

NEWSLETTER

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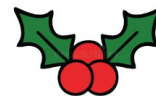
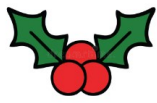
PERSEVERE

ACHIEVE

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS A PLENTY!

This week we have continued our tradition of our Christmas craft sessions. It was KS1 and Year 5's turn this week. The children enjoyed spending time with their families, getting into the festive spirit and making some exciting crafts to take home.





YEAR 6 VISIT TO THE GURDWARA

Last Friday children in Year 6 visited the local Gurdwara and found out how important it is to the Sikh community. In the prayer hall, they listened to the story of Guru Nanak, listened to a reading from the Guru Granth Sahib and listened to Narinder play the sarod and drums. They also looked at some artefacts and found out what they were.



CHRISTMAS FAIR 2024!

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that came to our Christmas Fair last Friday. We raised an incredible £1892.50! Thank you for all your generous donations, without those it wouldn't have been possible!



YEAR 3 GOLF FESTIVAL!

Children from Year 3 enjoyed taking part in a golf festival at Carlton Bolling Academy on Monday. They really enjoyed the different games and competing with different schools. We are very proud of their efforts, they demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship representing our school.



AMAZING WORK FROM THE HUB!

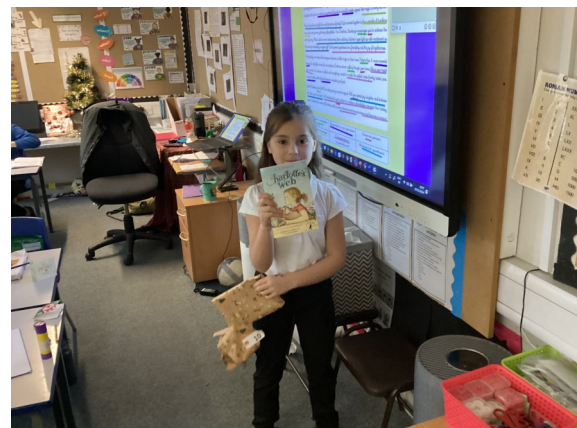
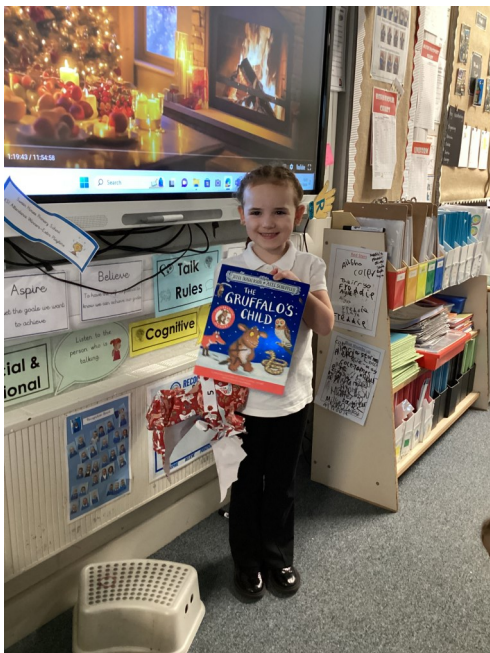
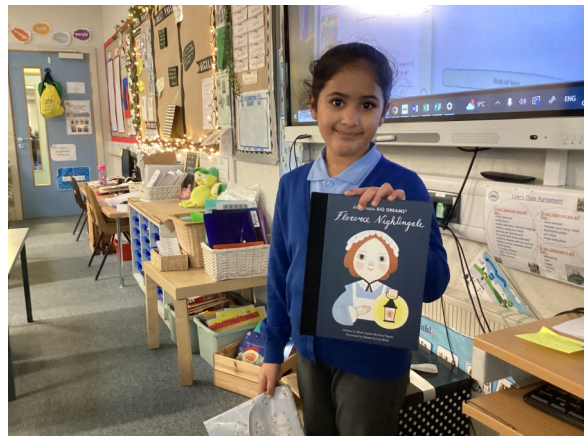
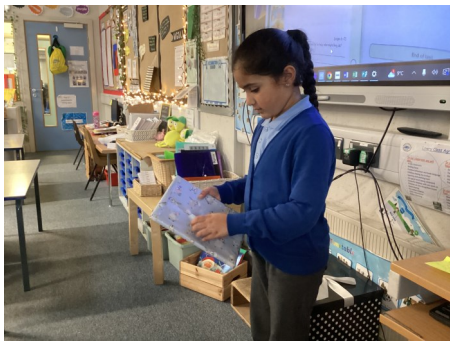
The children in 'The Hub' worked really hard on their stall at the Christmas Fair last Friday and were successful in raising a huge £270 to buy new resources. They will be spending the money at Smyth's Toys. We would like to say a big thank you to all our parents and staff who have made this fantastic result possible.



ADVENT BOOKS!



All the children in school have been very excited this December opening a new book each day for Advent which has been kindly donated to their class by the Friends of Swain house.



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



SPOTLIGHT ON SEND

(Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)

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.

Mrs. White

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



Bradford Local Offer

The Local Offer brings together information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities and their families.

<https://lo-calloffer.bradford.gov.uk/>



Christmas and Autism...

Christmas is a time for joy and fun but it can be a difficult time for pupils with autism. The changes to routine, the lights, the smells and the decorations can all be overwhelming for some children.

The National Autistic Society have some useful information that could support you and your family over the Christmas period.



SCIL Team Parents'

Workshop Date:

Strategies to support children with autism

**Friday 31st January
2:20-3:00pm**

**Friday 7th March
8:45—9:20**

Please enter via the

Visuals to support children

As adults we use visuals all the times in to-do lists, calendars, DIY instructions and recipes.

Visuals help to build children's independence, as they are able to use them to recall information previously taught and extend their understanding. For many children the use of visuals means that their ability is greater when accessing learning independently. Visuals take different forms, depending on the child's understanding and purpose. For example: Now and Next boards, supporting a child in understanding what is happening now and the transition to the next activity and lesson breakdown sheets where visuals break down the steps needed to be able to complete a task. If you would like visuals to support with routines at home or Zones of Regulation,



Speech and Language

We are aware of the waiting lists for speech and language sessions via the NHS.

Please [click here](#) to access NHS resources to support your child at home.

If you are concerned about your child's communication skills, you can refer them for support using this link - [Click here](#)

CAREERS

This year, we are keen to promote jobs and careers in order to raise and broaden the pupils' aspirations for the future. We aim to inspire the children, challenge stereotypes and boost their knowledge and confidence about what their futures could look like.

Each half term, there will be a careers page in the newsletter to support this.

We will be holding a whole school event during National Careers Week in March. During this week, we would like a range of volunteers to come into school and speak to the children about their profession and the training or studying they completed to achieve their goals, and also to answer questions from the children.

If you feel this is something you, or someone you know, would be interested in taking part in, please email careers@swainhouse.bradford.sch.uk with some details of the job/career you would be presenting to the children.

'Career of the Half Term...'

Roop and Dale have interviewed Marc Day who works in school on Mondays.

What is your job title?

I am a Network Manager

What do you do?

I make sure all the computers in school are working, as well as the whiteboards. I also make sure there are no problems with the wifi.

What training/studying did you undertake to be able to do your job?

I had to complete lots of online training and courses. It was very expensive!

How long have you been doing this job?

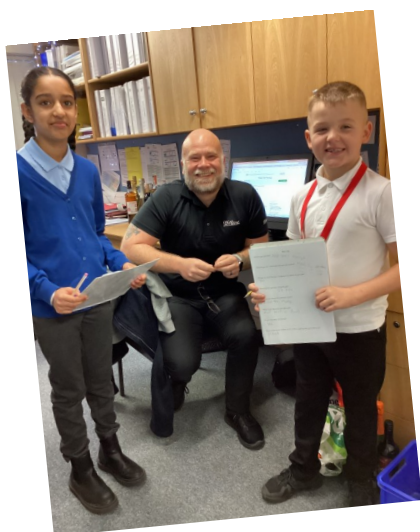
23 years, but not always at Swain House. I help other schools during the week too.

What is your favourite part of the job?

I enjoy meeting people in different schools.

Children, would you like to be a reporter and possibly be featured in an edition of the newsletter next half-term?

If so, please interview someone in your family or community about their job. Send a photo and your questions/answers to careers@swainhouse.bradford.sch.uk or, if preferred, hand them in person to Mrs Taylor. Make sure you include your name and class.



CHRISTMAS AT SWAIN HOUSE 2024!



Monday 16 th December	Christmas Parties – all year groups
Tuesday 17 th December 10am and 2pm	EYS Nativity/Christmas Performance for parents
Wednesday 18 th December	10.00 am LKS2 Carol Concert
Wednesday 18 th December	2.00 pm UKS2 Carol Concert
Thurs 19 th December 5pm – 6.30pm	Glitz n Glam Disco
Thurs 19 th December 10am and 2pm	KS1 Nativity for Parents
Friday 20 th December	Swain House has Got Talent
Friday 20 th December	Non-Uniform day



SWAIN HOUSE HAS GOT TALENT!

The children in KS2 will have the opportunity to audition to be part of 'Swain House has got Talent'. We are looking forward to seeing what they have planned!



Classroom Auditions start: 2nd Dec

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 **13/12/24**.

Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	95.6%	2
Willow	91.3%	3
Kandinsky	93.5%	2
Matisse	89.7%	1
Lowry	96.3%	3
Van Gogh	96.4%	1

Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	92.8%	2
Roald Dahl	94.8%	4
JK Rowling	98.5%	1
Michael Morpurgo	96.1%	5
Elgar	96.7%	5
Mozart	95.8%	1
Beethoven	96.8%	4
Vivaldi	97.9%	1

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

Our whole school attendance this week:

95.2%

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 'Safety over the Festive Period'.
LETTERS:	10.12.24 - Glitz and Glam Disco 13.12.24 - Year 4 Swimming
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	

COMMUNITY NEWS

IMMANUEL COLLEGE
CHRISTMAS FAYRE
ALL PROCEEDS TOWARDS OUR PTFA

NEW DATE

TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER
3:15-7PM

JOIN US FOR
VARIOUS STALLS, RAFFLES, TOMBOLAS & REFRESHMENTS

THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY OUR ANNUAL CAROL CONCERT
(INFORMATION REGARDING CAROL CONCERT TICKETS COMING SOON)

City Hub

BOOKING IS REQUIRED
PLEASE EMAIL CITY HUB OR
BOOK ON EVENTBRITE

Christmas Activity Days

- 16 DECEMBER** Christmas Craft time
12-4PM - FILM & CRAFT DAY
OPEN TO ALL AGES, MUSIC, FILM AND CHRISTMAS DECORATION ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS DISCOUNTED HOT AND COLD FOOD AND DRINKS
- 17 DECEMBER** Teddy Bear Picnic & Santa Letter Writing
10-12 : COFFEE MORNING, COME AND ENJOY A HOT DRINK & GREAT ATMOSPHERE WITH CRAFTS AVAILABLE
12-30-4 - TEDDY BEAR PICNIC - BRING YOUR OWN OR TAKE HOME A BEAR.
- 18 DECEMBER** Biscuit Decorating
10-4PM
OPEN TO ALL AGES, MUSIC, FILM AND CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING, BISCUIT DECORATING PLUS OTHER ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS SANTAS GIFT PICK
- 19 DECEMBER** Christmas Friendship Group
10-1PM - FRIENDSHIP CAFE WITH CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES. ALL WELCOME AND DEMENTIA FRIENDLY
Food Pantry & Coffee Afternoon
1-30-4PM - WINTER WARMER FOOD PACKAGES AVAILABLE & DISCOUNTED HOT & COLD FOOD & DRINK
- 21 DECEMBER** Grab a Gift from Santas Work shop
10-3pm
COME AND MEET OUR ELVES AND BROWSE OUR WORKSHOP FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS - ALL AVAILABLE FOR A SMALL DONATION. CHOOSE FROM OUR SURPRISE STALL FOR EXTRA CHRISTMAS CHEER
- 22 DECEMBER** Christmas Grotto
10-3pm
COME SEE SANTA & HIS FRIENDS IN THE FOUNDATION GROTTTO AND ENJOY A FESTIVE FILM AND DISCOUNTED HOT & COLD DRINKS AND FOOD AVAILABLE

For more information please email :
cityhub@bcfccommunity.co.uk

LET'S EAT TOGETHER
Warm Space

'A space where people can gather for free in a safe, friendly place and enjoy some food and good company'

Bingo from 5pm **BINGO!**

The Bolton Woods Centre
Every Wednesday
4PM - 6PM

ASDA Foundation

THE BOLTON WOODS
HOLIDAY, ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

THIS YEAR, WE'RE OFFERING A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB TO GIVE PARENTS EXTRA TIME FOR SHOPPING AND PREPARATIONS.

Saturday, 21st December:
Trip to Buckden House, 8:30am to 5pm.

Sunday, 22nd December:
Arts and crafts, followed by a fun party day, 9:30am to 4:30pm.

Your child must be registered before these dates to attend the HAF, Please pick up your registration forms from The Bolton Woods Centre, Ask for Jo or Nathan.
Call: 01274 010173 for more information.

FREE FOR CHILDREN RECEIVING FREE SCHOOL MEALS!

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REMINDERS

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club opens at 7.30am at a cost of £3.00 each per day or at 7.45am at the cost of £2.50 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 5.30pm 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
Monday	16.12.24		Christmas Parties
Thursday	19.12.24	5.00pm - 6.30pm	Glitz and Glam Disco
Friday	20.12.24		School Closes for Christmas
Monday	06.01.25		School Reopens

COMING UP IN AUTUMN TERM

DATES TO REMEMBER!

On Tuesday 17th December at 3:15pm, there will be another parents meeting regarding Y4 swimming. A member of staff from Kanga will be at the meeting to answer any questions or concerns.



MENU 16/12/24

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

Swain House Primary School

Wk 1 - 4th Nov, 25th Nov, 16th Dec, 6th Jan, 27th Jan, 10th Mar, 31st Mar
 Wk 2 - 11th Nov, 2nd Dec, 13th Jan, 3rd Feb, 24th Feb, 17th Mar
 Wk 3 - 18th Nov, 9th Dec, 20th Jan, 10th Feb, 3rd Mar, 24th Mar



WEEK 1

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vegetarian Chili & Nachos (Served with Garlic Bread or Rice & Salad) Halal Beef Bolognaise (Served with Pasta, Garlic Bread & Salad) Spaghetti Marinara (Served with Garlic Bread & Salad) Assorted Jackets / Sandwiches Jam Sponge (Served with Custard) Freshly Prepared Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minced Beef & Onion Pie (Served with New Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables) Cheese & Potato Flan (Served with New Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables or Salad) Assorted Jackets / Sandwiches Fruit Jelly Freshly Prepared Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roast Meat (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy) Vegetarian Cottage Pie (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy) Halal Roast Chicken (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy) Assorted Baguettes Sprinkle Cake (Vanilla Sponge topped with water icing and sprinkles) Freshly Prepared Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chipped Potatoes (Served with Chipped Potatoes, Baked Beans or Salad) Quorn Sausage (Served with Chipped Potatoes & Salad) Assorted Jackets / Sandwiches Chocolate Sponge (With Chocolate Sauce) Freshly Prepared Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Goujons (Served with Jacket Wedges, Coleslaw or Salad) MSC Battered Fish (Served with Jacket Wedges and Seasonal Vegetables or Salad) Vegetable Pakoras (Served with Jacket Wedges, Raita & Salad) Assorted Sandwiches Butterfly Buns Freshly Prepared Fruit 	

WEEK 2

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spicy Vegetable Spring Roll (Served with Raita, Jacket Wedges, Salad or Sweetcorn) Halal Meat Lasagne (Served with Garlic Bread & Salad) Vegetarian Lasagne (Served with Garlic Bread & Salad) Assorted Baguettes Flapjack Freshly Prepared Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meat Chilli (Served with Rice & Salad) Halal Chicken Jalfrezi (Served with Pilau Rice & Salad) Pomodoro Pasta (Served with Fusilli Pasta, Crusty Bread & Salad) Assorted Jackets Honey Cake (Sponge Cake topped with Honey, served with Custard) Freshly Prepared Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roast Meat (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy) Cheese Roll (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy) Quorn Roast Dinner (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy) Assorted Baguettes Lemon Shortcake (Served with Custard) Freshly Prepared Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges (Served with Jacket Wedges, Coleslaw & Salad) Loaded Vegetable Pizza (Served with Jacket Wedges, Coleslaw & Salad) Assorted Jackets / Sandwiches Chocolate Sponge (With Chocolate Sauce) Freshly Prepared Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Day Brunch (Sausage, Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans, Chips or Hash Brown & Bread and Butter) MSC Fish Fingers (Served with Chipped Potatoes & Baked Beans or Salad) All Day Vegetarian Brunch (Quorn Sausage, Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans, Chips & Bread and Butter) Assorted Sandwiches Volcano Buns (Cookies with a Jam / Lemon filled middle) Freshly Prepared Fruit
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WEEK 3

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce (Served with Spaghetti, Garlic Bread & Salad) Halal Chicken Biryani (Served with Flat Bread & Salad) Arrabiata Pasta (Served with Garlic Bread & Salad) Assorted Baguettes Ice Cream Tubs Freshly Prepared Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Savoury Roll (Served with Jacket Wedges & Salad or Sweetcorn) Homemade Cheese & Onion Pasty (Served with Jacket Wedges & Salad or Sweetcorn) Assorted Jackets Rice Pudding Freshly Prepared Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roast Meat (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy) Halal Roast Chicken (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy) Vegetarian Toad in the Hole (Served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy) Assorted Baguettes Paris Sandwich (Served with Custard) Freshly Prepared Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Burrito (Served with Tortilla Chips, Coleslaw or Salad) Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Tortilla Chips (Served with Tortilla Chips, Coleslaw & Salad) Mexican Burrito (Served with Tortilla Chips, Coleslaw or Salad) Assorted Jackets Marble Sponge (With Chocolate Sauce) Freshly Prepared Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSC Fishcake (Served with Ketchup, Chipped Potatoes, Baked Beans or Salad) Vegetable Dippers (Served with Ketchup, Chipped Potatoes, Baked Beans or Salad) MSC Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake (Served with Ketchup, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans or Salad) Assorted Sandwiches Oat Cookie Freshly Prepared Fruit
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food quarter

For full allergen & nutritional information head to <https://schoolmeals.bradford.gov.uk>

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NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week, our 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is about 'Safety over the Festive Period'.

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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON.

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

- 1 MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY**
Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Balancing screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.
- 2 PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS**
The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, cookers and electrical decorations. Open flames, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Ensure smoke detectors are operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving cooking unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.
- 3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS**
More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road rage, fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and adhere to seatbelt laws. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.
- 4 BEWARE OF ALLERGIES**
Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Cross contamination, unclear labelling and lack of allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergy needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.
- 5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS**
Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, disinfect surfaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.
- 6 STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD**
Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distracted driving, pedestrian safety and inclement weather can complicate road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.
- 7 MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS**
Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if mishandled. Frayed wires, toppling Christmas trees, small ornaments and open flames can be difficult to control, especially in busy households with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, secure Christmas trees, place fragile or small items out of reach and ensure candles are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.
- 8 SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS**
Some toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts meet safety standards and are age appropriate can be complex with so many options available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parental controls. Setting expectations around safe gift use and discarding packaging that poses a risk also helps to prevent accidents.
- 9 ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE**
Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier holiday experience for everyone.
- 10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY**
Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, raising concerns about safety and supervision. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modelling responsible behaviour in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

Meet Our Expert
James Whelan is a chartered health and safety consultant with 10 years of experience in promoting family and community safety. Specialising in risk assessment and preventative strategies, he has worked with educational institutions, public health agencies and community groups to deliver safety education and training.

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/safety-over-the-festive-season>

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