

NEWSLETTER

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AUTUMN 2 THEME LAUNCH!

On Monday, children from Reception to Year 6 attended a very special virtual assembly for the launch of their Autumn 2 theme. This half term, the theme for our learning in Reception to Year 6 is 'Bradford Remembers'. The children will be learning all about World War 1 and the role that the 'Bradford PALS' played in it. The Bradford PALS were a group of men who had grown up on the same streets, gone to school together and worked in the same mills and offices and went to fight together in the first World War that was expected to be over by Christmas. Each year group has a particular focus and this new and exciting theme will be revisited each year.



NEW SPORTS KIT!

Thank you once again to our families who sponsored the children in the Billy Bantam Penalty Shoot Out. The money paid for the Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies in July as well as our brand new sports kit! We would also like to thank Miss Bale for organising this event.



YEAR 6 TRIP TO RAMGARHIA GURDWARA

As part of the RE curriculum How do Sikhs show commitment? Year 6 visited the Gurdwara on Bolton Road. We found out what happens in the Gurdwara, listened to a reading from the Guru Granth Sahib, listened to Narinder play the sarod and looked at different artefacts.



MENTAL HEALTH

At Swain House Primary School, we are passionate about improving children and adult's mental health. Please click the links below for some top tips for supporting children and adult mental health.

[Top Tips for Children's Mental Health](#)

[Top Tips for Adult's Mental Health](#)

GREAT OAK HALLOWEEN PARTY

This week, children in Great Oak Nursery enjoyed a Halloween Party. They came to school dressed up and enjoyed lots of fun, Halloween related activities.



SCHOOL DINNERS

Please see the information here for how to access the school dinner menus from home.

foodquarter

Getting information on
our school meals is easier
than ever, with the new
School Meals App

YOU CAN NOW



Scroll through
menu options
for the day



Filter menu
options by
meal type
or allergen



See nutritional
information on
all menu items



Get allergen
information on
all our products



See the Food
Hygiene Rating
within School



Save your
child's school
for easy access



TO DOWNLOAD

- 1 Go online on your mobile, tablet or computer
- 2 Go to: www.bradford.gov.uk/schoolmeals
- 3 Click on:
"Our school meals app"
and follow the instructions

Facilities Management
Catering Services

READING PLANET REVIEWS!

Following the successful introduction 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.

SHARING YOUR NEWS!

This week we would like to say well done to Branan in Jaqueline Wilson class who has received his yellow tag at taekwondo.



We would also like to say a well done to Imarni in Jacqueline Wilson class for achieving her 25 meters certificate in swimming.

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!

**CLICK THE ICON TO SEE REGULAR UPDATES ON OUR
FACEBOOK PAGE!**



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 **20/10/23**.

Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	94.8%	2
Willow	95.3%	1
Kandinsky	87.4%	1
Matisse	92.7%	5
Lowry	88.6%	1
Van Gogh	92.9%	2

Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	98.2%	1
Roald Dahl	96.9%	1
JK Rowling	94.8%	2
J Wilson	89.7%	2
Elgar	98.3%	1
Mozart	97.5%	4
Beethoven	96.2%	1
Vivaldi	96.4%	1

Congratulations to **Anne Fine Class, Roald Dahl Class, Elgar Class, Mozart Class, Beethoven Class and Vivaldi Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Our whole school attendance this week:

94.3%

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 - EA Sports FC
LETTERS:	30.10.2023 - Remembrance Day Reminder 02.11.2023 - Jacqueline Wilson Class Assembly
MESSAGES VIA	

MENU 06/11/23

food quarter

Swain House Primary School

WEEK 2

6th Nov, 27th Nov,
8th Jan, 29th Jan,
19th Feb, 11th Mar

MENU

MAINS

MON

TUES

WED

THUR

FRI

Vegetarian Chilli & Nachos
Soya Mince Bolognese

Minced Beef & Onion Pie
Halal Keema Roll
Cheese & Potato Flan

Roast of the Day
Halal Chicken Hotpot
Soya Mince Cottage Pie

Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Battered Fillet of Fish
Salmon Fishcakes
Savoury Roll

SIDES

Garlic Bread
Assorted Individual Salads
Potato Salad

Herby Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
Assorted Individual Salads

Dry Roast Potatoes
Yorkshire Pudding
Seasonal Vegetables
Assorted Individual Salads

Dry Roast Jacket Potato
Wedges
Baked Beans
Assorted Individual Salads

Chips
Seasonal Vegetables
Assorted Individual Salads

OTHER OPTIONS

Assorted Jacket Potatoes
Assorted Panini
Assorted Sandwiches

Assorted Jacket Potatoes
Assorted Panini
Assorted Sandwiches

Assorted Jacket Potatoes
Assorted Panini
Assorted Sandwiches

Assorted Jacket Potatoes
Assorted Sandwiches

Assorted Jacket Potatoes
Assorted Panini
Assorted Sandwiches

DESSERTS

Ginger Sponge
Freshly Prepared Fruit

Decorated Fruit Jelly
Freshly Prepared Fruit

Syrup Sponge
Freshly Prepared Fruit

Decorated Sponge Cake
Freshly Prepared Fruit

Chocolate Sponge
Freshly Prepared Fruit

REMINDERS

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club opens at 7.30am at a cost of £2.50 each per day or at 7.45am at the cost of £2.00 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 £2.00 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 5.30pm at a cost of £4.00 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.

ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	09/11/23	2.30pm	Y4 Diwali Assembly
Thursday	16/11/23	2.30pm	Y5 Ingleborough Assembly
Thursday	23/11/23	2.30pm	Y6 Beethoven Assembly
Thursday	07/12/23	2.30pm	Y4 Hanukkah Assembly

DIARY DATES

ANY NEWLY ADDED ITEMS WILL BE IN BLUE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday - Friday	08.11.2024—10.11.2024	N/A	Year 5 Ingleborough Hall Residential
Friday	10.11.2023		Remembrance Day
Friday	17.11.2023		Children in Need
Thursday	23.11.2023	During school hours	Year 5 Mosque Visit
Friday	24.11.2023	8.30 - 10.00am	Coffee Morning
Friday	01.12.2023	4.00 - 5.30pm	Christmas Fair
Thursday	07.12.2023	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday	07.12.2023		Christmas Dinner Day
Friday	08.12.2023	10.00am	LKS2 Carol Concert
Friday	08.12.2023	2.00pm	UKS2 Carol Concert
Monday	11.12.2023	9.00am	Xmas Raffle
Monday	11.12.2023		Y1 - Y6 Christmas Parties
Tuesday	12.12.2023	10.00am & 2.00pm	EYS Nativity for parents
Wednesday	13.12.2023		EYS and Rec Xmas Party
Thursday	14.12.2023	5.00 - 7.30pm	Glitz n Glam Disco
Thursday	14.12.2023	10.00am & 2.00pm	KS1 Nativity for Parents
Friday	15.12.2023		Swain House has Got Talent
Friday	15.12.2023	All Day	Non Uniform Day
Friday	15.12.2023		School Closes for Half Term
Wednesday	03.01.2024		School Reopens

COMING UP THIS HALF TERM

Here is a sneak peak at some of the exciting events that will be taking place this half term!

YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL

On Wednesday 8th November, children in Year 5 will go on their residential to Ingleborough Hall until Friday 10th November.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Once again, that time of year is nearly here! Here is a little look at some of the events that will be taking place over the Christmas period.

This year we will be having two Christmas productions! Great Oak Nursery and Reception will be performing their Early Years Nativity. KS1 will also be performing their own nativity next half term. Tickets and dates will be available from next half term and we are so excited to see as many of you there as possible!

Don't worry, children in Key Stage 2 won't be missing out on the Christmas cheer! Children in Year 3 to Year 6 will take part in our Christmas Carol Concert. Make sure you come along and enjoy some Christmas carols and a mince pie!



Save the Date! The Friends of Swain House are very excited to invite you to an afternoon of Christmas shopping, Santa's grottos and festive refreshments at our annual Christmas Fair.



NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week, our 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is about EA Sports FC

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for 'just one more game' before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites: it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

Meet Our Expert

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