

# Cherry Tree Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Families,

**The NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme is visiting our school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.**

We are pleased to tell you that we will again be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who will be delivering their ***Speak out. Stay safe.*** programme to Cherry Tree children on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they will be presenting an assembly to the children in our school, as well as a workshop for Years 5 and 6.

## What is the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme?

Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops their specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language.

We have studied the content of the materials and have had this programme delivered at Cherry Tree in recent years, so we are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of their visit, we are convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like to find out more about the ***Speak out. Stay safe.*** Programme, you can visit the NSPCC website [nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://nspcc.org.uk/speakout)

## Talking PANTS with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe, but they also have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation at



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home afterwards. The 'Talk PANTS' guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at [nspcc.org.uk/pants](https://nspcc.org.uk/pants)

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website [nspcc.org.uk/parents](https://nspcc.org.uk/parents)

Yours sincerely,

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