

# NEWSLETTER

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## Year 5 visit to Madni Mosque

Last week Year 5 visited Madni Mosque in Thornbury as part of their RE lessons. They are learning why some places and journeys are special to different religions. The children looked around the mosque and were shown some important artefacts.



## Year 6 visit to St Cuthberts Church

Year 6 visited St Cuthbert's church for 'Rewind to Christmas'. They learnt some interesting facts about Christmas and how it is celebrated around the world.





# YEAR 3 CHRISTMAS CRAFT SESSION



On Monday, Year 3 had a lovely Christmas craft session with their adults. They made Christmas tree decorations with lots of paint and glitter!





# YEAR 5 CHRISTMAS CRAFT SESSION



On Tuesday, Year 5 had a great craft session with their adults. They made their own advent calendars ready for the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. They decorated them with lots of Christmassy colours and glitter and we think they look brilliant!



# 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.

## **This Story has gone Wrong—Stars**

It is a fiction story. It is about the story in the book going wrong because the chapters are in the wrong order. I like that the good character won in the end! I would definitely recommend this book to my friends.

**Nayil—Year 3**



## **The World's Weirdest Places (Supernova)**



This book is full of facts about different weird places around the world. I really like reading this book because it has some interesting facts about volcanoes, crystals and different places I've never heard of before. My favourite part of this book is the section about Kelimutu's Craters because the illustrations are beautiful and I'd love to visit here. The lakes here are such a deep blue because of the minerals in the water. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes to travel around the world and discover new places.

**Millie-Rose—Year 6**

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# SHARING YOUR NEWS!

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!

## **Layla—Year 3**

Layla started the Contemporary dance lessons with YACAD after school on Tuesdays. Dance teacher Jess has been so impressed with Layla that they have offered her a scholarship at YACAD on Sundays. Amazing Layla, we are so proud of you!



## **Lily—Year 2**

This week Lily passed her grading at kick boxing and received her yellow belt. Well done Lily—Amazing work!



# SPOTLIGHT ON SEND

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

Mrs. White

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



## Bradford Local Offer

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

Click the logo to access the



## 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

## Speech and Language

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

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



Bradford District Care  
NHS Foundation Trust

Is your child/young person on the waiting list for a neurodiversity (autism or related) assessment with Airedale, St Luke's or CAMHS?



**BEAT**  
Bradford Early Advice Team

Contact Margaret Nash at AWARE for more information:  
margaretaware@gmail.com  
01535 661 275/07826 926 150

<https://aware-uk.org/>  
Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

You can now self-refer to AWARE's BEAT team for pre-diagnosis help and support, which includes a free four-week course.

## **AWARE DADS' GROUP**

Are you a dad or male carer of a child/young person with autism (no diagnosis necessary)?

Would you like to meet other dads in similar situations to you? Do you feel like you'd like support from other dads? Or just to meet up for a chat over a drink or food? Join our AWARE Dads' Group!

Just send your mobile number to [beccaware@outlook.com](mailto:beccaware@outlook.com) and we'll get you added to the group so you can hear about/help plan future meet-ups



## Community Support:

### Group support sessions with sleep practitioner

You are invited to join the Together Trust for an online group session to learn about issues that can cause difficulties with sleep.

Sessions are for parents/carers of children aged 2-11 years who live in the Bradford district, and will take place between 10am - 12.30pm on:

Tuesday 28 November 2023  
Wednesday 13 December 2023

The session will include a presentation from a qualified Sleep Practitioner with tips and strategies followed by a Q&A session. After Christmas the team are planning to host some of these within the Family Hubs and there are more online dates for the New Year.

If you would like to attend, email your name and preferred date to: [admintss@togethertrust.org.uk](mailto:admintss@togethertrust.org.uk) (a zoom link will be sent to attendees)



# 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 **01/12/23**

### Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	93.4%	3
Willow	97.2%	1
Kandinsky	92.9%	3
Matisse	97.0%	8
Lowry	94.8%	6
Van Gogh	95.5%	4

### Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	96.8%	5
Roald Dahl	89.7%	3
JK Rowling	99.0%	6
J Wilson	95.5%	6
Elgar	94.0%	0
Mozart	96.9%	11
Beethoven	94.7%	2
Vivaldi	91.1%	2

Congratulations to **Willow Class, Matisse Class, Anne Fine Class, JK Rowling Class and Mozart Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Congratulations to **Elgar Class** for having no lates this week.

Our whole school attendance this week:

**95.0%**

## 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 - Five night's at Freddy's
<b>LETTERS:</b>	29.11.23 - Glitz and Glam Disco 30.11.23 - JK Rowling Class Assembly 30.11.23 - Cinderella Panto 2023 01.12.23 - KS2 Christmas Information
<b>MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:</b>	30.11.23 - Changed Menu Week Commencing 04.12.2023 01.12.23 - Christmas Jumper Day 01.12.23 - Year 5 Homework

# MENU 04/12/23



## Swain House Primary School



13th Nov, 4th Dec,  
15th Jan, 5th Feb,  
26th Feb, 18th Mar

# MENU

### WEEK 3

**MON**

Mac n Cheese  
Arrabiata Pasta

**TUES**

Pork Meatballs & Spaghetti  
Halal Chicken Meatballs & Rice  
Mexican Burrito

**WED**

Braised Sausage  
Halal Chicken Roll  
Braised Quorn Sausage

**THUR**

Cheese & Tomato Pizza

**FRI**

Fish Fingers  
Veg Dippers

## MAINS

## SIDES

## OTHER OPTIONS

## DESSERTS

Garlic Bread  
Assorted Individual Salads

Crusty Bread  
Assorted Individual Salads  
Potato Salad

Creamed Potatoes  
Seasonal Vegetables  
Assorted Individual Salads

Chips  
Assorted Individual Salads  
Coleslaw

Dry Roast Jacket Potato  
Wedges  
Baked Beans  
Assorted Individual Salads

Assorted Jacket Potatoes  
Assorted Panini  
Assorted Sandwiches

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Assorted Panini  
Assorted Sandwiches

Marble Sponge  
Freshly Prepared Fruit

Volcano Buns  
Freshly Prepared Fruit

Orange & Lemon Sponge  
Freshly Prepared Fruit

Individual Ice Cream Tub  
Freshly Prepared Fruit

Chocolate Sponge  
Freshly Prepared Fruit



# 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.**

**If you have any problems booking any of our before or after school clubs, please contact Miss Armitage, one of our learning mentors.**

## ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	07/12/23	2.30pm	Y4 Hanukkah Assembly

# CHRISTMAS DATES!

As we know this time of year can be busy, we want to give parents and carers plenty of notice for our upcoming Christmas events!

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	04.12.2023 - 06.12.2023		Secret Santa
Monday	04.12.2023	9.00 - 10.00am 1.45 - 2.45pm	Reception Christmas Crafts
Monday	04.12.2023	2.00 - 2.45pm	Year 6 Christmas Crafts
Tuesday	05.12.2023	10.30 - 11.15am 2.00 - 2.45pm	Great Oak Nursery Christmas Crafts
Wednesday	06.12.2023	2.00 - 2.45pm	Year 2 Christmas Crafts
Thursday	07.12.2023	10.30 - 11.15am 2.00 - 2.45pm	Little Acorns Nursery Christmas Crafts
Thursday	07.12.2023	2.00 - 2.45pm	Year 1 Christmas Crafts
Thursday	07.12.2023	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday	07.12.2023		Christmas Dinner Day
Friday	08.12.2023	10.00am	LKS2 Carol Concert
Friday	08.12.2023	2.00pm	UKS2 Carol Concert
Monday	11.12.2023	9.00am	Xmas Raffle
Tuesday	12.12.2023	10.00am & 2.00pm	EYS Christmas production
Wednesday	13.12.2023		Christmas parties
Thursday	14.12.2023	5.30pm - 7.00pm	Glitz n Glam Disco
Thursday	14.12.2023	10.00am & 2.00pm	KS1 Nativity for Parents
Friday	15.12.2023		Swain House has Got Talent
Friday	15.12.2023	All Day	Non Uniform Day
Friday	15.12.2023		School Closes for Half Term
Wednesday	03.01.2024		School Reopens

# COMING UP THIS HALF TERM

Here is a sneak peak at some of the exciting events that will be taking place this half term!

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Once again, that time of year is nearly here! Here is a little look at some of the events that will be taking place over the Christmas period.

This year we will be having two Christmas productions! Great Oak Nursery and Reception will be performing their Early Years Christmas Production. KS1 will also be performing their own nativity. We are so excited to see as many of you there as possible!

Don't worry, children in Key Stage 2 won't be missing out on the Christmas cheer! Children in Year 3 to Year 6 will take part in our Christmas Carol Concert. Make sure you come along and enjoy some Christmas carols .



Once again, we are having a Secret Santa Shop in school where your child can buy a surprise Christmas gift for mum, dad or any other adult for £2. All your child needs to do is bring their money into school in a named, seal envelope. Your child will then bring home the surprise present to put under the tree for you to open on Christmas morning.

The shop will be open from **Monday 4th December to Wednesday 6th December 2023.**

**Please note that only 2 gifts per child can be purchased.**

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Inclusive Choir

Tuesday 5pm online  
(term time only)

Scan to join us for

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Using an  
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## Accessible Inclusive Music (AIM)

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[www.accessibleinclusivemusic.org.uk](http://www.accessibleinclusivemusic.org.uk)



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**S.N.O.O.P.**  
Special Needs Objective Outreach Project

**SNOOP Christmas Fair**  
Saturday 9th of December 2023  
11-3 pm

RAFTS STALLS-ENTERTAINMENT-REFRESHMENTS  
£1.00 ENTRY WHICH INCLUDES A FREE ENTRY  
INTO OUR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE  
(UNDER 16'S FREE)

AT SNOOP  
NEWLANDS INSPIRE BUSINESS PARK  
NEWLANDS WAY  
EGGLESHILL  
BD10 0JE

Raising money for SNOOP. We are a charity supporting children and young people with learning disabilities. Registered charity number 1115566

**Gallows Bridge**  
*Santa Claus is boating to town!*  
**SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 2023**

**STARTING AT 3.30PM from Gallows Bridge in Shipley,**  
Santa will make his way along the canal  
by narrowboat towards Hirst Lock,  
passing Salts Mill and Roberts Park along the way.  
Come along and join in the festive fun!

# MYHAPPYMIND



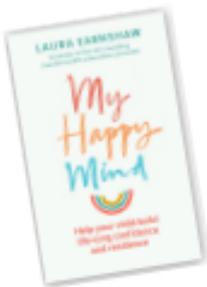
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# NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

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

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

In October 2022, the enormously popular social media network Twitter was purchased by tech tycoon Elon Musk. That sparked a host of changes to the platform – not all which have been received positively by its fans. The alterations have continued with each passing month, many of them raising online safety concerns among the 530 million users of Twitter (now rebranded as simply X). With further adjustments reportedly in the pipeline, X has attracted more than its usual share of controversy and caution in recent times.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### A BLOCK ON BLOCKING

X has announced plans to remove its blocking feature. Previously, this stopped other users from viewing your profile or sending you direct messages, while also hiding their posts from your feed. Only this latter function will now remain. The decision has been criticised by some members, who feel that blocking (in its current form) protects them from X users who promote denial and hatred.

#### LIMITED REPORTING FEATURES

X offers a premium membership, with some functionality (such as controlling who can view and reply to your posts) increasingly being made exclusive to those who pay the subscription fee. Several commentators have speculated that X could one day become an exclusively paid-for service, with access to accounts being revoked for anyone unwilling or unable to take out a subscription.

#### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Many of X's less age-appropriate posts can feature anything from extreme political views to pornography. While accounts marked as 18+ are restricted from non-members, it's still fairly easy to stumble across this material accidentally. X's new 'For You' page also shows content from accounts that a user doesn't already follow – meaning that almost anything could end up on a child's feed.

#### VERIFICATION FOR SALE

Historically, Twitter's moderators granted account verification, certifying someone as authentic by placing a blue tick next to their username. One of X's earliest changes was to place verification behind a paywall; this caused the number of celebrity impersonators to rise and left no way to distinguish, say, a legitimate influencer from a copycat fake account seeking to exploit other users.

### BLUE TICK SALE

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### PROTECT PRIVACY

Unsavory characters may try to gain access to a young person's X account – either to view their posts and gather information on them, or to completely take control of it. To minimise risk, ensure the account has a strong password and enable the 'Protect Your Posts' feature (via the account settings), so that strangers can't view your child's posts without first being approved as a follower.

#### DON'T RISE TO THE BAIT

To gain more views and followers, some X users post deliberately inflammatory comments on sensitive topics such as race, sexual orientation and gender issues. Many people could find this upsetting. Emphasise that, if your child encounters someone spreading hate on X, it's best not to give that person what they want: an argument. Ignore them, mute their account and move on.

#### STAY ALERT FOR IMPOSTERS

Make sure your child understands that X's blue ticks no longer guarantee the identity of anyone on the platform. While it might be exciting if a celebrity liked your child's post, it could just as easily be an imposter with malicious intentions. If your child's not 100% sure that an X user actually is who they claim to be, advise them to err on the side of caution and avoid interacting with that account.

#### ONLY FOLLOW TRUSTED ACCOUNTS

Using the 'Following' tab on X helps to ensure that the only content your child sees has come from accounts they've chosen to follow; this should reduce the chance of them inadvertently being exposed to harmful, violent or explicit content. Show your child how to report another user's account if, say, they're behaving inappropriately by spreading misinformation or offensive opinions.

#### BE READY TO TAKE ACTION

If your child suffers harassment on the platform or becomes the target of a hack, you could consider deactivating their account entirely. Recently, X's safety features have been criticised for allegedly failing to protect users' wellbeing – so if your child is being subjected to abusive messages or similar mistreatment on the platform, it might be prudent to remove them from X altogether.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRacon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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