

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 20TH JUNE 2025



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ASPIRE

BELIEVE

PERSEVERE

ACHIEVE

WE ARE LEO READY!



This week Miss Broomfield held a special assembly about our Dog Mentor, Leo. The children had the opportunity to learn about how to be 'Leo Ready' and then Leo came into the assembly to meet the children. He was very well behaved!



Leo has also started to make new friends around school and loves to hear the children read a story from his new 'Leo Library'

FORCES AND MOTION WORKSHOP

Nursery had a special visit from a scientist called Gaynor this week. She delivered a Forces and Motion workshop for some of the children. We used cars, marbles, and pendulums to create some large-scale artwork. We had so much fun!



YEAR 6 HOODIES!

Year 6 were so excited to receive their leavers' hoodies this week. They have been working hard to raise money for them and are now proudly wearing them.



STEMFEST

Year 6 had an amazing trip to STEMFest yesterday at the Life Centre. They got to sample a huge range of scientific and technology-based activities to ignite their interests. There were activities with robots, coding breaking, programming computers, aerodynamics and much more.



TRANSITION MEETINGS

Transition meetings

Transition is an important part of your child's journey through school. At Swain House Primary School, we aim to make transitions between year groups and Key Stages as smooth and seamless as possible.

To support with transition, we will be holding transition meetings for each class. At these meetings, you will have the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher, look around the classroom and receive information about the new class and year group.

All transition meetings will start at 3.15pm and will last approximately 15 minutes.

Please sign in at the main entrance, on arrival at 3.15pm.

Please see the dates below for your child's transition meeting. You will receive a letter on **Monday 7th July** informing you of their new class teacher. All children will meet their new class teacher on this morning.

Year group	Date
Current Reception moving to Year 1	Wednesday 16 th July
Current Year 1 children moving to Year 2	Wednesday 9 th July
Current Year 2 children moving to Year 3	Thursday 10 th July
Current Year 3 children moving to Year 4	Friday 11 th July
Current Year 4 children moving to Year 5	Tuesday 8 th July
Current Year 5 children moving to Year 6	Monday 7 th July

50 THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU'RE FIVE

This week's activity is #24 Hop, Skip and Jump. Please have a go at completing the activity and send any photos to 50things@swainhouse.bradford.sch.uk then we will share them in our weekly news-

This week's activity is...

Try #24 Hop, Skip and Jump on your poster, app or local website...

Find out more...

Encourage your child to move however they can!

#24 Hop, Skip and Jump

www.50thingstodo.org

50 things to do

Click [here](#) to access the 50 Things website to find out more about the activity or scan the QR code below

How to do it

Watch as your baby starts to move independently and give them the space and the support that they need. Your baby needs space to crawl and sturdy support to pull themselves up when they are ready to try it. Your older child will want places and opportunities to run, jump, hop, skip and twirl—often that's easier to do in large open spaces.

What you will need

Parks, playing fields, soft play gyms and woodland are all great for practising movement. Use chalk to create hopscotch games outside on flagstones and concrete. Create an obstacle course and have a go at those stepping stones.

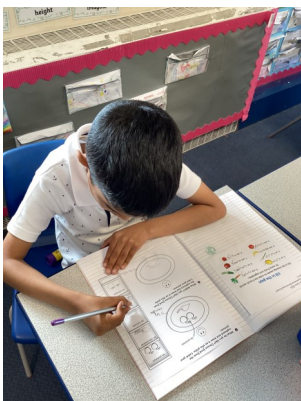
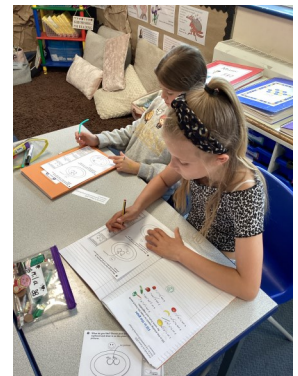




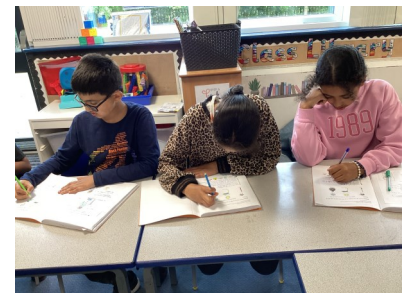
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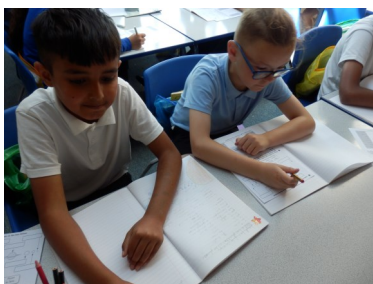
At Swain House Primary school we teach our French curriculum through Boost Learning, which provides an engaging, knowledge-rich and progressive curriculum. Children in Years 3-6 study six units throughout the year taught as weekly lessons. Throughout our French lessons we have enjoyed learning lots of different songs.



Year 3 have enjoyed learning the names of different fruits and vegetables in French. They talked about their likes and dislikes and gave their opinion about food.



Year 4 have been exploring what the weather is like in French and recognising weather expressions.



Year 5 have enjoyed learning about the solar system and have answered questions about it. They have also described the planets.



Year 6's Monter un Café unit involved naming a variety of foods and how to request food and drink at a café.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



THE
READING
AGENCY

Summer Reading Challenge



City of
BRADFORD
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Bradford Libraries Summer Reading Challenge 2025 starts on **Saturday 5th July** and runs right through the summer holidays!

This summer, Bradford Libraries in association with The Reading Agency invites children to step into the magical world of Story Garden, the 2025 Summer Reading Challenge theme.

Click [here](#) to access more information

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

LIBRARY-LED STORY GARDEN SUPER SESSIONS

MONDAY 21 JULY

Eccleshill Library

Seed planting and pot decorating
10am – 11am

TUESDAY 22 JULY

City Library

Sunflower craft 11am – 12noon

Bingley Library

Make a butterfly craft
2.30pm – 3.30pm
Booking Essential

WEDNESDAY 23 JULY

Shipley Library

Volcano Art 10am – 11am
Booking Essential 6 – 9 years

THURSDAY 24 JULY

Laisterdyke Library

Decorate ceramic tealight
gnomes 2pm – 3pm

Menston Library

Decorate ceramic tealight
gnomes 11am
Booking Essential

SATURDAY 26 JULY

Keighley Library

Story/rhyme time and bird
feeders crafts 11am – 12n

MONDAY 28 JULY

Manningham Library

Leaf Monsters 11am – 12noon

TUESDAY 29 JULY

Bingley Library

Birds nest crafting 2.30pm –
3.30pm
Booking Essential

WEDNESDAY 30 JULY

City Library

Bird house crafts
2pm – 3pm

THURSDAY 31 JULY

Wibsey Library

Nature collages
10.30am – 11.30am

Clayton Library

Gnoming around the garden
1.30pm – 2.45pm

FRIDAY 1 AUGUST

Heaton Hub Library

Nature Treasure Hunt 2pm –
4pm

SATURDAY 2 AUGUST

Keighley Library

Story/rhyme time and handprint
crafts 11am – 12noon

SUNDAY 3 AUGUST

Manningham Library

Nature colouring 1.30pm – 2pm

MONDAY 4 AUGUST

Wibsey Library

Rainforest Rhymers 10am –
10.30am

Manningham Library

Making nature wands
11am – 12noon

TUESDAY 5 AUGUST

Wibsey Library

Beaded bracelets
10.30am – 11.30am

WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST

Shipley Library

Decorate ceramic tealight
gnomes 10am – 11am
Booking Essential 7 – 11 years

Eccleshill Library

Pebble painting
2.30pm – 3.30pm

THURSDAY 7 AUGUST

Menston Library

Flower Art with old books 11am
Booking Essential

SUNDAY 10 AUGUST

Manningham Library

Colours of Nature: creating
bookmarks 1.30pm – 2pm

MONDAY 11 AUGUST

Manningham Library

Nature Collage 11am – 12noon

TUESDAY 12 AUGUST

Clayton Library

Rock painting 11am – 12noon

THURSDAY 14 AUGUST

Heaton Hub Library

Leaf Art 10am – 12noon &
2pm – 4pm

Menston Library

Drawing & painting the bugs of
Menston 11am

Wibsey Library

Make your own animal jigsaws
10.30am – 11.30am

FRIDAY 15 AUGUST

City Library

Seed planting 2pm – 3pm

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST

Keighley Library

Story/rhyme time and rocking
snail/insect crowns crafts
11am – 12noon

SUNDAY 17 AUGUST

Manningham Library

Nature and Crayon Fun
1.30pm – 2pm



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

MONDAY 18 AUGUST

Heaton Hub Library
Rock painting 10am – 1pm

Manningham Library
Woven by nature (weaving)
11am – 12noon

TUESDAY 19 AUGUST

Wibsey Library
Air Dry Clay Crafts
10.30am – 11.30am

Wyke Library
Bugs in the garden craft
10.30am – 11.30am

City Library
Decorate ceramic tealight
gnomes 11am – 12noon

Bingley Library
Make a junk bird house craft
2.30pm – 3.30pm
Booking Essential

WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST

Shipley Library
Hedgehog book crafts
10am – 11am
Booking Essential
8 – 11 years

Eccleshill Library
Making mini beasts
10am – 11am

THURSDAY 21 AUGUST

Burley Library
Crazy herby pots! Harvest
potatoes & herbs! 10am –
11.30am
Free tasting! No need to book,
aimed at 5 – 11 years but all
welcome.

Laisterdyke Library
Crazy rainforest bookmark craft
2pm – 3pm

Burley Library
Win a prize at the Story Trail in
Burley Village 2pm – 4pm
No need to book, aimed at
5 – 11 years but all welcome
(meet at the library).

Menston Library
Painting Rocks! 11am
Booking Essential

SATURDAY 23 AUGUST

Keighley Library
Story/rhyme time and woolly
caterpillar crafts 11am – 12noon

SUNDAY 24 AUGUST

Manningham Library
Summertime colouring
1.30pm – 2pm

TUESDAY 26 AUGUST

Shipley Library
Tree Art Craft & Storytelling
2pm – 2.45pm

Wyke Library
Magical Pixies, Fairies & Elves
Collage 2pm – 3pm

Bingley Library
Rock painting 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Booking Essential

THURSDAY 28 AUGUST

Wibsey Library
Weaving 10.30am – 11.30am

Clayton Library
Nature Trail – planting bulbs &
decorating pots 2pm – 3.15pm

Bradford Libraries:

Baildon.....	01274 581425
Bingley.....	01274 438780
City.....	01274 433600
Clayton.....	01274 880689
Eccleshill.....	01274 431544
Ilkley.....	01943 436225
Keighley.....	01535 618212
Laisterdyke.....	01274 434724
Manningham.....	01274 435353
Shipley.....	01274 437150
Wibsey.....	01274 435446
Wyke.....	01274 431598

Community Managed Libraries:

Addingham.....	01943 436230
Allerton @ Cafe West.....	01274 488499
Bolling Hall.....	07582 108216
Burley.....	01943 863714
Denholme.....	07743 228797
Great Horton.....	01274 431583
Holme Wood Library.....	07816 204490
Heaton Hub.....	07582 102546
Idle Library @ Wright Watson.....	01274 952057
Menston.....	01943 876539
Queensbury.....	07582 109225
Silsden.....	01535 654131
Thornbury.....	01274 666984
Thornton.....	01274 833442
Wilsden.....	07485 118026

All telephone numbers correct at time of press.

For up to date contact details and opening times please visit
www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries

READING PLANET REVIEWS!

As part of our Key Stage 2 reading scheme, we would like to use our weekly newsletter to help promote and share some of your children's favourite stories that they have read. Each week, we will be sharing book reviews that have been written by your children. Hopefully these reviews will inspire our children to read one of the books when they choose their next one.

The Wizards of Once – Supernova

I like my book because it's not like any other book I've read. It talks about a boy called Xar, who is from a wizard tribe and a girl called Wish, who was from a witch tribe. They were born to hate each other, but they end up becoming friends instead and they fight witches who have bad magic. I can't wait to read more.

By Tienna—Year 5



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FACEBOOK PAGE!**



SHARING YOUR NEWS!

Dale in Year 4 has received two awards from his football club this week. Firstly, he has been given a medal for his participation throughout the year and secondly, he has been given a trophy for Player of the Year! Well done Dale!



If you have any news about your child's achievements that you would like to share in our newsletter, please speak to your child's class teacher!

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NELL BANK



Family Activity Days

Come and explore
Nell Bank this
summer holiday

Thursday 24th July

Coach transport provided
to and from school

Free picnic lunch for
all the family



HAF is funded by
the Department
for Education



For more details and
timings, talk to your
school co-ordinator



#HAF2025 #Bradford

MYHAPPYMIND

OUR CONVERSATION CARD OF THE WEEK



Enjoy a conversation!

Each week we will share a conversation card. These are designed to help you have meaningful and fun conversations with your child and aid discussions about mental health and happiness.



MYHAPPYMIND APP

The myHappyMind app has been updated and now includes some new features—kids zone, myHappyMind games and mini master classes for parents .



Download your FREE myHappyMind Parent App



...An online resource to support you and your family to learn more about how you can use myHappyMind to support your child.



myHappyMind for Parents

Exclusively for parents with children at a myHappyMind School or Nursery.



Learn all about what your children are learning in school



YOU WILL NEED THIS AUTHENTICATION CODE TO SIGN UP

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WEEKLY UPDATES

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Here are this week's attendance and punctuality figures. There is a proven link between attendance and achievement and it is therefore very important that your child attends school and is on time unless they are too unwell to do so. Our doors open at **8.30am** and close at **8.40am**.

Please see the information below for our whole school and class attendance for the week ending **27/06/25**.

Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	96.0%	2
Willow	98.8%	3
Kandinsky	95.6%	2
Matisse	97.7%	2
Lowry	94.6%	0
Van Gogh	97.1%	0

Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	96.7%	2
Roald Dahl	97.8%	1
JK Rowling	94.1%	2
Michael Morpurgo	97.4%	4
Elgar	95.7%	0
Mozart	97.3%	1
Beethoven	93.4%	3
Vivaldi	92.5%	1

Well done to **Matisse Class** and **Vivaldi Class** for having the best attendance this week!

Well done to **Michael Morpurgo Class** and **Mozart Class** for having no lates!

Our whole school attendance this week:

96.1%

COMMUNICATION SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER

These are the letters, messages and website updates that have been sent out this week. If you have not received any of these letters, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the office on **01274 639049**.

WEBSITE UPDATES:	National Online Safety - 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is about 'Nintendo Switch2'.
LETTERS:	23.06.25 – Transition Meetings 23.06.25 – The Dog Mentor 26.06.25 – Willow Class Assembly
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	27.06.25 - Online Safety National Workshop - NSPCC in school Wednesday 9th July 5pm-6pm

COMMUNITY NEWS



CARLTON
BOLLING

Thinking of applying for a place at Carlton Bolling for September 2026?
Find important dates below

Year 5 Information Day

Thursday 10th July 2025

4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Support with the admission form will be provided

Year 6 Open Evening

Thursday 18th September 2025

3:30 PM to 5:30 PM

See the school, meet the staff and the Head of School

Fair Banding Assessment

Saturday 4th October 2025

Students will complete the assessments

Excellence for All



The school's vision is to have
uncompromising aspirations for all and to
be a community of **lifelong learners**



CARLTON
ACADEMY TRUST

Bookstart Teddy Bear Picnics for Families with Pre-School Children.
Bring your bear and a picnic and enjoy stories, rhymes, and fun activities
with your local library. Please contact the library to book a place.

Bookstart Teddy Bear's Picnics



Date	Library	Time	Venue
Mon 7 July	Eccleshill	2pm-3pm	Eccleshill Library
Weds 9 July	City	10am	City Library
Mon 14 July	Idle	9am	Idle Library
Thurs 24 July	Great Horton	11am-1pm	Great Horton Library
Mon 28 July	Clayton	11.30am-1pm	Clayton Library Garden
Mon 28 July	Heaton Hub	11am-12noon	Heaton Hub Library
Tues 29 July	Shipley	1.30pm-3pm	Shipley Library
Weds 30 July	Thornton	11am-1pm	Sapgate Gardens
Sat 2 August	Baildon	10.30am	Wesley's Methodist Church
Tues 5 August	Cafe West	10.30am-12.30pm	Cafe West Allerton Library
Thurs 7 August	Laisterdyke	2.30pm-4pm	Laisterdyke Library Garden
Mon 11 August	Holme Wood	11.30am-2pm	Holme Wood Library
Tues 12 August	Cafe West	1pm-2.30pm	Cafe West Allerton Library
Weds 13 August	Bingley	2pm-4pm	Myrtle Park Bandstand
Mon 18 August	Burley	10am-12noon	Grange Park
Thurs 28 August	Menston	10.30am-1pm	Menston Park

For up-to-date contact details and opening times
please visit: www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries

The wording in this publication can be made available in
other formats such as large print. Please call 01274 433684.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MOVING UP Summer Camp

**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TRANSITIONING
FROM YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7**

**TUES 10:30AM - 3PM
THURS 1PM - 3PM**

**STARTS TUES 22ND JULY, FOR 4 WEEKS
AT
RAVENSCLIFFE YOUTH CENTRE, BD10 0LL**

Self Esteem

Sports

Workshops

Creative Arts

Hopes & Fears

Trips Out

Confidence Building

Please scan the QR code to sign up or
contact Nicky on 07582102432

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Young People's Activity Sessions

Fagley Park, Off Flawith Drive

Mondays

21st, 28th July & 4th, 11th Aug

1pm - 3pm

Ages 8-16yrs



Multi Sports

Arts + Crafts

Music

Cooking

Team Games



Please use the QR code to sign up



For further information, please contact Nicky Lannen on 07582102432

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COMMUNITY NEWS



RAVENSCLIFFE YOUTH CENTRE SUMMER ACTIVITIES



Starts W/C 21st July

Ages 8-16 YEARS

SIGN UP HERE!



BOXING

MULTI SPORTS

TRIPS OUT

BBQ/ FUN DAY

OPEN ACCESS

COOK + EAT

More info: Contact Nicky Lannen

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COMMUNITY NEWS



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Active Future North Bradford



Summer Holiday Fun HAF 25

WHEN

Monday to Thursday - 12days
Week 1: 4th to 7th August
Week 2: 11th to 14th August
Week 3: 18th to 21st August
Time: 9.30am to 3pm Daily
Year 1 to 7

WHERE

GOALS

282 Kings Rd
Bradford
BD2 1JP



The HAF programme in partnership with the Bradford Council, GOALS and DFE is **FREE** for parents whose children are entitled to benefit-related free school meals. The event will run over a 3 week period, starting on Monday 4th and ending on Thursday 21st of August, Monday to Thursday. For children who don't qualify for FSM and are keen to partake, we welcome you to join in the April Fun at a rate of £10 per day. Weekly activities may include Nerf Games (Fortnite), Dodgeball, Arts and Crafts, Football, Pizza Making, and Lego. Your child will be treated to a hot meal, water, and juice each day that caters for all children.

BOOK NOW TO SECURE YOUR PLACE

Free Place Registration



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Early & Late Clubs



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HAF Paid Places



We are Ofsted Registered!
Pay with vouchers



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COMING UP THIS TERM

SPRING TERM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	03.07.25	2.30pm	Willow Class Assembly
Thursday	17.07.25	1.45pm	Year 6 Leavers Presentation Assembly

REMINDERS

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club opens at 7.30am at a cost of £2.40 each per day or at 7.45am at the cost of £1.90 each per day. Children from Nursery to Year 6 can attend.

If you would like to book your child into Breakfast Club, please use ParentPay.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our After School Club is available until 4pm at a cost of £2.50 each per day.

If you would like to book your child into After School Club, please use ParentPay.

EXTRA CLUB

We also offer an Extra Club service that runs until 6pm at a cost of £4.50 per day.

If you would like to book your child into Extra Club, please use ParentPay.

Please can you ensure that Extra Club places are booked and paid for in advance - by Monday morning. This ensures registers are accurate and places are booked and guaranteed.

If you have any problems booking any of our before or after school clubs, please contact Miss Armitage, one of our learning mentors.

COMING UP THIS TERM

ANY NEWLY ADDED ITEMS WILL BE IN BLUE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	03.07.25		Year 3 Whitby Trip
Thursday	03.07.25		Nursery Mobile Farm Experience
Friday	04.07.25		Year 2 Tropical Butterfly House Trip
Wednesday	09.07.25	1.30pm	KS2 Sports Day
Thursday	10.07.25		Year 6 Summer Trip Lazerzone
Friday	11.07.25	1.30pm	Early Years and Key Stage One Fun Day

MENU 30/06/25

Homemade bread,
selection of seasonal
vegetables or fresh
salad served daily

Swain House Primary School

Wk 1 - 21st Apr, 12th May,
2nd Jun, 23rd Jun, 14th Jul,
1st Sep, 22nd Sep, 13th Oct
Wk 2 - 28th Apr, 19th May,
9th Jun, 30th Jun, 21st Jul,
8th Sep, 29th Sep, 20th Oct
Wk 3 - 5th May, 26th May,
16th Jun, 7th Jul, 28th Jul,
15th Sep, 6th Oct, 27th Oct

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
WEEK 1	<p> Cheese Flan (Served with Paprika Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables or Salad)</p> <p> Fajita Pasta Bake (Served with Crusty Bread, Salad or Seasonal Vegetables)</p> <p>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</p> <p> Hot Sub Roll</p> <p> Apple Cake (Baked Vanilla Sponge with Blended Apples & topped with Icing Sugar)</p> <p> Freshly Prepared Fruit</p>	<p> Chicken Tikka Masala (Served with Rice & Salad)</p> <p> Halal Chicken Korma (Served with Naan Bread & Salad)</p> <p> Vegetarian Mince Lasagne (Served with Garlic Bread & Salad)</p> <p>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</p> <p> Hot Sub Roll</p> <p> Flapjack</p> <p> Freshly Prepared Fruit</p>	<p> Roast Dinner (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy)</p> <p> Halal Roast Chicken Tikka Dinner (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy)</p> <p> Veggie Mince Shepherd's Pie (Served with Yorkshire Pudding & Seasonal Vegetables)</p> <p>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</p> <p> Hot Sub Roll</p> <p> Cornflake Tart (Served with Custard)</p> <p> Freshly Prepared Fruit</p>	<p> Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Served with Jacket Wedges & Beans or Salad)</p> <p> Mini Meatless Ball Pizza (Served with Jacket Wedges, Baked Beans or Salad)</p> <p>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</p> <p>Selection of Sandwiches</p> <p> Marble Sponge (Served with Chocolate Sauce)</p> <p> Freshly Prepared Fruit</p>	<p>Southern Fried Chicken Goujons (Served with Chips, Salad or Seasonal Vegetables)</p> <p>MSC Battered Fish (Served with Chips, Salad or Vegetables)</p> <p> Vegetable Dippers (Served with Ketchup, Chips, Salad or Seasonal Vegetables)</p> <p>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</p> <p>Selection of Sandwiches</p> <p> Ice Cream Tubs</p> <p> Freshly Prepared Fruit</p>
WEEK 2	<p> Homemade Cheese & Onion Pasta (Served with Seasoned Potatoes, Salad or Seasonal Vegetables)</p> <p> Bombay Veg Biryani (Curried Vegetables & Rice served with Naan Bread & Salad)</p> <p>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</p> <p> Hot Sub Roll</p> <p> Chocolate Crispy Crunch</p> <p> Freshly Prepared Fruit</p>	<p>Spaghetti Bolognaise (Spaghetti Bolognaise, served with Garlic Bread & Salad)</p> <p> Halal Spaghetti Bolognaise (Spaghetti Bolognaise served with Garlic Bread & Salad)</p> <p> Arrabiata Pasta (Served with Crusty Bread & Salad)</p> <p>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</p> <p> Hot Sub Roll</p> <p> Volcano Buns (A Sponge-like Biscuit with a Jam / Lemon filling)</p> <p> Freshly Prepared Fruit</p>	<p> Roast Dinner (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy)</p> <p> Halal Roast Chicken Tikka Dinner (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy)</p> <p> Savoury Veggie Mince & Tatties (Soya Mince & Vegetables served in a Yorkshire Pudding)</p> <p>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</p> <p> Hot Sub Roll</p> <p> Old School Sponge Cake (Served with Custard)</p> <p> Freshly Prepared Fruit</p>	<p> Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Served with Chips & Beans or Salad)</p> <p> Savoury Rolls (Served with Chips & Salad or Beans)</p> <p>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</p> <p>Selection of Sandwiches</p> <p> Chocolate Sponge (Served with Chocolate Sauce)</p> <p> Freshly Prepared Fruit</p>	<p>All Day Brunch (Traditional Breakfast Items: Sausage, Egg, Toast & Beans)</p> <p>MSC Fish Fingers (Served with Jacket Wedges & Salad or Seasonal Vegetables)</p> <p> All Day Vegetarian Brunch (Quorn Sausage, Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans, Chips & Bread and Butter)</p> <p>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</p> <p>Selection of Sandwiches</p> <p> Oat Cookie</p> <p> Freshly Prepared Fruit</p>
WEEK 3	<p> Mac & Cheese (Served with Crusty / Garlic Bread & Salad)</p> <p> Veg Jambalaya (Seasoned Vegetables & Rice, served with Crusty Bread & Salad)</p> <p>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</p> <p> Hot Sub Roll</p> <p> Jam Sponge (Served with Custard)</p> <p> Freshly Prepared Fruit</p>	<p>Chicken Pie (Served with Seasoned Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables)</p> <p> Halal Keema & Peas (Served with Pilau Rice & Salad)</p> <p> Cheese Roll (Served with Seasoned Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables)</p> <p>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</p> <p> Hot Sub Roll</p> <p> Fruity Flapjack</p> <p> Freshly Prepared Fruit</p>	<p> Roast Dinner (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy)</p> <p> Halal Roast Chicken Tikka Dinner (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy)</p> <p> Quorn Roast (Served with Yorkshire Pudding & Seasonal Vegetables)</p> <p>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</p> <p> Hot Sub Roll</p> <p> Fruit Jelly (Fruit Jelly topped with Cream)</p> <p> Freshly Prepared Fruit</p>	<p>Cheesy Beef Taco Pasta (Served with a side Salad)</p> <p> Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Served with Chips & Beans or Salad)</p> <p> Loaded Vegetable Pizza (Served with Chips & Salad)</p> <p>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</p> <p>Selection of Sandwiches</p> <p> Chocolate Sponge (Served with Chocolate Sauce)</p> <p> Freshly Prepared Fruit</p>	<p>MSC Fish Fingers (Served with Creamed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables)</p> <p>MSC Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake (Served with Creamed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables)</p> <p> Breaded Cheese & Vegetable Grill (Served in a Bun with Salad & Optional Coleslaw)</p> <p>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</p> <p>Selection of Sandwiches</p> <p> Vanilla Cookie</p> <p> Freshly Prepared Fruit</p>

NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week, our 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is about 'Nintendo Switch2'.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

18 CENSORED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like Cyberpunk 2077 and Hitman have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like Fortnite or Splatoon 3 allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, 'The Super Mario Bros. Movie' (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

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