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Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you have had the opportunity to read the letter sent yesterday from Neil Blundell. In the letter, Neil spoke about the escalating war in the Middle East and shared fund-raising pages for two international charities supporting child victims of war and conflict. Please do give if you can.

[Save the Children](#) and [UNICEF](#)

If your children are asking questions or are feeling worried about war and conflict, you may find these resources helpful. There are also some good picture books that we have at school and can share with children if you let us know that this might help or if they share worries with us. Some children in Year 6 have asked about watching Newsround too, which we do use as a source of age-appropriate information in some KS2 classes.

<https://www.unicef.org/parenting/how-talk-your-children-about-conflict-and-war>

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/blogs/2022/how-to-talk-to-children-about-war>

The Friends of St Werburgh's (FSWP)

The Friends of St Werburgh's charity (our PTA) have made a pledge to support a book to be published called 'Bobble', which Hannah Broadway, a parent of a child who has recently left our school, has illustrated. This is about a refugee character and we hope, if it is published, to have a Bobble visit soon! Thank you to the FSWP! If you are interested in finding out more about this please check out Hannah's Instagram page.

Thank you to everyone that come to the cake sale today it was lovely to see so many parents/carers supporting the Friends and our school.

Staff news

Megan Turner is now on maternity leave. She had a baby girl on Monday 30th October and mum and baby are both doing well. Poppy Bulteel will be covering the role of KS1 phase lead and Reading lead until Miss Turner returns.

School Instagram page

Unfortunately, our page on twitter, or X as it is now known, has become locked and we can no longer use it. We have taken the opportunity to try a different platform to share photos and news – this links to our website too. Please do check the thread on our website [Home - St. Werburghs Primary School \(stwerburghsprimary.com\)](#) under Latest News or follow us on Instagram @stwerburghs_cst. Thank you to the 34 followers we already have!

NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. programme

I am pleased to share that we will be participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme this term. Speak out. Stay safe. is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

<p>Parent/Carer support Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers. www.nspcc.org.uk/parents</p>	<p>Activities to extend learning at home Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe. www.nspcc.org.uk/activities</p>
<p>Online Safety Hub For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more. www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety</p>	<p>Childline – under 12’s Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content. www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7) www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)</p>
<p>Talk PANTS with your children Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.</p>	

I hope you find this information about the NSPCC and the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme helpful. Please do contact Olivia Dowle if you have any questions about this or any other aspect of safeguarding.

Thank you for your continued support.

Helen Faulkner

Headteacher