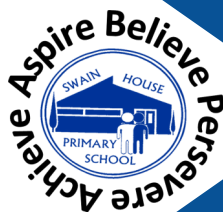


# NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2024



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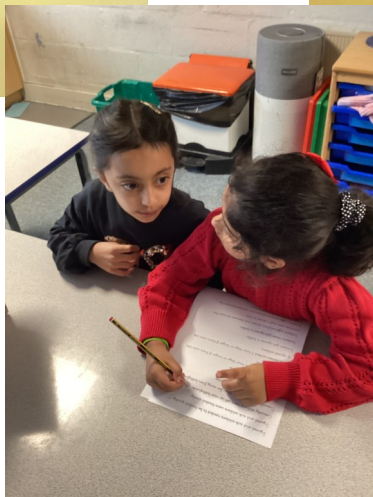
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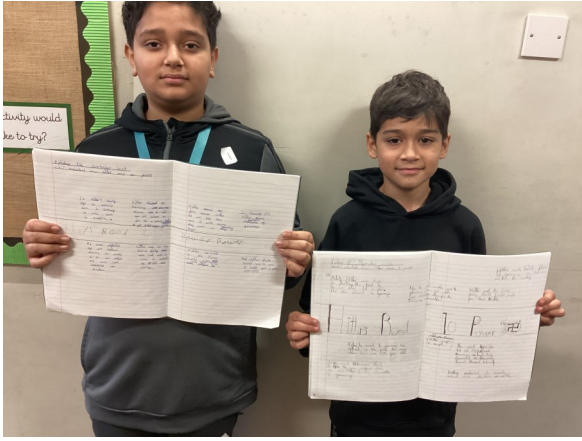
ACHIEVE

## REMEMBRANCE DAY!

Last Friday Swain House commemorated Remembrance Day. The children came 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. They also took part in Remembrance activities and learnt about the importance of this day.







# REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY



Mrs Pugh held a special assembly where we observed a two minute silence to remember those soldiers, who died in conflicts.



# YEAR 3 ROAD SAFETY

Year 3 have enjoyed their first session of road safety awareness. The children were learning how to cross the road safely, use different types of crossing and understand the different hazards on the roads.



# JOBS AT SWAIN HOUSE!

The children in KS2 have been getting well underway with their new jobs! The gardeners enjoyed helping out around our school grounds, planting bulbs and tidying our raised beds.



# ODD SOCK DAY!

On Tuesday the children came to school in odd socks! We had a special assembly about anti-bullying.



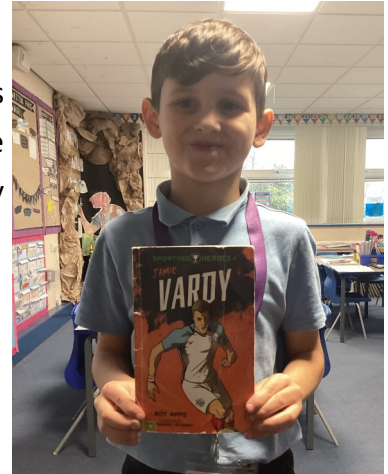
# READING PLANET REVIEWS!

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.

## **Jamie Vardy—Roy Apps**

I am reading the book Jamie Vardy by Roy Apps. I have enjoyed this book because it is about football and I love playing football. I want to be a footballer when I am older so it has inspired me. I would definitely recommend this book to my friends

## **Rivers—Year 3**



# SHARING YOUR NEWS!



Myla in Year 3 performed at her first dance show last weekend! She did a great job and we are so proud of her efforts and confidence. Well done Myla!

Evie in Year 4 has been awarded a medal at her Martial Arts class for performing a synchronised pattern with her partner. Well done Evie!



Ruth in Year 1 has recently taken part in a Scarecrow Trail which she said was lots of fun!

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!**





# MYHAPPYMIND

## OUR CONVERSATION CARD OF THE WEEK



### Enjoy a conversation!

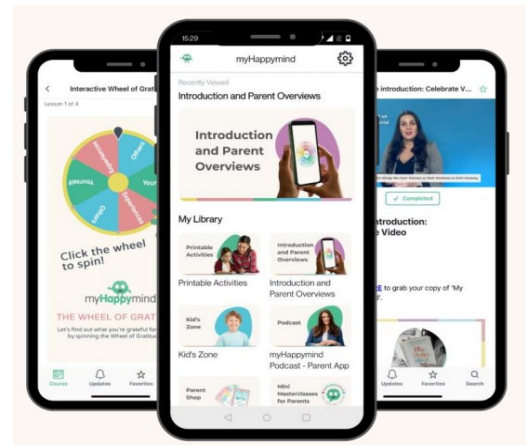
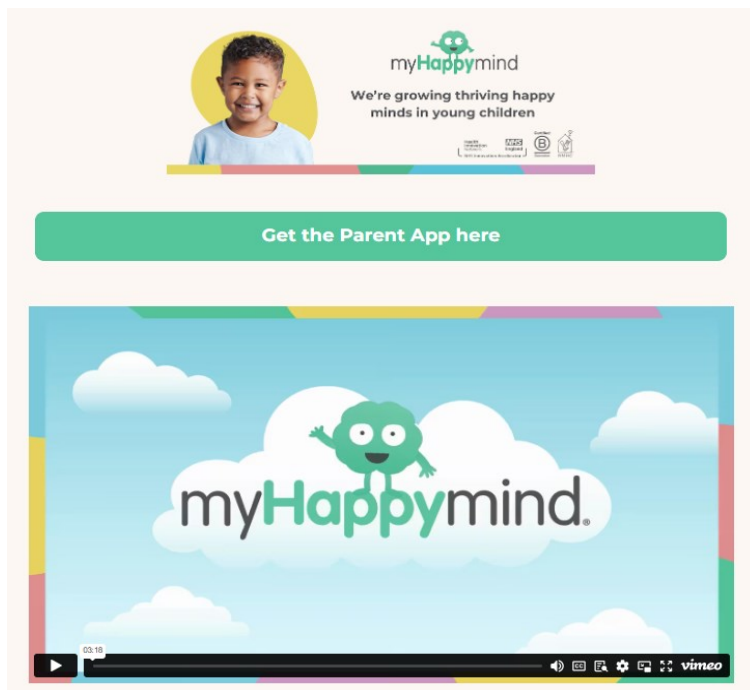
Each week we will share a conversation card. These are designed to help you have meaningful and fun conversations with your child and aid discussions about mental health and happiness.



# MYHAPPYMIND PARENT APP

## myHappyMind Parent App

Download the Parent App to learn all about the Science of Happiness and also access a range of games, songs, Happy Breathing resources and much more at home!



**Scan the QR code to access information about the Parent App.**



Once on the webpage click on the 'Get the Parent app here' tab.

Complete your details, then you will be sent access details via email.

Our school Authentication Code is **107220**

# 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 **15/11/24**.

### Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	98.0%	1
Willow	98.3%	4
Kandinsky	98.4%	3
Matisse	96.8%	0
Lowry	100%	2
Van Gogh	92.4%	0

### Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	96.6%	2
Roald Dahl	98.8%	2
JK Rowling	98.8%	1
Michael Morpurgo	97.8%	1
Elgar	98.0%	1
Mozart	97.4%	1
Beethoven	97.1%	3
Vivaldi	98.6%	1

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

Well done to **Matisse Class** and **Van Gogh Class** for having **no lates!**

Our whole school attendance this week:

**97.6%**

## 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**.

<b>WEBSITE UPDATES:</b>	National Online Safety - 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is about 'Snapchat'.
<b>LETTERS:</b>	11.11.24 - Early Years & KS1 Christmas Events 11.11.24 - KS2 Christmas Events 11.11.24 - Christmas Activities 2024 12.11.24 - Practical Road Safety Training Year 3 13.11.24 - Christmas Craft Sessions 14.11.24 - Beethoven Class Assembly
<b>MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:</b>	15.11.24 - Year 5 Homework

# HELP GREAT OAK NURSERY

## GET EXTRA RESOURCES FOR YOUR CHILD



### DID YOU KNOW

We can claim £300 of additional funding for every eligible 3 or 4 year old in our care.

This money helps us provide activities and new equipment to benefit your child.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

If you receive one of the benefits listed, we will be able to access this Early Years Pupil Premium funding for your child.

To check if your child is eligible, **scan the QR code** with your phones camera and complete the form or call the office on **01274 639049**



### DO YOU RECEIVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit, and household income is less than £7,400 a year after tax, not including benefit payments
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of less than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Support under Part Vi of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 or if your child has been looked after by the Local Authority for at least one day, adopted from care, left care through special guardianship or subject to a child arrangement order.



# CHRISTMAS AT SWAIN HOUSE 2024!



Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Non Uniform for a bottle
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Non Uniform for chocolates and sweets
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Jack and the Beanstalk Panto
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Toy Raffle
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties – all year groups
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 10am and 2pm	EYS Nativity/Christmas Performance for parents
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 am LKS2 Carol Concert
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00 pm UKS2 Carol Concert
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> December 5pm – 6.30pm	Glitz n Glam Disco
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> December 10am and 2pm	KS1 Nativity for Parents
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Swain House has Got Talent
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Non-Uniform day



# CHRISTMAS CRAFTS 2024!



## Christmas Craft Sessions

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Times</u>
Little Acorns Nursery	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	10.00 – 10.45 2.00 – 2.45
Great Oak Nursery	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	10.00 – 10.45 2.00 – 2.45
Reception	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	9.00 – 9.45 2.00 – 2.45
Year 1	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	2.00 – 2.45
Year 2	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	2.00 – 2.45
Year 3	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2024	2.00 – 2.45
Year 4	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2024	2.00 – 2.45
Year 5	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	2.00 – 2.45
Year 6	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	2.00 – 2.45

# CHRISTMAS FAIR



★ *Join us at* ★

## SWAIN HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

★ ★

TOMBOLAS.GAMES.RAFFLES.MUSIC.STALLS  
AND DELICIOUS TREATS!

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER • 4.00PM - 5.30PM

If you would like to have a stall at our  
fair please email your interest to  
[friends@swainhouse.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:friends@swainhouse.bradford.sch.uk)



Entrance

50p



# COMMUNITY NEWS



Footsteps Theatre School MUSIC XMAS

December 7th+8th

## Christmas Showcase

Come and see our amazing students classwork showcase.

**TICKETS £6**

**JUNIORS SATURDAY 1PM +3PM ,SUNDAY 1PM**  
**SENIORS SUNDAY 3+5PM**

The poster features a red background with a white border. It includes illustrations of a penguin, a snowflake, a Christmas tree, and a girl in a winter outfit. The text is in various colors and fonts, including a green circle for the ticket price.



IMMANUEL COLLEGE

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

- SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER, 11 AM - 2 PM -

**JOIN US FOR**

RAFFLES REFRESHMENTS TOMBOLAS

**VARIOUS STALLS**

ALL PROCEEDS TOWARDS OUR PTFA  
(PARENTS, TEACHERS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION)

The poster has a light blue background with white snowflakes. It features a green banner with the event title, a sleigh with reindeer, a Christmas tree, and several wrapped gifts. The Immanuel College logo is in the top right corner.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## CHRISTMAS

AT BRADLEY WOOD

CHRISTMAS STALLS  
FESTIVE FOOD & DRINK  
VISIT SANTA

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

ZIP WIRE, CAVE BUS, TOMAHAWKS AND MORE!

SANTA VISIT - £12PP, PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED

EMAIL [BOOKINGS@BRADLEYWOOD.ORG.UK](mailto:BOOKINGS@BRADLEYWOOD.ORG.UK)

**SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER**  
**1000-1700**

BRADLEY WOOD SCOUT CAMPSITE,  
SHEPHERDS THORN LANE,  
BRIGHOUSE, HD6 3TT



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@bcfcommunity.co.uk](mailto:cityhub@bcfcommunity.co.uk)

# 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
Friday	22.11.24		Non Uniform Day—Bring a bottle
Wednesday	04.12.24		Non Uniform Day—Bring chocolates/sweets
Friday	06.12.24	4.00pm - 5.30pm	Swain House Christmas Fair
Thursday	12.12.24		Christmas Jumper Day

# COMING UP IN AUTUMN TERM

## AUTUMN TERM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	21.11.24	2.30pm	Beethoven Class Assembly
Thursday	28.11.24	2.30pm	Year 5 Residential Assembly
Thursday	12.12.24	2.30pm	JK Rowling Hanukkah Assembly

## DATES TO REMEMBER!

**Friday 22nd November 2024-Non-uniform**

Bring a bottle for our Christmas fair

# MENU 18/11/24

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

## Swain House Primary School

Wk 1 - 4th Nov, 25th Nov, 18th 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

- Vegetarian  
Chilli & Nachos  
(Served with Garlic Bread or Rice & Salad)
- Halal Beef Bolognese  
(Served with Pasta, Garlic Bread & Salad)
- Spaghetti Marinara  
(Served with Garlic Bread & Salad)
- Assorted Jackets / Sandwiches

- Jam Sponge  
(Served with Custard)
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

TUES

- 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

WED

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

THUR

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

FRI

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEEK 3

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

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

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

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

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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# NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

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

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](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

**AGE RESTRICTION 13+**

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### SCAMS AND BLACKMAIL

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages feature by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them (regardless of whether it is true or not) and will share them online unless they send them money. Teens then (understandably) panic and worry about the long-term consequences. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of teenagers had experienced this – either on this app or others.

#### EXCESSIVE USE

Snapchat works hard on user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight'. It claims the content shown here is relevant to each user, but it could also be seen as an easy way to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore,

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

#### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

#### ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beauty' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy if a young person compares themselves unfavourably with other users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

#### VISIBLE LOCATION

A feature called 'SnapMaps' highlights your device's exact position on a virtual map, which is visible to other users. There are options to restrict who can see this information: all friends, selected friends or just you. Snapchat also has real-time location sharing, which is intended as a buddy system to help friends keep track of each other – but it could also be used to track a young person for more sinister reasons.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

#### SET CONTROLS VIA FAMILY CENTRE

Snapchat has parental controls called 'Family Centre'. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. This allows you to view their friends list, see who they have chatted with in the last 7 days (but not to view the specific messages) and report any concerns.

#### TALK ABOUT REAL LIFE SCAMS

If a young person is mature enough to have Snapchat, then they are mature enough to have a conversation about scams, nudes and blackmail. Have this discussion before you let them join. Share some real-life examples. Discuss the importance of never adding strangers and discourage them from sharing nudes. If they are lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately, then block and delete the predator and screenshot any evidence.

#### DISCUSS AI

Although My AI's responses can often give the impression that it's a real person, it's essential that young people remember this certainly isn't the case. Encourage children to think critically about My AI's replies to their questions: are they accurate and reliable? Remind them that My AI shouldn't replace chatting with their real friends, and that it's always better to talk to an actual person in relation to medical matters.

#### CHAT ABOUT CONTENT

It may feel like an awkward conversation (and one that young people can be reluctant to have) but it's important to talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting. Remind children that once something's online, the creator loses control over where it ends up – and who else sees it. Likewise, it's vital that children understand that some 'challenges' which become popular on the platform may have harmful consequences.

#### KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Profiles are private by default, but children may make them public to gain more followers. Snap Stories are visible to everyone a user adds unless they change their settings. On SnapMaps, their location is visible unless Ghost Mode is enabled. It's safest for a child to avoid adding people they don't know in real life – especially since the addition of My Places, which allows people to see where users regularly visit.

#### BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can select the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.

#### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

**#WakeUpWednesday**

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