

Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2026



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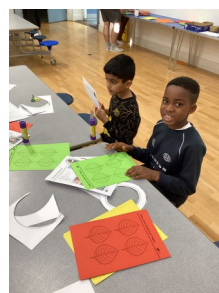
PERSEVERE

ACHIEVE



Harvest Crafts

Thank you to all our parents and carers who came and supported our Harvest Craft day. We had some amazing creations from pumpkins, to autumn wreaths and much more!





Goodbye Mrs Holdsworth!

We will all miss you!

We are writing to share some news about Mrs Holdsworth – exciting for her, but sad for us as a school community. After 36 years of service at Swain House Primary School, she has made the decision to retire!

Mrs Holdsworth joined our school team back in 1990. Over nearly four decades, she has been a vital part of our school day in a variety of roles, serving as both a caretaker and a lunchtime supervisor. She always went beyond her day-to-day duties to support our pupils, running the school gardening club and lending a hand with many of our school shows over the years. Her famous Christmas dinner outfits were also a highlight of the festive season, bringing a lot of smiles to the dining hall.

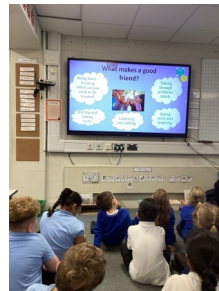
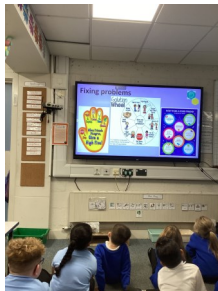
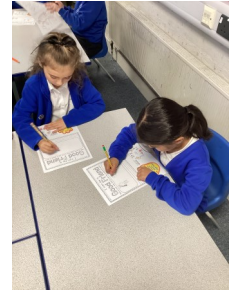
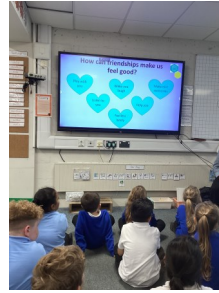
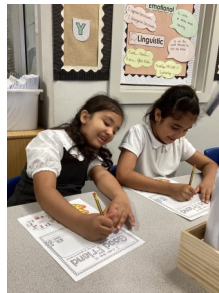
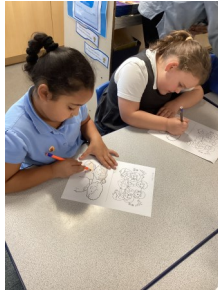
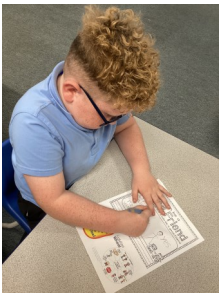
Having been with us for so long, Mrs Holdsworth has a wonderful connection to our community and remembers many of our current parents from their own school days here.

She will be deeply missed by all of us at Swain House. We want to thank her for her decades of hard work, reliability, and care, and we wish her the very best for a long and happy retirement.



Van Gogh

Van Gogh class and Lowry class have taken part in a 'Healthy Friendships' workshop last week. Simrat from the Bradford Education Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner team came to talk to us about how a healthy friendship should make us feel and how we can be a good friend. The children did the most amazing listening and answered some fantastic questions. We then wrote sentences underneath pictures showing children being good friends. They then drew a picture of a time when they were a good friend!

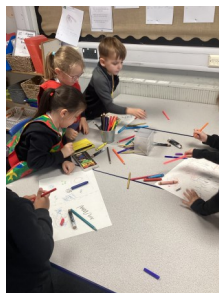


Mozart



Last week Year 5 enjoyed taking their maths learning outdoors for a decimal hunt! They had to find the decimals then partition them in three different ways!

Matisse



Matisse class have really enjoyed our art topic this week where we practised drawing different lines using music as a stimulus. We started the lesson by looking at different motions we could use to make waves. We expressed our own mark making of what we thought waves looked like whilst listening to a variety of music and produced some fantastic art work!

Swimming Pool

Swimming lessons have finished for the year and Year 4 have had a fantastic time. They have gained in confidence and made some excellent progress. The instructor, Mickael, and the lifeguard, Olly, really enjoyed getting to know our pupils and commented on how well they had all done over the last six weeks.



I really enjoyed the swimming lessons. We weren't just learning how to swim, we enjoyed some games and free-time in the pool too! We learnt lots of different swimming techniques. I learnt how to do something called 'the mermaid'. Jacob

I overcame my fears and went under the water. I liked doing this with goggles on because it was fun to see under the water. The best day was the last Friday when we had a pool



It was really fun! We got to learn lots of different things. I was a little nervous at first but I liked it and became more confident each lesson. Yusra



I really enjoyed getting in every day and I enjoyed every lesson. At first, I always needed a float, but now I only need one when I'm on my front. Elsie M



Sharing your news



Hiba - Hiba has worked hard to achieve her orange belt in her Karate lesson. She even showed some of the children in class her moves



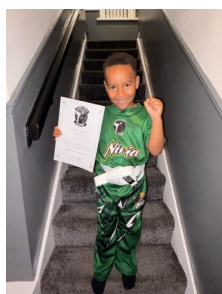
Taytum - Taytum has been showing perseverance in her swimming lessons which resulted in her receiving her Level 4 swimming award



Luna - Luna has been working hard in her swimming lessons. This resulted in her receiving her Grade 1 swimming award!



Evie C - Evie has been working extremely hard in her swimming lessons. She has managed to gain her Duckling 3 award.



Taybian - Taybian has been awarded his white belt from his kick boxing lessons. This was awarded for Physical Impact.

Roald Dahl have some superstars: Well done everyone!

Sharing your news



Malak in Michael Morpurgo class has earned her Level 4 and Level 5 swimming awards through her lessons with Velocity Kids. Well done Malak - we are very proud of you.

Well done Malak!

Last weeks Attendance treat winners



Friday 9th October Aleyah Wilson in Roald Dahl won the 100% attendance treat.

As her reward, she chose a Capybara pencil case ready to fill with stationery and other items.

Well done Aleyah!



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 **23.10.26**

Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	95.2%	2
Willow	98.7%	0
Kandinsky	97.9%	2
Matisse	100%	0
Lowry	98.0%	4
Van Gogh	98.5%	2

Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	98.0%	0
Roald Dahl	98.8%	0
JK Rowling	99.2%	3
Michael Morpurgo	97.4%	3
Elgar	91.7%	3
Mozart	96.8%	2
Beethoven	95.0%	1
Vivaldi	96.0%	0

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

Congratulations to **Willow Class**, **Matisse Class**, **Anne Fine Class**, **Roald Dahl Class** and **Vivaldi Class** for having **no lates**!

Our whole school attendance this week:

97.2%

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: - What parents & educators need to know about DEEPFAKES
Letters:	22.10.26 - Exciting change to our assembly schedule 22.10.26 - Remembrance Day
Messages via parentapps:	22.10.26 - School Photographs 21.10.26 - Important Breakfast Club Booking Reminder 21.10.26 - School Car Park

Reminders

Breakfast 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

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 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
Monday	02.11.26		School Reopens
Friday	06.11.26		Remembrance Day - Red or Black Clothing
Wednesday - Friday	25.11.26 - 27.11.26		Year 5 Residential Buckden House
Friday	04.12.26	4.00pm - 5.30pm	Christmas Fair

Menu 02/11/26

Week 3: 27th Apr, 18th May,
8th Jun, 29th Jun, 20th Jul,
10th Aug, 31st Aug, 21st Sep,
12th Oct, 2nd Nov

Homemade Bread,
selection of seasonal
Vegetables / fresh Salad &
fresh Fruit served daily.

Selection of cold
Sandwiches served daily.

Swain House Primary School Menu

Mon

ProVeg Rich & Creamy Meat Lasagne
Red Tractor Accredited Beef Mince in a rich Tomato Sauce with Vegetables, Herbs & Garlic, layered with Pasta Sheets & a Creamy Cheese Sauce, served with Garlic Bread.

Rich & Creamy Vegetarian Mince Lasagne
Soya Mince & Vegetables in a rich Tomato Sauce with Vegetables, Herbs & Garlic, layered with Pasta Sheets & a Creamy Cheese Sauce, served with Garlic Bread.

Homemade BBQ Quorn with Rice
Quorn Pieces in a Barbeque flavoured Tomato Sauce, served with Rainbow Rice.

Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches

Flapjack
A sweet Bar made with Oats, Golden Syrup & Butter.

Tue

Traditional Chicken Pie
Red Tractor Accredited diced Chicken Pieces in a rich Gravy with Vegetables, topped with a Golden Pastry Lid, served with Potatoes.

Halal Keema & Peas
Red Tractor Accredited HMC Beef Mince & Peas, served with Spicy Pilau Rice.

Golden Cheese Whirl
Cheese, Potato & Onion, encased in Puff Pastry, served with Seasoned Potatoes.

Selection of Sandwiches / Hot Sub Roll

Strawberry Sponge & Custard
Homemade, light Vanilla Sponge with a Strawberry Jam Swirl, served with Custard.

Wed

Sausage Pie
Red Tractor Accredited Sausage in Gravy, topped with Cheesy Mashed Potatoes, served with Yorkshire Pudding.

Halal Roast Chicken Breast
Red Tractor accredited HMC Chicken Breast, served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Vegan Gravy.

Quorn Roast Dinner
Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Vegan Gravy.

Selection of Sandwiches / Hot Sub Roll

Pears & Ice Cream with Syrup
Vanilla Ice Cream with Tinned Pear Slices, with a Chocolate flavoured Syrup.

Thu

Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Wholemeal 50/50 base, topped with a lightly spiced Sauce and topped with Mozzarella / Cheddar Cheese, served with Chips / Jacket Wedges.

Mini Power Ball Pizza
Wholemeal 50/50 base topped with a lightly spiced Sauce, and topped with Mozzarella / Cheddar Cheese & Meatless Balls, served with Chips / Jacket Wedges.

ProVeg Indian-style Sausage Rolls
Puff Pastry with a Vegan Filling, served with Chips / Jacket Wedges.

Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches

Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce
Homemade, light Chocolate Sponge, served with Chocolate Sauce.

Fri

MSC Breaded Fish Fillet Fingers
MSC Fish Fillet Fingers, served with Chips / Jacket Wedges.

Vegetable Pakoras
Mixed Vegetables & Onion coated in Tempura Batter, served with Chips / baked Jacket Wedges & Rista.

Neapolitan Pasta
Seasonal Veg, Beans & Herbs cooked and blended into a rich Tomato Sauce, served with Pasta.

Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches

Butterfly Buns
Individual, decorated Sponge-based Dessert.



Scan the QR code to head to our app for full allergen & nutritional info



FM CATERING SERVICES

Community news



**SWAIN HOUSE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

RECEPTION 2027 OPEN DAYS

Monday 19th October - 9.30am

Monday 9th November - 5.00pm

Wednesday 11th November - 1.30pm

Tuesday 17th November - 1.30pm

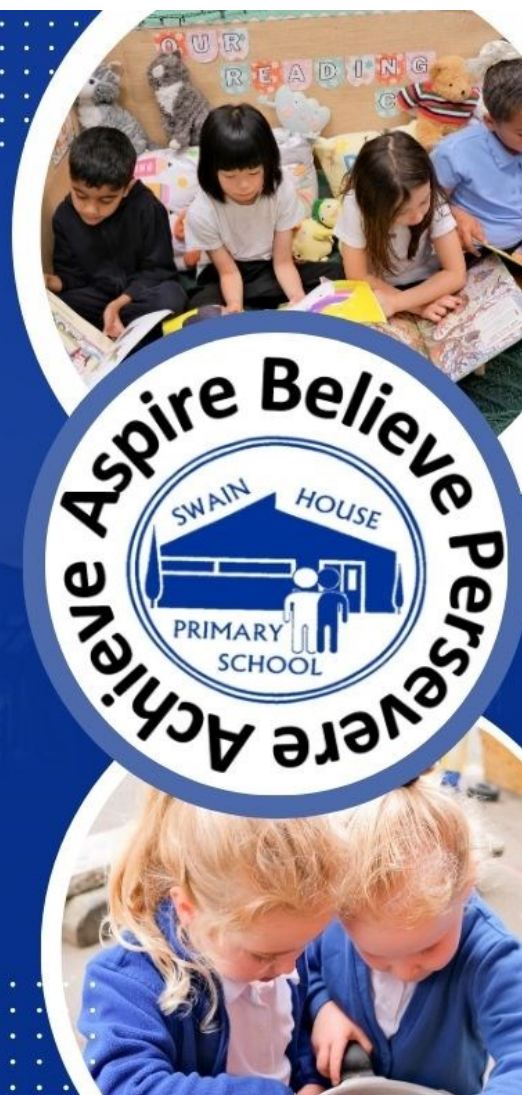
Tuesday 24th November - 4.30pm



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Little Acorns & Great oak Nursery



Did you know
We have two
Nurseries
at our school?



**Little
Acorns**
NURSERY
From age 2



Great Oak
Nursery
From age 3

Both offer
wrap around
care from
7.30am - 6pm

Call the office for more information or to book a visit
01274 639049

Remembrance Day



Swain House Primary School

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Thursday 22nd October 2026

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 **Friday 6th November 2026**, 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 (NO football kits).

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
- Pencils – £1.00

Yours sincerely

Mrs Clare Pugh
Headteacher



Friends of swain house



Community news



**WEST YORKSHIRE
POLICE**

Bradford District

Bradford Partnerships
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Bradford
BD5 0DZ

Email: bd.strongercommunities@westyorkshire.police.uk
Website: www.westyorkshire.police.uk

12 October 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian

As Bonfire Night approaches, we would like to remind families about the importance of firework safety. Every year, children and young people are injured through the misuse of fireworks, and irresponsible behaviour can cause distress to neighbours, vulnerable people and animals. We are asking for your support in helping ensure that the bonfire season is enjoyable and safe for everyone.

The law places restrictions on the sale, possession and use of fireworks to help keep people safe. These restrictions are particularly important in relation to young people under the age of 18. As parents and guardians, you have a vital role in helping children understand these responsibilities and the consequences of unsafe behaviour.

- **Age Restrictions:** It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to possess certain fireworks in a public place, and retailers must not sell age-restricted fireworks to anyone under 18.
- **Responsible Supervision:** Fireworks should only be used by responsible adults and in accordance with the manufacturer instructions. Children should be supervised at all times.
- **Respect for Others:** Fireworks can have a significant impact on pets, livestock, elderly residents and individuals who may be sensitive to loud noises.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour:** Throwing fireworks, targeting people, vehicles, emergency workers or property, or setting off fireworks irresponsibly can amount to criminal offences and may result in police action.
- **Community Safety:** Fireworks should never be used in a way that causes alarm, harassment or distress to others.
- **Police Action:** West Yorkshire Police and partner agencies will take positive action where fireworks are used dangerously, irresponsibly or in an antisocial manner.

By working together, we can help ensure that Bonfire Night remains an enjoyable celebration whilst reducing the risk of injury, safeguarding our young people and protecting our communities.

If you witness dangerous [firework](#) use or antisocial behaviour, please report it via 101, through the West Yorkshire Police website, or via 999 in an emergency.

Thank you for your support. We wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable Bonfire season.

Sincerely,

Osman Khan

Osman Khan
Police Inspector
Bradford Partnerships

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.



Community news



Yorkshire Academy of
Creative Arts & Dance

CREATE • EXPLORE • SOCIALISE • BE INSPIRED

COMMUNITY EVENTS

AUTUMN & WINTER 2026

FUN, CREATIVE EVENTS FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

SAT
26
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Afternoon Tea

Enjoy a delicious afternoon
of tea, treats and great company!

🕒 12.30pm 🧑 All welcome 💷 £20
per person

MON
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Craft & Social

Get creative, relax and
meet new people!

🕒 12.30pm 🧑 All welcome 💷 £15
per person

SAT
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OCT
2026



Frankenstein's Laboratory

A Halloween science workshop
for curious minds! (Age 5+)

🕒 11.00am 🧑 Ages 5+
(One accompanying
adult per child) 💷 £30
per child

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Bonfire Event

A cosy community event
for all the family!

COMING SOON!

🕒 5.00pm 🧑 All welcome ⓘ More details
to follow!

WED
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Candle Making Workshop

Create your own beautiful
candle, enjoy treats and
great company!

🕒 5.00pm 🧑 All welcome 💷 £35
per person

SAT
12
DEC
2026



Bath Bomb Workshop

Create, relax and enjoy!
Make two bath bombs
to take home!

🕒 11.00am 🧑 All welcome 💷 £35
per person

MON
14
DEC
2026



Soap Sponge Workshop

Make your own beautiful
soap sponge, enjoy treats
and great company!

🕒 12.30pm 🧑 All welcome 💷 £35
per person



All events take place at:
Yorkshire Academy of Creative Arts & Dance
Co-op Academy Parkland, Old Park Road, BD10 9BG



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CREATIVITY

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Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th,
Thursday 29th, Friday 30th October 2026.
To be held at Calverley CofE Primary School.

£25

with multiple
discount days

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NATURE CRAFTS

...& MUCH,
MUCH MORE!

**GO
WILD
OUTDOORS**

National online safety

What parents & educators need to know about DEEPFAKES

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. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about DEEPFAKES

A deepfake is a piece of artificial intelligence (AI) trickery designed to make you believe that a person has said or done something they haven't. AI models are able to use audio, video and photos of a subject to produce misleading mimics. Initially unsophisticated and easy to spot, deepfakes are improving every day. And with the spread of user-friendly AI, it's easier than ever for children to make their own, or be the unsuspecting target of them.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A BULLYING RISK

AI has got easier to use and more widespread, making it a "gift" to bullies. Children can generate fake audio of peers saying damaging things, or pictures of them doing something embarrassing. More disturbingly, Metro recently highlighted cases where fake sexualised images of teens are spread through social media. Mainstream apps don't allow this usage, but with AI becoming widespread, easy-to-use sites without guardrails keep emerging for darker uses.

FAKE FAMILY SCAMS

With a few seconds of audio – from an Instagram reel or TikTok – scammers can clone a person's voice. They can then use this to scam relatives with phone calls asking for money or assistance. This is a widespread tactic for scammers, with the FBI reporting 22,000 such cases in 2025, defrauding victims out of \$893 million that year alone.

FAKED CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

With the technology getting easier to use and public figures having lots of clips for training, celebrities are a frequent target. According to McAfee, the most deep faked celebrities are Taylor Swift, Scarlett Johansson, Jenna Ortega, Sydney Sweeney and Sabrina Carpenter, and their AI dopeganglers are usually pushing scams. Even YouTuber MrBeast has been deepfaked by scammers on TikTok. It can be used for propaganda too, making politicians appear to do or say things to improve or harm their reputation.

EXTORTION RISK

You might not be the one being tricked by a deepfake – you could also be the star of it. Blackmail videos are as old as film itself, but with deepfake technology you don't have to have done anything wrong to be a target. A deepfake video showing a person in an uncompromising position could make the victim pay up, even when the content never happened.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP PROFILES PRIVATE

To make a convincing deepfake, you need a supply of images, audio or video of the subject. That means that most non-celebrity victims are targeted via social media where there's a ready-made repository of media to train a deepfake from. Most social media companies have privacy settings to prevent unauthorised access. Enable these to keep strangers and bullies away.

KNOW WHAT TO LOOK FOR

While deepfakes are getting harder to spot, there are still telltale signs to look out for. Deepfake creation can leave blurry edges and flickering textures, especially around hair and teeth. It can also look too sleek, with models often trained on professional video. Make sure the mouth shapes match the spoken words, too. As for audio, listen out for mispronounced phrases and a slightly unusual, robotic rhythm of speech.

USE RESEARCH AND COMMON SENSE

Even perfect deep fakes rely on trust, so think critically. If it's someone you know claiming to need help, then ask them to prove they're who they say they are with an inside joke. For public figures, try Googling the person along with a bit of the contentious speech in quotation marks. Also question why you're seeing the video. If it's a paid promotion, then ask yourself who's paying and why. If someone is sharing the clip, do they dislike the target?

TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN

As well as emphasising the need for privacy and to not trust everything they see online, it's important to ensure children realise why deepfakes are problematic in the first place. With deepfake technology getting more accessible and easy to use, children can start using the technology to make deepfakes of schoolmates, teachers or other adults. Ensure they're aware of the serious trouble the technology can cause, and the ethical problems of manipulating someone's image without consent.

Meet Our Expert

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Myhappymind app

The myHappymind app includes lots of fantastic features such as—kids zone, myHappymind games and mini master classes for parents .



The advertisement features the myHappymind logo at the top, which includes a green cartoon character. Below the logo, the text "Download your FREE myHappymind Parent App" is prominently displayed. Three smartphones are shown, each displaying a different screen of the app: a colorful wheel of activities, a "My Library" section with various resources, and a video introduction. To the right of the phones, a QR code is provided for easy download. Below the phones, there are three colored boxes: a green box for "myHappymind for Parents" (exclusive for parents at myHappymind schools), a red box showing a smartphone screen, and a purple box for "myHappymind Parent App" (to learn about school learning). At the bottom, a dashed line indicates where to enter an authentication code, with the code "107220" printed above it.

myHappymind

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.



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Learn all about what your children are learning in school

myHappymind Parent App

YOU WILL NEED THIS AUTHENTICATION CODE TO SIGN UP

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Community news



SEND Marketplace drop-in events

Specialist services available to ask questions, give information, advice and support. The last Monday of every month.



- 26 January (2pm - 4.30pm) at Reevy Hill Family Hub
- 23 February (9.30am - 12.30pm) at Rainbow Family Hub
- 30 March (1pm - 3pm) at Barkerend Family Hub
- 27 April (9.30am - 12.30pm) at Farcliffe Family Hub
- 18 May (2pm - 4.30pm) at TFD Family Hub
- 29 June (9.30am - 11.30am) at Shipley Library
- 27 July (1pm - 3pm) at Barkerend Family Hub
- 24 August (9.30am - 12.30pm) at Farcliffe Family Hub
- 25 September (2pm - 4.30pm) at Reevy Hill Family Hub
- 26 October (9.30am - 12.30pm) at Rainbow Family Hub
- 30 November (1pm - 3pm) at Barkerend Family Hub
- 21 December (9.30am - 12.30pm) at Farcliffe Family Hub

Support available on:

Autism/ADHD

Speech and language

Relationship issues

Sleeping difficulties

Finance/benefits

Education

Bradford District and Craven
Health and Care Partnership

