

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2025



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YEAR 1 WALK TO MORRISONS

Earlier this week, Year 1 class finished off their 'Proud to be from Bradford' topic by visiting Morrisons. They looked at how supermarkets have changed over time and used their detective skills to compare them to the past. The children learnt that bread takes 100 minutes to make in Morrison's bakery. Although it was a very wet trip, we learnt lots of interesting facts!



HARVEST DAY

On Friday of last week, all of the children in school enjoyed celebrating 'Harvest Day'. They came to school in autumnal colours and spent the day learning about harvest and completed lots of harvest related activities. In the afternoon family members came to join in with the harvest fun!



MRS PUGH'S AFTERNOON TEA

Mrs Pugh held her first afternoon tea of the year on Wednesday. It was lovely to see the excitement on the children's faces as they received their invitations. A child from each class was chosen by their teacher for a variety of reasons such as being a great role model, super attendance and making excellent behaviour choices.



LIVING WELL PARENT COURSE

Please join us for a parent's course about supporting your child's emotional wellbeing—see information below. If you will be attending please let a member of the office staff know—thank you.



Please join us for a parent course

Tuesday 25th November
8.45am - 10.00am

Supporting your child's emotional wellbeing

This course looks at:

- Understand the common emotional wellbeing needs of child(ren)
- Understand how to support your child to build emotional resilience.
- Practice active listening and supportive communication.

Refreshments will be provided



SHARING YOUR NEWS!



We would like to give a huge congratulations to Aria in Year 3 for participating in a special dance show. She was so excited about it and was counting down the days until it was on. We are proud of you Aria!

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!

HARVEST THANK YOU!

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest food bank donations.



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



REMEMBRANCE DAY



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Tuesday 21st October 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

During Autumn 2 term, all classes will be learning about an aspect of World War One as part of our whole school theme of Bradford Remembers.

On Tuesday 11th November 2025, our school will be commemorating Remembrance Day and the children will be taking part in Remembrance activities and learning about the importance of this day. Children can come to school dressed in black or red clothing as a mark of respect to remember those who have lost their lives in conflicts around the world.

Once again we are supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal and poppies will be available to buy. We are also selling the items listed below. If your child would like to purchase a poppy or an item from the list below please send the money in a named, sealed envelope with what your child would like to buy.

- Poppy – 50p
- Poppy Sticker – 50p
- Reflector Poppy - £1.00
- Festival Band - £1.50
- Snap Band - £2.00

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Pugh'.

Mrs Clare Pugh
Headteacher



SPOTLIGHT ON SEND

Each half-term, I write a section on our school newsletter to keep parents and carers of pupils on the SEND register 'in the loop' about all things SEND related. I highlight support available in school and also resources and workshops available in the local area.

Mr George

Assistant SENDco

Keep updated with all things SEND at Swain House. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code.



Bradford Science Festival

During half term, there will be nine days of exciting events with locations across Bradford exploring the future of technology, fashion, climate, sound, and food. From catwalk shows to multi-sensory sound experiences, Bradford Science Festival has something for all ages and needs to explore.



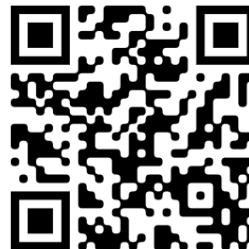
HELP AND
INFORMATION
FOR FAMILIES
WITH SPECIAL
NEEDS AND
DISABILITIES
BRADFORD AND DISTRICT
LOCAL OFFER



Bradford Local Offer

The SEND Local Offer website provides valuable information and resources for parents and carers. There is a useful list of support groups available in the local area. Scan the QR code to see the support group list.

In their monthly newsletter you will find out about the latest useful SEND news, information, stories, upcoming events, consultations, holiday activities and much more inside every issue.



SENDiVERSE Festival

A whole week dedicated to imagination, creativity, and the incredible talents of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) across Bradford!

From Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October, the district will come alive with colour, music, movement, and creativity—all led by and for SEND children, young people, and their families.

Whether it's painting, performance, poetry, puppets—SENDiVERSE Festival will shine a spotlight on the voices and visions of SEND communities, bringing together families, artists, schools, health and care professionals, and cultural organisations in a joyful explosion of creativity.



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 **24/10/25**.

Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	97.7%	0
Willow	96.7%	1
Kandinsky	92.0%	1
Matisse	95.8%	2
Lowry	93.2%	1
Van Gogh	94.6%	1

Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	94.2%	0
Roald Dahl	96.7%	1
JK Rowling	99.0%	1
Michael Morpurgo	96.8%	1
Elgar	87.6%	1
Mozart	87.3%	1
Beethoven	92.0%	1
Vivaldi	92.2%	0

Congratulations to **Elm Class** and **JK Rowling Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Congratulations to **Elm Class**, **Anne Fine Class** and **Vivaldi Class** for having **no lates**!

Our whole school attendance this week:

93.9%

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 'Fortnite'
LETTERS:	21.10.25 - Remembrance Day 23.10.25 - Children in Need
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	

COMMUNITY NEWS



Time Out For Dads

This is an evidence-based programme that aims to enable dads to increase confidence in their parenting; learn how to develop the dad/child relationship now and for the future and work out strategies for dealing with anger and conflict. It will also give dads an opportunity to meet other dads and share experiences in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Aimed At: Suitable for dads/stepdads of children 0-19
Course Duration: 2 hours a week for 5 weeks

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

- Parenting goals, the impact of our own fathers and aspirations of being a dad.
- Children's temperaments and needs along with building emotional security.
- The importance of time and family life. The power of words and recognising children's feelings.
- Discipline and setting boundaries. Different parenting styles and positive parenting.
- The importance for time for yourself, letting off steam and handling conflict

COURSE DETAILS

Date: TBC
13th January 2026
6pm to 8pm
Venue: Bradford City Club
Contact Details:
Barkerend Hub: 01274
437523 01274 437523



COMMUNITY NEWS

Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th,
Thursday 30th, Friday 31st October 2025.
To be held at Calverley CofE Primary School.

£25
with multiple
discount days

BOOKINGS
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OPEN!

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MUCH MORE!


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HALLOWEEN TRAIL

THE
PIECE
HALL
EST. 1978

TRAIL SPONSORED BY FLOCKITT & BROOM. TRICK OR TREAT SWEETS PROVIDED BY AL'S EMPORIUM

11AM - 2.30PM

£3.50 PER CHILD

MONDAY 27 OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER

Take off on the terrifying trail at our visitor centre. Upon finishing the frightful fun, feast upon your prize, 'witch' you will claim at our spooky learning studio.

Here you will find a host of hair-raising free Halloween crafts.

Freaky face paint and ghostly glitter tattoos come with additional charges.

thepiecehall.co.uk



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
Tuesday	11.11.25		Remembrance Day
Friday	14.11.25		Children in Need

COMING UP IN AUTUMN TERM

AUTUMN TERM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	13.11.25	2.30pm	Beethoven Class Assembly
Thursday	27.11.25	2.30pm	JK Rowling Class Hanukkah Assembly
Thursday	11.12.25	2.30pm	Vivaldi Class Assembly

DATES TO REMEMBER!

MENU 03/11/25

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 WED THUR FRI

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 mildly 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)

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)

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

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

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

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

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 encased in Pastry & Baked, served with Raita)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

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

WEEK 2

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)

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 encase 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)

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 Potato)

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

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

Gallydale Biscuits
(Homemade, Charming, Catty Biscuits)

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 & Raita)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

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

WEEK 3

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
(Sliced Apples topped with Oat Crumble, 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)

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)

Spaghetti Marinara
(A Tomato and mildly spiced Sauce combined into cooked Spaghetti, topped with Cheese)

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)

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

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

food quarter

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information
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City of
BRADFORD
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NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

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

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often 'gone when they're gone'.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like The Witcher and Halo.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like Power Rangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to comic book characters including Batman. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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