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AI Awareness Day 2026

"Know it, Question it, Use it Wisely"

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What is AI Awareness Day?

On 4th June, schools across the UK are taking part in something new. **AI Awareness Day is a national campaign with one simple ask: commit to running just one activity. That's all, just one conversation, one lesson, one assembly, whatever works for your school.**

The idea is to create a shared moment where students, teachers and parents can engage with AI honestly and critically, rather than just using it without really thinking about it.

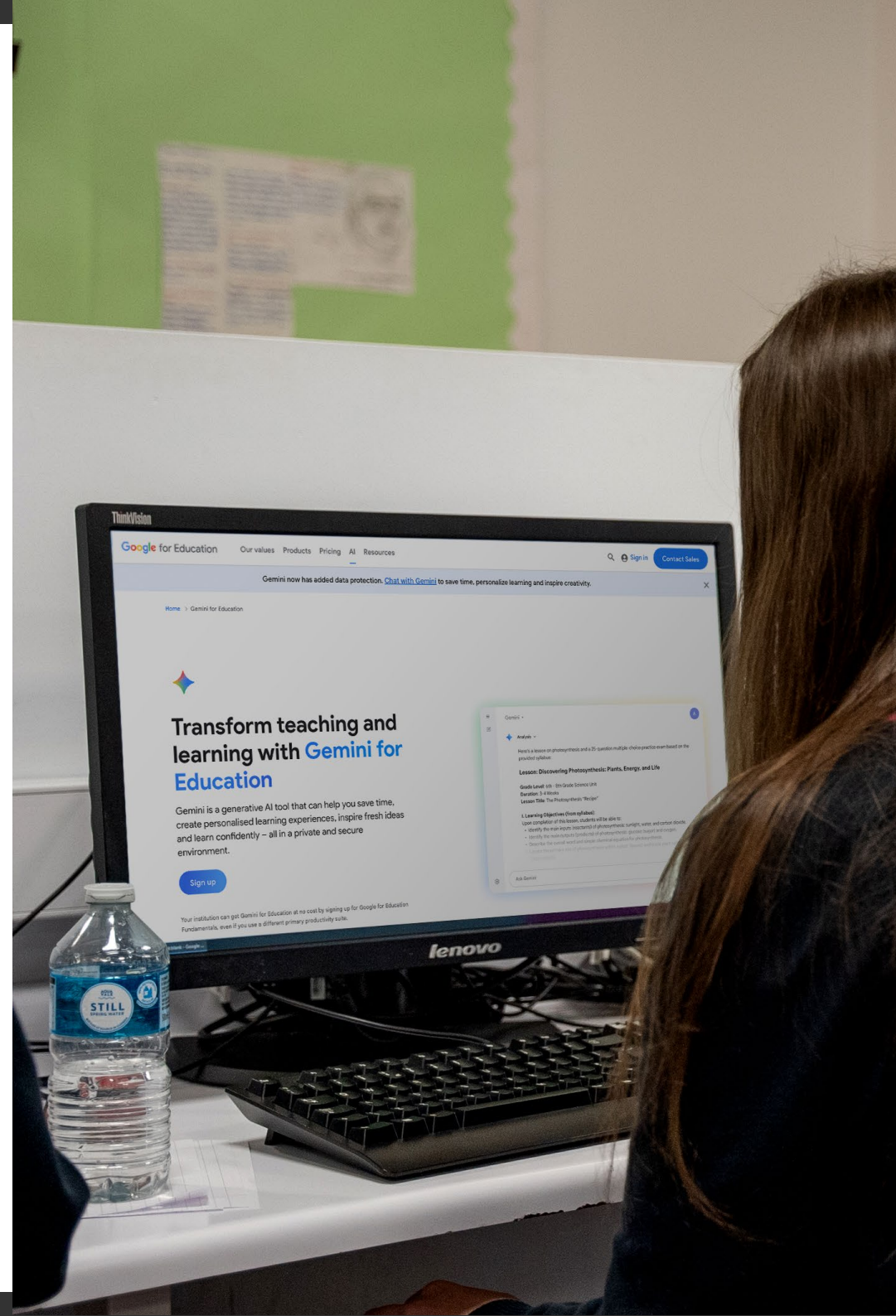
We've been doing something similar with Safer Internet Day for years, so when AI Awareness Day landed on our radar, supporting it was a pretty easy decision. AI is already in every school, on students' phones, in lesson planning tools, in the resources teachers are using every day.

The question isn't whether to engage with it. It's whether young people have the knowledge to use it well.

That's what this pack is for.

We've pulled together a **collection of activities, discussion starters, games and guidance, things that are ready to use, age-appropriate, and won't require a full afternoon of prep.** There's something here for classroom teachers, pastoral leads and parents too.

So dig in, share it with your staff, and let's help students get to grips with AI the right way.





Live Streams

Activities:	Time:	Audience:	Delivered by:
<u>AI in Our World -</u> KS2 Live Assembly	09:15 – 10:00	KS2 (ages 7–11)	Tech She Can
<u>AI Explorers Live</u> Lesson – Level 1	13:00 – 13:45	KS1 (ages 5–7)	Barefoot Computing
<u>Raising children in the age of AI</u>	13:30 – 14:30	Parents - Teachers	Crafting Tomorrow
<u>AI in Everyday Life -</u> KS3 Live Assembly	14:00 – 15:00	KS3 (ages 11–13)	Tech She Can
<u>AI Explorers Live Lesson -</u> Level 2	14:00 – 14:55	KS2 (ages 7–11)	Barefoot Computing
<u>AI for ALL CPD</u> (in partnership with Microsoft)	15:30 – 17:00	Teachers	Tech She Can
<u>Raising AI Awareness</u>	16:00 – 17:00	KS4 teachers	STEM Learning

Learning Resources

[AI Awareness Day Resources](#)

Lesson starters, lesson activities, and assembly materials for AI Awareness Day.

Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI

[Ages 3-7](#) [Ages 7-11](#) [Ages 11-14](#) [Ages 14-18](#)

[AI Safety](#)

Equip learners with the knowledge and skills to responsibly and safely navigate the challenges associated with AI, from data privacy, misinformation, and factchecking, to deepfakes and generative AI.

[Be Internet Legends by Google](#)

Now includes AI safety modules alongside existing online safety content, helping children understand AI-generated content and how to spot it.

[Google Quick, Draw!](#)

A delightful introduction to how AI "sees" the world. Children draw something in 20 seconds while AI tries to guess what it is.

[Emoji Scavenger Hunt by Google](#)

Students get an emoji and must find that object using their camera. AI recognises when they find the correct item. Teaches object recognition.

[GenType](#)

Design and download one-of-a-kind AI generated alphabets with Google Labs. Tools for anyone to create, learn, develop and play with the future of AI.

[The Grand Challenges](#)

The Grand Challenges aims to help young people develop the skills needed to bridge the gap between today's learners and tomorrow's career choices.

[Say What You See](#)

Learn the art of the prompt and improve your image-reading skills by looking at Google AI-generated images and describing what you see.

[AI Literacy Resources](#)

Resources and guidance for teaching AI literacy aligned with UK computing curriculum requirements.

[Chartered College of Teaching: AI Certifications \(For Teachers\)](#)

Free certified assessment for school staff on safe, ethical AI use (in partnership with DfE).

[Data Education in Schools \(Scotland\) \(For Teachers\)](#)

Free professional development courses on data and AI literacy for primary and secondary teachers.

Resources for Parents

[What are AI Chatbots and Companions](#)

AI chatbots and companion apps are popular among children who experience both benefits and risks. See how you can help them navigate this technology safely.

[NSPCC AI Safety Guide](#)

Practical tips for parents about AI-generated content, chatbots, and deepfakes, with conversation starters to use at home.

[Me, Myself and AI](#)

Through speaking with children, this report aims to highlight some of the challenges and opportunities AI chatbots present, to ensure children are considered at the outset of the design of generative AI applications.



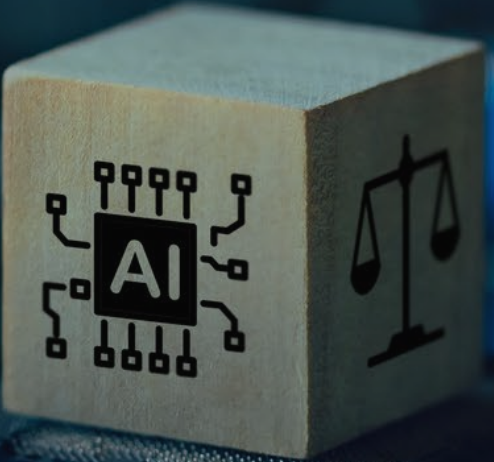
Reports, Guides and Frameworks for Teachers

- [Generative AI in Education - DfE Guidance](#)
- [Using AI in Education: Support Materials \(DfE\)](#)
- [DfE Generative AI: Product Safety Expectations](#)
- [AI in Education: Getting it Right](#)
- [Artificial Intelligence in Schools: Everything you need to know](#)
- [Empowering Learners for the Age of AI](#)
- [UNESCO AI and Education Guidance](#)
- [Anyone Can Learn AI](#)
- [AI Guidance for Schools Toolkit](#)
- [OpenAI for Education 101](#)
- [AI and Children \(UNICEF\)](#)
- [NSPCC Learning: AI and Child Safety](#)
- [Smoothwall: Navigating AI Safely in Education](#)
- [Ofsted: AI in Schools Research](#)
- [ICO: AI and Data Protection in Schools](#)

All resources are free to access and have been verified as current for 2025-2026.

Schools are encouraged to review and adapt materials to suit their specific needs and circumstances.





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