How to spot fake news

Check the source
Are they a reputable news organisation, a satirical site, or maybe a Facebook group? Consider how you found the article too. Read with caution if you found the article on a social media site.

Check for evidence
Is the story based on fact or opinion? Who are the author's sources? A lack of evidence can mean it's a fake story.

Check the web address of the news site
Some fake news sites use a similar web address to authentic news websites.

Check the author
Who wrote the piece? Are they credible? Do they have an agenda? Do a search to see whether they have written anything else and whether it's been published by reputable news organisations.