



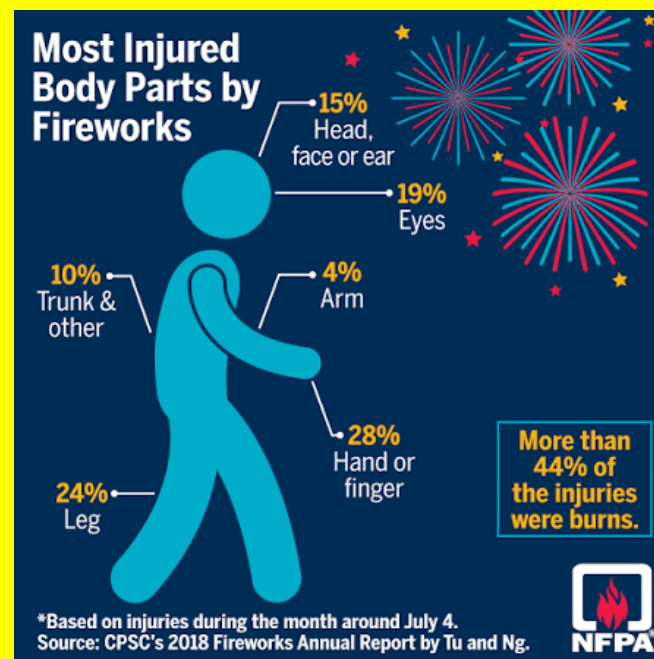
Safeguarding Newsletter

October 2026



Introducing Our Neighbourhood PCSO: Jessie Horsley

On Wednesday 4th November, PCSO Jessie Horsley from the Kettering Neighbourhood Team will be speaking to children at Mawsley School about keeping themselves safe and will remind them about firework safety.



How to Keep Our Pets Safe:

<https://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/fireworks/pets>

Climbing Derelict or Dangerous Spaces

On 22nd September, the BBC reported that Northamptonshire Police said there had been several incidents involving young people entering derelict and unsafe buildings in recent months. The BBC believes that in May, police, the county's fire service and West Northamptonshire Council said there had been an increase in young people visiting derelict buildings and sharing videos from them on social media platforms, including TikTok.

In Mawsley, there have been several sightings where young people have been seen climbing upon the roof of the large shed at TCAM. This shed houses sports equipment that includes flag poles with stakes that go into the ground, machinery for mowing and marking the pitches and solutions for ground treatment. Falling through the roof or off this roof could cause potentially serious injuries.

Another place local to Mawsley is an abandoned farmhouse that you may have come across on the Cransley walk. Again, there have been sightings of children exploring this derelict building, that is quite isolated in its countryside setting.

Please share this message with your children about safe exploring.

Be Seen!

Clocks go back an hour on 25th October, bringing darker evenings for our children.

Now is a good time to consider looking for safety clothing and gadgets such as these below to make walking or cycling home from school safer.



Mental Health day: October 10th

Infant, child and adolescent mental health
Mental health is as important to a child's safety and wellbeing as their physical health. It can impact on all aspects of their life, including their physical wellbeing, relationships and educational attainment.

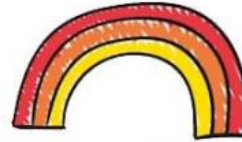
Childline reports that in 2024/25, **over half** of all counselling sessions related to mental or emotional health and wellbeing.

Negative experiences can adversely impact a child's mental health. Mental health issues can also sometimes lead to safeguarding issues, for example if a child's mental health begins to put them or other people at risk of harm.

If you are concerned about your child's mental health, try some of these top tips or speak to one of our safeguarding leads in school:

<https://www.mawsleyschool.co.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding+and+Wellbeing&pid=32>

Self-Care & Mental Health for Kids



Share your own feelings to **encourage** self-awareness.



Find social groups that help them feel like they **belong**.



Focus on articulating feelings.
"I am angry."
"I am sad."

Set aside time for **low-stress** or solo activities.



Encourage **journaling** and diaries.

Practice **self-care** for yourself to set the standard.

Encourage your child to focus on the **moment**.



Establish a **self-care** routine.



Recognize **toxic stress** events.

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Cultivate interests and **hobbies**.

Mobile Phones on School Site

Our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy asks that people do not use mobile phones when on our school site.

Please help to keep our community safe by putting your phone away when dropping off or collecting your children or when visiting.



New Safeguarding Governor: Laura Clayton

Laura Clayton, who some of you may remember as a former teacher of Mawsley School, has recently become our new safeguarding governor.

Laura is already a governor at our school, and this will be a new role for her. Laura will help to provide strategic oversight into safeguarding at Mawsley School and will work closely with our school leadership team in her role as a critical friend to ensure that the safeguarding and child protection considerations at our school are effective and appropriate.

Laura will meet with our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Michelle Harris, during the course of the year and will be present for local authority safeguarding audits.

Out of Hours Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child, who is not in immediate danger of harm, please speak to one of our designated safeguarding leads during school hours.

Outside of schools hours, please contact the MASH team on 0300 126 7000 (option 1) or email them at: MASH@nctrust.co.uk.

If you think that a child is in immediate danger, please contact the police / emergency service immediately on: 999