

# NEWSLETTER

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## RECEPTION AT THORNTON HALL FARM!

Reception had a fantastic time exploring Thornton Hall Farm. They met the farmers and learned about some of the animals that live on the farm. They fed some animals, went on a farm safari and developed their gross motor skills in the indoor play area!



# SUMMER 2 LEARNING LAUNCH!

On Monday, Mrs Pugh held an exciting assembly all about what the children in school will be learning about this half term. Soon, your child's class teacher will be sending out their curriculum letter highlighting all of the things your child will be learning in school. In the meantime, here is a look at the titles.

Can you guess what your child will be learning about?



**Little Acorns Nursery**— Down at the Bottom of the Garden

**Great Oak Nursery** - Wonders of the Land

**Reception** - All Creatures Great and Small

**Year 1** - The Great Fire!

**Year 2** - Down in the Caribbean

**Year 3** - From Coast to Coast

**Year 4** - Green Planet

**Year 5** - How did the Mayans use the Rainforest?

**Year 6** - Let's Explore Planet Earth



# MYHAPPYMIND

On Thursday Mrs Pugh and the Happiness Heroes led a special celebration assembly to round up all the great learning we have done throughout the year.



Welcome to our Celebration Assembly!



Let's recap what we've learnt in each of the modules



The Happiness Heroes have done a super job of presenting the assemblies this year! They have led the way and have been fantastic ambassadors

# YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 MOVIE NIGHT

On Thursday it was the turn of the children in Year 3 and Year 4 to have a movie night after school. They enjoyed watching Shrek the Third, whilst eating some delicious food!

The event was kindly hosted by Friends of Swain House, we would like to say a big thank you to them all for their hard work and dedication to raising funds for our wonderful school!



# PSHE IN ACTION

At Swain House Primary school we teach our PSHE curriculum through SCARF (which stands for Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship), a comprehensive, fully resourced, progressive PSHE scheme of work. SCARF's whole-school approach supports us in promoting positive behaviour, mental health, wellbeing, resilience and achievement. SCARF helps us to support all children to acquire the life skills needed to thrive.



PSHE is taught weekly, with each year group following the same half-termly units.

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Me and My Relationships	Valuing Difference	Keeping Safe	Rights and Respect	Being my Best	Growing and Changing

Each year our children also get to experience a fun, engaging and memorable PSHE Education workshop. During these workshops, children meet Harold, the giraffe puppet ('Healthy Harold') and friends, have discussions and watch short films about healthy eating, drugs – legal and illegal – and their effects, the body and how it works, friendships and their influence, and how choices and behaviours can affect children's health and education outcomes.



*I love the learning about my body and about how to keep safe and healthy. I really like it when we get to work in small groups and share ideas.*

*Myla—Year 3*

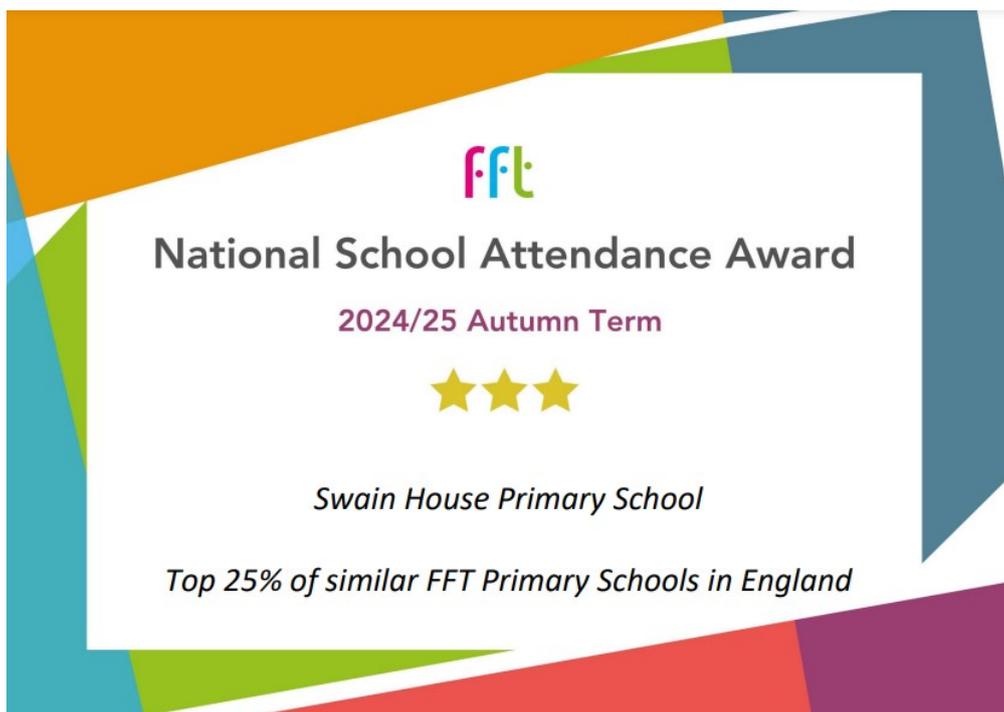
# LEO OUR FURRY FRIEND!



This week Leo got to meet a very special visitor to school—Mrs White's baby. They were both really good boys!

## ATTENDANCE NEWS!

We have won an Autumn 2024/25 FFT National Attendance award. The award is an acknowledgement of the hard work and dedication of staff, pupils, parents and carers in achieving excellent attendance.



# 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

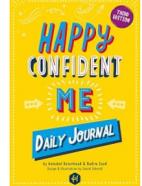
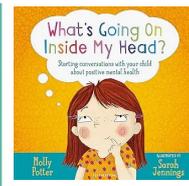
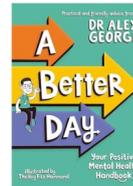
Keep updated with all things SEND at Swain House. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code.



## Daily Reading

Studies have shown that reading for just a few minutes a day reduces anxiety and can improve sleep quality.

Below is a selection of books that you might enjoy sharing with your family.



## Bradford PHAB Club

The aim of Bradford PHAB is to promote and encourage people of all abilities to come together to achieve inclusion within the wider community. They promote and encourage self-confidence and independence of young people of all abilities through a range of diverse activities and projects.

The participants are transported to and from the club each week. They also provide supervision and support to the children and offer a break from everyday life with a chance to mix with and make new friends.

Bradford PHAB Club runs every Wednesday Evening during School Term Time although we organise many events/trips during the Summer months. They are based in West Bowling in Bradford at the MAPPA Centre, Coates Street, BD5 7DL



## SEND one minute guides

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- ✓ Masking in school
- ✓ Exclusions
- ✓ Early Years specialist provision
- ✓ Special schools



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## Bradford Early Advice Team (BEAT)



BEAT is a project run by AWARE, a local parent-run

support group for families in the Bradford area whose child(ren) may have autistic traits – no diagnosis required.

They are funded by the NHS to offer support to families in our area with children who have been on the waiting lists for an assessment for neurodiversity.

They get together in person once a month in central Bradford for BEAT meet ups, where they choose a topic (e.g. education, sleep or eating) and have visitors from local services come and talk to our members.

They are offering 'BEAT Introduction to Neurodiversity' four week courses on Zoom; they offer the same courses in Urdu, face to face in central Bradford twice a year.

For BEAT - please email [beat@aware-uk.org](mailto:beat@aware-uk.org) or call 01535



## Speech and Language

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

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

If you are concerned about your child's communication skills, you can refer them for support using this link - [Click here](#)

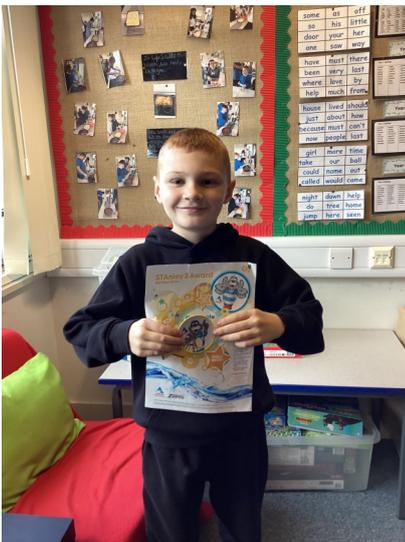
# SHARING YOUR NEWS!



Burhanuddin in Year 2 has been very busy litter picking around his mosque. Working hard to make his local area a cleaner, safer place. Well done, what a great thing to do!



We would like to say a huge well done to Cooper in Year 4 for receiving 'Player of the Match' at his latest rugby match.



Jack in Year 5 has achieved a certificate and badge for swimming this week. Jack can now confidently go underwater and jump into the swimming pool. Well done Jack, great work!

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!**



# THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Don't forget to come and choose a lovely book to take home from our Community Library.

We have just had a generous donation of some great books!

**JOIN FRIENDS OF SWAIN HOUSE!**



**FRIENDS of Swain  
House Primary School**

# **RAFFLE DONATIONS**

We are looking for kind donations from businesses, contractors & individuals to support our raffle at this years Summer Fair!

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June  
4 - 5.30pm**



# 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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# 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 **06/06/25**.

### Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	88.0%	2
Willow	82.1%	2
Kandinsky	91.6%	1
Matisse	94.2%	3
Lowry	83.1%	5
Van Gogh	84.2%	1

### Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	87.3%	0
Roald Dahl	93.4%	2
JK Rowling	90.3%	4
Michael Morpurgo	86.6%	0
Elgar	89.3%	1
Mozart	89.7%	1
Beethoven	89.2%	1
Vivaldi	83.6%	2

Well done to **Anne Fine Class** and **Michael Morpurgo Class** for having no lates!

Our whole school attendance this week:

**88.2%**

## 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 - 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is about 'Emojis'.
LETTERS:	02.06.25—Attendance & Punctuality 03.06.25—Early Years & KS1 Fun Day 03.06.25— Anne Fine Class Assembly
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	03.06.25 - Little Acorns Nursery Spaces September 2025

# COMMUNITY NEWS



Healthy  
Minds

Bradford District and Craven  
Health and Care Partnership



## Parent/Carer Support Group Supporting Emotional and Mental Health



Tuesday 17th  
June



10:30am or  
7:30 pm



Held on  
MS Teams

Please email the address below

### THIS MONTHS TOPIC: **SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD: TRANSITION**



Join us for this session where we will explore what transition means for children and young people, and how it can impact them emotionally and practically. We'll explore common challenges, share practical strategies, and provide an opportunity to connect with other parents, share experiences, and gain mutual support.

✉ [mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com)

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



## LET'S LEARN BY SONGDRAWING!



Come and join us for our Songdrawing sessions where we will be singing, moving, drawing, dancing and playing together

Age 2-5

Tuesdays @ 10am

10th, 17th, 24th June, 1st July 2025

Eccleshill Library

Bolton Road

BD2 4SR

FREE to book - call: [01274 431544](tel:01274431544)

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## ART & MUSIC SUMMER SCHOOL

WEEK 1 COMM 21ST JULY

WEEK 1 COMM 28TH JULY

8.30 AM > 3.30 PM

**Ages 6 - 12**

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# COMING UP THIS TERM

## SPRING TERM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday	10.06.25	2.30pm	Anne Fine Class Assembly
Thursday	12.06.25	2.30pm	Mozart Class Assembly
Tuesday	17.06.25	2.30pm	Elgar Class Eid Assembly
Thursday	19.06.25	2.30pm	Elm Class Assembly
Thursday	26.06.25	2.30pm	Matisse Class Assembly
Thursday	03.07.25	2.30pm	Willow Class Assembly
Thursday	17.07.25	1.45pm	Year 6 Leavers Presentation Assembly

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 & 5 Virtual Reality Workshop



# 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.

## 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.**

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

## COMING UP THIS TERM

ANY NEWLY ADDED ITEMS WILL BE IN BLUE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	19.06.25		Year 1 Yorkshire Wildlife Trip
Thursday	03.07.25		Year 3 Whitby Trip
Friday	04.07.25		Year 2 Tropical Butterfly House Trip
Thursday	10.07.25		Year 6 Summer Trip Lazerzone

# MENU 09/06/25

Homemade bread, selection of seasonal vegetables or fresh salad served daily

## Swain House Primary School

Wk 1 - 21st Apr, 12th May, 2nd Jun, 23rd Jun, 14th Jul, 1st Sep, 22nd Sep, 13th Oct  
 Wk 2 - 28th Apr, 19th May, 9th Jun, 30th Jun, 21st Jul, 8th Sep, 29th Sep, 20th Oct  
 Wk 3 - 5th May, 26th May, 16th Jun, 7th Jul, 28th Jul, 15th Sep, 6th Oct, 27th Oct



	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
<b>WEEK 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🍷 Cheese Flan (Served with Paprika Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables or Salad)</li> <li>🍷 Fajita Pasta Bake (Served with Crusty Bread, Salad or Seasonal Vegetables)</li> <li>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</li> <li>🍷 Hot Sub Roll</li> <li>🍷 Apple Cake (Baked Vanilla Sponge with Blended Apples &amp; topped with Icing Sugar)</li> <li>🍷 Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🍷 Chicken Tikka Masala (Served with Rice &amp; Salad)</li> <li>🍷 Halal Chicken Korma (Served with Naan Bread &amp; Salad)</li> <li>🍷 Vegetarian Mince Lasagne (Served with Garlic Bread &amp; Salad)</li> <li>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</li> <li>🍷 Hot Sub Roll</li> <li>🍷 Flapjack</li> <li>🍷 Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🍷 Roast Dinner (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables &amp; Gravy)</li> <li>🍷 Halal Roast Chicken Tikka Dinner (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables &amp; Gravy)</li> <li>🍷 Veggie Mince Shepherd's Pie (Served with Yorkshire Pudding &amp; Seasonal Vegetables)</li> <li>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</li> <li>🍷 Hot Sub Roll</li> <li>🍷 Cornflake Tart (Served with Custard)</li> <li>🍷 Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🍷 Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza (Served with Jacket Wedges &amp; Beans or Salad)</li> <li>🍷 Mini Meatless Ball Pizza (Served with Jacket Wedges, Baked Beans or Salad)</li> <li>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</li> <li>Selection of Sandwiches</li> <li>🍷 Marble Sponge (Served with Chocolate Sauce)</li> <li>🍷 Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Southern Fried Chicken Goujons (Served with Chips, Salad or Seasonal Vegetables)</li> <li>MSC Battered Fish (Served with Chips, Salad or Vegetables)</li> <li>🍷 Vegetable Dippers (Served with Ketchup, Chips, Salad or Seasonal Vegetables)</li> <li>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</li> <li>Selection of Sandwiches</li> <li>🍷 Ice Cream Tubs</li> <li>🍷 Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🍷 Homemade Cheese &amp; Onion Pasta (Served with Seasoned Potatoes, Salad or Seasonal Vegetables)</li> <li>🍷 Bombay Veg Biryani (Curried Vegetables &amp; Rice served with Naan Bread &amp; Salad)</li> <li>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</li> <li>🍷 Hot Sub Roll</li> <li>🍷 Chocolate Crispy Crunch</li> <li>🍷 Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spaghetti Bolognese (Spaghetti Bolognese, served with Garlic Bread &amp; Salad)</li> <li>🍷 Halal Spaghetti Bolognese (Spaghetti Bolognese served with Garlic Bread &amp; Salad)</li> <li>🍷 Arrabiata Pasta (Served with Crusty Bread &amp; Salad)</li> <li>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</li> <li>🍷 Hot Sub Roll</li> <li>🍷 Volcano Buns (A Sponge-like Biscuit with a Jam / Lemon filling)</li> <li>🍷 Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🍷 Roast Dinner (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables &amp; Gravy)</li> <li>🍷 Halal Roast Chicken Tikka Dinner (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables &amp; Gravy)</li> <li>🍷 Savoury Veggie Mince &amp; Tatties (Soya Mince &amp; Vegetables served in a Yorkshire Pudding)</li> <li>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</li> <li>🍷 Hot Sub Roll</li> <li>🍷 Old School Sponge Cake (Served with Custard)</li> <li>🍷 Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🍷 Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza (Served with Chips &amp; Beans or Salad)</li> <li>🍷 Savoury Rolls (Served with Chips &amp; Salad or Beans)</li> <li>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</li> <li>Selection of Sandwiches</li> <li>🍷 Chocolate Sponge (Served with Chocolate Sauce)</li> <li>🍷 Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Day Brunch (Traditional Breakfast items: Sausage, Egg, Toast &amp; Beans)</li> <li>MSC Fish Fingers (Served with Jacket Wedges &amp; Salad or Seasonal Vegetables)</li> <li>🍷 All Day Vegetarian Brunch (Quorn Sausage, Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans, Chips &amp; Bread and Butter)</li> <li>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</li> <li>Selection of Sandwiches</li> <li>🍷 Oat Cookie</li> <li>🍷 Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🍷 Mac &amp; Cheese (Served with Crusty / Garlic Bread &amp; Salad)</li> <li>🍷 Veg Jambalaya (Seasoned Vegetables &amp; Rice, served with Crusty Bread &amp; Salad)</li> <li>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</li> <li>🍷 Hot Sub Roll</li> <li>🍷 Jam Sponge (Served with Custard)</li> <li>🍷 Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicken Pie (Served with Seasoned Potatoes &amp; Seasonal Vegetables)</li> <li>🍷 Halal Keema &amp; Peas (Served with Pilau Rice &amp; Salad)</li> <li>🍷 Cheese Roll (Served with Seasoned Potatoes &amp; Seasonal Vegetables)</li> <li>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</li> <li>🍷 Hot Sub Roll</li> <li>🍷 Fruity Flapjack</li> <li>🍷 Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🍷 Roast Dinner (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables &amp; Gravy)</li> <li>🍷 Halal Roast Chicken Tikka Dinner (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables &amp; Gravy)</li> <li>🍷 Quorn Roast (Served with Yorkshire Pudding &amp; Seasonal Vegetables)</li> <li>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</li> <li>🍷 Hot Sub Roll</li> <li>🍷 Fruit Jelly (Fruit Jelly topped with Cream)</li> <li>🍷 Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheesy Beef Taco Pasta (Served with a side Salad)</li> <li>🍷 Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza (Served with Chips &amp; Beans or Salad)</li> <li>🍷 Loaded Vegetable Pizza (Served with Chips &amp; Salad)</li> <li>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</li> <li>Selection of Sandwiches</li> <li>🍷 Chocolate Sponge (Served with Chocolate Sauce)</li> <li>🍷 Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSC Fish Fingers (Served with Creamed Potatoes &amp; Seasonal Vegetables)</li> <li>MSC Salmon &amp; Sweet Potato Fishcake (Served with Creamed Potatoes &amp; Seasonal Vegetables)</li> <li>🍷 Breaded Cheese &amp; Vegetable Grill (Served in a Bun with Salad &amp; Optional Coleslaw)</li> <li>Assorted Jacket Potatoes</li> <li>Selection of Sandwiches</li> <li>🍷 Vanilla Cookie</li> <li>🍷 Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>



# NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

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

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Emojis are more than playful expressions — they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

### GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 👍 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

### SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

### RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (👤) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

### MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍂 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌿 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

### NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥🍷 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojiopedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

### CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

### ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

### PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to — not just someone who's watching them.

## EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples - please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

### COMMON EMOJIS:

🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around	😘 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping'
😬 (Cold face) Cool, stylish or ruthless	👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
😍 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement	🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
😐 (Meh) Stone-faced, unbothered	👉 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great	🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour

### POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

🌽 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)	🌿 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine	🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
🗝️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use	🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
🌿 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis	⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse	🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

### Meet Our Expert

Keith Broni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of emojiopedia.org, the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College