

Primary Assembly



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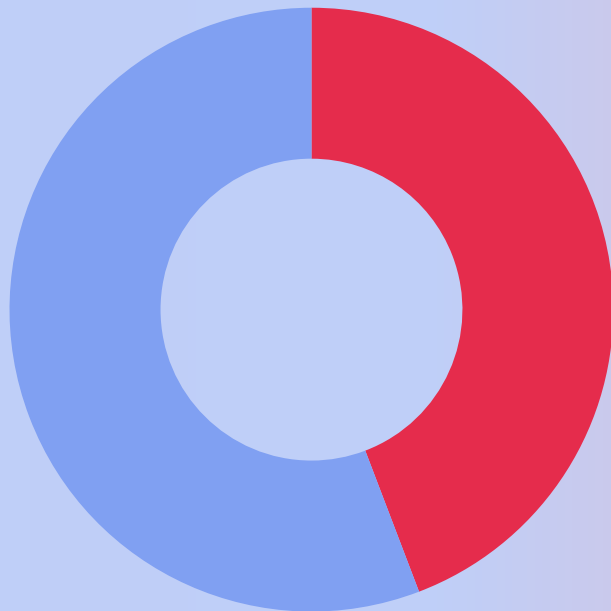


Be curious.



Be heard.

Your latest results: “Should we be more worried about drone use?”



Yes

55.8%

No

44.2%

“I think that we should be overall more careful with drones because if you are not respectful and disregard people’s privacy, it could really upset people.”

Pheasant Bank Academy

“I’m worried about them crashing onto people’s heads. I’m worried that the wrong people will use drones in a bad way.”

Tooting Primary School

“I think no, because there are plenty of rules in place to ensure that drones respect our privacy.”

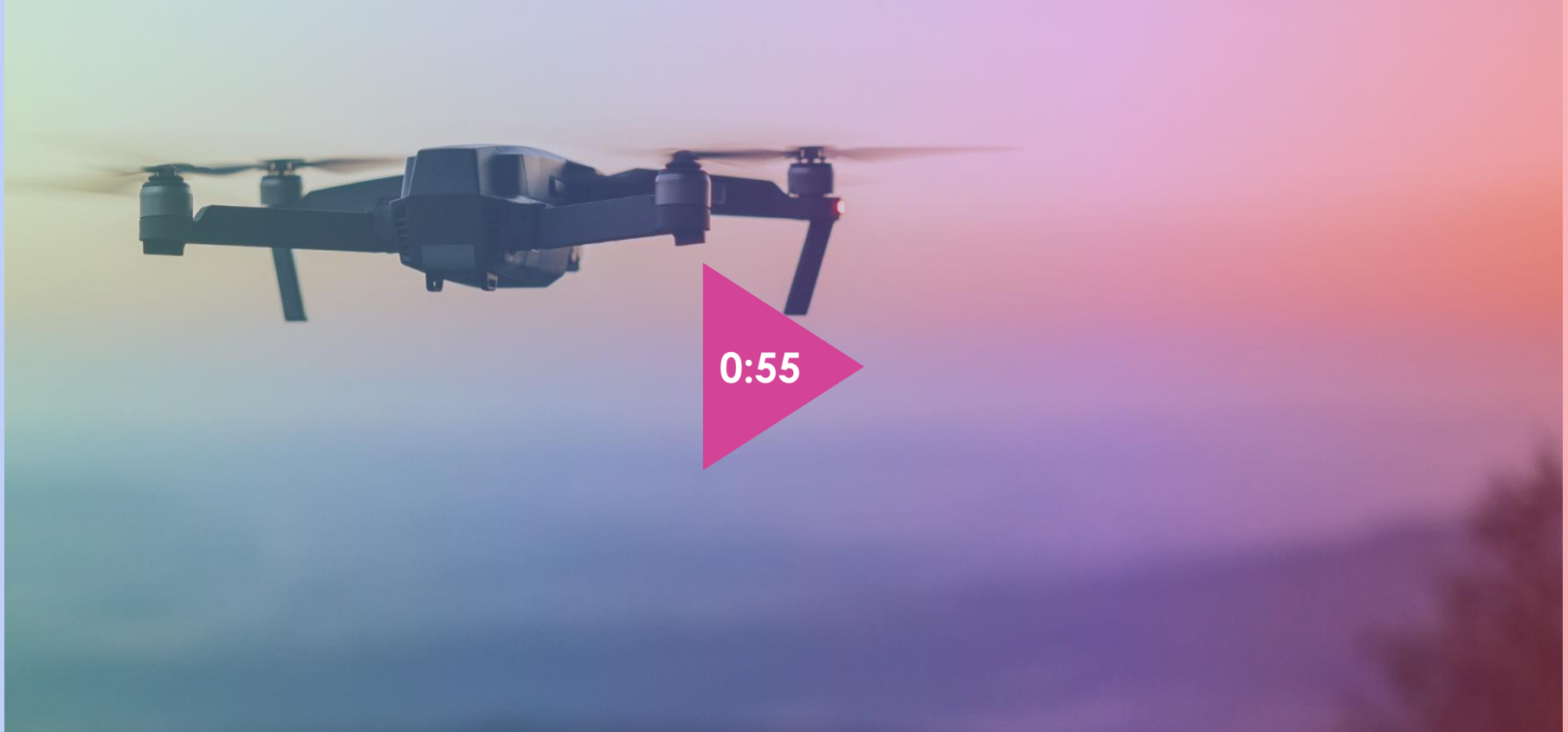
Lea Forest Primary Academy

“Drones can help us with all sorts such as catching criminals, delivering products or medicine and helping us with other parts of our daily lives.”

Lanchester Primary School

60,625 young people voted this week! Were you one of them?

Your latest results: “Should we be more worried about drone use?”



Click to hear from Aleks Kowalski at ARPAS-UK, the UK Drone Association, about his thoughts on your latest VoteTopic results.

Your views on “Should we be more worried about drone use?” were also heard by:



Civil Aviation
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ARPAS
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Royal
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Amazon



National Police
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Thought of the week:

**What
technology will
we be talking
about in 2025?**



Be informed: Great power, great responsibility



Safer Internet Day will take place on **11th February** this year.

In your **lessons**, you will have the chance to think about **how we can use digital technology safely**.

Being **safe online** is **very important**. In 2023, research found that **92.6% of children went online** every day or almost every day.



The **online world** has a **big impact** on our lives. In the last few years, **artificial intelligence (AI)** has made the **news a lot**. Many people believe that AI could **change how we live in a big way**.



Artificial Intelligence (AI):
Technology that does (or attempts to do) something the way a human would do it.

The internet is **changing quickly**, so it's **important** that we can **recognise** when things **aren't changing for the better**.



So far in **2025**, there have been plenty of news headlines about the **internet**, new **technology** and **social media**. And they **don't** show any signs of **stopping!**

Swiping for the answer...

Let's look at some recent news stories. Look at the statement on the slide; if you think the story is true, use your finger to swipe right. If you think it is false, swipe left.



The UK Government wants to spend more money on technology.



True! The Chancellor, Rachel Reeves, announced big plans for UK tech in the next few years.



Be curious: Swipe all about it



Facebook and
Instagram are
hiring more
fact-checkers.





False! Meta, the company that runs the two platforms, are removing fact-checkers. This will only be in the USA for now, but this might change later.

Remember:
You have to be aged 13 and above to use both Facebook and Instagram.



DeepSeek is the name of a new robot dolphin.



False! DeepSeek is the name of a new AI-chatbot created in China. Its logo is a dolphin.



US President, Donald Trump, has asked for his picture to be put on all American credit cards.





False! However, President Trump did recently launch his own digital coin called TRUMP.





**Mobile network
Vodafone is using
satellites to help make
video calls in places
with no phone signal.**



True! The first test call was made from the side of a mountain in Ceredigion, West Wales.

Technology is changing our lives forever. **Blink** and you might just **miss it**.

Changing technology can be a **big problem** for the people who **create the laws** needed to **keep us safe**. Sometimes, **laws and rules** have **trouble keeping up**.

The Online Safety Act passed into UK **law** in **October 2023**.

Its aim is to **keep young people and children safe online**. But some people worry that it might **already be out of date**.





Blink and you miss it!

Now let's look at some of the technology that will change quickly in the next few years. If you think we should keep an eye on it, keep your eyes open. If we can leave it alone for now, shut your eyes.



Virtual reality





Social media





Artificial intelligence



Drones





Driverless cars



This week you're discussing: "Is it easy to know who to trust online?"

Yes

I think I can be SMART online. These are the skills I will need to tell who is safe to interact with.

I only talk to people I know online. If I was in any doubt, I'd speak to a trusted adult right away.

Winning a competition? Getting a message from my favourite influencer? I'm always going to be wary of those things.

Though the SMART skills are helpful, the tactics untrustworthy people use online are changing all the time.

It's so confusing. Untrustworthy people online act like they're being kind, but they're not really.

Pretending to be someone I know? That's a tricky one to spot as I trust them in real life.

No

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