children, young people and families

Children's Mental Health

It's Children's Mental Health Week next week. At Etchells we strive to ensure that children are calm and develop strategies for regaining a sense of calm and of perspective when they need to. We can all help by underlining that mistakes in learning are normal and mistakes in social and behavioural learning are also normal. When we make mistakes, it is not the end of the world, but we should try to fix them. Other people make mistakes too and this is normal. If your child comes home upset about something that has happened in school, please reassure them, acknowledge their feelings, calm them and cheer them up. Please share their worries with us so we can help them. Together we can help them to regain a sense of calm and perspective, move on and feel better.

