

NEWSLETTER

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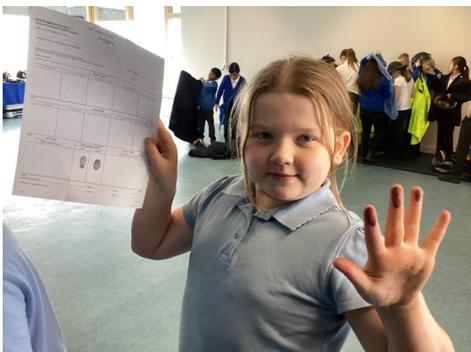
BELIEVE

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THE POLICE MUSEUM VISITS SCHOOL!

All children in school have experienced the Police Museum this week. They had a great time looking at resources and learning about the police. The children took part in various activities and even got to try on real police uniforms!



SPRING 2 LEARNING LAUNCH

On Monday, Mrs Pugh held an exciting assembly where teachers talked about what the children in school will be learning about this half term. Soon, your child's class teacher will be sending out their curriculum letter highlighting all of the things your child will be learning in school. In the meantime, here is a look at the titles.

Can you guess what your child will be learning about?

Little Acorns Nursery— Rhyme Challenge

Great Oak Nursery - Jurassic World

Reception - Our World and Beyond

Year 1 - continents and Castles

Year 2 - Poles Apart

Year 3 - How did Early People go from Surviving to Thriving?

Year 4 - Invaders and settlers

Year 5 - Let's Explore the Alps

Year 6 - Did a Volcano change the course of History?





DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY IN ACTION



At Swain House, Design & Technology is taught through the use of the Kapow Primary scheme, which provides an engaging, knowledge-rich and progressive curriculum.

Four strands run throughout: Design, Make, Evaluate and Technical Knowledge

Children in Years 1 - 6 study three Design & Technology units a year, usually taught as a one-week block of lessons.



By following the Kapow units, children will develop knowledge and skills in:

Cooking and Nutrition	Mechanical systems	Structures	Textiles	Electrical Systems	Digital World
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Year 1 designed a pencil pot holder in their Stable Structures unit. They worked extremely hard to make sure they were sturdy and secure.



Year 2 enjoyed their Structures unit, making Baby Bear's Chair. They worked in small groups to make a structure strong enough to hold a teddy!



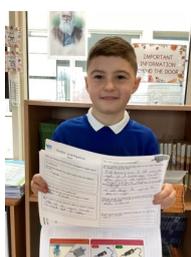
For their Cooking and Nutrition unit, Year 3 enjoyed learning about seasonal vegetables and made their own healthy pizzas. They looked very tasty!



When studying Mechanical Systems, Year 4 designed and made their own slingshot cars. They had lots of fun launching and racing them.



Year 5 tested their understanding in their Electricity unit. They created some very interesting doodlers. Their planning looked very strategic.



In their Textiles unit, Year 6 selected suitable fabrics to design and create waistcoats using decorations and various stitches.



Further details and more photographs of Design & Technology in action can be found on our school website.

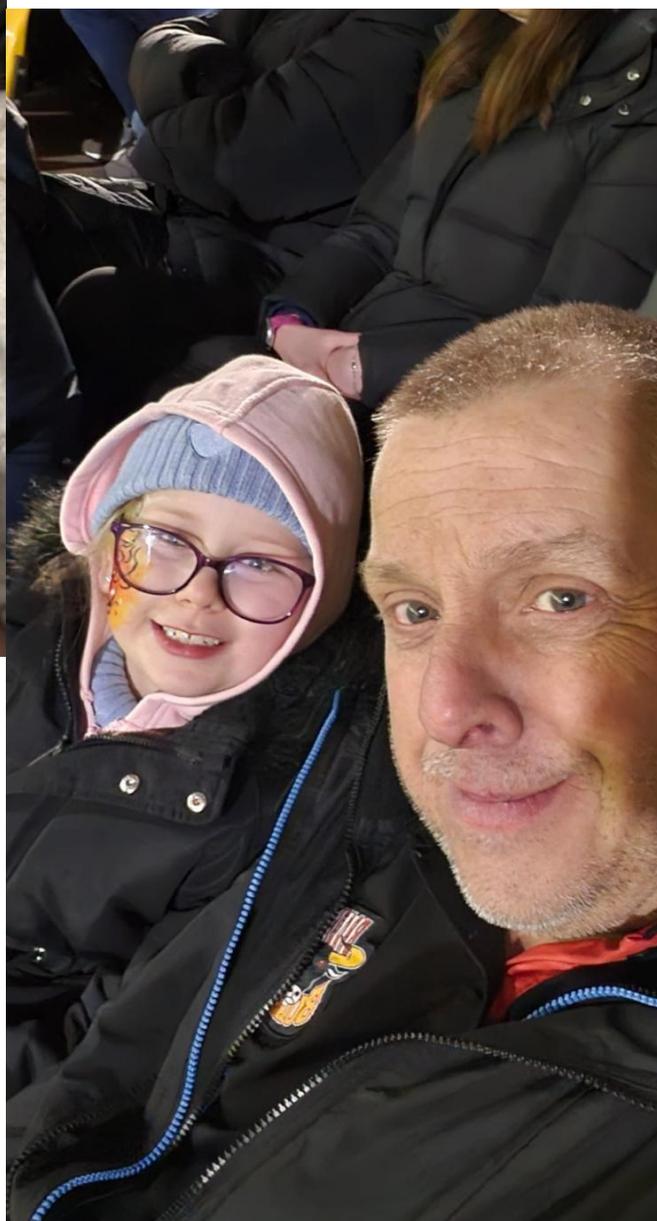
GIRLGUIDING— BRADFORD NORTH

After receiving a very special letter inviting Girlguiding and scouting members to wear their club uniform on Tuesday we were delighted to welcome so many children to school in their special uniforms. It was lovely to see them wear them with so much pride!



BRADFORD BULLS GAME!

Lots of children used their free donated season tickets to watch the Bradford Bulls first home game against the Catalan Dragons and they won! Daisy from the Resourced Provision went to the game with her granddad. She even had her face painted.



YEAR 4 PE AT HANSON

On Tuesday, Year 4 enjoyed their first PE lesson this half term at Hanson school, led by Johnny from the Jason Robinson Foundation. They had a great time in the large sports hall, playing warm-up games and practising some basketball skills.



CAREERS CORNER!



As part of our focus on raising the profile of careers to encourage children to think about their futures, we now have a 'Careers Corner' in school. This is a place children can choose to spend their breaktimes, enjoying a range of activities linked to different careers. Each half term, the display is changed to showcase the wide variety of opportunities the working world has to offer. This half term, the focus is 'Green Careers'.

If you know of anybody who has a 'green career' (jobs in enhancing the natural environment, aiming to reduce pollution, promoting sustainability, etc) then we would love to add some photos and information about those jobs to our display! Please email careers@swainhouse.bradford.sch.uk if this is something you would like to contribute to.

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.



Unicorn Boy—Dave Roman

This is a graphic novel (comic style) book about a boy that grew a unicorn horn and it gave him magical abilities. One day his friend Avery goes missing from shadow monsters. The book is about his quest to save him. I really like this book as it is very interesting, exciting and heart warming story.

Leighton—Year 5

SHARING YOUR NEWS!



We are so proud of Lily in Year 4 for a special trophy she has been awarded for being Pupil of the Month! Lily is also really close to becoming a Black Belt in her kick boxing! What an amazing achievement Lily!

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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ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!**



GREAT OAK NURSERY



Great Oak Nursery

at

Swain House Primary School

Now enrolling for our September, January and April intakes

Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

'My child started Great Oak Nursery in September. All of the teachers have been amazing and my child loves coming to his new school and is thriving



We have full & part time places available

With wrap around care 7.30am until 6.00pm

7.30am Breakfast Club - £2.40 a day

7.45am Breakfast Club - £1.90 a day

8.00am Breakfast Club - free

After School club 3.15pm until 4.00pm £2.50 a day

Extra Club 4.00pm until 6.00pm £4.50 a day

Please contact the school on

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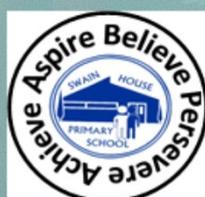
LITTLE ACORNS NURSERY

Little Acorns Nursery At Swain House Primary School

Do you have a 2 year old?

September, January and April intake

Little Acorns Nursery is a warm, nurturing atmosphere where children learn through play in a safe and stimulating environment



We have full & part time places available

With wraparound care
7.30am until 6.00pm

please contact the school on
01274 639049

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 **27.02.26**.

Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	96.7%	0
Willow	97.3%	1
Kandinsky	93.6%	4
Matisse	98.8%	1
Lowry	97.8%	4
Van Gogh	98.4%	0

Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	94.3%	1
Roald Dahl	93.0%	3
JK Rowling	96.9%	4
Michael Morpurgo	98.4%	1
Elgar	92.7%	2
Mozart	97.9%	1
Beethoven	97.2%	2
Vivaldi	97.0%	0

Congratulations to **Matisse Class** and **MMO Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Congratulations to **Elm Class**, **Van Gogh Class** and **Vivaldi Class** for having **no lates!**

Our whole school attendance this week:

96.5%

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 'Adult Animated Content'.
LETTERS:	23.02.26 - British Science Week 25.02.26 - World Book Day Reminder 25.02.26 - Year 3 Science Lesson
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	25.02.26 - Year 2 Science Lesson 26.02.26 - Extra Club 27.02.26 - Year 5 Homework

COMMUNITY NEWS



The Incredible Years

Incredible Years Preschool Programme

For parents and carers of children aged 3-4 years who live in the Bradford District.

- Routines and behaviour
- Child development
- School readiness
- Speech and language
- Relationships and interaction

13 weeks - week beginning 13 April to week beginning 13 July

- Reevy Hill Family Hub, BD6 3ST - Tuesdays, 9.30am - 11.30am
- St Edmunds Nursery School, BD8 9QW
Wednesdays, 9.30am - 11.30am
- Barkerend Family Hub, BD3 8QX
Wednesdays, 12.30pm - 2.30pm
- St Matthews CE Primary School, BD5 8FG
Thursdays, 12.30pm - 2.30pm

The next
Incredible Years
programmes
start in
April 2026

Find out more or book a place: fyi.bradford.gov.uk

You can also email IY@barnardos.org.uk

Or call **01274 513300**

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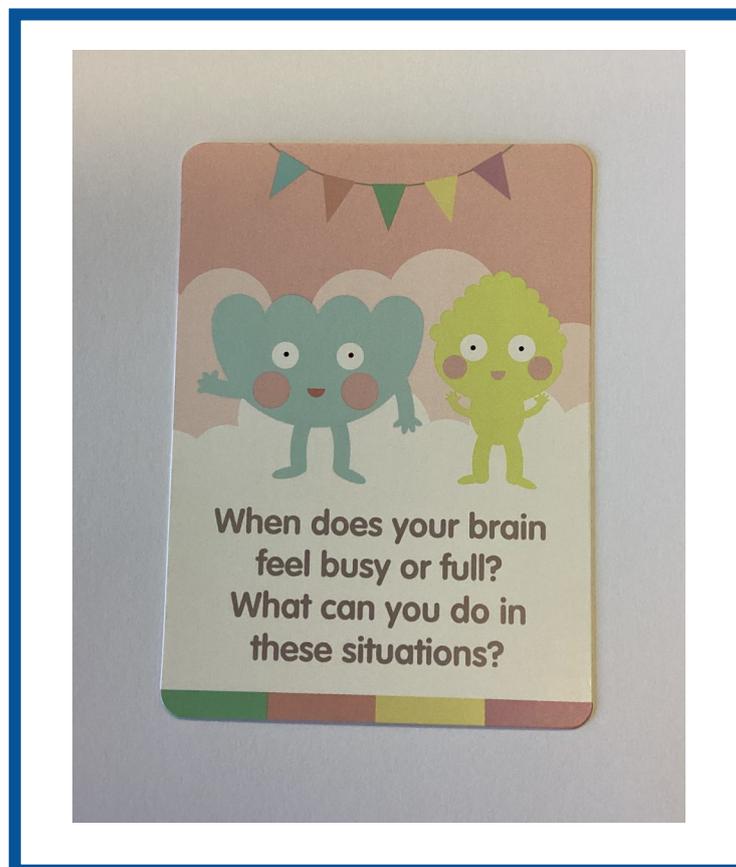
MYHAPPYMIND

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 includes lots of fantastic features such as—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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REMINDERS

BREAKFAST CLUB AFTER SCHOOL 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.

We have a free Breakfast Club 8.00am—8.30am

If you would like to book this please use ParentApps

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 6.00pm 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.

DIARY DATES

ANY NEWLY ADDED ITEMS WILL BE IN BLUE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
THURSDAY	05.03.26		WORLD BOOK DAY
MONDAY	09.03.26		BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

COMING UP IN SPRING TERM

SPRING TERM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	12.03.26	2.20pm	Kandinsky Class Holi Assembly
Thursday	19.03.26	2.20pm	Roald Dahl Class Passover Assembly
Tuesday	24.03.26	2.20pm	Mozart Class Easter Assembly

DATES TO REMEMBER!

Coming soon!

Watch out for a special Mother's Day supplement in the Telegraph & Argus—more details to follow!



We would like children to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book or dressed in pyjamas, ready for a bedtime story. Please do not buy anything new!

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

5 MARCH 2026

MENU 02/03/26

Homemade bread,
selection of seasonal
vegetables / fresh salad
and fresh fruits served
daily

Swain House Primary School

Wk 1 - 3rd Nov, 24th Nov,
15th Dec, 5th Jan, 16th
Jan, 9th Mar
Wk 2 - 10th Nov, 1st Dec,
22nd Dec, 12th Jan, 2nd
Feb, 23rd Feb, 16th Mar
Wk 3 - 17th Nov, 8th Dec,
29th Dec, 19th Jan, 9th
Feb, 2nd Mar, 23rd Mar



MON

TUES

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WEEK 1

Halal Rich & Creamy Meat Lasagne
(Red Tractor Accredited HMC Beef Mince in a rich Tomato Sauce with Herbs & Garlic layered with Pasta Sheets and a Creamy Cheese Sauce, served with Garlic Bread)

Rich & Creamy Meat Lasagne
(Red Tractor Accredited Beef Mince in a rich Tomato Sauce with Herbs & Garlic layered with Pasta Sheets and a Creamy Cheese Sauce, served with Garlic Bread)

Spaghetti Marinara
(A Tomato and mild spiced Sauce combined into cooked Spaghetti, topped with Cheese)
Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce
(Homemade, light Chocolate Sponge, served with Chocolate Sauce)

Beef & Red Lentil Bolognese & Garlic Bread
(Red Tractor Accredited Beef Mince & Lentils in a Tomato Sauce served with Pasta & Garlic Bread)

Halal Keema Biryani
(Red Tractor Accredited HMC Beef Mince & Peas in a Spicy Pilau Rice)

Pomodoro Pasta
(A simple, delicious rich Tomato Sauce with Beans, served with Garlic Bread)
Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

Decorated Fruit Jelly
(Jelly with Fruit, topped with Fresh Cream)

Creamy Chicken Pasta & Crusty Bread
(Red Tractor Accredited diced Chicken in a homemade Creamy Sauce with Garlic, served with Penne Pasta)

Halal Chicken Bhuna
(Red Tractor Accredited HMC Chicken stir fried and slow cooked in a spicy Shama Masala)

BBQ Quorn Pasta
(Quorn Pieces in a Barbecue flavoured Tomato Sauce, served with Wholemeal Pasta)
Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

Apple Crumble & Custard
(Stewed Apples topped with Oat Crumble, served with Custard)

Chicken Tikka Masala with Pilau Rice / Naan Bread
(Red Tractor Accredited diced Chicken & Chickpeas in a mild Curry Sauce with Pilau Rice or Naan Bread)

Creamy Mac & Cheese
(A Macaroni Pasta dish, coated in a Creamy Mature Cheddar Sauce, served with Crusty Bread)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

Butterfly Buns
(Individual decorated Sponge-based Dessert)

Traditional Chicken Pie
(Red Tractor Accredited diced Chicken Pieces in a rich Gravy with Vegetables, topped with a Golden Pasty Lid served with Potatoes)

Golden Cheese Whirl
(Cheese, Potato & Onion empanada in Puff Pastry, served with baked Jacket Wedges)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

Vanilla Sponge
(Homemade, light Vanilla Sponge with a hint of Vanilla, served with Custard)

Loaded Wedges with a Mild Mexican Chilli & topping
(Red Tractor Accredited Beef Mince in a mild, homemade Chilli Sauce, served on Baked Jacket Wedges)

Loaded Wedges with a mild Mexican Veg Chilli
(Vegan Mince in a mild, homemade Chilli Sauce, served on Baked Jacket Wedges with toppings)
Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

Peaches & Ice Cream with Syrup
(Vanilla Ice Cream with Tinned Peach Slices with a Chocolate flavoured Syrup)

Roast Meat Dinner
(Red Tractor Accredited Meat (either Gammon, Turkey or Pork Loin) served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roasties & Gravy)

Halal Roast Chicken Breast
(Red Tractor Accredited HMC Chicken Breast, served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Vegan Gravy)

Toad in the Hole
(Quorn Sausage Baked in a light Batter, served with Roast Potatoes)
Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

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Hot Sub Roll

Fruity Flapjack
(A sweet Bar made with Oats, Golden Syrup & Butter with Fruit)

Roast Meat Dinner
(Red Tractor Accredited Meat (either Gammon, Turkey or Pork Loin) served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roasties & Gravy)

Halal Roast Chicken Breast
(Red Tractor Accredited HMC Chicken Breast, served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Vegan Gravy)

Hearty Shepherd's Pie
(Soya Mince, Veg and Gravy filling, topped with Mashed Potatoes)

Sprinkle Cake
(Homemade Vanilla Sponge, lightly topped with Water long and Sprinkles)

Sausage in Gravy with Yorkshire Pudding
(Red Tractor Accredited Sausage, served with Yorkshire Pudding)

Halal Cottage Pie
(Red Tractor Accredited HMC Beef Mince in a Gravy with Onions, topped with Mashed Potatoes & Cheese served with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy)

Savoury Mince topped Tatties
(Soya Mince, Vegetables & Potatoes, served with a Yorkshire Pudding)
Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

Cornflake Tart
(Pastry base with Cornflakes and Syrup, served with Custard)

Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Coleslaw & Salad
(Wholemeal 50/50 Base topped with a lightly spiced Sauce and topped with Mozzarella/Cheddar Cheese)

Arrabiata Pasta
(Chili Tomato Sauce with Lentils and Peppers, served with Pasta & Crusty Bread)
Assorted Jacket Potatoes

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Creamy Rice Pudding with Strawberry Jam
(Creamy Milk pudding served with Jam)

Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Coleslaw & Salad
(Wholemeal 50/50 Base topped with a lightly spiced Sauce and topped with Mozzarella/Cheddar Cheese)

Arrabiata Pasta
(Chili Tomato Sauce with Lentils and Peppers, served with Pasta & Crusty Bread)
Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Selection of Sandwiches

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Selection of Sandwiches

Gallydale Biscuits
(Homemade, cranberry, Oaty Biscuits)

Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Coleslaw & Salad
(Wholemeal 50/50 Base topped with a lightly spiced Sauce and topped with Mozzarella/Cheddar Cheese)

Spaghetti Marinara
(A Tomato and mild spiced Sauce combined into cooked Spaghetti, topped with Cheese)
Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Selection of Sandwiches

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Selection of Sandwiches

Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce
(Homemade, light Chocolate Sponge, served with Chocolate Sauce)

MSC Breaded Fish Fillet Fingers
(MSC Fish Fillet Fingers, served with Seasoned Potatoes)

Southern Fried Chicken Goujons & Garlic Mayo
(Red Tractor Accredited pre-fried Breaded Chicken, served with Garlic Mayonnaise & baked Jacket Wedges)

Vegetable Samosa
(Vegetables with a light Spice enclosed in Pastry & Baked, served with Rata)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

Strawberry Sponge & Custard
(Homemade, light Vanilla Sponge with a Strawberry Jam swirl, served with Custard)

MSC Battered Fish Fillet
(MSC Battered Fillet of Fish, served with Baked Jacket Wedges)

Vegetable Pakoras
(Mixed Vegetables & Onion coated in Tempura Batter, served with Baked Jacket Wedges & Rata)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

Marble Sponge & Chocolate Sauce
(Homemade Sponge with swirls of both Vanilla & Chocolate Cakes, served with Chocolate Sauce)

MSC Breaded Fish Fillet Fingers
(MSC Fish Fillet Fingers, served with Seasoned Potatoes)

MSC Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake
(MSC Salmon & Sweet Potato, served with Seasoned Potatoes)

American Style Quorn Hot Dog
(Quorn Sausage, served in a White Bun with Seasoned Potatoes)
Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

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Hot Sub Roll

Chocolate Crispy Crunch
(A sweet Bar made from puffed Rice, Cocoa & Syrup)



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& nutritional
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NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week, our 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is about 'Adult Animated Content'.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ADULT ANIMATED CONTENT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Bright, bold, and widely shared, adult animated content is more popular than ever, but not always what it seems. These videos, which may appear cartoonish and harmless, often contain strong language, explicit themes, graphic violence, or dark humour. Many are accessible through platforms like YouTube, TikTok or streaming services, where filters may not catch them in time.

MISLEADING VISUAL STYLE

Many adult animations mimic the colourful, exaggerated look of children's cartoons. This can easily mislead not just children, but also adults, into thinking they're suitable for younger viewers. Without watching the content fully, parents or educators might approve a show or video that contains explicit jokes, graphic imagery, or highly inappropriate language, all disguised beneath a playful and fun visual style.

EXPOSURE TO HARMFUL THEMES

A number of adult animated shows and online videos explore mature or disturbing themes, such as addiction, trauma, abuse, self-harm, or violence, and often do so in a stylised or humorous way. Younger viewers may not have the emotional maturity to process this content, leading to confusion, distress, or the normalisation of very serious issues that should be discussed in a supportive context.

RISK OF DISTRESS AND FEAR

Some adult animations, especially horror-based content or 'creepypasta' style stories, include disturbing imagery, unsettling music, and sudden scares. These videos sometimes feature distorted versions of well-known children's characters, such as Sonic the Hedgehog or Peppa Pig, in frightening or violent scenarios. Children can be negatively affected if they come across this unexpectedly, leading to sleep disturbances, anxiety, or long-lasting fears, especially if children have existing worries or sensitive personalities.

INFLUENCE OF EDGY HUMOUR

Dark, edgy humour is common in adult animation and often includes jokes about topics like sexism, racism, mental illness, or abuse. When children hear these jokes, they may repeat them without fully understanding their meaning. This can lead to inappropriate behaviour in school or online spaces, and in some cases, it can reinforce harmful stereotypes or desensitise children to real-world injustice and discrimination.

ALGORITHMIC RECOMMENDATIONS

Video platforms are designed to keep users watching by suggesting similar content. If a child watches one mature animation, they may quickly be shown more, including even darker or more extreme videos. These recommendations are based on viewing patterns, not age-appropriateness. Without strict settings in place, this can lead to a rapid spiral into unsuitable, upsetting, or even harmful content online.

DESENSITISATION TO VIOLENCE

Stylised violence in animation is often exaggerated and constant. Repeated exposure to it can reduce a child's emotional response to harm, making aggression or cruelty appear entertaining or acceptable. Over time, children may become less empathetic or more tolerant of harmful behaviours in real life, especially if they see others online reacting with humour, memes, or praise for violent characters or scenes.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN WHAT CHILDREN ARE WATCHING

Take time to ask children what they're watching and who their favourite creators are. Sit down and watch a few videos to get a full understanding. This helps you spot inappropriate content early and shows children that you're interested and engaged in their online world, not just policing it.

USE PLATFORM SETTINGS WISELY

Make use of built-in safety tools like content filters, restricted mode, and age settings on platforms such as YouTube, Netflix or TikTok. Turn off auto-play where possible and regularly review what children are being recommended. Although these settings aren't foolproof, they add an important layer of protection and help reduce the risk of children encountering disturbing or adult content accidentally.

TALK ABOUT WHAT'S APPROPRIATE

Keep communication open and non-judgemental. Talk about why certain themes or jokes are not appropriate for children, even if they appear in animated form. Help children understand that just because something is popular or shared widely, it does not mean it's suitable or safe. If they've seen something upsetting, respond calmly, offer reassurance, and explain things in an age-appropriate way.

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Help children think carefully about what they watch. Talk about the difference between fictional exaggeration and reality, while helping them question why certain content is made. Is it informative, entertaining, or meant to shock? This builds digital resilience and encourages them to make safer choices in future, rather than simply following viral trends or peer pressure to watch mature content.

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