

NEWSLETTER

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Thank You!



We would like to say a huge thank you for all of your support over the Christmas period. We understand it is a busy time and there have been lots of events that wouldn't have been as successful without the support of our families in school. Our Christmas performances have been a huge success and we are very pleased that so many of you attended. We would like to say a big thank you to all of the stall holders who attended our Christmas Fair. It was a resounding success and we look forward to doing it all again next year. Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff in school who have given up their time to support at our Christmas Fair, Glitz and Glam disco and other events over the past few weeks. Without them, they simply wouldn't be possible.

Swain House Has Got Talent

Children in Key Stage 2 enjoyed performing to the rest of the school in our annual Swain House has got Talent show. There were a variety of performances including singing, gymnastics and dancing.





EARLY YEARS CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION AND KS1 NATIVITY



This week, children in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 performed to their families. The children did a fantastic job and have worked so hard over the past few weeks in preparation for the performances. We would also like to say a huge thank you to the staff who helped make these performances a possibility. We hope that you enjoyed them!





CHRISTMAS PARTIES



This week, festivities have been in full swing as the children enjoyed their Christmas parties. They enjoyed eating lots of party food, playing games and even received a visit from Father Christmas. Take a look at some of the parties below!





CHILDREN'S RAFFLE



We would like to say a huge congratulations to our raffle prize winners!

We had great fun cheering along whilst the raffle prize tickets were being drawn. This raffle would not be able to go ahead without the generosity of our fantastic staff here at Swain House Primary School, who donated all the prizes!



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.

Big, Bad and Seriously Dangerous - Mercury

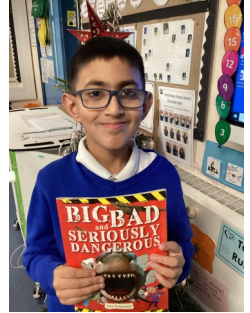
This book tells you about really dangerous things like dinosaurs, old crocodiles and really old sharks from prehistoric times. I liked all the information it gave me, I have learnt a lot and would recommend this book to anyone who is interested in animals!

Ayaan—Year 3

Once by Morris Gleitzman

This book is about a boy named Felix, who is an orphan. He escapes the orphanage because his parents promised him they would return for him but after 3 years and 8 months, they haven't yet returned. He rescues a young girl named Zelda from a burning building. They find themselves in a 'death camp' - a concentration camp. I really enjoyed reading this book. I would recommend this book to pupils in Year 5 or 6 as it is enjoyable but there is some violence and scary parts in it.

Kayla- Mae—Year 6



SHARING YOUR NEWS!



We would like to say a huge well done to Mason in year 6. Who was awarded Top Defender and Most Improved player for his football team, Athletico Falcons!

CLICK THE ICON TO SEE REGULAR UPDATES ON OUR




WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Finally, we would like to wish all of our children, families and staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you all have a wonderful festive period and look forward to welcoming you back into school in the new year.



COMMUNITY



The Incredible Years

**Incredible Years
Preschool Programme**

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

Are you a parent or carer with a child or children aged 3-4 years?

Incredible Years is now offering programmes across the Bradford District, for any family who would like support around child attachment, speech and language development, routines, boundaries and positive social interactions.



Believe in children
Barnardo's

What is covered in the Incredible Years Preschool Programme?

- Child directed play
Promote positive relationships
- Promoting child language development
With child directed coaching
- Social and emotional understanding

How are the sessions delivered?

The session will be delivered in-person at venues across the Bradford District. Attend without your child (creche can be provided if there is a need).

Learn techniques to practice with your child at home.

Each session 2 hours.

16 week programme.

Includes refreshments and resources to use at home.



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Encourage expression of feelings
- Praise and encouragement
To help increase confidence
- Motivate children through spontaneous incentives
Identifying positive behaviour
- Establish clear routines
Rules, responsibilities and routines
- Handling misbehaviour and problem solving
Teaching children to problem solve through stories and games

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Eligibility

- Parents or carers of a 3-4 year old child
- Must live in the Bradford District

Incredible Years email
IY@barnardos.org.uk
Tel 01274 513300

Parents /carers can book a place (self-ref) on the FYI website – visit <https://fyi.barnardos.gov.uk/> and select 'Parenting courses' or scan the QR code opposite.

Professionals, please contact the IY team on 01274 513300 if you require further information.



family hubs
Start for Life



COMMUNITY

Extra autism-friendly screenings at The Light, Bradford

The Light Bradford has increased its number of autism-friendly screenings.

These screenings are for anyone who would benefit from a quieter and less stimulating cinema experience. The sound will be turned down and the lights are only dimmed, not turned off. The film will also play without ads or trailers.



Warm Spaces - welcoming venues across the Bradford district

Warm Spaces are free places where you can go to that are safe, friendly, warm and often a place you can get a free drink.

Warm Spaces include libraries, community centres, church halls, sports clubs and other places open to anyone. To find your nearest Warm Space and what it offers, [search the directory here.](#)

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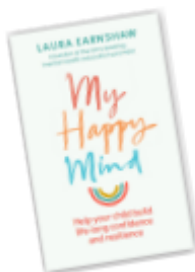
Please download the myHappymind App to support your child's learning in school. Our school authentication code is **107220**.



SCAN ME



...A **FREE** online resource to support you and your family to learn more about how you can use myHappymind to support your child.



...Want to learn more about the science of happiness? Check out myHappymind founder Laura Earnshaw's best selling book!



YOU WILL NEED this authentication code to sign up



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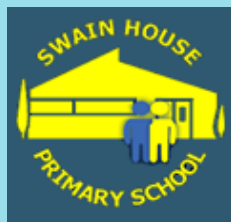
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LITTLE ACORNS NURSERY

at Swain House Primary School

DO YOU HAVE A 2 YEAR OLD CHILD?

If so, you may be eligible for 15 hours of **FREE** childcare.



Little Acorns Nursery is situated next door to our Great Oak Nursery at Swain House Primary School. The nursery is equipped with a wide range of toys and resources to help stimulate your child's curiosity and develop them in all areas of learning.

TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION CONTACT SWAIN HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL ON:

01274 639049

OFFICE@SWAINHOUSE.BRADFORD.SCH.UK

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?

We have full & part time places available in our well-equipped Nursery class run by an experienced, fully qualified teacher and Early Years Practitioners.

CALL NOW TO SCHEDULE A TOUR!

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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**.

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 - Five night's at Freddy's
LETTERS:	14.12.23 - Anne Fine Class Assembly
MESSAGES VIA	

THINGS TO DO OVER CHRISTMAS

JOIN A

Family Christmas at Bolling Hall



20 December
11am - 3pm



Bolling Hall Museum,
Bolling Hall Road,
BD4 7LP

Join us to Deck the Halls! Make a traditional Peg Doll toy to take home, ice a gingerbread biscuit and decorate a wooden bauble to add to the beautiful Christmas tree.

The Crickmore Crew will be singing traditional Christmas songs throughout the day, helping us enjoy the festive season atmosphere of this wonderful historic home!

Large groups, please e-mail miroslava.zarkov@bradford.gov.uk to book a space, others just drop-in.



Santa's Grotto - Bradford



Monday 18 December - Sunday, 24 December (10.30am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 3pm)

FREE

Come and visit Santa in his Grotto this Christmas, here at Kirkgate! Tell the main man what you want for Christmas, and if you've been good this year, you might be in for a treat! The Grotto is free to attend and is located on the Lower Mall.

COMING UP NEXT HALF TERM

SPRING TERM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	11/01/24	2.30pm	Anne Fine Epiphany Assembly
Thursday	18/01/24	2.30pm	Lowry Class Assembly
Thursday	25/01/24	2.30pm	Jacqueline Wilson Class Assembly
Thursday	01/02/24	2.30pm	Van Gogh Class Assembly
Thursday	08/02/24	2.30pm	Matisse Chinese New Year Assembly
Thursday	22/02/24	2.30pm	Elgar Class Assembly
Thursday	29/02/24	2.30pm	JK Rowling Class Assembly
Thursday	07/03/24	2.30pm	Anne Fine Class Assembly
Thursday	14/03/24	2.30pm	Kandinsky Holi Assembly
Thursday	21/03/24	2.30pm	Mozart Easter Assembly

YEAR 6 GREEK WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 17th January, children in Year 6 will be having a Greek Workshop as part of their new theme from Portals to the Past. The children will be learning all about the Ancient Greeks and will come to school dressed up in Greek inspired clothing.



MENU 03/01/24



Swain House Primary School

WEEK 1

30th Oct, 20th Nov,
11th Dec, 1st Jan,
22nd Jan, 4th Mar

MENU

MON

TUES

WED

THUR

FRI

MAINS

Mascarpone Pasta
Spaghetti Marinara
Vegetable Pasty

Mild Chicken Curry
Halal Chicken Doplaza
Aloo Chana

Roast of the Day
Halal Chicken Roll
Cheese & Broccoli Quiche

Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Fish Fingers
Southern Fried Quorn
Burger

SIDES

Crusty Bread
Spaghetti Hoops
Seasonal Vegetables
Assorted Individual Salads

Rice
Naan Bread
Assorted Individual Salads

Dry Roast Potatoes
Yorkshire Pudding
Seasonal Vegetables
Assorted Individual Salads

Chips
Baked Beans
Assorted Individual Salads

Dry Roast Jacket Potatoes
Wedges
Sweetcorn
Assorted Individual Salads

OTHER OPTIONS

Assorted Jacket Potatoes
Assorted Panini
Assorted Sandwiches

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DESSERTS

Decorated Sponge Cake
Freshly Prepared Fruit

Butterfly Buns
Freshly Prepared Fruit

Marble Sponge
Freshly Prepared Fruit

Flapjack
Freshly Prepared Fruit

Chocolate Sponge
Freshly Prepared Fruit

Suitable for...



For full allergen & nutritional
information head to

<https://schoolmeals.bradford.gov.uk>

or scan the QR code:



FM SERVICES



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.

COMING UP NEXT TERM

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday	03.01.24	N/A	School reopens
Wednesday	17.01.24	All Day	Year 6 Greek Day
Tuesday	23.01.24	3.15 - 6.00pm	Parents Evening
Thursday	25.01.24	3.00 - 3.30pm	Parent Drop in
Friday	02.02.24	All Day	NSPCC Number Day
Monday - Sunday	05.02.24 - 11.02.24	N/A	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday	09.02.24	N/A	School closes for February Half Term
Thursday	07.03.24	All Day	World Book Day
Monday - Sunday	11.03.24 - 17.03.24	N/A	Science Week
Friday	15.03.24	All Day	Comic Relief
Friday	22.03.24	N/A	School closes for Easter

NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week, our 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is about setting up apps, games and software

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP APPS, GAMES AND SOFTWARE

Millions of new phones, tablets, laptops and games consoles will be nestling under Christmas trees this year. However, even if parents and carers have gone to the trouble of setting up these new devices and enabling the safety features, there are still potential hazards in the apps, games and software that children will want to install and use. Knowing what to look for and discussing those risks with your child may help avoid any nasty surprises this Christmas. Here are our top tips for ensuring that unwrapping this year's presents doesn't unleash any unexpected dangers.

TAKE NOTE OF AGE RATINGS

Back when most games were bought in shops, checking the age rating was easy: it was on the front of the box. Now that most games are downloaded, it's tougher – but not impossible. All reputable download stores show a game's age rating at the point of purchase, and you can check the suitability of a specific title your child wants to play at videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games.

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'FREE' ISN'T ALWAYS FREE

The games market has changed radically in recent years. Many titles are free to download, but then tempt players to pay for cosmetic items (as in Fortnite) or to unlock additional content. There can be huge peer pressure for children to pay for these items. Agree a budget for in-game purchases before the game is downloaded, and make sure children can't authorise in-game purchases by themselves.

DISABLE IN-APP PURCHASING

It's not wise to leave children with devices that can make in-app purchases without your permission. Ideally, set up computers, consoles and phones so child accounts need an adult's authorisation to buy anything. On shared devices (like iPads, which don't allow user accounts), check the settings to ensure that in-app purchasing requires the account holder's password, fingerprint or face ID.

CHECK THE SPECS

To avoid let-downs, check a game's specs before buying – especially for PC or Mac, where games often need a particular graphics chip or processor to work. Sites like systemrequirementslab.com can scan your computer to see if it will run certain games properly. On consoles, make sure you're buying the right version: some newer Xbox or PlayStation games won't play on older consoles.

MONITOR IN-GAME COMMS

Voice chat with friends is part of the fun of modern gaming – but danger lurks here too. Many titles have open chat systems, meaning that children could speak to strangers or hear adult language and verbal abuse when games get particularly competitive. Using a shared family area (as opposed to alone in bedrooms) for online gaming is a good way to keep an occasional ear on what's being said.

BE WARY OF GIFTS

Titles like Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite have in-game currencies, which can be earned through progress in the game – but can also be bought with real money. A common scam is for a young player to be offered currency if they click a link, visit a certain site or contact another user directly. Warn your child about such offers; they should show you if they're in any doubt over an in-game gift.

APPS ARE AGE RATED, TOO

Like games, apps in the major stores have age ratings, too – so you can see in advance whether an app's appropriate for your child. Additionally, phones' parental control settings allow you to set age limits, preventing young ones from downloading unsuitable apps themselves. These ratings aren't infallible, however: we've seen TV apps featuring adult shows with an age rating of 3, for example.

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CONSIDER STORAGE

Most apps and games will tell you in the online store how much space they need on a device. Check this carefully – especially with games, which can run into hundreds of megabytes and beyond. If you don't have enough free storage on a device to run the game or app, you won't get a refund from the store. You can normally check a device's available storage space through the settings menu.

WATCH OUT FOR IMITATORS

Even in the official stores, untrustworthy rogue apps can slip through the net. Common tricks are apps or games that have a slightly different name to the genuine article (Fortnight rather than Fortnite, for instance) or use logos which deliberately look very similar to the official app. To avoid downloading these imitations, read the app's description and check who the publisher is listed as.

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LEGAL APPS THAT BREAK THE LAW

There are many apps that are perfectly legal but enable illegal activity – streaming apps which let people watch football matches, say, without paying for Sky or BT Sport. Prosecution for using such apps is rare, but they can lead to risky behaviour like viewing rogue streams on sites teeming with malicious links. Watch for children installing unusual apps with 'TV', 'stream' or 'sport' in the name.

IN-APP REGISTRATION

It's common for apps and games to ask users to register: entering personal details like email address, date of birth and other information you might not want your child to divulge. Ask them to get your permission before giving any personal info to an app – and consider using your details rather than the child's, so they're not targeted by marketing spam or put at risk of having their data stolen.

HELLO OSCAR

STAY UPDATED

Most games and apps are subject to regular updates, which not only offer new content and features but also provide critical security improvements. Children tend to ignore such updates – usually because they don't understand why they're important, or they simply want to get straight on with gaming. Check your child's devices periodically to make sure these updates are being installed.

Meet Our Expert

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