

# NEWSLETTER

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We would like to wish all of our children and families a Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas holiday and are looking forward to being back at school and seeing what the new year brings!



## PARENTS EVENING!

Parents evening will be held on **Tuesday 23rd January 2024 from 3.15pm - 6.00pm**. The booking system will be available on **Monday 15th January 2024** for you to book your appointment. On **Thursday 25th January 2024** parents and carers are invited to our drop-in sessions at 3pm where you can look at your child's books to see what they have been learning about in school. As always, if you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

# ATTENDANCE

At Swain House Primary School we believe that good attendance and punctuality are key to your child making good progress at school. Our aim is that all children have attendance at 95% or above.

The information below shows how attendance can affect your child's future progression.

<b>Above 96%: Less than 8 days absence a year (0 to 44 hours of learning lost)</b> Excellent attendance! These pupils will almost certainly get the best grades they can, leading to better prospects for the future. Pupils will also get into a habit of attending school which will help in the future.
<b>95% - 95.9%: Less than 10 days absence a year (0 to 55 hours of learning lost)</b> These pupils are likely to achieve good grades and form a habit of attending school regularly, but are less likely to do as well as a child with attendance above 96%. Pupils who take a 2 week holiday every year can only achieve 95% attendance.
<b>94.9% and lower to 90%: 10 to 19 days absence a year (55 to 105 hours of learning lost)</b> Pupils with attendance below 95% have attendance below the national average and they are at risk of missing key lessons in a sequence of lessons and may find it hard to keep up with their work. They may find this level of attendance, particularly if it is erratic, adversely affects their friendship groups as pupils play with other children when they are absent.
<b>90% and lower: 19 or more days absence a year (at least 105 hours of learning lost)</b> The Government identifies pupils with attendance below 90% as "Persistent Absentees", and it will be almost impossible to keep up with work. Parents of pupils in this group could also face the possibility of legal action being taken by the Local Authority.

If your child is absent due to illness, school will ask for supporting documents. Some examples of evidence that could be used are: Prescriptions, Appointment Cards, Doctor's Notes, etc. Please ensure any routine appointments are made out of school hours. If this evidence is not supplied when your child returns after an illness or medical absence, your child's absence will be recorded as "**unauthorised**".

It is important to remember that the Headteacher is only allowed to authorise a leave of absence in exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher will decide what they believe is an exceptional circumstance, but a leave of absence for a holiday, a family occasion, or a visit to see family members is likely to be "**unauthorised**".

If you have any queries or would like to talk to anyone about attendance, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Broadbent and Ellie Armitage, our school Learning Mentors, on the school number.

# REMINDERS

We have had an increasing number of children coming to school with jewellery that is not included in our school policy. Please see the guidance below, if you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher—Thank you

## **Jewellery**

Pupils may not wear jewellery in school with the exception of one pair of stud earrings and a watch. Exemptions to the rules about jewellery may be made for items of specific religious significance. Requests for exceptions should be made in writing to the Headteacher or via email to [office@swainhouse.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:office@swainhouse.bradford.sch.uk)

We advise that pupils do not come to school with earrings in on the days that they have Physical Education for health and safety reasons. Watches will also need to be removed for these lessons. Please have a discussion with your child about jewellery being their personal responsibility and not that of the school.

Pupils may not wear false nails and make-up for school.

## **Pumps**

Please ensure that your child has a pair of black pumps in school.

# 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.

# 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.](#)

# APPLYING FOR A RECEPTION PLACE

If your child attends nursery it is time to apply for a Reception place for September 2024. Please ensure you have applied by the 15th January. If you need any support please speak to a member of Great Oak Nursery or the pastoral team.

## Applying for Primary School



HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL PLACE?

**September 2024**

**A step-by-step guide for parents of children starting primary school in September 2024**

This booklet is for parents of children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020. This booklet provides a summary of how to apply for a primary school place for September 2024. Full details of the admission arrangements for all our schools and academies can be found on the Bradford Council website [www.bradford.gov.uk/education](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/education)

**Save time –  
apply online!**



[www.bradford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/admissions)

### It's quick

Register your details and make your application.

### It's available

Seven days a week from 13 November 2023 until the closing date on 15 January 2024.

### and.....

- you will receive an email confirming receipt of your application when you apply online
- you can log back on at any time to make changes up to the closing date
- you will get an email on 16 April 2024 to tell you which school your child has been offered.

## Application checklist

- ✓ Use the Bradford online system to apply if you live in the Bradford area.
- ✓ List up to five schools, within or outside the Bradford area. Do not include private schools.
- ✓ Fill in and return supplementary information forms (SIF) to schools that require them, for example, faith (Catholic and Church of England) schools and Dixons Music Academy.
- ✓ If applying for priority due to medical or social reasons, ensure you do so at the time of application and ensure you provide supporting evidence from relevant professionals (see page 3).
- ✓ If you have moved recently or intend to do so, check the rules and what evidence we require as this will affect your application (page 4).
- ✓ Have you checked the latest school travel policy? For further details go to [www.bradford.gov.uk/schooltravelpolicy](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/schooltravelpolicy).
- ✓ Apply by the closing date, 15 January 2024.

**Do you need more information? Contact details for the Admissions Team are shown below.**

**Admissions Team:** Margaret McMillan Tower, Princes Way, Bradford BD1 1NN

**Email:** [primaryadmissions@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@bradford.gov.uk)

 **City of  
BRADFORD**  
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
Department of Children's Services

**Apply online by 15 January 2024** [www.bradford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/admissions)

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# MYHAPPYMIND

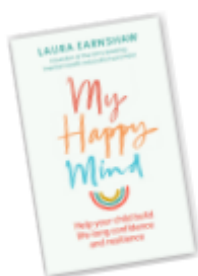
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YOU WILL NEED this authentication code to sign up .....



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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!**

01274 639049

[office@swainhouse.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:office@swainhouse.bradford.sch.uk)

# 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 **05/01/2024**

### Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	93.7%	1
Willow	98.8%	1
Kandinsky	93.6%	1
Matisse	97.8%	1
Lowry	98.9%	1
Van Gogh	90.0%	1

### Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	97.1%	1
Roald Dahl	90.6%	0
JK Rowling	87.6%	3
J Wilson	96.6%	1
Elgar	88.7%	2
Mozart	99.0%	2
Beethoven	98.0%	0
Vivaldi	97.7%	3

Congratulations to **Willow Class, Matisse Class, Lowry Class, Anne Fine Class, Jacqueline Wilson Class, Mozart Class, Beethoven Class and Vivaldi Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Congratulations to **Roald Dahl Class and Beethoven Class** for having no lates this week.

Our whole school attendance this week:

**94.9%**

## 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 - Stay Safe on new Devices
LETTERS:	03.01.24 - Anne Fine Class Assembly Reminder
MESSAGES VIA	05.01.24 - Year 5 Homework

# COMING UP THIS 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 08/01/24



## Swain House Primary School

### WEEK 2

6th Nov, 27th Nov,  
8th Jan, 29th Jan,  
19th Feb, 11th Mar



# MENU

## MAINS

### MON

### TUES

### WED

### THUR

### FRI

Vegetarian Chilli & Nachos  
 Soya Mince Bolognese

Minced Beef & Onion Pie  
 Halal Keema Roll  
 Cheese & Potato Flan

Roast of the Day  
 Halal Chicken Hotpot  
 Soya Mince Cottage Pie

Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Battered Fillet of Fish  
Salmon Fishcakes  
 Savoury Roll

## SIDES

Garlic Bread  
 Assorted Individual Salads  
 Potato Salad

Herby Potatoes  
 Seasonal Vegetables  
 Assorted Individual Salads

Dry Roast Potatoes  
 Yorkshire Pudding  
 Seasonal Vegetables  
 Assorted Individual Salads

Dry Roast Jacket Potato  
 Wedges  
 Baked Beans  
 Assorted Individual Salads

Chips  
 Seasonal Vegetables  
 Assorted Individual Salads

## OTHER OPTIONS

Assorted Jacket Potatoes  
Assorted Panini  
Assorted Sandwiches

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Assorted Sandwiches

## DESSERTS

Ginger Sponge  
 Freshly Prepared Fruit

Decorated Fruit Jelly  
 Freshly Prepared Fruit

Syrup Sponge  
 Freshly Prepared Fruit

Decorated Sponge Cake  
 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.**

## COMING UP THIS TERM

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
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
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 'Stay Safe on New Devices'.



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