

NEWSLETTER

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THANK YOU!

We would like to say a huge thank you for all of your support over the Christmas period. We understand it is a busy time and there have been lots of events that wouldn't have been as successful without the support of our families in school. Our nativities and carol concerts have been a huge success and we are very pleased that so many of you attended. We would like to say a big thank you to all of the stall holders who attended our first Christmas Fair. It was a resounding success and we look forward to doing it all again next year. Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff in school who have given up their time to support at our Christmas Fair, Glitz and Glam disco and other events over the past few weeks. Without them, they simply wouldn't be possible.



BRADFORD CATHEDRAL VISIT!

On Tuesday this week, five children from Year 6 visited the Bradford Cathedral to perform in the primary chorus at the Bradford Music and Arts Service Christmas Concert. The children represented our school brilliantly and enjoyed performing alongside other schools, singing an array of Christmas carols for the audience.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES!

This week, festivities have been in full swing as the children enjoyed their Christmas parties. They enjoyed eating lots of party food, playing games and some of our younger children even received a visit from Father Christmas. Take a look at some of the parties below!



YEAR 6 TRIP TO THE LIBRARY!

This week, children in Year 6 visited Eccleshill Library. They learnt about how the library works and enjoyed reading some of the books.



EARLY YEARS AND KS1 NATIVITY

This week, children in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 performed their nativities. The children did a fantastic job and have worked so hard over the past few weeks in preparation for the performances. We would also like to say a huge thank you to the staff who helped make these nativities a possibility. We hoped you enjoyed them!



MORRISONS VOUCHER!

One of our governors, who won the £30 Morrisons voucher in the raffle at the Christmas Fair, has kindly donated the voucher back to school. In addition to this he has donated two £10 vouchers to be won. Lots of you came to purchase a ticket and we are pleased to announce our winners.

1st prize - £30 Morrisons voucher: Ivy-Rose Hall

2nd prize - £10 Morrisons voucher: Jodie Bostock

3rd prize - £10 Morrisons voucher: Chelsie Caudrey

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS!

This week our Times Tables Rock Stars, Class Stars of the Week are:

CLASS	TT Rock Stars Star of the Week:
Anne Fine	Ashley Andrew
Roald Dahl	Lilly Gregorczyk
Jacqueline Wilson	Isobel Caudrey
JK Rowling	Minnie Doherty
Elgar	Amelie-Jo Jackson
Mozart	Jenny You
Beethoven	Sarinah Mohammed
Vivaldi	Andrew Murgatryod

SHARING YOUR NEWS!

We would like to say a huge well done to Oakley-Joseph in Roald Dahl class for winning the competitor of the year award at his taekwondo club.



We would also like to take say a huge well done to Lucy in Roald Dahl class. Lucy entered a talent competition at her dance school and came second, winning a silver medal and trophy. Well done Lucy!

Finally, we would like to say a huge well done to Roy who is also in Roald Dahl class. Roy competes in weekly motorcycle races and wins lots of medals. He has even taken part in races in France! Well done Roy.



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!

READING PLANET REVIEWS!

Following the successful introduction of our new 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.

Super Scientists

I have really enjoyed reading the book Super Scientists by Susan Price. I chose this book because I really enjoy science and I would like to do something that involves science when I am older. It is a nonfiction book. I really enjoyed learning about Albert Einstein! Did you know? Isaac Newton discovered gravity because an apple fell on his head- imagine that! I would recommend the book to people who enjoy science!

Samar, Year 6



Big, Bad and Seriously Dangerous (Mercury)

I really enjoyed reading this non fiction book because I loved reading about all the different animals. There are loads of facts about each animal, like Great White Sharks don't normally eat humans and some Nile crocodiles can grow to be 6 metres long! If you read this book, you will really enjoy it.

Imarni, Year 3

WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Finally, we would like to wish all of our children, families and staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you all have a wonderful festive period and look forward to welcoming you back into school in the new year.



School reopens on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

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 **02/12/22**.

Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	92.4%	2
Willow	92.0%	4
Kandinsky	83.4%	0
Matisse	94.8%	5
Lowry	91.3%	0
Van Gogh	84.3%	5

Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	93.1%	3
Roald Dahl	90.6%	1
JK Rowling	88.7%	1
J Wilson	93.0%	1
Elgar	92.2%	2
Mozart	94.2%	1
Beethoven	91.6%	0
Vivaldi	94.5%	3

Congratulations to **Matisse Class** and **Beethoven Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Well Done to **Kandinsky Class**, **Lowry Class** and **Beethoven Class** for having **no lates**!

Our whole school attendance this week:

91.2%

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 - Setting up apps, games and software
LETTERS:	
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	12/12/2022 - Support for the Bradford District

MENU W/C 02/01/23

Swain House Primary School

Week
Commencing

31st Oct, 21st Nov, 12th Dec,
2nd Jan, 23rd Jan, 6th Mar
27th Mar

MENU Week 1

MON

Choose from...

- 🌱 Mascarpone Pasta
- 🍖 Pork Meatballs & Spaghetti
- 🍛 Halal Pasta Bolognese

Desserts...

- 🌱 Decorated Vanilla Sponge Cake
- 🍏 Freshly Prepared Fruit

TUE

Choose from...

- 🌱 Mild Chicken Curry
- 🍛 Halal Keema & Peas
- 🌱 Vegetarian Chilli & Nachos

Desserts...

- 🌱 Volcano Buns
- 🍏 Freshly Prepared Fruit

WED

Choose from...

- 🍖 Roast Chicken
- 🍛 Halal Chicken Tikka Roast
- 🌱 Vegan Cottage Pie

Desserts...

- 🌱 Syrup Sponge
- 🍏 Freshly Prepared Fruit

THUR

Choose from...

- 🌱 Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Desserts...

- 🍪 Flapjack
- 🍏 Freshly Prepared Fruit

FRI

Choose from...

- 🍖 Battered Fillet of Fish
- 🍞 Savoury Roll

Desserts...

- 🌱 Chocolate Sponge
- 🍏 Freshly Prepared Fruit

Suitable for



A selection of additional options e.g. sandwiches, jackets etc. will be available each day



For full allergen & nutritional information
go to the FM School Meals App:
<https://schoolmeals.bradford.gov.uk>

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.

DIARY DATES

ANY NEWLY ADDED ITEMS WILL BE IN BLUE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday	03/01/23	N/A	School Reopens
Thursday	12/01/23	2.30pm	Anne Fine Epiphany Assembly
Monday	16/01/23	All Day	Year 6 Greek Workshop
Thursday	19/01/23	2.30pm	Matisse Chinese New Year Assembly
Thursday	26/01/23	2.30pm	Jacqueline Wilson Class Assembly
Thursday	02/02/23	2.30pm	Van Gogh Class Assembly

COMING UP NEXT HALF TERM

SPRING TERM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	12/01/23	2.30pm	Anne Fine Epiphany Assembly
Thursday	19/01/23	2.30pm	Matisse Chinese New Year Assembly
Thursday	26/01/23	2.30pm	Jacqueline Wilson Class Assembly
Thursday	02/02/23	2.30pm	Van Gogh Class Assembly
Thursday	23/02/23	2.30pm	Elgar Class Assembly
Thursday	09/03/23	2.30pm	Kandinsky Holi Assembly
Thursday	16/03/23	2.30pm	Anne Fine Class Assembly
Thursday	23/03/23	2.30pm	Lowry Wesak Assembly
Thursday	30/03/23	2.30pm	Mozart Easter Assembly

YEAR 6 GREEK WORKSHOP

On Monday 16th 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.



PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Keep an eye out next half term for some exciting invitations to visit your children in school. Each year group will be inviting their parents and family members into school so you can all see what your children have been learning about!

COMMUNITY NEWS

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NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week, our 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is all about 'Setting Up Apps, Games and Software'.

Millions of new phones, tablets, laptops and games consoles will be nestling under Christmas trees this year. However, even if parents and carers have gone to the trouble of setting up these new devices and enabling the safety features, there are still potential hazards in the apps, games and software that children will want to install and use. Knowing what to look for and discussing those risks with your child may help avoid any nasty surprises this Christmas. Here are our top tips for ensuring that unwrapping this year's presents doesn't unleash any unexpected dangers.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP APPS, GAMES AND SOFTWARE



TAKE NOTE OF AGE RATINGS

Back when most games were bought in shops, checking the age rating was easy: it was on the front of the box. Now that most games are downloaded, it's tougher – but not impossible. All reputable download stores show a game's age rating at the point of purchase, and you can check the suitability of a specific title your child wants to play at videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games.

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'FREE' ISN'T ALWAYS FREE

The games market has changed radically in recent years. Many titles are free to download, but then tempt players to pay for cosmetic items (as in Fortnite) or to unlock additional content. There can be huge peer pressure for children to pay for these items. Agree a budget for in-game purchases before the game is downloaded, and make sure children can't authorise in-game purchases by themselves.

DISABLE IN-APP PURCHASING

It's not wise to leave children with devices that can make in-app purchases without your permission. Ideally, set up computers, consoles and phones so child accounts need an adult's authorisation to buy anything. On shared devices (like iPads, which don't allow user accounts), check the settings to ensure that in-app purchasing requires the account holder's password, fingerprint or face ID.

CHECK THE SPECS

To avoid let-downs, check a game's specs before buying – especially for PC or Mac, where games often need a particular graphics chip or processor to work. Sites like systemrequirementslab.com can scan your computer to see if it will run certain games properly. On consoles, make sure you're buying the right version: some newer Xbox or PlayStation games won't play on older consoles.

MONITOR IN-GAME COMMS

Voice chat with friends is part of the fun of modern gaming – but danger lurks here too. Many titles have open chat systems, meaning that children could speak to strangers or hear adult language and verbal abuse when games get particularly competitive. Using a shared family area (as opposed to alone in bedrooms) for online gaming is a good way to keep an occasional ear on what's being said.

BE WARY OF GIFTS

Titles like Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite have in-game currencies, which can be earned through progress in the game – but can also be bought with real money. A common scam is for a young player to be offered currency if they click a link, visit a certain site or contact another user directly. Warn your child about such offers; they should show you if they're in any doubt over an in-game gift.

APPS ARE AGE RATED, TOO

Like games, apps in the major stores have age ratings, too – so you can see in advance whether an app's appropriate for your child. Additionally, phones' parental control settings allow you to set age limits, preventing young ones from downloading unsuitable apps themselves. These ratings aren't infallible, however: we've seen TV apps featuring adult shows with an age rating of 3, for example.

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CONSIDER STORAGE

Most apps and games will tell you in the online store how much space they need on a device. Check this carefully – especially with games, which can run into hundreds of megabytes and beyond. If you don't have enough free storage on a device to run the game or app, you won't get a refund from the store. You can normally check a device's available storage space through the settings menu.

WATCH OUT FOR IMITATORS

Even in the official stores, untrustworthy rogue apps can slip through the net. Common tricks are apps or games that have a slightly different name to the genuine article (Fortnight rather than Fortnite, for instance) or use logos which deliberately look very similar to the official app. To avoid downloading these imitations, read the app's description and check who the publisher is listed as.

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LEGAL APPS THAT BREAK THE LAW

There are many apps that are perfectly legal but enable illegal activity – streaming apps which let people watch football matches, say, without paying for Sky or BT Sport. Prosecution for using such apps is rare, but they can lead to risky behaviour like viewing rogue streams on sites teeming with malicious links. Watch for children installing unusual apps with 'TV', 'stream' or 'sport' in the name.

IN-APP REGISTRATION

It's common for apps and games to ask users to register: entering personal details like email address, date of birth and other information you might not want your child to divulge. Ask them to get your permission before giving any personal info to an app – and consider using your details rather than the child's, so they're not targeted by marketing spam or put at risk of having their data stolen.

STAY UPDATED

Most games and apps are subject to regular updates, which not only offer new content and features but also provide critical security improvements. Children tend to ignore such updates – usually because they don't understand why they're important, or they simply want to get straight on with gaming. Check your child's devices periodically to make sure these updates are being installed.

Meet Our Expert

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