

# NEWSLETTER

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## RELATE ASSEMBLY

Mrs Pugh and the 'Happiness Heroes' presented a special assembly this week, introducing our next module—**Relate**

We recapped the previous modules **Meet your Brain**, **Celebrate** and **Appreciate** then talked about what the new module will be about.

This half term we will be diving into **Relate** again and learning all about building positive relationships with others.

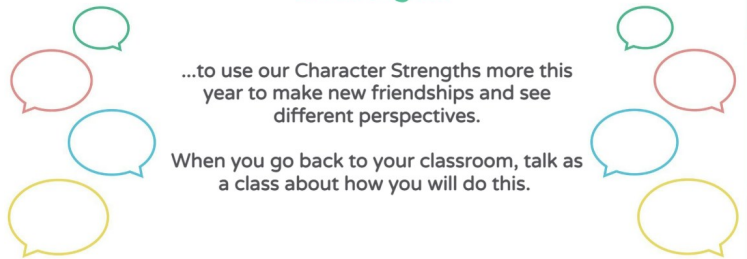


Our whole school challenge!

Let's set ourselves a school challenge...

...to use our Character Strengths more this year to make new friendships and see different perspectives.

When you go back to your classroom, talk as a class about how you will do this.



# WILDLIFE FUN!

Year 2 were very excited to explore habitats in the wildlife area. We also looked at some micro habitats, where we found spiders, worms, ants and beetles . We talked about what a habitat provides.





# CAREERS WEEK

Next week we will be celebrating a special week in school – National Careers Week (NCW)! National Careers Week (NCW) is a one-week celebration of careers guidance and this is the first time we will be celebrating it in school! As a school we want to promote a wide range of careers and engage and inspire our children to look towards their futures to achieve their goals.

We have lots of exciting things planned, including many visitors who will be coming in and talking to the children about their jobs, from archaeologists to statisticians. There will be something for everyone to enjoy!

We will be holding a competition where children will draw themselves in their chosen profession and create some writing to go with it. These posters can be completed at home and some paper will be sent home for children to get creative on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. There will be a winner per phase and these will be announced in assembly the following week. Please ensure all entries are handed to class teachers by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025**. Winners will receive an Amazon voucher to spend.

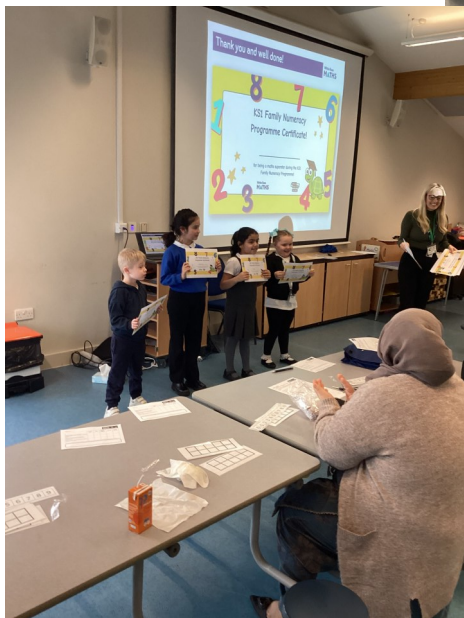
To finish off the week, there will be a chance for children in Years 1-6 to take part in some 'work experience' on Friday afternoon. The teachers in school will plan some exciting activities linked to a chosen career and children will choose which career they would like to explore in more detail.

If you require any further information, please see your child's Class Teacher.



# FAMILY MATHS SESSIONS

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents and children who attended the KS1 family maths sessions over the past three weeks. There has been lots of positive feedback and lots of resources given out! The children have all come back to class excited by their fun maths sessions





# 50 THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU'RE FIVE LAUNCH

This week, we were very excited to launch '50 Things to Do Before You're Five' in Reception, Great Oak Nursery and Little Acorns. Thanks you to everyone who joined us for the launch!



# SHARING YOUR NEWS!



Leila in Year 3 has been awarded a special certificate for achieving Level 1 in her swimming lessons. She is looking forward to receiving her next certificate soon! Well done Leila we are really proud of you!

Adelaie in Year 3 received a special medal for her excellent cheerleading. She and her team took part in a competition. Well done Adelaie, we are proud of your great teamwork skills!



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!**





# COMING NEXT WEEK!



## Subject in Action— a new feature in our weekly newsletter!

From next week we will be showcasing the different subjects that we teach in school.

We want to share with you some of the exciting learning that takes place in each subject.

Each week, we will focus on a different subject and this will be shared with you on the new 'Subject in action' page of the newsletter. Next week, we will be showcasing some of the fantastic work that takes place in our English lessons!



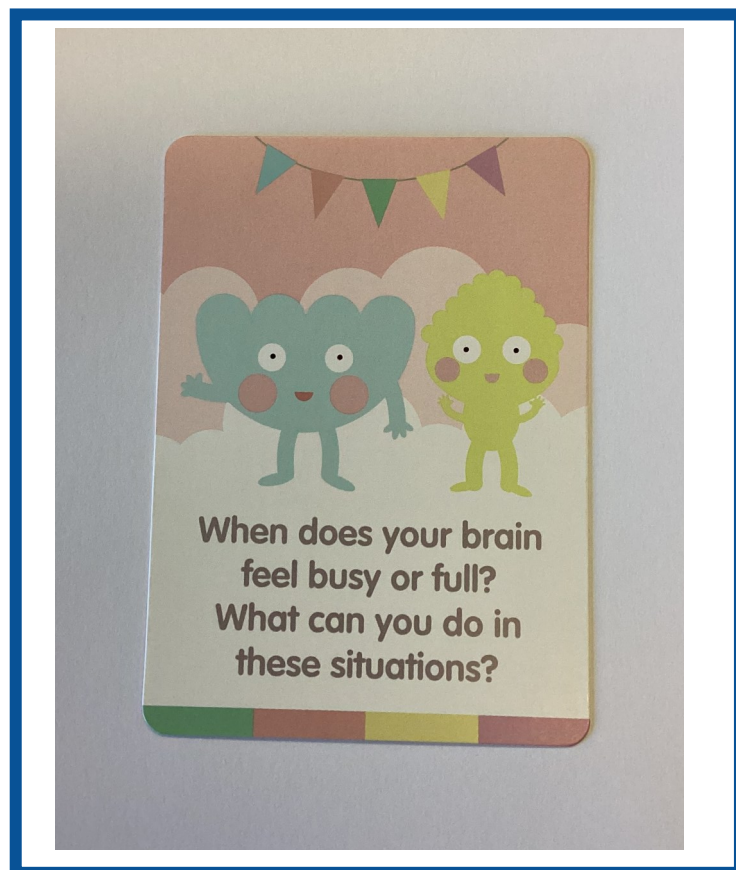
# MYHAPPYMIND

## 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 APP

The myHappyMind app has been updated and now includes some new features—kids zone, myHappyMind games and mini master classes for parents .



## 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.



**myHappyMind for Parents**

Exclusively for parents with children at a myHappyMind School or Nursery.



Learn all about what your children are learning in school



**YOU WILL NEED THIS AUTHENTICATION CODE TO SIGN UP**

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# SPOTLIGHT ON SEND

(SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES)

Each half-term, we 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. We highlight support available in school and also resources and workshops available in the local area.

Mr George and Miss  
Broomfield

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



## Speech, Language and Communication

Scan the QR code to access an online step-by-step guide to help your child with talking and communication (ages 0-5). It is full of fun and easy activities to try at home and

also a list

of 'play and learn' groups.



## Parents' Evening

Parents Evening was on Tuesday 28th January. At the meeting, you will have been updated on the progress your child is making and any additional support that is in place. Their termly targets are listed on their Pupil Profile.

If your child has an IEP (Individual Education Plan), you will have been given a copy at the meeting. The class teacher has written the IEP and set targets for your child to work on this term. We would really appreciate it if you could support your child at home with their targets. If you need any support or resources for this, please speak to your child's class teacher.

## SCIL Team Parents' Workshop Date:

**Strategies to support children with autism**

**Friday 7th March  
8:45—9:20**

Please enter via the Community Entrance

## Parent and Carer One-Minute Guides

The SEND Local Offer website provides valuable information and resources to parent carers. They offer guidance on understanding the SEND process, including assessments, Education, Health & Care plans (EHCP) and access to support services. Parents can access information about local schools, special educational provisions, and available financial assistance.

One Minute guides are short or 1 page documents that provide quick, simple and accessible information. You can find all Bradford's One Minute Guides below:

<https://localoffer.bradford.gov.uk/kb5/bradford-directory/one-minute-guides.page>



## Supporting an autistic child at home

Following on from our recent autism workshop, the NHS website has some fantastic guidance on supporting children at home.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/autism/autism-and-everyday-life/help-for-day-to-day->





# 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 **28/02/25**.

### Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	94.8%	2
Willow	96.6%	5
Kandinsky	95.9%	1
Matisse	98.4%	0
Lowry	99.3%	1
Van Gogh	94.4%	0

### Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	97.7%	1
Roald Dahl	95.3%	2
JK Rowling	97.3%	1
Michael Morpurgo	97.2%	6
Elgar	97.7%	2
Mozart	94.8%	0
Beethoven	96.3%	3
Vivaldi	97.5%	0

Congratulations to **Lowry Class** , **Anne Fine Class** and **Elgar Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

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

Our whole school attendance this week:

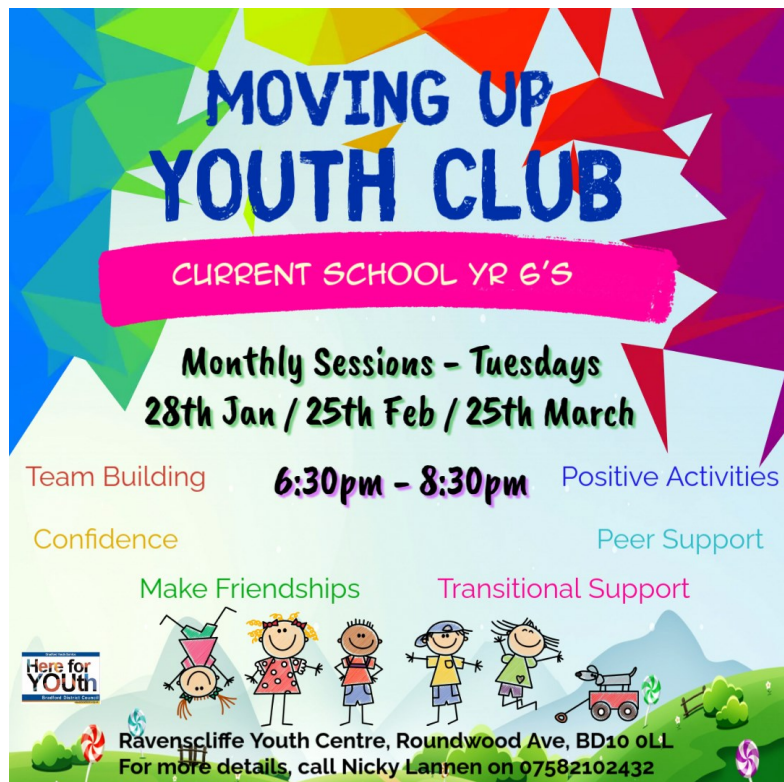
**96.7%**

## 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 'Marvel Rivals'.
LETTERS:	25.02.25 – British Science Week 26.02.25 – Careers Week
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## MOVING UP YOUTH CLUB


CURRENT SCHOOL YR 6'S

Monthly Sessions - Tuesdays  
28th Jan / 25th Feb / 25th March

Team Building      6:30pm - 8:30pm      Positive Activities

Confidence      Peer Support

Make Friendships      Transitional Support

 Ravenscliffe Youth Centre, Roundwood Ave, BD10 0LL  
For more details, call Nicky Lannen on 07582102432



## MASSIVE CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE


### 30,000+ Used Books


27TH FEB - 6TH MARCH  
2025


### ALL Books £1 each

SPECIAL OFFERS ON WORLD BOOK DAY

Every Day: 8am to 8pm      Stephen White Books  
Sunday: 1pm-4pm      Albion Mills, Albion Road  
BD10 9TQ

 [stephenwhitebooks.co.uk](http://stephenwhitebooks.co.uk)

 [stephenwhitebooks](https://www.instagram.com/stephenwhitebooks)

 [Stephen White Books](https://www.facebook.com/StephenWhiteBooks)

### UK BOOKFEST

# COMING UP THIS TERM

## SPRING TERM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	13.03.25	2.30pm	Kandinsky Class - Holi Assembly
Thursday	20.03.25	2.30pm	Anne Fine Class Assembly
Thursday	27.03.25	2.30pm	Lowry Class – Vaisakhi Assembly
Thursday	03.04.25	2.30pm	Mozart Class – Easter Assembly



## EASTER CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Parents will be invited to some Easter crafts workshops with their children. Keep an eye out for some more information—coming soon!





# 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 6pm 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.**

## COMING UP THIS TERM

ANY NEWLY ADDED ITEMS WILL BE IN BLUE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday – Friday	03.03.25 – 07.03.25		Careers Week
Thursday	06.03.25		World Book Day
Monday	10.03.25		British Science Week
Friday	14.03.25		Year 2 Arctic Workshop
Thursday	20.03.25		Year 1 Trip – Skipton Castle

# MENU 03/03/25

WEEK 3

<p><b>Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce</b> (Served with Spaghetti, Garlic Bread &amp; Salad)</p> <p> <b>Halal Chicken Biryani</b> (Served with Flat Bread &amp; Salad)</p> <p> <b>Arrabiata Pasta</b> (Served with Garlic Bread &amp; Salad)</p> <p><b>Assorted Baguettes</b></p> <div style="background-color: #E85C4D; padding: 5px; border-radius: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p> Ice Cream Tubs</p> <p> Freshly Prepared Fruit</p> </div>	<p><b>Savoury Roll</b> (Served with Jacket Wedges &amp; Salad or Sweetcorn)</p> <p> <b>Homemade Cheese &amp; Onion Pasty</b> (Served with Jacket Wedges &amp; Salad or Sweetcorn)</p> <p><b>Assorted Jackets</b></p> <div style="background-color: #F4A460; padding: 5px; border-radius: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p> Rice Pudding</p> <p> Freshly Prepared Fruit</p> </div>	<p><b>Roast Meat</b> (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables &amp; Gravy)</p> <p> <b>Halal Roast Chicken</b> (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables &amp; Gravy)</p> <p> <b>Vegetarian Toad in the Hole</b> (Served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables &amp; Gravy)</p> <p><b>Assorted Baguettes</b></p> <div style="background-color: #F4D03F; padding: 5px; border-radius: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p> Paris Sandwich (Served with Custard)</p> <p> Freshly Prepared Fruit</p> </div>	<p><b>Chicken Burrito</b> (Served with Tortilla Chips, Coleslaw or Salad)</p> <p> <b>Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza with Tortilla Chips</b> (Served with Tortilla Chips, Coleslaw &amp; Salad)</p> <p> <b>Mexican Burrito</b> (Served with Tortilla Chips, Coleslaw or Salad)</p> <p><b>Assorted Jackets</b></p> <div style="background-color: #76C73A; padding: 5px; border-radius: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p> Marble Sponge (With Chocolate Sauce)</p> <p> Freshly Prepared Fruit</p> </div>
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# NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

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

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 MARVEL RIVALS



ESRB advises nobody under the age of 13 should play

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### IN-GAME CHAT

Voice chat allows players to speak to teammates and opponents within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is equally prominent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively lax, so it's important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

#### IN-GAME PURCHASES

While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable movies and comic-book titles. Each season also includes a £10 Battle Pass (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These passes don't expire – but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a fear of missing out.

#### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're virtually certain to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of these people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players – either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.

#### VIOLENT CONTENT

There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish – but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and figures like Black Widow and The Punisher, who use more realistic firearms. Given the game's nature as a shooter, this may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing these weapons at each other.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The game includes some innuendos and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, detracting from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful content.

#### FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable heroes and villains like Spider-Man and Venom. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most children of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters (people can play as Hela, the Goddess of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.



### FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the fuss is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to gauge how you feel about a child playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to compete online.

### MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings. If you're particularly concerned about exposing children and young people to them, however, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.



### DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents should ensure that no payment options – such as debit cards – are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.



### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor at the Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, he has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and plenty more.



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