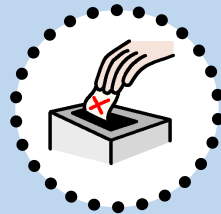


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STUDENT POLL

100% of learners asked agree that staff at college support them to achieve their goals and aspirations
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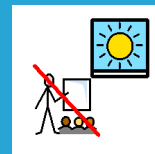
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EVENTS AT THORNBECK

DATE	THEME
	February 2026 <i>E-Safety Month</i>
	February 2026 <i>Chinese New Year</i>
	March 2026 <i>Careers Week</i>



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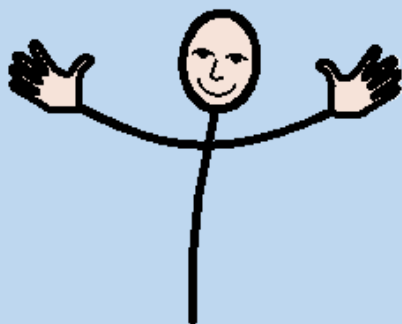
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NEWSLETTER INTRODUCTION

Hello and welcome to 'Issue 6' of our College Newsletter.

This month at college, we have celebrated e-safety month and how to stay safe online!

Continue reading to see what else we have been up to. We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter as much as we have enjoyed participating in the activities that have taken place.



SAFEGUARDING

This month, our theme for Safeguarding has been 'Online Abuse'.

As part of this, we have explored activities that have increased our awareness of this, including what this means and what online abuse may look like. We have also learned about safety features that can be applied online in order to help to keep us safe, such as parental controls and the SMART Rules.

It is important that we know about this information so that we are able to keep ourselves safe in different situations, as well as to be aware of warning signs and how to report these appropriately if needed.



E-SAFETY MONTH

BY DANIEL GREAVES

E-Safety Month is celebrated annually in February. The focus is to support us learn ways that help us to stay safe online. As part of this, we also celebrate 'Safer Internet Day', which happened on 10th February 2026. The theme for this years Safer Internet Day was "Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI", which encouraged us to explore how technology is modernising and how we can continue to promote ways to increase our safety.

To celebrate this event at college, we participated in a range of activities such as: a Facebook Experiment, where a post was shared and we were able to track the interactions (this post was shared all over the world!), exploring the benefits of AI and how this can support us with our learning, a BBC live lesson and creating posters to spread awareness.

It is important that we learned about these things, as it teaches us the skills we need to keep ourselves safe and prevents dangerous things from happening.



CHINESE NEW YEAR

BY AARON SCOTT -MOORE

Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, marks the beginning of a New Year on the traditional lunisolar Chinese Calendar. It is one of the most important holidays in Chinese culture.

Traditionally, celebrations take place over a period of 15 days—with day 15 being the Lantern Festival. The first day of the celebration is aligned with the New Moon that appears between January and February.

At college, we visited the Oriental Museum to learn more about Chinese culture.



E-SAFETY WORDSEARCH

BY CAMERON GAMSBY

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TRUST	SMART	REPORT	PHISHING	CONTROLS
TECHNOLOGY	INTERNET	FEBRUARY	MODERN	SAFE
COMPUTER	WEBSITE	ONLINE	RISKS	COOKIES

RIDDLE OF THE MONTH



I have keys but no locks. I have space but no room. What am I?

Keep your eyes peeled for the answer in the next issue!

Last month's answer: A Teapot!

JOKE OF THE MONTH



Q: What do you call a pig that does karate?

A: A pork chop!