

# NEWSLETTER

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## IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!

This week EYFS, Year 3 and Year 4 all held their Christmas craft sessions in school. A great time was had by all!





# DONATIONS FOR STAYING PUT

Thank you to Miss Downes who organised for staff to donate Christmas presents for children who are staying in a refuge at Christmas. We would like to say a big thank you to all staff who donated.



# CHAPLINS PANTO!

The children watched a Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime on Wednesday morning. They enjoyed joining in and had lots of fun!



# STREET DANCE PERFORMANCE

Year 2 have been working so hard in their street dance lessons! On Tuesday they performed their dances to Year 1 and Year 5. They did an amazing job!



# CAREERS

This year, we are keen to promote jobs and careers in order to raise and broaden the pupils' aspirations for the future. We aim to inspire the children, challenge stereotypes and boost their knowledge and confidence about what their futures could look like.

Each half term, there will be a careers page in the newsletter to support this.

We will be holding a whole school event during National Careers Week in March. During this week, we would like a range of volunteers to come into school and speak to the children about their profession and the training or studying they completed to achieve their goals, and also to answer questions from the children.

If you feel this is something you, or someone you know, would be interested in taking part in, please email [careers@swainhouse.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:careers@swainhouse.bradford.sch.uk) with some details of the job/career you would be presenting to the children.

'Career of the Half Term...'

Roop and Dale have interviewed Marc Day who works in school on Mondays.

## **What is your job title?**

I am a Network Manager

## **What do you do?**

I make sure all the computers in school are working, as well as the whiteboards. I also make sure there are no problems with the wifi.

## **What training/studying did you undertake to be able to do your job?**

I had to complete lots of online training and courses. It was very expensive!

## **How long have you been doing this job?**

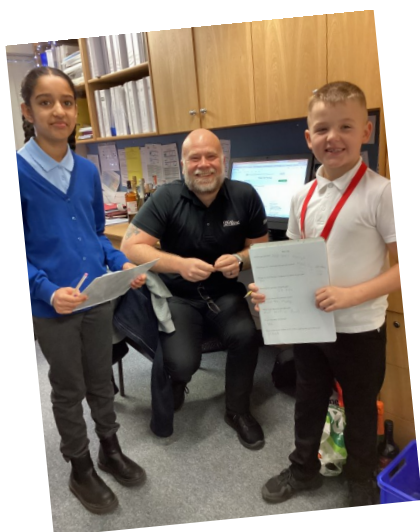
23 years, but not always at Swain House. I help other schools during the week too.

## **What is your favourite part of the job?**

I enjoy meeting people in different schools.

**Children, would you like to be a reporter and possibly be featured in an edition of the newsletter next half-term?**

If so, please interview someone in your family or community about their job. Send a photo and your questions/answers to [careers@swainhouse.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:careers@swainhouse.bradford.sch.uk) or, if preferred, hand them in person to Mrs Taylor. Make sure you include your name and class.



# 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. Hopefully these reviews will inspire our children to read one of the books when they choose their next one.

## Heidi — Katie Wooley

I am reading Heidi by Katie Wooley. I am really enjoying the book so far because it has a little girl who has to live with her uncle in the mountains. One day Heidi is sent to live in the city. I can't wait to find out if she gets back to the mountains. I would recommend this book to my friend

## Bella —Year 3



# SHARING YOUR NEWS!



Georgie in Year 3 took part in a gymnastics competition at the weekend and earned a rosette, well done Georgie!

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!

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ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!**



# CHRISTMAS AT SWAIN HOUSE 2024!



Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
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Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Toy Raffle
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties – all year groups
Tuesday 17th December 10am and 2pm	EYS Nativity/Christmas Performance for parents
Wednesday 18th December	10.00 am LKS2 Carol Concert
Wednesday 18th December	2.00 pm UKS2 Carol Concert
Thurs 19th December 5pm – 6.30pm	Glitz n Glam Disco
Thurs 19th December 10am and 2pm	KS1 Nativity for Parents
Friday 20th December	Swain House has Got Talent
Friday 20th December	Non-Uniform day





# CHRISTMAS CRAFTS 2024!



## Christmas Craft Sessions

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Times</u>
Little Acorns Nursery	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	10.00 – 10.45 2.00 – 2.45
Great Oak Nursery	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	10.00 – 10.45 2.00 – 2.45
Reception	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	9.00 – 9.45 2.00 – 2.45
Year 1	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	2.00 – 2.45
Year 2	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	2.00 – 2.45
Year 3	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2024	2.00 – 2.45
Year 4	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2024	2.00 – 2.45
Year 5	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	2.00 – 2.45
Year 6	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	2.00 – 2.45

# SWAIN HOUSE HAS GOT TALENT!

The children in KS2 will have the opportunity to audition to be part of 'Swain House has got Talent'. We are looking forward to seeing what they have planned!



Classroom Auditions start: 2nd Dec

# 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 **06/12/24**.

### Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	91.2%	4
Willow	97.1%	5
Kandinsky	98.4%	6
Matisse	96.1%	1
Lowry	93.0%	3
Van Gogh	93.3%	1

### Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	96.2%	0
Roald Dahl	92.7%	2
JK Rowling	96.6%	4
Michael Morpurgo	94.4%	2
Elgar	95.7%	5
Mozart	93.9%	4
Beethoven	93.5%	2
Vivaldi	99.0%	3

Congratulations to **Kandinsky Class** and **Vivaldi Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

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

Our whole school attendance this week:

**95.1%**

## 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 'X'.
LETTERS:	02.12.24 - Party Day & Food 04.12.24 - Secret Santa Shop
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	02.12.24 - School Dinners - Payment 05.12.24 - Changed Menu - W/C: 09.12.24

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## CHRISTMAS AT BRADLEY WOOD

CHRISTMAS STALLS  
FESTIVE FOOD & DRINK  
VISIT SANTA  
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS  
ZIP WIRE, CAVE BUS, TOMAHAWKS AND MORE!

**SANTA VISIT - £12PP, PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED**

EMAIL [BOOKINGS@BRADLEYWOOD.ORG.UK](mailto:BOOKINGS@BRADLEYWOOD.ORG.UK)

**SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER  
1000-1700**

BRADLEY WOOD SCOUT CAMPSITE,  
SHEPHERDS THORN LANE,  
BRIGHOUSE, HD6 3TT



**City Hub**

**BOOKING IS REQUIRED  
PLEASE EMAIL CITY HUB OR  
BOOK ON EVENTBRITE**

## Christmas Activity Days

- 16 DECEMBER** Christmas Craft time  
12-4PM - FILM & CRAFT DAY  
OPEN TO ALL AGES, MUSIC, FILM AND CHRISTMAS DECORATION ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS DISCOUNTED HOT AND COLD FOOD AND DRINKS
- 17 DECEMBER** Teddy Bear Picnic & Santa Letter Writing  
10-12 : COFFEE MORNING, COME AND ENJOY A HOT DRINK & GREAT ATMOSPHERE WITH CRAFTS AVAILABLE  
12-30-4 - TEDDY BEAR PICNIC - BRING YOUR OWN OR TAKE HOME A BEAR.
- 18 DECEMBER** Biscuit Decorating  
10-4PM  
OPEN TO ALL AGES, MUSIC, FILM AND CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING, BISCUIT DECORATING PLUS OTHER ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS SANTAS GIFT PICK
- 19 DECEMBER** Christmas Friendship Group  
10-1PM - FRIENDSHIP CAFE WITH CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES. ALL WELCOME AND DEMENTIA FRIENDLY  
Food Pantry & Coffee Afternoon  
1-30-4PM - WINTER WARMER FOOD PACKAGES AVAILABLE & DISCOUNTED HOT & COLD FOOD & DRINK
- 21 DECEMBER** Grab a Gift from Santas Work shop  
10-3pm  
COME AND MEET OUR ELVES AND BROWSE OUR WORKSHOP FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS - ALL AVAILABLE FOR A SMALL DONATION. CHOOSE FROM OUR SURPRISE STALL FOR EXTRA CHRISTMAS CHEER
- 22 DECEMBER** Christmas Grotto  
10-3pm  
COME SEE SANTA & HIS FRIENDS IN THE FOUNDATION GROTTTO AND ENJOY A FESTIVE FILM AND DISCOUNTED HOT & COLD DRINKS AND FOOD AVAILABLE

For more information please email :  
[cityhub@bcfccommunity.co.uk](mailto:cityhub@bcfccommunity.co.uk)



**The Bolton Woods Centre**

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## LET'S EAT TOGETHER

*Warm Space*

'A space where people can gather for free in a safe, friendly place and enjoy some food and good company'

*Bingo from 5pm*

**BINGO!**

**WARMSPACE**

The Bolton Woods Centre  
Every Wednesday  
4PM - 6PM

**ASDA Foundation**



**THE BOLTON WOODS**

## HOLIDAY, ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

**THIS YEAR, WE'RE OFFERING A  
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB  
TO GIVE PARENTS EXTRA TIME FOR  
SHOPPING AND PREPARATIONS.**

**Saturday, 21st December:**  
Trip to Buckden House, 8:30am to 5pm.

**Sunday, 22nd December:**  
Arts and crafts, followed by a fun party day,  
9:30am to 4:30pm.

Your child must be registered before these dates to attend the HAF, Please pick up your registration forms from The Bolton Woods Centre, Ask for Jo or Nathan.  
Call: 01274 010173 for more information.

**FREE FOR CHILDREN RECEIVING FREE SCHOOL MEALS!**

**BRADFORD** **ALL-STAR** **BE WELL** **The Bolton Woods Centre**

# 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 5.30pm 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
Thursday	12.12.24		Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday	12.12.24		Christmas Lunch
Monday	16.12.24		Christmas Parties
Thursday	19.12.24	5.00pm - 6.30pm	Glitz and Glam Disco
Friday	20.12.24		School Closes for Christmas
Monday	06.01.25		School Reopens

# COMING UP IN AUTUMN TERM

## AUTUMN TERM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	12.12.24	2.30pm	JK Rowling Hanukkah Assembly

## DATES TO REMEMBER!

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 3:15pm, there will be a parents' meeting in the main hall to give information regarding Year 4 swimming lessons, which begin in January. If you are unable to attend, the children will bring home the information the following day.



# MENU 09/12/24

## Swain House Primary School

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

Wk 1 - 4th Nov, 25th Nov, 10th Dec, 6th Jan, 27th Jan, 10th Mar, 31st Mar  
 Wk 2 - 11th Nov, 2nd Dec, 13th Jan, 3rd Feb, 24th Feb, 17th Mar  
 Wk 3 - 18th Nov, 9th Dec, 20th Jan, 10th Feb, 3rd Mar, 24th Mar

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
WEEK 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vegetarian Chilli &amp; Nachos (Served with Garlic Bread or Rice &amp; Salad)</li> <li>Halal Beef Bolognaise (Served with Pasta, Garlic Bread &amp; Salad)</li> <li>Spaghetti Marinara (Served with Garlic Bread &amp; Salad)</li> <li>Assorted Jackets / Sandwiches</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jam Sponge (Served with Custard)</li> <li>Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minced Beef &amp; Onion Pie (Served with New Potatoes &amp; Seasonal Vegetables)</li> <li>Cheese &amp; Potato Flan (Served with New Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables or Salad)</li> <li>Assorted Jackets / Sandwiches</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fruit Jelly</li> <li>Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roast Meat (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables &amp; Gravy)</li> <li>Vegetarian Cottage Pie (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Seasonal Vegetables &amp; Gravy)</li> <li>Halal Roast Chicken (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables &amp; Gravy)</li> <li>Assorted Baguettes</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sprinkle Cake (Vanilla Sponge topped with water icing and sprinkles)</li> <li>Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza with Chipped Potatoes (Served with Chipped Potatoes, Baked Beans or Salad)</li> <li>Quorn Sausage (Served with Chipped Potatoes &amp; Salad)</li> <li>Assorted Jackets / Sandwiches</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chocolate Sponge (With Chocolate Sauce)</li> <li>Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicken Goujons (Served with Jacket Wedges, Coleslaw or Salad)</li> <li>MSC Battered Fish (Served with Jacket Wedges and Seasonal Vegetables or Salad)</li> <li>Vegetable Pakoras (Served with Jacket Wedges, Raita &amp; Salad)</li> <li>Assorted Sandwiches</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Butterfly Buns</li> <li>Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>
WEEK 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spicy Vegetable Spring Roll (Served with Raita, Jacket Wedges, Salad or Sweetcorn)</li> <li>Halal Meat Lasagne (Served with Garlic Bread &amp; Salad)</li> <li>Vegetarian Lasagne (Served with Garlic Bread &amp; Salad)</li> <li>Assorted Baguettes</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flapjack</li> <li>Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meat Chilli (Served with Rice &amp; Salad)</li> <li>Halal Chicken Jalfrezi (Served with Pilau Rice &amp; Salad)</li> <li>Pomodoro Pasta (Served with Fusilli Pasta, Crusty Bread &amp; Salad)</li> <li>Assorted Jackets</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Honey Cake (Sponge Cake topped with Honey, served with Custard)</li> <li>Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roast Meat (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables &amp; Gravy)</li> <li>Cheese Roll (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables &amp; Gravy)</li> <li>Quorn Roast Dinner (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables &amp; Gravy)</li> <li>Assorted Baguettes</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lemon Shortcake (Served with Custard)</li> <li>Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza with Wedges (Served with Jacket Wedges, Coleslaw &amp; Salad)</li> <li>Loaded Vegetable Pizza (Served with Jacket Wedges, Coleslaw &amp; Salad)</li> <li>Assorted Jackets / Sandwiches</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chocolate Sponge (With Chocolate Sauce)</li> <li>Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Day Brunch (Sausage, Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans, Chips or Hash Brown &amp; Bread and Butter)</li> <li>MSC Fish Fingers (Served with Chipped Potatoes &amp; Baked Beans or Salad)</li> <li>All Day Vegetarian Brunch (Quorn Sausage, Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans, Chips &amp; Bread and Butter)</li> <li>Assorted Sandwiches</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volcano Buns (Cookies with a Jam / Lemon filled middle)</li> <li>Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>
WEEK 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce (Served with Spaghetti, Garlic Bread &amp; Salad)</li> <li>Halal Chicken Biryani (Served with Flat Bread &amp; Salad)</li> <li>Arrabiata Pasta (Served with Garlic Bread &amp; Salad)</li> <li>Assorted Baguettes</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ice Cream Tubs</li> <li>Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Savoury Roll (Served with Jacket Wedges &amp; Salad or Sweetcorn)</li> <li>Homemade Cheese &amp; Onion Pasty (Served with Jacket Wedges &amp; Salad or Sweetcorn)</li> <li>Assorted Jackets</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rice Pudding</li> <li>Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roast Meat (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables &amp; Gravy)</li> <li>Halal Roast Chicken (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables &amp; Gravy)</li> <li>Vegetarian Toad in the Hole (Served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables &amp; Gravy)</li> <li>Assorted Baguettes</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paris Sandwich (Served with Custard)</li> <li>Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicken Burrito (Served with Tortilla Chips, Coleslaw or Salad)</li> <li>Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza with Tortilla Chips (Served with Tortilla Chips, Coleslaw &amp; Salad)</li> <li>Mexican Burrito (Served with Tortilla Chips, Coleslaw or Salad)</li> <li>Assorted Jackets</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marble Sponge (With Chocolate Sauce)</li> <li>Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSC Fishcake (Served with Ketchup, Chipped Potatoes, Baked Beans or Salad)</li> <li>Vegetable Dippers (Served with Ketchup, Chipped Potatoes, Baked Beans or Salad)</li> <li>MSC Salmon &amp; Sweet Potato Fishcake (Served with Ketchup, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans or Salad)</li> <li>Assorted Sandwiches</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oat Cookie</li> <li>Freshly Prepared Fruit</li> </ul>



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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



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 young 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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