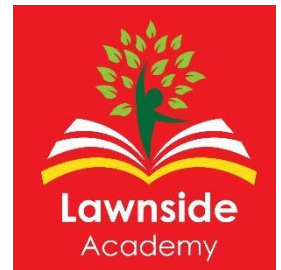


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12<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Years 5 and 6 have been invited to take part in the 2026 Cyber Challenge Competition, organised by the local branch of BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT.

Running since 2013, this exciting competition encourages young people to develop computing, coding, creativity and problem-solving skills through fun, educational projects, while also supporting STEM learning and career awareness by connecting classroom learning with real-world technology and digital careers.

Your child has expressed an interest in entering the competition. We have discussed ideas and options in Computer Club, where the children will be given the opportunity and the resources to create their entry.

Students will be working independently, in pairs, or in teams of up to four students. Entries can be created using Scratch, Kodu, EduBlocks, Python, Purple Mash, Python on Pieces, or any suitable programming language.

Competition Categories:

• **Year 5 – Online Safety**

Create an educational resource promoting safe and positive online communication and helping young people recognise inappropriate or risky online behaviour.

• **Year 6 – Dealing with Cyberbullying**

Create a resource that teaches young people how to respond safely to cyberbullying and how it can be prevented.

**Important Information:**

- Deadline for submissions: 12th June 2026
- Prize ceremony: 30th June 2026 at Cranfield University
- Prizes include trophies, medals and other awards.

**Students are reminded that:**

- All work must be original.
- Any help from adults should be minimal and clearly acknowledged.
- Copyright restrictions on music and images must be respected.
- Students should follow online safety guidance and avoid sharing personal information online.

**Judges will be looking for:**

- Creativity
- Effective use of images and text
- Good programming techniques, including loops, variables and custom blocks
- Clear communication and educational impact

More information is available at <https://bbn.bcs.org/competition.php>

I am looking forward to seeing the creative and innovative projects your child will produce.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Dawson  
Computer Lead



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